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Vernon was filled with visitors to the 2021 **Bittersweet Festival this** past weekend. Officials say it was one of the most successful events held in recent years. Pictured above, visitors enjoyed countless booths and events to keep them busy throughout the weekend. Pictured at right, Gideon International/ Rockcastle handed out free Bibles and the **Rockcastle Arts** Association handed out free books to all who passed by.



2021 Bitterweet Festival

The best of times

By: Mike French Editor

If success is measured by the praise of those involved, then the Bittersweet Festival last weekend was a massive success. Officials say the 2021 crowd may have been the biggest crowd to ever attend the annual event and those in attendance have been singing the praises of the festival.

Rockcastle County residents flooded the streets of Mount Vernon throughout the three-day event as booths lined Main Street and the air was filled with music from entertainers and bands from across the region.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department operated their popular Bittersweet Express Train rides through town and held their annual raffle to help Rockcastle County the department. The winner of the fire department raffles Yeti cooler was Cameron Chocran and the winner of the Blackstone griddle was Ralph Cromer.

David Bales, Chief of the Mount Vernon Fire Department received a plaque recognizing his 50 years of service from Billy Dowell who has 49 years of service as the

Coronor.

In a world of seemingly increasing vandalism and riots, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office and members of the Mount Vernon Police Department say the entire weekend went nearly incident-free. "It was a wonderful time for all and seemed to be

(See "2021" on A5)

Melissa Hahn-

Commissioner not eligible for public office

By: Mike French Editor

Amid a public controversy and accusations of ineligibility. Livingston City Commissioner Melissa Hahn has announced her immediate resignation one week after her father Dwane King resigned as Livingston Mayor. Hahn had also announced that she planned to run for Mayor of Livingston in the next general election. However, Hahn is currently on a felony pretrial diversion program which does not allow her to hold public

"I really have tried to do a good job for this city but I have no choice

Hearing held on rape/sodomy charges

According to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, a pretrial hearing was scheduled for James D. Irvin, 52, of Brodhead yesterday (Wednesday) on the charge of rape/sodomy of a minor.

According to a uniform citation, Irvin was arrested after a 12-yearold girl told her school counselor that sexual acts had been performed on her by Irvin. The girl told police these acts started when she was five years

Watch for more information in next week's issue of the Mount Vernon Signal.

Hahn had entered pleas of "guilty" on two (See "Hahn" on A5) COVID

Update

Attorney Jeremy Rowe,

The Rockcastle County COVID incident rate continues to drop and stood at 72 on Monday. In the past week there have been 36 confirmed and 64 probable new cases reported. However, COVID-19 is blamed for two more deaths in the past week. According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, a 49year-old male and a 74-year-old male died of COVID-related illnesses.

Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday, October 11 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

School board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Board of Education is planned for Tuesday, October 12 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Leaning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

Fiscal Court meeting

The Rockcastle **County Fiscal Court** will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 12 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

be involved with RCMS project RCIDA plans to

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning to discuss several local issues.

Among them was the potential construction of a new middle school being considered by the Rockcastle County Board

Burn ban now in effect

By: Mike French

Officials would like to remind all residents that Fire Hazard Season began Friday, October 1 and will last until December 15 throughout the state of Kentucky.

During Fire Hazard Season, it is against the law to burn any material outside for any reason between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Outdoor fires are allowed after 6 p.m. and until 6 a.m. if they are at least 150 feet away from any woodland or brushland. Fires may be burned during the day if the ground is covered in snow.

Local fire officials would also like to point out that the rule is in ef-

fect due to Kentucky Revised Stature 149.400 and anyone starting or assisting in building a fire in an unauthorized manner may be subject to a fine equal to the cost to extinguish the fire and any damage that the fire may

According to the Kentucky Forestry Department, fuels such as wood and brush have more moisture at night which reduces the chance of a fire spreading into a wooded area. Also, department officials say the wind does not blow as

swiftly at night. For more information about Fire Hazard Season or the materials that may be burned at night, call 502-564-4496

of Education. "This is a big deal for our community," said RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig. "We don't have to be those people who sit around 10 years later complaining about what they should have done. We can all be a part of the process right now."

Craig suggested that all members of the board attend the school planning committee meetings and have input into how the project should be approached. "There is a lot more to consider than just how many desks will be in a room," he said. "This

Police checkpoints

The London Post of the Kentucky State Police is planning to conduct traffic safety checkpoints in Rockcastle County through October. Police will be looking for seat belt. insurance, sobriety and registration violations.

entire community uses the current middle school facility more than almost any facility in the county. We need to think about egress and public access and design and future uses, and so much more. This is a building our grandchildren will use and it is a bigger deal than just another building."

Executive Director

"This building could change traffic patterns in the area or affect other growth potential," he said. "We should all be a part of this process." Board member Jason Medley agreed. "We also have to consider the fact that new industry that may consider locating in

Jeff VanHook agreed.

School district seeking new board member

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County School Board member Larry Hammond announced his resignation during the last regular meeting. Though Hammond will remain in his 5th district seat through December, the board held a special called meeting a few days later and accepted his resignation.

The board has already

begun the process of locating Hammond's replacement. The position must be advertised in the Mount Vernon Signal twice and the board will review all applications.

Rockcastle County will

(See "RCIDA" on A5)

Anyone who qualifies may apply for the seat and responsibilities include setting policy to govern the district, hiring/evaluating the Superintendent and levying taxes and adopting the district bud-

(See "School" on A5)

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



May I go back now please? I would really like to go back. If there is a trick, or a time machine. or some good magic or prayer that I can use to go back, I'll take that please.

I know. You can't go back again.

With dad gone and mom in a health care facility, I drove alone to the old home place this weekend. A really nice old fellow living there was in the yard and I talked to him for some time. He remembered my dad. He had been a child in the neighborhood when I lived there and he listened to some of the stories I had about the little community in 1967. "Stay as long as you like," he said. "Feel free to walk around and God bless you." That was the term he left me with as he walked away, "God bless you."

I walked over the old farm and very little was the same. The old buildings, covered in red shingles, were gone and the old wooden fences that I helped dad build around the place were gone except for one small corner. By "I helped dad," I mean I watched and played with the hammer when he put it down and was in the way a lot while he dug each post hole by hand.

The roof is covered with shingles now instead of tin and the chimney is gone.

Dad was always working around there. I couldn't tell the garden had ever been there. It looked like part of the yard now.

In the graveyard behind the house, some family put up a nice wrought iron fence around a grave site and we used it as a jail when I was a lad. I found the grave, and the fence was still there. But I could barely find it. It was horribly over grown and the iron fence was nothing more than a few strands of rusty metal. If I hadn't remembered the new, black, shiny paint, I wouldn't have even known it used to be a

There used to be an overgrown area behind the church nearby. We worked for days cutting a tunnel through the overgrowth and made a private fort inside the briars and thickets. That is completely gone. The church has expanded and built an addition over our

I walked up to the old store where all us kids gathered after school for a pop. The store was still there but nearly unrecognizable. It looks as if it has been used for storage for many years. The building was standing, but I wouldn't trust the floor enough to walk though it.

I walked to the school building. Yes, I walked to school but it was only up hill one way. That building is also still there. But it isn't a school anymore. The playground was gone and the nice, fresh, blacktop parking lot I remember is little more than gravel now with weeds and grass growing between a million cracks.

There used to be several apple trees and I spent many hours in those trees with a salt

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Dear Journal.

I've started to notice the leaves on our maple trees have begun to change to a golden yellow. We thought for sure that they were just going to dry up and fall to the ground. The whole yard is already full and about four or more inches deep of dry, brown, crunchy leaves. More than half are still on the tree. We had some mulch on hand that I had delivered a few weeks ago and we finally got around to putting it in the flower beds. We're not done yet, but we got a good start. I got out there with Stanley in an old jogging suit and helped all I could. He would bring a load of mulch from the pile and dump it out and I'd spread it out here and there. With every step we took, you could hear those leaves rustle and crunch beneath our feet. As I worked I was looking around and was thinking how badly our yard and porch needed a few pumpkins and mums placed in various strategic places. Our flower bed looked awfully empty this year. Neither Terry nor Tilly showed up this year. We sure miss them. Terry has been coming every year for six years and Tilly for

about two. We haven't

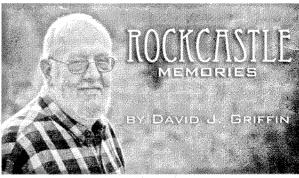


even seen their baby, Tiny. I sure hope they are

I guess we will have to look around the next time we go out to see what we can find in the way of pumpkins and mums. I love the yellow and bronze mums best. The white and purple don't look very fall to me. We may go out to the Sigmon Farm Pumpkin Festival next week and see what they have. I hope they have some of their real homemade molasses this year. Some things you just can't make without real molasses like fruit cakes, baked beans and ginger bread.

I remember when I was a little girl that about this time of year we would get a pumpkin for Halloween. About a week before Halloween, Mom or one of the adults would carve it into a Jack-o'lantern. Now, there is an interesting tale, the history of the Jack-o'-lanterns. I'll have to tell you about it sometime. On Halloween night, along about dark someone would take a candle and put in inside of old Jack and sit him on the top of the front porch steps. For the next several hours Jack would sit there all aglow with a big wide smile, sparkling eyes and face welcoming all trickor-treaters and other passers- by as if he seemed to say "Happy

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Cooper's Motel

As a young man of only 24 years, I moved to Mt. Sterling in the summer of 1968, relocating because I had accepted an offer to teach and coach at Mt. Sterling High School. I was excited because I was going to coach with Chili Ishmael and the legendary Trojan football team.

My first order of business was to find an apartment in a city about which I knew nothing. For the first few days, I followed leads and knocked on countless doors trying to find a place to live. I even asked my new Superintendent, Jack Miller, if he knew of any places to rent.

After a few days of useless searches while overnighting "hither, thither and yon," Coach Ishmael suggested that I might get a room at Cooper's Motel until I could find an apartment. I gladly took Coach's suggestion and, sure enough, rented a double room - one bed for all of my "stuff" and the other for sleeping.

At that time, the rooms did not have telephones, so I used the wallmounted, outside pay phone to report in to my mother each Sunday afternoon. I distinctly remember one Sunday having a conversation, hanging up the receiver - and

to my surprise - quarters began to shoot out of the phone. I couldn't catch them fast enough. I had heard about this kind of event happening to others, but it still took me by surprise. Then I filled every pocket I had with quarters. I ate a fine meal at Jerry's Restaurant that night.

I have lots of good memories of my nineweek stay at Cooper's Motel. One night I was busy grading Biology tests, when there was a knock at my door. I wasn't exactly doing any entertaining, so I was somewhat startled. When I opened the door, I was surprised to see Dr. Don C. McFadden, who was a member of the Trojan Board of Education. He was making a social call to let me know he was available if I needed anything at all. It was a welcome to small town living. That man not only became my personal physician, he even became a friend. He made me feel special.

I think one reason that I fit in so easily at Cooper's Motel was because my own relatives had a small, family-operated motel in Mt. Vernon. My father's brother Vern owned and ran it. I visited with my dad on a regular basis. I

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Appreciated Article about Covid Delta

Variant Dear Editor.

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I would like to commend

the person who wrote the article "Rockcastle Regional Reports Hard Hit by COVID-19, Delta Variant," that was in the September 9, 2021, issue of the paper. It was excellent. I only wish it had been given front page prominence instead of be-

> ing buried on pages six and seven.

> The persons interviewed could not have painted a clearer picture of how serious the COVID-19 situation is here in the county. When Patti Halcomb said she watches the staff stand and cry and pray at the doors of their COVID patients, I teared up. When Dr. Rowe said only three of his seventeen patients on ventilators had survived, I was so saddened. How many spouses, parents, children and siblings have felt the impact of these deaths and will be grieving for months? The fabric of their family is irretrievably broken.

> Dr. Rowe very succinctly addressed the percentage of deaths among the vaccinated (1%) compared to the unvaccinated and people's fears and hesitations in getting vaccinated. He and other health care workers must feel that they are a lone voice crying in the wilderness.

An article in the Sep 27-Oct 4, 2021 edition of Time magazine stated that, as of September 14, 80% of the ICU beds in the US were occupied; 31% of that number were occupied by COVID-19 patients; 92% of COVID-19 hospitalizations were unvaccinated. And, now it has been announced on the evening news that the total deaths in the US from COVID-19 exceeds the number of deaths from the 1918 Spanish Flu.

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"Aces"

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shaker. The apples were best while still small and green and I would spend a lot of time eating those green apples. Then, I would spend a lot of time in the bathroom. Mom said it was okay because it "cleaned out your system." No apple trees were in sight. No idea where they went. I thought trees lived a long time.

I had pulled the grass in a circle about the size of a car tire and made a dirt race track for Hot Wheels. On Friday nights, most neighbor-

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, Oct. 11th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. Tues-

day, Oct. 12th: Green Hill, Fairview and Brindle Ridge.

Farm Bureau Fruit & Nut Program

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau will be taking orders

for the annual Fruit & Nut Program October 1st through

October 29th. This program is a benefit of being a Ken-

tucky Farm Bureau member. If you have any questions,

or would like to order, please come by our office or call

Christmas Angel Tree Applications

The Salvation Army will take applications in Rockcastle

County for their Christmas Angel Tree on Thursday,

October 28th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applications will be

accepted at the Rockcastle County Library. For ques-

Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle County Kiwania Club meets each Thurs-

day at noon at Limestone Grille. Kiwanis is a service

organization working to improve the lives of children.

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets

once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Lime-

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville

welcomes all members, those qualified to be members

and family members. The post is open Thursday, Friday

and Saturday frm 5 p.m. to close. The 1st and 3rd

Wednesday of each month, the post hosts a Vet Help

group for those veterans who are struggling. Monthly

meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at

5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, in-

formation or any need, please contact Post Commander

William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882, Post Com-

mander Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360 or Service Of-

American Legion Post News

The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Lime-

stone 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-

Recovery Meetings

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community

Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr.,

Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan 859-230-9590/Kathryn

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside

Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon,

Ky. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828. *** Please call 256-5577

Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach

Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact:

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon. Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon, Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie

Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190. Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women

Only. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Katheryn, 606-

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous, 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 35 Castle village Dr., Brodhead, Ky.

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

Saturday - Crystal Meth Anonymous: Saturday, 5 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Jason Debord 606-386-0646 or Rob

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-COED, 6

p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646

or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828 Saturday. Leaders: John

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

606-308-3099 or Tammy 606-308-1614.

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stone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

Wed., Oct. 13th: Cave Valley Apartments.

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tions call 859-624-5826

The public is invited.

859-582-2553 with any questions.

fice Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

2882.

859-308-8900

Call 606-308-8900.

Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

Sandusky 606-386-3907.

hood kids gathered in my yard with their favorite Hot Wheel and we would hold the World Championship Dirt Races event. Of course, I couldn't find that. I just sat on the ground where I had sat so carefree for so many Friday nights.

Everything I looked at was different. In fact, it was barely recognizable. In just 54 years, as I traveled the world playing music and married over and over again, and had life disasters and life joys, and was part of the world moving ahead, everything I knew in my youth was decaying away. All that used to be new and shiny and made us proud, is all but dust in the wind.

What a time it was. There were no body pains or aches and not a single bridge had been burned. It seems like a fake memory. Like a movie I saw years ago. But it was real and I was there.

A time when America was free and when a day was a gift. A time when worry was over tiny things and neighbors were family. When it was easy to tell the difference in a man and a woman and the color of our skin didn't matter. A time when new things were appreciated and children respected their elders. A time when prayer was part of the day and a comfortable warmth covered America. A time of innocence of mind and giving of heart. A time when you earned what you had or you didn't want it.

Yes, that nice old fellow had left me with words that could not have been more true. Because I was there because I saw it with my own eyes, Yes, God had blessed me indeed.

"T.J.'s"

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Halloween to all". The next day we would find him all sad looking and no glow whatsoever. Even sadder, shortly he would be "killed" when Mom or Grandma would take him and peel him and give him a good dicing. Then he would be put in a big dish pan and was cooked until tender. It was such a sad ending for such a wonderful Jack-o'-lantern. He was like a friend. Then I watched as his remains were sweetened, eggs added and the spices along with cream. Then he was beaten well. Then it came Thanksgiving and the pumpkin pie was served. I forgot all about our wonderful friendship from only days before.

"Memory" (Continued from A2)

was surprised to see how much the two businesses were alike, and I felt quite comfortable and at home with the resem-

The Coopers themselves certainly made me feel at home while I was there. They checked on me occasionally to let me know if I had any questions or problems, they were there for me.

As I look back over 50 plus years at my stay at Cooper's Motel, time flew quickly, it served as a great introduction to the city of Mt. Sterling and

the people associated with Mt. Sterling High School.

It wasn't the only time that advice from Coach Ishmael paid off.

(You can reach me at themtnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)

"Letters"

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long hours, hard work and caring that the aides, nurses, doctors and all staff have extended to their COVID patients. I hope they, and especially hospital administrators, can find ways to educate and raise public awareness in such a way that people will choose to be vaccinated and take all necessary measures to protect themselves and their fami-

As an older person, I want to do my share in promoting the health of all for the common good. I want others to do the same for

Sincerely, Delores Carpenter Mt. Vernon

Facts about those unvaccinated for COVID-19

I am your neighbor, your friend, your parent or relative. We share the same community. As a whole, do we want our community to prosper by being healthy?

We can't prosper with Covid on the rise. Yes, you have a choice not to take the vaccine. I ask you to read the present outcomes of people who haven't taken the shot. I am quoting from an article published by Rockcastle Regional Hospi-

Since March 1, 2020 -189 people have been hospitalized; only four were vaccinated. 185 were not vaccinated.

The current numbers are very important. Rockcastle is inundated with the virus. People who are sick with the virus right now give us reason to pause and explore our reasons for not taking

Right now, of 11 in the hospital, nine are unvaccinated and two are vaccinated. There are four in ICU-all unvaccinated. There are four in ICU on the ventilator with zero of these folks not vaccinated. There are four ICU patients on the ventilator - with zero unvaccinated.

Science tells us you are protected from 65% to 85% if you have the vaccine. Right now, the CDC says only people of age, pre-existing conditions will be able to get the booster.

The truth is people who have gotten the shot have more freedom to go to church, restaurants and family gatherings.

Please take 30 minutes to think in a positive manner regarding your decision to get the shot. Our life is full of choices, make the one that protects you.

In 1955, Mt. Vernon El-

ementary, and many schools across the country, participated in the Polio vaccine trials. Dr. Jonas Salk and Dr. Sabin's research saved the day for millions. I recall being in Mrs. Ruth Lambert's first grade class. Nurses came from the health department to administer the sugar cube, filled with the polio vaccine. We also took the DPT shot. This effort protected young children all over the US.

People we are 8th in the nation, by county, with extreme high risk. The reason - the unvaccinated. If you haven't gotten your shot, please do.

Please follow recommended ways to protect yourself. 1) wash your hands with soap often. 2) wear a mask in crowded places. 3) use antiseptics to clean your hands. 4) social distance, six feet apart.

We can whip this thing. Please be a part of the solution, don't be the problem.

You can get the Covid shot at your local pharmacy, your doctor's office or Quck Care on US 150.

God loves you; love yourself.

Thank you, Delores Reppert Morris 371 Silver Mist Corner

Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 October, 2021

(Ed's Note: According to local records, the first vaccine was administered around March of 2021 which makes statistics quoted "since March of 2020" skewed by quite a bit. Also, the CDC acknowledges that they do not know how long natural immunity lasts and, in the same article, they also acknowledge that they do not know how long immunity from the vaccine lasts. As of 9/30/21 there have been a total of 43.3 million cases of Covid in the US. If you remove this number from the unvaccinated (since they have natural immunity), then the percentage of unvaccinated would drop perceptibly. This is my main problem with the mandates. No allowance is being made for natural immunity or for the low, low, death rate for citizens up to 65 years of age (or for the 1.5 million+ illegal immigrants who have come into this country this year alone and for whom vaccinations have not been mandated before they were bused into the interior of our country).

Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray State Representative SB 5 economic development investment

pays off with \$5.8 billion project and 5,000 new jobs

After two decades of efforts to lure a major manufacturer to an undeveloped parcel of land just off of I-65 in Hardin County, we now know that the site will

soon become home to the nation's largest producer of electric automotive batteries. Ford Motor Company and SK Innovation have agreed to invest \$5.8 billion to build two electric battery plants on the 1.551 acre mega-site. According to the companies, production of advance lithium-ion batteries will begin in 2025 and the plants will employ more than 5,000 workers. Eventually, Kentucky workers will supply Ford's North American assembly plants with batteries that will power the next generation of Ford and

Lincoln electric vehicles. Ford has been a proven partner in Kentucky's economy since building the company's first Kentucky plant here in 1913. SK Innovation (SKI) is an energy company based in South Korea that is already a strong competitor in the electric vehicle battery market. This project is a major win for our entire Commonwealth because it places Kentucky at the forefront of the automotive industry's future. Ford alone expects at least 40 percent of its global sales to be electric vehicles by 2030, and the batteries made in Kentucky will play a big role in that transition. Economic development experts believe the plant has the potential to provide the same long-term boost that Toyota Motor Manufacturing sparked when it located in Georgetown in the 1980s. The deal became pos-

sible after we approved SB 5, legislation that provided

\$410 million for state economic development officials to use as incentives for projects like this. The legislation appropriates \$350 million from the state's

rainy day fund to provide forgivable loans that must be spread out over time to ensure that approved projects deliver on job promises. Ford is expected to apply for \$250 million in loans, leaving \$100 million on the table for other potential projects. I was supportive of this measure because we also have the ability to claw back the funds if the jobs do not materialize or wages are not what we are promised. These incentive are necessary for our state to compete for projects of this magnitude, consider that Kentucky pledged more than \$147 million to help Toyota build an \$800 million auto plant. However, like every other allocation we make we must make sure that the investment pays off for taxpayers.

Now that Ford and SK Innovation have committed to the Hardin County project, the focus will shift to preparing the regional workforce and surrounding communities for this massive addition. That includes workforce training. In addition to the \$250 million in forgivable loans, SB 5 also included a \$50 million commitment for training grants and programs. Ford and SK Innovation anticipates they will apply for \$36 million of the \$50 million to help tran-

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Obituaries De

Anita Pearl Barron

Anita Pearl Adams Barron, 62, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born October 13, 1958, in Crab



Orchard, to the late Robert Lee "Bud" Adams, Jr. and Margy Helton Adams. She was a member of the Rose Hill Pentecostal Church, enjoyed her cats and cooking, and she loved her family, especially her kids and grandkids.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her mother, Margy Helton Adams; her husband, Jimmy Barron; one daughter, Angel (Ja-

son) Lowery of Danville; one step-daughter, Crystal (Joshua) Corbin of Somerset; five grandchildren, Destiny Denney, Chelsey Mink, Elaina Corbin, Gunner Lowery, and Wade Lowery; six brothers, Barry (Carrie) Adams of Mt. Vernon, David Adams of Brodhead, Rodney Adams of Brodhead, Jason (Josie) Adams of Mt. Vernon, John (Jennifer) Adams of Brodhead, and Randall "Tiny" Adams of Brodhead; and two sisters, Angela (Randy) McClure of Mt. Vernon and Allison Adams of Brodhead.

She was preceded in death by: her father, Bud Adams, Jr.; and one daughter, Jana Robinson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial was in Maretburg Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Sylvia Cromer Rice

Sylvia Cromer Rice, 85, of Williamsburg, OH, died Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at her home. She was born in Luner, KY on September 16, 1936, the daugh-

ter of Arlie and Fern Doan Cromer. She had been a homemaker and was a member of the Blanchester Church of Christ in Blanchester, OH.

She is survived by: her children, Jim and Lynn Rice of Dayton, OH, Tim and Jenny Rice of Fairfield, OH, Diane Kathy and Larry Oaks of Williamsburg, OH, and



Donna and Jeff Mardis of Mt. Orab, OH; five brothers, Keith Cromer of Mt. Vernon, Melvin Cromer of Brodhead, and Calvin Cromer, Joe Cromer, and Marvin Cromer, all of Ohio; and four sisters, Berniece Mink of Tennessee, Phyllis Cox of Indiana, and Nina Cromer and Zelma Gabbard, both of Mt. Vernon. 11 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren also survive.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death

by: her husband, Lonnie Rice; two sons, Russell Rice and Gary Rice; and two sisters, Naomi and Glenna.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Michael Kidd. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Josh Herbert, Austin King, David Mink, Jim Rice, Tim Rice, and Jason Woods.

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

Belva Louise Cromer Goff

Belva Louise Cromer Goff, 77, of Somerset, died Thursday, September 30, 2021, with her family by her side. She was born January 28, 1944, in Rockcastle



County, a daughter of the late. Ed. and Roberta Cromer. She was united in marriage to Wiley Goff on November 18, 1960, and of that union came two children, Cheryl (Jeff) Roberts, and Bruce (Sharon) Goff, She was a devoted grandmother to her grandchildren, Elizabeth (Daniel) Stevens, April Roberts and

fiance Stephen, Erica Dominguez and fiance Gustavo, and Adam Roberts, all of Somerset. Most importantly, she was a great grandmother to her girls, Abriela Dominguez, Shandelle Stevens, and Ariana Dominguez, who were the pride and joy in her life. Also, to Sofia and Josef Dominguez.

She is also survived by her brother, Marvin (Joyce) Cromer, and sister, Barbara (Carter) Mink, both of Somerset, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends

Belva was a member of Walnut Grove Church of Christ, a seamstress at Palm Beach, and worked at Goff's Launderette. She enjoyed spending time with her family, sewing, cooking for others, and caregiving.

She was preceded in death by her husband on December 7, 2008. She was also preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Donnie Cromer, and her sister, Glenna Renner.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Robby Cable officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Contributions and donations can be made in Belva's honor to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund.

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

Tex Doyle Seals

Tex Doyle Seals, 81, husband of Gloria, of Brodhead, died Thursday, September 30, 2021, at Baptist Health Richmond. He was born December 14,



1939, in Jackson County, to the late Doyle and Lillian Bowman Seals. He was a member of the Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church and enjoyed hunting and gardening. He married Gloria Livesay on February 8, 1974.

Those left to celebrate

his life are: his wife of 47 years, Gloria Seals; one daughter, Melody Brook (Allan) Kerry of Pompano aw, Lloyd Grant of Berea;

Beach, FL; one son-in-law, Lloyd Grant of Berea; three grandchildren, Chris Grant, Amanda Kerry, and Brandon Kerry; two great grandchildren, Destinee Adams, and Charity Grant; one great great-grandchild, Cora Adams; and one brother, Earl (Carol) Seals of Berea.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Tammy Grant and one brother, Grady Seals.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 4, 2021at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial was in Maretburg Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Earl, Shane, and Joey Seals, Lloyd and Chris Grant, and Eddie Wilson.

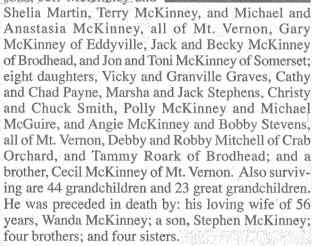
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Casper "Cap" McKinney

Casper "Cap" McKinney, 84, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at Baptist Health Hospital in Richmond. He was born in Rockcastle

County on April 21, 1937, the son of William "Sam" and Mary Graves McKinney. He had been a farmer and was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church. He loved reading his Bible and going to church, and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.





Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 4, 2021 at Sand Springs Baptist Church by Bro. Eugene Gentry. Burial was in McKinney Family Cemetery on Deborde Rd.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Larry Franklin Thompson

Larry Franklin Thompson, 70, husband of Carolyn, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

A complete obituary will be posted soon.
Visitation will be Thursday, October 7, 2021, from 12 p.m. until time of funeral service at 2 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Junior Thompson officiating. Burial will follow in Rimmel Cemetery. Casketbearers are: Ryan Thompson, Eddie Hayes, Donnie Coffey, Thomas Wagner, Levi Northern, Matt

Northern, Larry Tompkins, Caleb Tompkins, and Devin Tompkins.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.marvineownesfuneralhome.com

Janice Wynn Helton

Janice Wynn Helton, 71 of Stanford, died Saturday, September 18, 2021, at her residence. She was born October 24, 1949, in Louellen, to the late Gilbert and Lavina Blevins Wynn. She was a member of the Emanual Baptist Church, enjoyed sewing, reading her Bible, working puzzles, and her pets.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her sister, Norma Jean (Lonnie A.) McGuire of Brodhead; one special niece and caretaker, Marilyn Bobbi Chesnut; as well as nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Russell "Bear" Helton; and five siblings, William H. Wynn, James Larry Wynn, Raymond Wynn, Alice Wynn Carpenter, and Gladys Wynn Chesnut.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Buford Parkerson and George Sears officiating. Burial was in Crab Orchard Cemetery.

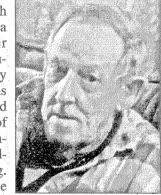
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Billy Milburn

Billy Milburn, 75, of Calloway, died Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born at Calloway in Rockcastle County on Au-

gust 20, 1946, the son of Willy, Jr. and Elizabeth Phillips Milburn He was a retired laborer and was a mem-

Holiness Church. He was an Army Veteran and Purple Heart recipient of the Vietnam War. He enjoyed the outdoors, including fishing and camping.



He loved spending time with his family and friends, and day trips with his trusted companion and best friend, his dog, "Ace".

Those left to celebrate his life include: his beloved wife of 47 years, Carrie McClure Milburn; three children, Billy Milburn of Pine Knot, Melissa (Mike) Doan of Calloway, and Sonja (Scottie) Renner of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, William and Brittany Milburn and Jacob Milburn, all of Calloway, and Carrie Mullins of Paint Lick; and four siblings, twin sister Lillie Davis of Florence, Sadie (Charlie) Sams of Richmond, IN, Barbara (Larry) Vires of Lebanon, OH, and Ricky (Venita) Milburn of Ashridge, OH. Several nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Russell Milburn and Ronald Autry Milburn; and his in-laws, Ronald Moore, Robert Cecil McClure, Noah Davis, Aleda Bond, Nelly Leger, and Harvey Bond.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 30, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Phillip Doan. Burial was in Sand Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dougie Medley, Dean Milburn, Rickie Lee Milburn, Morgan Moore, Delbert Mullins, Scotty Renner, and Everett Wilson.

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Jimmie Jones

Jimmie Jones, 75, of Mt. Vernon, widower of Geraldine "Jerri" Jones, died Sunday, October 3, 2021 in Frankfort

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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

Stephanie Ann Lovell

Stephanie Ann Lovell, 57, of Brodhead, died Monday, September 27, 2021, at St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington. She was born June 23, 1964, in Lancaster, a daughter of

Albert Saylor and Carolyn Hamm.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her mother, Carolyn Hamm of Brodhead; her father, Albert Saylor of Dandridge, TN; her daughter, Mary Hannah

Hunsucker and Daniel of Richmond; two grandchildren, Maelee Elizabeth Hunsucker, and Daniel Hunsucker, Jr.; special cousins, Lissa Albright, Natalie Rupard, and Julie Hanen; as well as a host of many cousins, friends, and other family members.

Services were held Friday, October 1, 2021, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Jimmy Dyehouse officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Condolences can be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

William Kenneth Miller

William Kenneth Miller, 63, of London, died Thursday, September 23, 2021 at St. Joseph London Hospital. He was born in Mt. Vernon on April 3, 1958, the son of Willie and Edna Sowder Miller. He had been a construction worker of R.J. Corman Railroad and was a member of New Salem Baptist Church of London.

He is survived by: his wife, Emily Branhan Miller, two daughters, Tabitha Young of Liberty, and Naomi Lyvers of Glen Burnie, MD; his step-children, Sherri Henning, Richard Jahns, and Rosie Mazariegos; four grandchildren, Makyla Miller, Liam Mazariegos, Grace Mazariegos, and Sidney Jahns; and a sister, Linda Miller Rader and husband Bob of Mt. Vernon. He was preceded in death by one sister, two half-brothers, and three half-sisters.

Funeral services were private. Burial was in McKinney Cemetery at Blue Springs.

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"2021"

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the perfect example of
small town fellowship
and good times," said
Mount Vernon Police
Chief Brian Carter. "It
was a really good crowd
and everyone seemed to
have a great time."

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook agreed The event was a success. "It was great to see folks out enjoying the Bittersweet festival," he said. "There was a good turnout and I think the City of Mount Vernon did an outstanding job coordinating the event. There was something for everyone with all the vendors and entertainment. It was nicely done."

Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum also agreed. "It was a perfect weekend with perfect weather," said Tatum. "I don't know how it could have gone any better, I believe everyone there enjoyed the entire event."

Officials would like to thank all who took part in making the event such a success and plans are already underway for Bittersweet 2022.

"Hahn"

(Continued from front) counts of trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) first degree, first offense last year.

Rowe says the order to grant pretrial diversion was granted on January 10, 2020 and Hahn will remain on pretrial diversion until January 10 of 2024.

In a pretrial diversion, Rowe says the defendant must plead guilty and remain on the program until the end of the diversion without violating any terms of that diversion. The defendant is not considered a convicted felon while on the program, according to Rowe. However, if any terms are broken during the diversion program, the Commonwealth Attorney may revoke the diversion and sentence the defendant as a convicted felon.

Hahn says that since she was not considered a convicted felon, though she had plead guilty to two counts of trafficking methamphetamine, she believed she was eligible for the office of Commissioner and of Mayor. "I had checked my voting status and talked with attorneys and the probation office about all this and I thought I had done all I could do to make sure I could serve in these offices," said Hahn. "Everyone I talked to told me I was allowed to hold public office and could still vote."

However, a part of the pretrial diversion agreement stated that Hahn agreed she would not hold public office, according to Rowe. "Each defendant who enters into pretrial diversion in our circuit executes a document with probation and parole that details the terms and conditions that the individual must abide by," said Rowe. "One of those conditions specifically states that 'I understand that I have lost the right to vote and to hold public office'."

Rowe continued to say "based on the pretrial diversion condition, I do not believe Ms. Hahn can serve as city commissioner or mayor of Livingston without violating the terms of her release,"

lease,"

Hahn said she is saddened by the sudden turn

of events Monday. "I am very hurt," she said. "Everyone I talked to simply missed this and thought I could serve my community. I am not in any trouble because I was told by everyone that I deal with that I could serve as commissioner and as mayor. But to avoid getting in trouble, I have to resign immediately."

The commission members will now face finding yet another City Commissioner while looking for a new Mayor since Vice Mayor Leroy Lamb has stated he does not wish to hold the position.

The last time the city faced the dilemma of searching for commissioners, Hahn was appointed but a second member could not be found and the governor's office appointed Donna Durham to the seat.

Hahn said during her short time as commissioner, she has dealt with continuted troubles. "I have been threatened and ridiculed and some have caused me trouble from the beginning," she said. "All I was trying to do was lead a better life and serve my community."

The Commissioners are slated to accept Mayor King's resignation at the October 11th meeting when Lamb is expected to take over for 30 days.

Hahn says her resignation is effective immediately.

"School"

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In order to qualify for a seat on the board, a candidate must be at least 24 years old and a Kentucky citizen for the past three years. The candidate must also be a registered voter in District 5 and have completed the 12th grade or have a GED certificate.

There will also be some in-service training required for the winning applicant. Applications may be found at the Board of Education office on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.

"RCIDA"

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definitely take our school system into consideration when making their decision."

In other action, the board discussed the progress of the Delta natural gas line that is underway in Lincoln County. "I have been a part of these conversations all my life and it is finally happening," said Craig. "I hope I am alive to see natural gas in Rockcastle County."

The RCIDA and the fiscal court played a big part in working with Delta to provide a natural gas tap in Lincoln County that will eventually lead to Rockcastle.

VanHook also said the local newspaper is an asset to the potential growth of the county. "The newspaper and the radio station here are a big asset for us," he said. "Many towns don't have media that takes such an interest in potential growth and development. This helps keep people informed about what is going on in our community and helps us stay on top of what others are doing so that we can all work together."

VanHook also updated the board on the progress of the new Farmers Market building, "The siding is going up now and the electrical work is done," he said. "The drainage

we are directly on budget. There are a few small change orders but we had planned on those from the

are two to three weeks out and all is going well." In fact, VanHook said Ag Commissioner Ryan Quarles had noticed the building and said good

beginning. The windows

Quarles had noticed the building and said good things about it. He has also requested to be a part of the grand opening ceremony, when that takes place as well.

VanHook said the board has done a good job throughout the project. "We have all worked together very hard on this project and we are right where we thought we would be on budget mostly because this board has done a good job of administering the funds we had available and being involved in the project."

VanHook also informed the board of the newly-designed Rock-castle County Kentucky website. VanHook said the site is near completion and will be available very soon. The new design is being done under a regional project involving several counties that allowed the RCIDA to spend pennies on the dollar for the site, VanHook said.

The next regular meeting of the RCIDA is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Frankfort

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sition the current workforce to the jobs they will be offering. Accountability plays a role in this funding as companies generally partner with both the Economic Development Cabinet and the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

This deal will place Kentucky at the forefront of the automotive industry's future and result in spinoff growth as suppliers and other companies locate to serve the plant's needs. Make no mistake, there will be growing pains. However, with more than 13,000 Kentuckians already working for Ford, the additional 5,000 jobs will have a historic impact on our state. Their decision to expand their presence as part of their relationship with SK Innovation is proof that the policies crafted by the legislature over the past four years are working. Instead of increasing taxes, the legislature broadening the tax base and lowering tax rates; cut unnecessary bureaucracy; and allowed hardworking Kentuckians to keep more of the money they earned. We were already seeing results when the pandemic began. In fact, the month before the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed we had the lowest unemployment rate in state history, while state revenue was on track to break previous records. We know that state government cannot tax itself into prosperity - that will only take money out of people's pockets. As your State Representative, I want to make sure Kentucky is the kind of place where you family, and enjoy a long and healthy life. The Ford and SK Innovation announcement is great news, but our work is far from done. We want to keep growing our economy and make gains in every community. We just have to keep fighting for policies that help recruit and retain jobs.

I hope you will not hesitate to reach out to me to share your thoughts on the

issues coming before us in Frankfort. As always, I can be reached at home anytime or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Josh. Bray@Irc.ky.gov. You can also keep track of interim committee meetings and prefiled legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.legislature.ky.gov.

The Whole Lump

We can upgrade our lives by choosing friends who contribute to our goodness. 1 Corinthians 15:33 Here is a stern warning, Evil communications corrupt good manners. Friendships are like leaven. I Corinthians 5:6 Know ye not that a little leaven, leavens the whole lump. If we run with the goats we are going to smell like goats. If we want to be sweet savor for Jesus Christ, we find, 2 Corinthians 2:15 We must carefully select our friends.

We find the Bible teaches Proverbs 22:24-25 Make no friend-ship with an angry man, and with a furious man thou shalt not go. Why? Lest thou learn his ways and get a snare to thy soul. It is so easy when we are around those who have bad habits to pick up on those habits, without even knowing it. This is the reason we must be cautious, for his ways may become our ways.

Solomon, it is said was the wisest man to ever live on this earth, but his wife's way became his ways. I Kings 11:4 His wives turned his heart toward other gods. He was a wise man but not wise enough.

The ways of Herod's guest were adopted as his ways, Matthew 14:9-10 for the oath's sake, and them that set with him at meat, he beheaded John. Herod dines with the wrong crowd. We can see how the influence of others can change our mind over time, even if those that set in high places

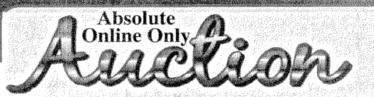
The ways of a Christian wife can be transferred through the power of influence to an alien husband and lead to his conversion over time. 1 Peter 3:1 If any obey not the word, they also maybe without the word be won by the conversation by the wife. He may keep a closed Bible, but his wife's life is an open gospel he cannot help but read, and that gospel is a steadying influence to lead him to obey the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Tract 1- This tract consists of a house & 1.09 acres. The house consists of an upper level which includes 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom and a large open living area. The lower level has 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living room, kitchen, laundry room and storage room. The property also has a 2-car detached garage. This home would be perfect to live in one level and rent the other out for an additional income! It could also be a great investment property to add to your portfolio as you rent both levels!

Tract 2 – This tract consists of 64 +/- acres. It is a beautiful piece of property with a park-like setting at the rear of the property, including a waterfall. This would make an ideal property for development! It could easily be further divided. There is blacktop frontage and being located just off Hwy 461 for easy access to Somerset or Rockcastle County. The property is also viable for adding to your farm. There is an abundance of creek frontage, cropland or pastureland includes a farm.

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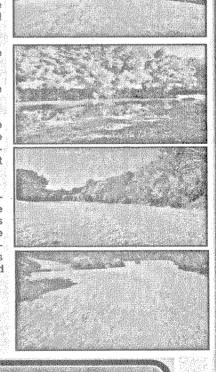
Note: There will be a 10% buyer's premium added to the last bid to determine the final sales price.

Note: The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a period of ten days to inspect the property for the presence of lead-based paint. The inspection period is October 3rd through October 13th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day post-inspection period.

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Scenes from 2021 Bittersweet Festival



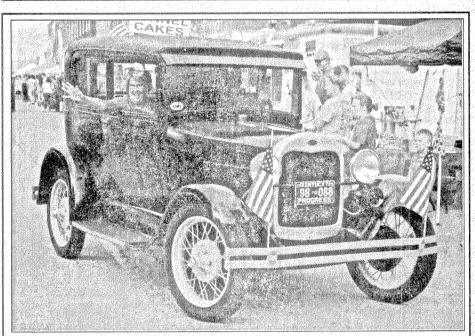
Kinley Rush got a ride from Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter during the Bittersweet Festival Parade held last Saturday.



Jordan Smith with Rockcastle County Weather took part in the Bittersweet Festival Parade held last Saturday.



Rockcastle Jailer Nathan Carter shared candy with parade goers during Saturday's Bittersweet Festival.



Tony and Donna Hopkins drove their 1929 Model A in Saturday's Bittersweet Festival Parade.

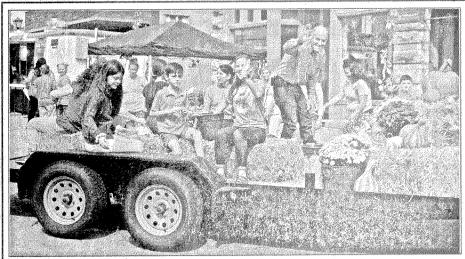
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOLS Public Hearing

Public Forum No. 2

The Rockcastle County Local Planning Committee will conduct a PUBLIC FORUM on Monday October 18, 2021 at the Rockcastle Teaching and Learning Center at 5:30 p.m. and hold a Regular Local Planning Committee Meeting thereafter. The Local Planning Committee will convene a Public Forum to solicit public comment on the proposed District Facilities Plan.

The Local Planning Committee Meeting and Public Forum is scheduled in accordance with

KRS 157.620 and regulated by 702 KAR 1:001.



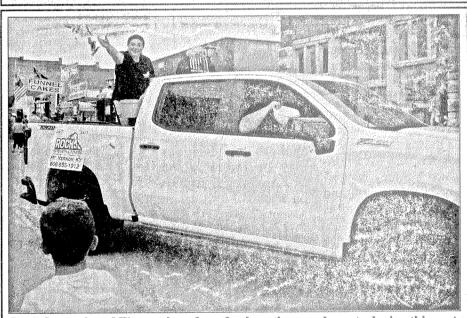
County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., along with family and friends, took part in the Bittersweet Festival Parade and shared candy with those in attendance.



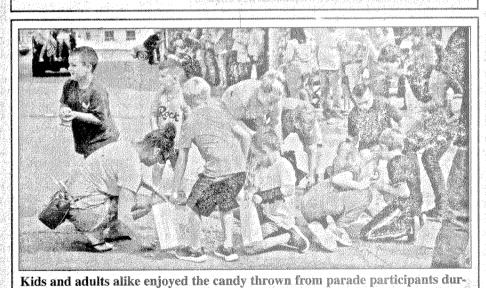
Mount Vernon Paw Spa took part in Saturday's Bittersweet Festival Parade.



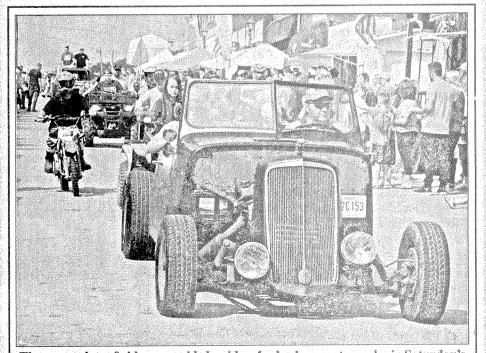
Rockcastle Youth League Cheer rode a float in Saturday's parade.



Rock Strength and Fitness shared candy along the parade route during this past weekend's Bittersweet Festival.



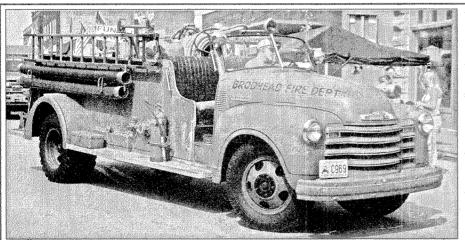
ing Saturday's Bittersweet Festival.



There were lots of older cars, side by sides, 4-wheelers, motorcycles in Saturday's Bittersweet Parade.



RTEC brought out their Trolley for Saturday's Bittersweet Festival Parade.



Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department's 1948 Engine 1.

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant and wife Carol took part in Saturday's parade as well as all other festivities throughout the weekend.

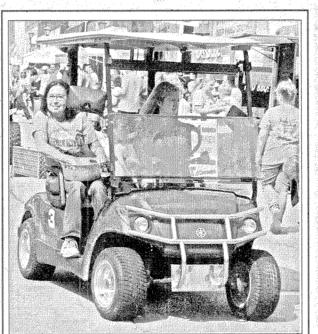




Carlos McClure and Jessica Lawson drove a classic car and shared candy during Saturday's parade. The pair are opening up Down on Main Bar and Grill on Main Street in Mount Vernon.



Brylee Mullins prepares to throw candy from the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department's Engine 81 during Saturday's parade.



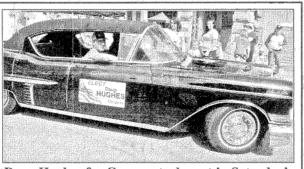
Rita McIntosh shared candy during Saturday's pa-



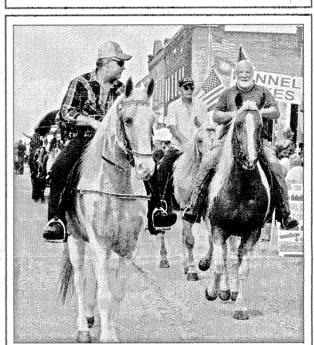
Donnie and Terina Helton drove their classic car and shared candy during Saturday's parade.



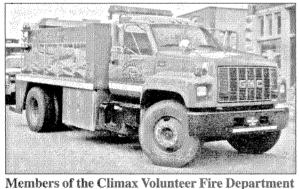
Steve Griffin and his daughter, Nichole, drove one of the many Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department's vehicles during Saturday's parade.



Doug Hughes for Coroner took part in Saturday's



horses and wagons that were in Saturday's parade.



Members of the Climax Volunteer Fire Department took part in Saturday's Bittersweet parade.

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

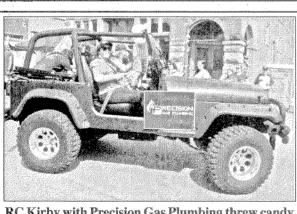
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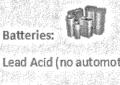
At the Rockcastle County Recycling Center • 2528 S. Wildemess Rd, Mt. Vernon

Free Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes for Rockcastle County Residents Only • Drive through & stay in your car • Workers will unload the waste from your vehicle • No Businesses may participate • Call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for more information

The following items will be accepted:



RC Kirby with Precision Gas Plumbing threw candy out during Saturday's parade.



Lead Acid (no automotive)

Dry Cell

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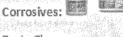
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Oil Based



(must be manufacturer labeled as propane)

20# Gas Grill Type

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4' & 8' Bulbs (unbroken)

Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL)

PCB Materials (Polychlorinated Biphenyls):



Capacitors

Free-Liquid Oils (must be marked as such)



Any and all types

Solvents: All compatible flammable solvents, such as: gasoline, kerosene, lamp fluid, automotive fluids, etc.

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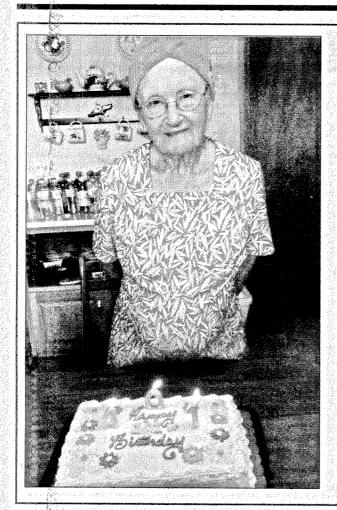
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Beginning October 4th, hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, October 7, 2021







Sisters celebrate 101st & 90th birthdays

Thressel Irene Broyles Owens, far left, was 101 on May 25, 2021 and celebrated with 20 family members. This included her daughter, Mava June Stamper, of Mt. Vernon, her brother, Sherwin Broyles, of Somerset, a first cousin, Tom Broyles (Velma) of Evansville, In. and several nieces and nephews,

In August, Mrs. Owens and her daughter traveled to Liberty, SC to celebrate the 90th birthday of her sister, Marie (Broyles) Frazier, middle photo, on August 19th. Also present for the celebration was Marie's husband, Lowell Frazier, her two daughters, Gina and Lisa, her three grandchildren, Jeremy, Aaron and Sara and her son-in-law, Dennis.

Remotely through mail-in renewal program

Options expanded to renew drivers licenses and ID cards

Gov. Beshear announced the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) launched a service Friday, Oct. 2nd to expand options for Kentuckians to renew their state drivers licenses and ID cards remotely through a mail-in renewal program.

This new era of driver licensing is ushering in expanded services to give Kentuckians more options on how they want to be served, Gov. Beshear said. The mailin program builds upon the successful summer launch of Kentuckys first online drivers license renewal service. Both services maximize convenience by helping the majority of cardholders tackle an important to-do on their own time without visiting a licensing office.

The revamped mail-in service is administered solely by KYTC and is one of the modern conveniences available to Kentuckians as a result of the phased transfer of licensing services to KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Offices from local Offices of the Circuit Court Clerks. All counties will transfer services by June 30, 2022. A list of counties that have transferred services to regional offices is available at drive.ky.gov/ pages/circuitclerks, aspx.

Kentucky is bringing back a better, permanent version of the mail-in in program that was temporarily offered during most of 2020 to limit COVID-19 exposure at our driver licensing regional offices, KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said. The mail-in program is the only renewal service KYTC offers that allows cardholders to do the following tasks remotely: replace a lost or stolen card, update a mailing address, and pay by check. As we look to modernize licensing, we recognize some Kentuckians prefer to do business in multiple ways and this service caters to our diverse population.

The mail-in program offers the following services:

•Renewal of a fouryear drivers license, combo motorcycle/operator license, ID card.

•Card must expire within six months or have been expired for less than a year and the applicant wants to maintain the same card version as their current license (standard or REAL ID)

•Request new drivers license, combo motor-cycle/operator license, ID card if you need to update your address. One valid proof of address change is required. A list of acceptable documents can be found here.

•Kentuckians requesting a license replacement (lost/stolen cards). Card will be mailed to the address on file.

•Hard-copy cards will be mailed within 10-15 business days after successful processing.

Renewal forms can be downloaded and printed on drive.ky.gov. Completed forms may be mailed to KYTCs Division of Driver Licensing at 200 Mero Street., Frankfort, KY 40622 or placed in a drop-box at the same location. Forms may also be emailed to KYIODILieneRenewal@kvgv Printed forms are available at all Driver Licensing Regional Offices and at participating public libraries, Circuit Court Clerk and County Clerk offices.

Kentuckians now have three options to renew credentials: online, by mail or in person. A list of services offered through each renewal method, as well as more details about the mail-in program, will be available tomorrow at drive.ky.gov.

Kentuckians who have a Kentucky REAL ID and are due to renew may do so through the mail-in or online renewal services.

The mail-in renewal option does not apply to:

•Kentuckians upgrading from standard-issue license to a REAL ID.

•Kentuckians who would like a card with an eight-year renewal cycle.

•Renewals that involve name updates. Those must be made in person at any Driver Licensing Regional Office, or Office of Circuit Court Clerk in the customers county of residence if they are still in operation.

they are still in operation.
•Commercial drivers

licenses (CDL),

•Initial application for a REAL ID. Requests must be made in person at a KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Office due to document verification requirements.

Regional Offices currently are operating in Bowling Green, Burlington, Catlettsburg, C o l u m b i a, Elizabethtown, Frank-

fort, Jackson, Lexington, Louisville/Bowman Field (appointment only), Louisville/Dixie Highway (appointment only), Louisville/ Hurstbourne, Madisonville, Manchester, Morehead, Owensboro, Paducah, Prestonsburg, Richmond and Somerset, with more offices planned to open.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Sara Francheska Dale Spoonamore, 31, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Jeremy Steven Wade Wagers, 29, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 9/17/21

Karen Anne Buckingham, 67, Louisville, retired and Darrell Lane Saunders, 66, Corbin, attorney. 9/17/21

Juanita Manda Jones, 31, Mt. Vernon, CNA and Marty Joe Reagan, 38, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 9/20/21

Andrea Nicole Johnson, 37, London, unemployed and Johnny Dwayne Bowling, 49, Livingston, diesel technician. 9/21/21

Ashley Sarah Nichole Damrell, 22, Mt. Vernon. unemployed and Jordan William Wayne Hall, 23, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 9/23/21

Holly Nichole Kirby, 38, Berea, child care teacher and Jerry Lee Denny, Jr., 30, Mt. Vernon, truck driver. 9/

24/21 Kelcey Lynor Robinson, 31, Mt. Vernon, factory and Dustin Michael Winkler, 33, Mt. Vernon, construc-

Deeds Recorded

tion. 9/27/21

James Noe and Roy and Judy Adams, property on the waters of Renfro Creek, to Garry and Bonnie Thatcher. Tax

\$240 Gary W. Parker, property in Rockcastle County, to Vanessa Hasty and Chelsie Hasty. Tax

James D. and Tabitha Harris, property on Old Sigmon Road, to Suzanne E. Brean. Tax \$204

Cecil and Judy King, property on Tyree St., to Dennie Curtis King, Tax \$100

Michael and Dianna Joy Vanzant and Delores Vanzant Reece, property on Roundstone Creek, to Raymond and Jody Clark. Tax \$95 Janet Gill, property in

Rockcastle County, to Curtis Miller, Tax \$33 Walter Christian

Reusch, property in Renfro Valley community, to Jeff and Anissa Cromer. Tax \$10

The Beulah T. Lear Irrevocable Trust, property in Rockcastle county, to Creek Bottom Properties LLC. Tax \$5.50

Shirley Maples, property in Rockcastle County, to Matthew and Loren Maples. No tax

William David and Betty Newcomb and Darlene and John Peterson, property in Rockcastle County, to William D. and Betty Newcomb No tax

Ola E Miller, property in Rockcastle County, to David Miller, Jeremy Butler, Bryan Butler and Audrey Butler. No tax

Ralph Kevin and Paula S. Isaacs, property in Conway Community, to Kevin and LaDonna Miller. Tax \$36

Cameron Properties LLC, property on Marler Hollow Road, to Douglas and Grace Shlonsky. Tax

\$82.50 John G. and Connie Hamm and Shannon and Angie Bishop, property in Rockcastle County, to Cameron Properties LLC. Tax \$75

Robert David Sankey, property on Paul St., to Christie Samples. Tax \$7.50

Brandon and Kirbie Reynolds, property on North Dailey Street, to Dishman Brian and Kayleigh Feltner. Tax \$155

Adam D. Chaney, property on Line Creek Road, to Richard Randall. Tax \$135

Linda C. Johnson, property on Sue Johnson Road, to David Thomas and Melissa Sueann Bacon. Tax \$20

Darrell W. and Wanda Ellison and Rodney and Joyce Ellison, property in Rockcastle County, to

Rodney Ellison. No tax Yul McCollum and Wanda McCollum, property on Conway/Berea Road, to Trenton

McCollum. Tax \$55 Howell Holbrook, Jr. and Lena Gail Holbrook, property on Big Sinks Road, to William Matthew and Hillary Whitaker. Tax \$380

Circuit Civil Suits

Margaret McClure v. Franklin J. McClure,

complaint. Laura Frances Hensley, Administratrix v. Traxx Management,

complaint. Teressa Isaacs v. Wil-

liam Daniel Isaacs, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Frances K. Hensley, complaint for child support/medical support.

Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Christopher B. Kirby, complaint. Lisa Brock v Sara

Snyder, complaint.

Tiffany King v. Holden Abrams, petition for dissolution of marriage. Jonathan Cromer v.

Julie Cromer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Satica Lynn Wagers v. David Lee Wagers, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Trina Coffey v. Shacota Brooke Chyanne Dees, complaint.

Samuel Stuppy, et al v. Shacota Brooke Chyanne Dees, complaint.

Prestige Financial Services, Inc. v. Merita Medley, complaint.

James Andrew McFerron v. Ericka Nicole McFerron, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Felicia Smith v. Bill Johnson, complaint.

Tiffany Gross v. Unknown Defendants, complaint.

Thomas J. Hines v. Kimberly E. Hines, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Robert M. Mapes, complaint. Roger McFerron v.

Virgie Edith Truesdell, et al., complaint. Gary Dean Mullins v.

Amanda Leejean Mullins, petition for dissolution of marriage. Velocity Investments

LLC v. Chris Parsons, complaint.

Linda Kirby, et al v. Dorothy B. Page, com-

Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Jay G. Cobb, et al, complaint.

Synchrony Bank v. Christopher Winn, complaint.

Janet Leigh Walker-Day v. Dustin Lee Day, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Racheal Hampton, et al v. Tara Kirby, et al, complaint. CI 21-00202

District Civil Suits

LVNV Funding LLC v. Deanna Mullins, com-

plaint. Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Michael Damrell, complaint.

Cash Express LLC v. Brent Shepherd, com-

Baptist Healthcare System, Inc. v. Terry

Cook, et al, complaint. Jacob Hunt v. Jon Sanders, forcible detainer

complaint. CashExpress LLC v. Tiffany Turner, com-

Cash Express LLC v. Sabrina Kelley, com-

Cash Express LLC v. Jennifer Wilburn, complaint.

Judy C. Mitchell v. April Montjoy, forcible detainer complaint.

Members Heritage Credit Union v. Mikah

Reams, complaint. Onemain Financial

Group, LLC v. Robert D. Payne, complaint. Eagle Financial Ser-

vices, Inc. v. Byron Abney, complaint.

Bureaus Investment Group Portfolio No. 15 v. A. Carter, complaint.

Eagle Financial Services, Inc. v. Emma Clines, complaint. Portfolio Recovery As-

sociates, LLC v. Matthew Stephens, complaint. Midland Credit Man-

agement, Inc. v. Melissa Owens, complaint. LVNV Funding LLC

v. Michael Foster, complaint. LVNV Funding LLC

v. Anastasia McKinney, complaint. Credit Corp. Solutions,

Inc. v. Juanita Renner. complaint. LVNV Funding LLC

v. Linda Lowery, com-

Eagle Financial Services, Inc. v. Anthony Brooks, et al, complaint.

Micland Credit Management, Inc. v. Jamie McClure, complaint. C21-00161

District Court

9/27/21 Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Jeffery R. Anglin: public intoxication and criminal trespass, 90 days in jail (each count)/concurrent/probated 24 months on condition plus one

Billy Joe DeBorde: criminal trespass, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess 365 days in jail (each count)/probated 24 months on condition; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ drugs, 30 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition.

Chad E. Mahaffey: possession of synthetic drugs, 365 days in jail/ probated 24 months on condition; public intoxication, 90 days in jail/ concurrent/probated 24 months on condition/

costs merged. Speeding: Jeff Shawn Adams, Leroy Harrow, Jr., Brett Dustin Whitaker, license suspended for failure to appear (fta); Susan Nichole Lenz, \$50 fine plus costs; Jonathan Franklin

Meyer, paid. Keekio Agnew: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta/

license suspended. Pamela L. Akridge: Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, Part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers and failure to add taxable unit to taxable inventory, bw

issued for fta. Christopher Aaron Bryant: criminal trespass-

ing, bw issued for fta. Lyndsey Brooke Charlton: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/ five days in jail or payment in full; failure to wear seat belts, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/li-

cense suspended. Jason Clemmons: violation of Kentucky EPO.DVO, 30 days in

Mary R. Davidson: fleeing or evading police and five other charges. bw issued for fta/license

suspended. Sarah Elizabeth Doyal: hindering prosecution or apprehension and three other charges,,

bw issued for fta.

Eric Eugene Ferguson: operating on suspended/ revoked operators license, driving without license/negligence in accident and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Donald Joseph Fry: no operators/moped license. \$100 fine plus costs.

Matthew J. Gould: no motorcycle operators license, no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Gary Graves: Pt 395/ Fed Safety Regs-Hours of service for drivers \$25 fine: Pt 393/Fed Safety Regs-Parts needed for safe operation, \$25 fine plus costs.

Robert L Griffin: part 395/fed safety regs-hours of service for drivers, Viol Part 392 Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle (two counts). Viol Part 390 Fed Safety Regs-General Policy, No-Semi-Trailer Plate, No weight distance tax license (KYU) (M) (A). operating with inactive/ cancelled/revoked motor fuel tax license, \$25 fine each count and violation of international registration plan, \$25 fine plus

costs. Frank Henson: criminal trespass, \$100 fine plus costs.

Jamie L. Henson: failure to wear seat belts, \$25

Elizabeth Ann Jackson: no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw

issued for fta. Sarah Elizabeth Lively: public intoxication and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Richard Allen Lovell: public intoxication, fta.

Amanda Marlowe: theft by unlawful taking, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place, disorderly conduct, bw is-

sued for fta. Matias Mejia: Operat ing on suspended/rein voked operators license and three other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Rodger D. Payne: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; no/expired registration plates, \$50 fine; no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$50 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine.

David Ray Pearson: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 30 days in jail; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 30 days in jail/concurrent/costs merged.

Krista Renee Phillips: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, 30 days operator license

suspension. Kenneth Wayne Powell: fines/fees due (\$788), bw issued for fta/ 16 days in jail or payment

in full. Dana Marie Revnolds: possession of marijuana,

bw issued for fta. Larry Richardson: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee plus operators license suspension up to six

months. Katherine Mary Sizemore: permitting gambling, bw issued for

Teresa Dawn Slate: possession of marijuana, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition, possession controlled substance, 365 days in

jail/probated 24 months on condition. Tracy E. Stephenson: failure to wear seat belts,

license suspended for fta. Nathan C. Tanner: improper use of left lane/ overtaking vehicle, paid.

Samuel Christopher West: operating on suspended/revoked operators license. \$100 fine plus costs.

Kenneth M. Harris: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Dustin W. Morgan: speeding, \$50 fine; improper/no windshield, \$25 fine plus costs.

Address Change Note

Please call or email any changes of address to mvsignal@windstream.net or call

606-256-2244.

Notice of Vacant District 5 Board of Education Seat

The Rockcastle Board of Education ("Board") is seeking applications for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board representing seat Division # 5. This appointment will be effective until the November 2022 regular election.

Responsibilities include: setting policy to govern the District: hiring/evaluating the Superintendent: and levying taxes and adopting the District budget.

Board members must:

- Be at least 24 years old and a Kentucky citizen for the last three years:
- Be a registered voter in the particular District of the
- Have completed the 12th grade or have a GED certificate; Meet all other legal qualifications (KRS 160.180);
- Complete required annual in-service training.

Rockcastle County Board of Education. Mail applications to:

Applications are available at the

Superintendent, ATTN: Board Vacancy, 245 Richmond Street, Mount Vernon, KY 40456

SPORTS

allowing Ethan Medley

just two yards on the next

play before consecutive

incomplete passes from

Cameron Wright to force

another turnover on

downs with 1:42 left in

complete forced the Bob-

cats into a third-and-long

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like the Rockets were go-

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Bell County's Cameron

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Neither team could get

much going offensively

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A short run and an in-

the opening half.

Rockets lose 24-0 to Bell County

By: Chad Hensley

Matthew Chasteen's autoutstanding performance soon both sides of the ball parwas not enough for the Rockcastle County Rock-

ets football team to oversuccome as they fell to the Asthome-standing Bell daoCounty Bobcats 24-0 in a key district matchup.

ab The loss dropped saRockcastle County to 4-2 on the field this season -quincluding a 1-1 recording -muthe Class 3A District 5 -oaction Garrard County cats up 8-0. zuland McCreary Central esistill to play.

Bell County improved xi25-1 overall and 2-0 in the district while all but lockvising up at least a home gar game in the playoffs with and Estill County and Garrard

County on the schedule. The Rockets got off to sna strong start on the first betpossession when moChasteen converted a secbelond and long into a first ni down on a 9-yard carry ediout to their own 43-yard line.

Chasteen gained five all yards on the next play, but

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the Rockets were not able to convert either of the next three plays into a first down and gave the ball back to the Bobcats with 6:46 left in the opening quarter.

Bell County's Dawson Woolem carried the ball four times for 38 yards on the six-play scoring drive including a 28-yard touchdown run with 2:54 left in the quarter. The extra point conversion was good to put the Bob-

Both teams traded stopping the other on fourth downs to cause a turnover on downs before trading punts on threeand-out series with Rockcastle having excellent field position at their own 48-yard line with 5:10 left in the first half.

Four consecutive carries by Chasteen netted the Rockets 19 yards to set up a second-and-eight from the Bell County 33.

The Bobcats defense tightened and held their own in front of their home

of competitors in the

girls' invitational race at

the Louisville Classic hosted by Louisville

Eastern High School on

Saturday at E.P. "Tom"

Sawyer State Park. She

placed 62nd overall out

of 277 runners with a

great time of 21:37.8. She

had a very aggressive

first mile and was on

second half forcing punts by the other team. The Bobcats punt team pinned the Rockets at their own 1-yard line. Two plays later, disascrowd on Log Mountain

ter struck for the Rockets when a fumbled exchange at the goal line turned into a Bell County touchdown for the game's final touchdown with 4:31 left in the third

Despite being down 24-0 midway through the fourth quarter, the Rockets showed signs of life on offense on a 16-play drive including five first downs with three coming on third-down conversions and another on fourth down.

Big plays from Chasteen, Wright and Landon Dillingham kept the drive going multiple times including a 21-yard completion from Wright to Dillingham on fourthand-19 from their own

47. The drive would unfortunately come to an end with 0:27 remaining in the game when Wright's final pass attempt of the night was intercepted at the Bell County 8-yard line.

Despite the loss, Rockcastle held the Bobcats to just 240 yards of total offense.

Chasteen was all over the field throughout the night leading all Rockcastle defenders with 15 tackles despite playing with a banged-up shoulder.

Dillingham and Reese Coguer added five tackles each and were followed by Jake Sanders, Ethan Tyree and Landen Broaddus with four apiece.

Sanders added two tackles for loss and a quarterback sack, Tyree finished with a tackle for loss and Broaddus forced a fumble.

Medley, Isaiah Dehart, Marion Farthing and Anthony Goodin chipped in two tackles each including Dehart's tackle for loss and Goodin with a tackle for loss, quarterback sack and forced fumble.

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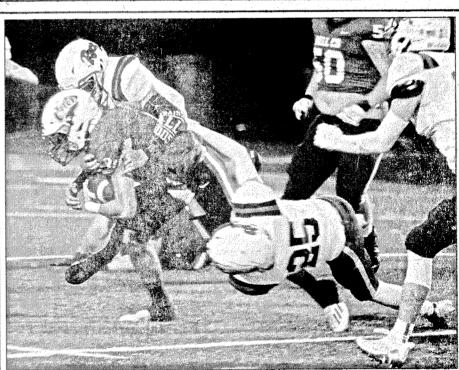
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Jake Sanders, Kaden Kidwell, Ethan Medley and Isaiah Dehart lead the blocking for Matthew Chasteen during the Rockets' 24-0 loss to Bell County Friday night.



Landon Dillingham returns a kickoff during the Rockets' 24-0 loss to Bell County Friday night.



Jake Sanders, Kaden Kidwell, Ethan Medley and Isaiah Dehart lead the blocking for Matthew Chasteen during the Rockets' 24-0 loss to Bell County Friday

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pace for an 18:23 over 5,000 meters. Lexi is hard

at work preparing to compete next Saturday at

the Haunted Woods Classic in Oldham County.

RCHS sophomore Lexi Dotson had another

solid performance against an outstanding field

At the Louisville Classic hosted by Louisville Eastern High School on Saturday at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park, Marshall University's crosscountry team had an awesome 2nd place finish out of 32 schools in the Women's 5k Blue division. Former Lady Rocket standout Tori Dotson (standing, fifth from left) showed great improvement while still recovering from an ankle injury that's slowed her down a bit. Tori placed 78th overall out of a very competitive field of 490 runners with a season's best time of 19:39.3. Marshall's own Abby Herring won the race with an amazing time of 17:45.7.



Tori Dotson (right) with her teammate and roommate, Mackenzie Stanley, holding the Louisville Slugger bat trophy after the team's second place performance.

Rocket volleyball extends to 6-0 in district play

A thrilling four-set victory over Somerset on Thurs., Sept. 30, gave the Rockcastle County Lady Rockets volleyball team a perfect 6-0 record in district seeding play with just two weeks left in the regular season.

The Lady Rockets took the 3-1 (21-25, 25-23, 25-23, 25-22) victory over the Briar Jumpers after dropping a tightly contested first set before taking the next three sets in even closer fashion.

Rockcastle, which is 12-5 according to the KHSAA scoreboard site, also picked up forfeit wins against Garrard County due to a COVID cancellation as well as an outright forfeit from Somerset Christian

against stellar for head

coach Loren Maples.

sists per set. Kylee Burns was once

Burns, a junior outside hitter, had a 17-kill, 17dig double-double to go along with a team-high five service aces against the Briar Jumpers.

Burns has run her kills total for the season to 163, which is a little over a third of the kills for the entire team and is averaging 4.18 kills per set. She leads the team in aces (33) and is second in digs

Keelee King, a junior setter, dished up 37 assists to go along with six digs, a kill and a block assist.

With her final assist of the night against Somerset, King reached 300 assists for the season and is averaging 7.69 as-

Laura Doan joined Burns in the double-digit kills column with 10 of her own while scooping up three digs and serving

Sarah Barron was exceptional once again from her libero position gobbling up a seasonhigh 37 digs, which eclipsed her previous season-high of 36 on Sept. 13 against Pulaski County in a 3-2 victory.

Barron also served four of the team's 19 aces on the night.

Hallie Brown also turned in a great allaround performance with eight kills, four digs, four aces and a block assist.

The Lady Rockets will now have this week off due to fall break but will return to action on Oct. 11 against Estill County for the first of three matches to close out the final week of the regular season

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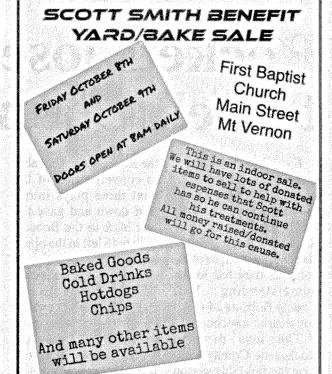
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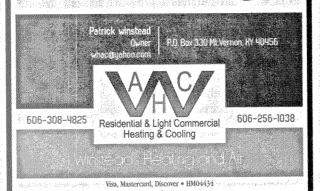
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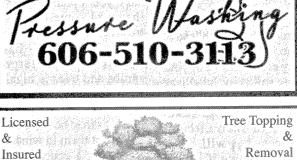
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Yards to Paradise

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Fall Preparation for
Plantings

Many a landscape and garden chore can be done in the fall of the year. One of those is preparing for plantings that may not happen for weeks or even before spring.

Tilling, spading, or turning of soil in fall is a tried and true method of having an area ready to plant in spring. Incorporating some lime or minerals into the soil ahead of the actual planting time is usually a good thing, but it's not recommended to add nitrogen fertilizer ahead of time. Also, for areas that may erode and wash your loose soil away, fall tillage isn't recommended. Planting of cover crops makes sense in such circumstances, but will delay spring planting if it must be tilled into the soil. Things like barley or wheat can simply be mowed in spring and you can start planting in the stubble.

Those not planning to dig or till should consider other options to keep weeds and grass from growing in the spots they my wish to plant fruit trees, shade trees, or create a garden bed for early plantings.

For some, the solution is to let it be, and spray weed killer in spring and plant soon thereafter.

Organic or natural treatments of future planting locations could include some of these options, using materials that are easily available: Mulch-cover your future planting area with mulch. Compost-applied to a thickness to smother weeds and grass. Chopped up leaves and/or small limbs that have been through a shredder or chipper-such makes a fine soil conditioner and as

compose they add a lot of nurtients to the soil and rob very little nitrogen from your future trees or plants. Obviously if you have some manure, some greensand or Azomite or rock phosphate, these can be added either under or on top of the mulching material. Rain and snow will carry many of the nutrients deeper into the soil and condition it for greater workability and tilth in the coming years.

If you are doing your plantings this fall, it's possible you'll plant first and then add some of these treatments on top of your planted trees. Fall plantings of all larger shrubs and trees is highly recommended in our area—small plants not so much, as frost heaving may be uproot them in winter.

Adding a couple other bits of advice you should note; don't put mulch or compost right up against the bark of your new plant, very little or no mulch should sit against the trunk of your new tree or bush.

And don't use any highnitrogen or quick release fertilizers in the fall, save those applications until late winter or early spring when the sap begins rising and buds begin swelling in preparation for spring growth.

Fall treatments can encourage new growth or productivity from an old tree in many cases, too.

But, today's topic is to prepare now to plant later. Adding minerals and organic matter to cover your future planting spots helps condition the earth for a better planting experience. And it's easily raked aside when you get ready to dig holes and plant at a later time, this is especially helpful if you plan to plant dormant bare-rooted trees or shrubs in early spring.

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October through December Transportation Cabinet issues "Antler Alert"

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is issuing an "Antler Alert" to remind motorists that its peak season for highway collisions involving deer and other wildlife on the move.

Shorter days and cooler nights, October through December, bring a noticeable increase in highway collisions involving deer, KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said. Drivers should be vigilant at all times, but the autumn presents a special challenge for drivers, with deer and other wildlife increasingly on the move, often at night.

Every year, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. issues a closely watched report of collisions involving deer and other wildlife, based on insurance claims. For the year that ended June 30, 2020, State Farm reported more than 1.9 million animal collision claims in the United States, of which 1.5 million involved deer.

On average, U.S. drivers have a 1 in 116 chance of a collision with an animal. Kentucky ranks above the national average and 18th among the states at 1 chance in 88. Drivers in neighboring West Virginia run the highest risk 1 in 37, according to State Farm. (View the report here.)

As the report notes, highway crash rates involving wildlife increase sharply in October, November and December with mating seasons, hunting seasons and fall harvests, which will prompt deer to roam in search of new hiding places and sources of food.

In Kentucky, 2,091 highway crashes involving

deer were reported to police in 2020, according to a data base maintained by Kentucky State Police and closely followed by the KYTC Office of Highway Safety. Of that total, 123 occurred in Boone County more than in any other county. Rounding out the 10 highest totals were Christian County (101), Hopkins County (95), Campbell County (93), Hardin County (86), Warren County (85), Muhlenberg County (75), Pulaski County (70), Henderson County (69) and Franklin and Kenton counties (68 each). A complete list is here.

KYTC offers these driving tips to help improve safety:

•Slow down immediately upon spotting a deer crossing the roadway; they tend to travel in groups.

•Dont swerve to avoid a deer, which can result in a more serious crash with an oncoming vehicle or roadside object.

•In the event of a crash, keep both hands on the wheel and apply brakes steadily until stopped.

•Always wear a seat belt.

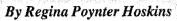
•Keep headlights on bright unless other vehicles are approaching.

•Eliminate distractions while driving: Phones

•Drive defensively, constantly scanning the roadside, especially at dawn and dusk when deer are most active.

Motorists are asked to report all deer-vehicle collisions to police. KYTC traffic engineers use the crash data to aid in placing deer-crossing warning signs and other safety mea-

Mamaw's Kitchen



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SQUASH CASSEROLE

6 tablespoons butter, di-

About 5 medium yellow

squash, sliced 1/4 inch

1 medium onion, chopped

2 teaspoon kosher salt, di-

2 large eggs, slightly

1 container (8 ounce) sour

1 cup shredded sharp

1/2 cup shredded Swiss

2 sleeves round buttery

1/4 cup shredded

Preheat oven to 350.

Lightly grease 7 x 11 or 2-

quart baking dish. Melt 3

tablespoons butter in large

skillet over medium-high

heat. Add squash, onion,

and 1 teaspoon salt. Cook,

stirring often, until center

of squash is just tender,

and liquid has evaporated,

about 10 minutes. Trans-

fer mixture to colander.

Drain and discard liquid.

Stir together eggs, sour

cream, cheddar cheese,

Swiss cheese, mayon-

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Gently fold in squash mix-

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Melt remaining. Toss to-

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GRANNY BURTON'S POTATO CROQUETTE

This is my favorite way to use up leftover mashed potatoes. A couple of years ago while visiting Rhonda, some of her friends from church dropped by. Rhonda had told them so much about these very tasty croquettes; they asked me to make them some. They agreed that these were as good as we always thought they were.

1 large egg, divided 25 saltine crackers, crumbled and divided 1 and 1/2 cups cold leftover mashed potatoes

4 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil

1/2 onion, chopped fine
Divide egg and put yolk in
a large bowl. Put the egg
white in a smaller shallow
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3 cup of the cracker
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the large bowl with the egg

3 cup of the cracker crumbs. Add potatoes to the large bowl with the egg yolk. Add onions and 1/3 cup of the crumbled crackers. Mix thoroughly. Set back in refrigerator to cool for about 15 minutes. This makes the croquettes easier to shape. Beat the egg white with a fork until frothy and doubles in volume. Shape the potato mixture into 6 triangle shaped tubes (or into patties). Roll each croquette in the egg and then in the cracker crumbs. Press cracker crumbs into the mixture until evenly coated. Put oil in large non-stick skillet. Heat on medium-high. When hot, carefully place the croquettes in skillet. Let brown, about 3 minutes. Turn with spatula so the second side is in the oil. Brown. Turn again so the

15 minutes. Serve hot. CRANBERRY SALAD

I don't always wait until Thanksgiving to make this salad. It is wonderful with any entrée. As soon as the fresh cranberries come into season, I buy several bags and freeze them to use anytime. It also freezes well once it has been made.

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1 bag fresh or frozen cranberries

2 medium oranges
1/2 to 3/4 cup white sugar
Wash and sort cranberries.
Using a food processer or
chopper, chop cranberries.
Peel one orange. Chop
both oranges—one with
the peeling and one without. Add sugar to taste and
let sit for 10 to 15 minutes
until sugar melts. This

freezes very well.

BREAKFAST

CASSEROLE

6 cups shredded hash browns 6 tablespoons butter,

melted
1 pound sausage, browned and drained

2 tablespoons onions, chopped 1/2 cup green or red pep-

pers diced
2 cups shredded cheddar

cheese
4 large eggs
1 cup half & half or heavy

cream
A few dashes of hot sauce,
optional

salt and pepper to taste Preheat oven to 425°. Place potatoes in a 9 x 13 dish and pour melted butter over them. Stir until combined. Press to make a crust. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until potatoes are crisp around the edges. Remove from oven and set aside. Brown sausage with onions and peppers. Drain. In a medium bowl whisk eggs, half & half or cream, hot sauce if desired, salt, and pepper. Sprinkle sausage, onions, and pepper mixture over the potato

Donate Life KY hosting Virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Kentucky Circuit Clerks' Trust For Life and Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates are kicking off the month of October with their annual Donate Life Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The annual competition is part of a seasonal effort to spread awareness around the importance of organ and tissue donation.

As part of this effort, participants are asked to decorate a pumpkin or gourd with a blue and green theme, while highlighting the great things about organ/tissue donation. Participants may paint, carve or decorate their pumpkin when taking creative liberties with their design. Examples include illustrating the Donate Life KY logo or carving various types of shapes to depict different organs.

During the competition, there will be two divisions: 18 and older, and 18 and under. One 18 and older winner will receive Donate Life swag items and a \$250 gift card. The prize for the 18 and under winner is a Nintendo Switch Lite. There will be a first and second place winner for each division with corresponding prizes. Everyone who decorates a pumpkin for entry will receive a Donate Life KY t-shirt.

Important Dates:

• Oct. 22: Last day to submit your photo entry to https://bit.ly/donatelifepumpkins

• Oct. 25 to Oct. 28: Online voting is open on Facebook; likes, shares and comments determine the overall winner.

• Nov. 1: Winners will be announced on social media; winners will be notified via the email address they used to submit their entry.

For more information about Donate Life KY's mission, visit donatelifeky.org.

About Donate Life KY:

Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) is an organ procurement organization whose mission is to provide organ and tissues to those in need while maintaining a profound respect for those who gave. The mission of Trust For Life (TFL) is to educate and encourage Kentuckians to register as organ and tissue donors while obtaining a driver's license and beyond. These organizations partner in education and outreach and use the combined, national Donate Life brand; learn more at www.donatelifeky.org.

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October 9th and 10th

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