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Arrest made in murder of local woman



Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk (left) and Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter (behind) escorted Arturo Perez to the door of the Rockcastle County Detention Center Tuesday, October 20, after his arrest. Perez is charged with the murder of Famey Marlene Anderkin Hellard on September 29.

Describes graphic scene

After a joint investigation between the Mount Vernon Police Department and the Kentucky State Police, Arturo Perez, 26, was arrested Tuesday and charged with the murder of Famey Marlene Anderkin Hellard.

The fatal stabbing made statewide news on September 9th when Hellard's body was found in her new Mount Vernon business, The Glitter Box.

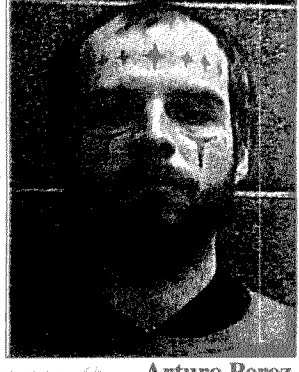
Hellard had only opened the new business weeks earlier. Police say a family member found the body on the floor of the establishment on Richmond Street.

Assistant Mount Vernon Police Chief Joe Rush led the investigation and was assisted by KSP Detective Ryan Loudermilk.

According to the arrest citation, Perez had been caught on a local video camera walking in the area on the evening of the murder and then was seen on the same camera walking away from the scene after the murder.

The citation says Perez admitted, after being read his Miranda Rights, to using a fake gun to attempt a robbery at The Glitter Box. The citation says Perez admitted he stabbed Hellard during the robbery in the neck and head area and during the assault he cut the jugular vein of the victim. He also said that he "knew she would be gone soon."

By: Mike French
Editor



—Arturo Perez

(See "Murder" on A6)

In-person classes stopped through Friday

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County Schools closed to in-person attendance on Wednesday of this week, due to a spike in COVID-19 cases, according to Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, and all students are now taking classes from home with their new Chromebooks.

Ballinger and health officials had been watching the COVID-19 situation closely after a recent spike at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead.

The school system has announced plans to stop in-person classes if the community incident rate reached 25, but when the county actually reached that rate, most cases were centered at the Brodhead facility and not throughout the community.

But, when the Rockcastle County Health Department contacted the school system Monday and informed Ballinger that the rate was 26.5 overall in the community, the decision was made to cancel in-person classes.

"This increase puts our county in red status overall," said Ballinger. "As a result and, out of an abundance of caution, Rockcastle County Schools will return to virtual learning or NTI at all schools from Wednesday, October 21st through Friday, October 23rd. This means that all students will utilize their Chromebooks to complete learning at home using lessons assigned in Google Classroom or Odyssey on those days."

Student tests positive

All students as well as non-school age children, may pick up breakfast and lunch at their nearest community site during this time, Ballinger said.

On Friday, October 23rd, Ballinger plans to review the incident rate to determine if schools will resume in-person classes

(See "Classes" on A6)

School board hears about 2020 progress

— 47,000 meals served

By: Mike French
Editor

(Editor's note: This story was written last week before classes were cancelled due to COVID-19.)

The Rockcastle County School Board sat in a full conference room for the first regular meeting since classes resumed in 2020 on Tuesday, October 13th.

This year's idea of school is much different than any year before and teachers, administrators and parents are all learning a new way to teach students, according to school officials

While some students are attending class in person two days per week and NTI lessons on Fridays, other students are taking all classes virtually from home. This first regular board meeting

(See "School" on A6)

Rockcastle UNITE Community Celebration set for Saturday

Rockcastle UNITE will host a Community Celebration on Saturday, October 24th at Mt. Vernon First Baptist Church from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Featured speaker will be Monty Burks, BS, PhD who is the Director of Faith-Based Services for the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Substance Services.

Through first weekend in November Livingston Haunted House up and running

The Livingston Haunted House has been open on Friday and Saturdays since the first weekend in October and will continue through the first weekend in November.

Glenna Robinson and Creative Minds are taking all precautions in following CDC guidelines in

(See "House" on A6)

Twelve days to election Nearly 20 percent have already voted

By: Mike French
Editor

"We have had a lot of early voters," said Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Allen. "Most everyone seems to think this year will be a very good turn out."

those who voted in the last general election had already cast their ballot in the general election.

In the last general election, Donald Trump trounced Hillary Clinton in Rockcastle County. Pf 6,610 voters casting their

(See "Voted" on A6)

Climax Trick or Treat

(This story was published last week with an error in the date. We appologize for the error.)

Operators of the Climax Community Care Center are doing their part to see that kids follow state guidelines but still don't go without candy

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(See "Climax" on A6)

Trick or Treating is Sat., Oct. 31st at Livingston

This year's Halloween Trick or Treating in Livingston will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m., according to Mayor Dwane Mink.

All trick or treat participants, and chaperones, must wear masks and gloves and remain 8-10 feet apart, per group. Citizens handing out candy please have your porch light on and wear gloves and masks.

214 cases in county

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, as of Tuesday, October 20, there were 214 positive cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Rockcastle County with 83 additional probable cases. This week there were 13 additional cases confirmed at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation facility in Brodhead. Four of those were staff members.

Clarification

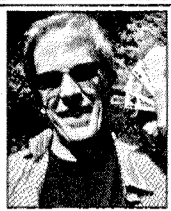
In the photo of the unidentified citizen voting last week using a paper ballot, we suggested she chose the paper ballot. She was not offered an electronic ballot. A paper ballot that is run through a machine after being marked is the only voting method available in early voting.

• Printing in pink to raise awareness — October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month •

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Grandma used to call me "quire." It was a word I heard a lot because apparently I did things she just didn't think was normal human behavior.

I don't like for my food to touch. At home I have a three compartment tray. It is much more difficult to wash and it doesn't stack right in the cabinet, but it keeps my taters from touching my peas.

I practically can't eat dinner if there is a white spot on my pork chop where a mashed potato has touched the side of it.

The worst thing that has ever happened to a meal, is that watery stuff that comes out of a bottle of ketchup that has been sitting for awhile.

If I turn over a bottle of ketchup and that gross, clear liquid stuff comes out onto my burger, the burger, bun, and all goes directly into the yard for my dog.

The same thing hap-

pens with mustard. I end up shaking the bottle of ketchup and mustard like a Lowe's paint can shaker every time I get them out of the fridge.

Somehow, it is okay for my cornbread to get in my soup beans. And it's okay for crackers to get in my chili. That's the way it was meant to be.

But, I believe it was part of the plan of creation when God gave humans the ability to make knives, that foods are not supposed to touch each

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Points East

By Ike Adams

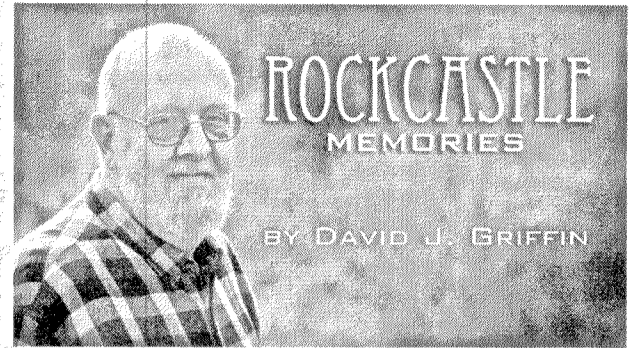


Following up on last week's column, I've had several emails and facebook queries from readers wanting to know where we Blair Branch natives stored stuff, like potatoes, that were staples of our meals at least once and often 2 or 3 times a day, every day. I was not personally a fan of hash brown fried potatoes for breakfast, growing up, probably because we rarely fixed them, but some families relied on

fried potatoes for breakfast as much as my family relied on them for supper.

Most families on the holler stored several bushels of potatoes and kept the bulk of them stored in freeze proof storage pits under their homes or in attics or rooms in their homes where they could keep them from freezing. In case you are wondering, a potato that has been frozen is one ruined spud and you'd better feed it to the hogs pretty quickly or even they won't eat it. A bushel of frozen potatoes is a horrible stink and a mess

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Horse Apples

My brother (Al) and I were recently discussing our grandfather's (Pop) apple orchard, and we both specifically remembered his two trees of horse apples. Al recalled, "Pop never took any interest in trimming or pruning any of his trees."

I remembered that about Pop, too. He simply fashioned six or eight long poles with a fork on one end and then used these poles to prop up the horse apple limbs when

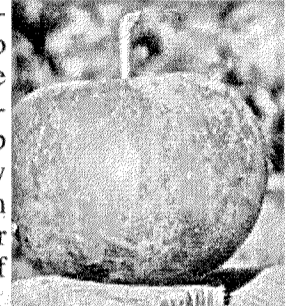
they were heavy with apples.

For my readers who are unaware of horse apples, I did a little research to see how they are defined. The following is what I found: "The original old-timey apple that everybody still loves.

The horse apple tree yields fruit that is good for cooking and baking. An excellent late apple to wrap for winter.

Very tart until they

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



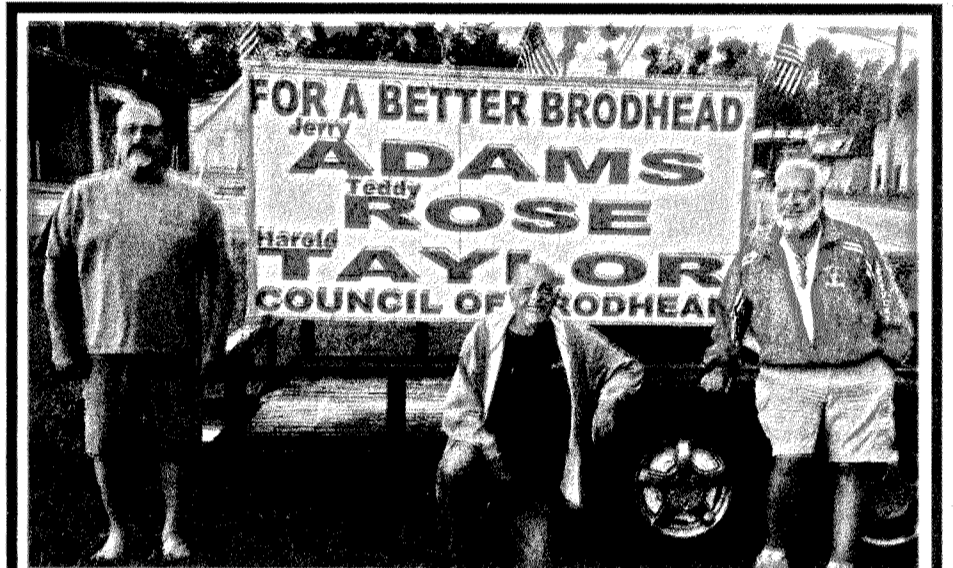
Date Night Adventure
Dear Journal,

Stanley and I made our weekly trip to Walmart last Thursday late after-

noon. It was an unusually beautiful fall afternoon and the temperature was perfect. So, we decided to make a little event out of it, a little "date night" so to speak. We could sleep in the next morning so we were in no hurry.

We decided to get a pizza with "the works" on it...just about everything you could put on a pizza. Then we headed out to Levi Jackson State Park to eat it. We parked "down by the old mill stream". You know, that would make a good song title. There were quite a few people out enjoying the beauty of the park, the lovely weather and the brilliant fall colors. It seemed that all was aglow in tones of amber, yellow, scarlet and or-

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Teddy Rose - Jerry Adams - Harold Taylor

Dear Friends and Fellow Citizens of Brodhead, All three of us are lifetime residents of Brodhead. We would and do ask for your vote for us on November 3, 2020.

We are running as individuals, but we are using the same advertisements together to save 2/3rd of the bill. We will do the same for Brodhead when we are elected as Commissioners, to save money for the taxpayers on November 3, 2020.

Thanking you in advance for your vote.

Folks, don't forget the incumbents have had four to 16 years to get these problems fixed, and fixed none.

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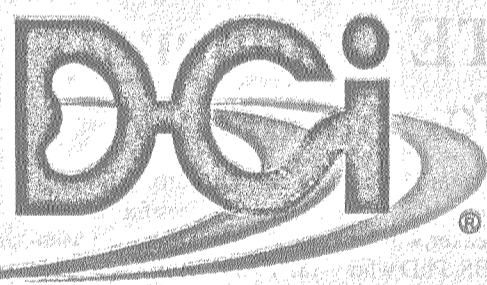
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“Points East”

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you don't want to contend with if they've thawed out for a few days.

So, any time it looked it looked like the weather was going to get well below freezing for any extended period of time, folks took extra precautions to keep their potatoes from freezing by covering them with quilts and blankets, old feed sacks and anything else they could find that might help keep them from freezing. During exceptionally cold weather we kept stoves and fireplaces

going strong around the clock and we were at least as concerned about keeping the potatoes and canned goods from freezing as we were about human comfort.

Mom and Dad were often up and down all hours at night to keep to keep the kitchen cook stove burning, not because anyone slept there, but because that stove was situated directly under the big upstairs room where we kept the potatoes, onions, and much of our home canned goods stored throughout the winter. I can vividly recall sleeping up there, myself, because it was often the warmest room

in the house.

The downside to keeping the potatoes warm all winter was because, by mid January, they would start to dry and shrivel up. By the middle of February, they were more akin to leather covered, rubber balls than they were to vegetables. Onions would get so pungent they were hard to eat without shedding tears. Still a shriveled potato was far better than no potato at all.

But we had a no fail solution to shriveled potatoes because we'd holed up more than 20 bushels of fresh ones the previous October. I don't recall anybody else on the holler storing large amounts of potatoes this way, but we kept a "tater hole" about 8 or 10 feet in diameter and just over 3 feet deep. We lined the bottom and sides of the hole with dry corn fodder, straw and dead beech leaves, filled it with up to 25 bushels of potatoes, then covered the potatoes with more of the same lining. We bought a roll of tar paper and layered it over the fodder to keep out rain and drainage, then covered the whole thing with a foot or so of garden soil and let it sit there until about the first of March or until we'd had all the shriveled up spuds we could stomach by late February.

To this day the best potatoes I have ever tasted, or ever hope to, came out of that tater hole as soon as we opened it up. They were firm, hefty and had a grainy, mealy texture, unlike any freshly dug garden potato. I recall eating them raw with a salt shaker nearby and thinking they were as tasty as any apple.

We sold a lot of them to neighbors almost as fast as word got out that Dad had opened up the tater hole, kept a few bushels for our household and saved only a variety called Irish Cobblers for seed because Dad didn't believe the other 2 varieties we kept holed up (Kennebecks and Red Pontiacs) produced as well as the so called "certified" seed he purchased at the farm store in 100 pound sacks.

I'm hoping to get the Woolly Worm forecast out next week, but this not apt to be the last time you will hear about taters on Blair Branch in the next few weeks. Stay tuned.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

ripen.”

I remember Pop putting several baskets of horse apples in his cellar. I would grab one of these tart apples on a regular basis, take out my pocket knife, and enjoy the apple as I walked in the woods.

I also distinctly recall my mother (Bee) and Mommie Katie sitting on the porch swing with a basket of horse apples at their feet. They peeled and sliced those apples with the intention of drying them. These dried apples would become fried apple pies or dried apple-stack cakes that we served for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. I can't remember loving any dessert as much as I did those wonderful fried apple pies. A warm pie (or two) and a glass of cold milk was divine.

The only other way I can remember Bee using these dried apples was to prepare fried apples for breakfast or dinner. I loved fried apples best for breakfast. They were

awesome with fried eggs and home-made sausage, prepared in my mother's big, black iron skillet. Sometimes, I can still recall the wonderful smells that radiated from my mother's kitchen.

Even though the property where Pop and Mommie Katie lived is completely grown up, I can't help but wonder if that big horse apple tree in Pop's orchard is still standing. I suppose that is unlikely, but I will always recall the many times I stopped at that tree to grab an apple or two as I walked between Pop's house and Bee's. Those are wonderful memories.

As a matter of fact, I could go for a horse apple right about now.

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

“Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

other until they meet up inside the belly.

Grandma and my father didn't seem to mind their foods touching at all. And my female half actually piles all of her food in one pile on her plate. On purpose. She likes it that way and like grandma, she tells me that it's all going to wind up in the same place anyway.

But I usually remind her that people are all going to end up as dust someday, too. But I don't want to become dust until the time comes.

Only after I have lived a full life am I willing to combine my bones with the dust of the earth. Similarly, only after I have swallowed and enjoyed the taste, do I want to combine my lima beans with my cottage cheese.

I also don't understand onions. I hate, hate, hate onions. On anything.

Once any type of food is even in the same room as an onion, that food suddenly tastes like an onion.

And chefs flood everything that touches a skillet with onions. If you ever watch any cooking show on television, just wait a moment, the onions are coming.

If everything that is ever cooked is going to taste like an onion, why do people cook anything except onions? Americans should only grow onion crops and serve only one meal, three times a day.

Fried onion, boiled onion, baked onion, grilled onion and raw on-

ion seem to be the only choices of flavor on earth.

I don't know why anyone even grows any other crop since no matter what food people are cooking, it's going to taste like an onion when the chef finishes cooking it.

The only other thing on earth that I cannot stomach is pizza. Even the smell of a pizza in the room turns my stomach.

Probably the worst taste ever left in my mouth is the flavor of a pizza and they don't make enough mouthwash to get rid of it.

I just know that the next party I throw, I'm going to just hand out onions at the door when the guests arrive and tell them it is T-Bone steak. How would they know the difference? Everything tastes like onions anyway.

I'll just continue in my "quire" ways and protect my 3-compartment tray and hate onions and pizza and invent a ketchup that doesn't separate and I'll be fine.

I hate onions, I hate my foods to touch, I hate pizza and I can't stand cheese of any kind for any reason.

So far, there's no law against separating foods, no law that says I have to eat pizza, no law that says I must eat cheese and no law that says I have to be in the same room as an onion.

Such laws do not exist. Then again, I'm sure Andy Beshear just hasn't thought of it yet or he would mandate it "for my own good. Because we're all in this together," or something.

“T.J.s”

(Cont. from A2)

The water in the stream was down a little but beautiful nonetheless. There were ducks and geese swimming along at their own leisurely pace. I can remember not so long ago when there were some of the most graceful, magnificent swans you could imagine that swam on the stream as well.

Several people were making pictures here and there. One lady had three teenage daughters dressed in jeans and sweaters who brought pumpkins as props for most of their

pictures. There were a few senior couples leisurely strolling, intently caught up in conversation. It is good to see couples who really enjoy each other's company. It is becoming a rare thing.

I remember so many aspects of my life at this park. As a child, I enjoyed coming to play on the playground. I remember so many family reunions that were held there. Most of the attendees have now passed from this life. Sometimes I would take Mom and Grandma there on beautiful afternoons such as this. We have made many pictures there, as well. The evening light was beginning to lower and we knew we needed to take care of business at hand.

Before going to Walmart, I had the idea of going to Baskin Robbins for ice cream. The store had been in town for several months, maybe a year or two but you know how time is when you're old, and we had never been. They probably had some sugar-free ice cream, too. We were in luck, they did have sugar-free ice cream. It was vanilla-caramel with chocolate swirls and Reese cup pieces. It was like "turtle" candy. We got two scoops each. Four scoops of ice cream was \$9.80 some cents. Outrageous! Small scoops at that.

As we sat eating our outrageously expensive ice cream in their parking lot, we talked. I told Stanley that we were eating in the cemetery as usual. This time it is "Dessert with the Dead". Several years ago, a fairly big cemetery was in the way of business property and zoning and such, so they dug it all up and moved it out to the A.R. Dyche Memorial Park in the middle of London. They had reduced a fairly big cemetery into a few square yards. Everything couldn't have been moved. That whole strip mall, for the most part, is over a cemetery. Just no respect if you ask me. Shameful. Leave the dead to rest in peace. That is one reason why I am hesitant in going to the strip mall stores. My way of protest, I guess. Now, for the big adventure... on to Walmart. I'm going to buy some cheap ice cream.

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DBCAA Board Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will hold a board of directors meeting Tuesday, October 27th at 10 a.m. at the central office. The meeting will be view through Zoom in the conference room. The public is invited. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Farm Bureau Accepting Fruit/Nut Orders

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau is currently accepting orders for the Florida Citrus Fruit and Nut program. If you are a Farm Bureau member and would like to place an order, you may contact us for more information at 606-256-2050. Order deadline is October 30th.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

American Legion Post 71

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

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Obituaries

Roberta "Bobby" Nicely

Roberta "Bobby" Nicely, 81, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Manchester on May 20, 1939, the daughter of Lee and Mary Messer Hoskins. She was a retired textile factory employee.



She is survived by: three sons, Rick and Marquita Helton of Harrodsburg, Jack Nicely of Mt. Vernon, and Jacob and Noel Helton of Springboro, OH; two daughters, Jeanette Devine of Brodhead and Jean and Lamar Brown of Acworth, GA; a brother, T.L. Hoskins of Manchester; and a sister, Mae Coyle of Cincinnati, OH. 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Nicely, four brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Stallsworth. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Darrel Burkhardt, Donald Devine Carl Brent Helton, Ricky Helton, Travis Helton, and Trevor Moore.

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

Linda Jean Durham

Linda Jean McClure Durham, 64, wife of Boyd Durham of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born March 12, 1956 in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of the late Den and Mary (Isaacs) McClure. She was of the Baptist faith, enjoyed dancing, shopping, family, grandkids, canning, holidays with family, and singing.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Boyd Durham of whom she married on December 7, 1979, celebrated 40 years of marriage, of Mt. Vernon; children, Tim Durham (Michelle) of Cincinnati, OH, Randy Durham of Cincinnati, OH, George Durham of Lexington, Boyd Durham, II (Rebecca) of Mt. Vernon, April Powell (Brad) of Mt. Vernon, Austin Stewart (Morgan) of Mt. Vernon, and Alexis Stewart of London; grandchildren, Haylee Durham, Dawson Durham, Rhonda Hopkins, Amber and LaDori Durham, and Ivy Lawrence; four great grandchildren; two special family members, Lisa Mason and Denton McFerron; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: three sisters, Elizabeth Barton, Evelyn McFerron, and Lois Mullins; and two children, Wayne Junior Durham and Stacy Lynn Durham.

Visitation for Mrs. Linda J. Durham will be Thursday, October 22 from 6-9 p.m. at Red Hill Baptist Church. Funeral services will be Friday, October 23, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Red Hill Baptist Church with Bro. Ova Baker officiating. Burial will follow in Red Hill Cemetery.

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

Oscar Hensley

Oscar Hensley, Sr., 87, of Orlando, husband of Wanda, died Friday, October 16, 2020 at his residence. He was born May 5, 1933 in Orlando, a son of the late Jack and Mary Smith Hensley. He was an employee of the Kentucky Highway Department. Oscar enjoyed gardening, flowers, fishing and his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a member of Calloway Holiness Church. On Dec. 7, 1960 he was united in marriage to Wanda Owens and they enjoyed 59 years together.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Wanda Hensley; five children, Clinton (Joann) Hensley of Orlando, Oscar Elijah (Frances) Hensley of Mt. Vernon, and Jack (Betty) Hensley, Edna (Johnny) Newcomb, and Kathy (Danny) Owens, all of Orlando; 10 grandchildren, Dale (Glenda Jo) Hensley, Stephanie (A.J.) Hensley, Dougie (Kasey) Newcomb, Mary (Pete) Newcomb, Bobby Hensley, Sabrina Hensley, Trina Gail Mink, Serena Hollin, Jessica Owens, and Ashley Owens; great grandchildren, Dalton, Jaden, Ashtin, Colson and Braxton James Hensley, Kellie, Hunter and Chase Newcomb, Carson and Katelyne Cromer, Alia and Emma Hensley, Isaiah Bowles, Kisha and Ryan Newcomb, Bailey, Brianna and Bobby Lee Hensley, Courtney (Blake) King, Logan Hensley, Isaiah Owens, Katilyn Hollin, Allison and Andrew McCoy; his little boys Butterball and Peanut; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: brothers, Bill, John, Joe, Wainwright, and Lewis Hensley; sisters, Margaret Helton and Minnie Alcorn; grandson, James Elijah Hensley; and great grandchild, Shayla Brook Hensley.

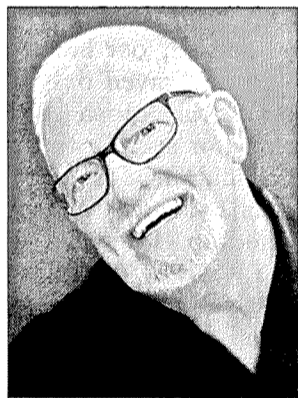
Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at Calloway Holiness Church with Bros. Lonnie McGuire, Phillip Doan, and George Poynter officiating. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at:

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Dwight Samuel Hoskins

Dwight Samuel Hoskins, 66, born in Brodhead, died October 12, 2020. Dwight and Donita were married at Mill Springs in 1979 and celebrated over 40 years together. He was a devoted father to their children, Sean and Kelly, a loyal and doting grandfather to Sophia, Anna, Natalie, and Ethan, and excited great-grandfather to Beau Henry. Dwight is survived by his sisters Patsy, Birdie, and Charlene.



He was known to all as "The Doc" or "Papa", but would answer to anyone who offered a good bourbon. "The Doc" aka "Papa" will continue to be remembered as a loving husband, a kind father, a stubborn yet affectionate grandfather, a supportive brother, a great teacher, mentor and coach, and truly a genuine friend. He never knew a stranger, and has given all of us a bright reflection of what it takes to be a great man.

The oft shared Kindness Pledge with a touch of the Hoss:

I pledge to myself on this day, to try to be kind in every way. To every person, big and small, I will help them if they fall. When you love yourself and others too, that is the best that you can do...make the day great, or not; the choice is up to you.

-Doc

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Bishop Watterson High School (99 E Cooke Rd. Columbus, Ohio 43214).

Visitation was held Friday, October 16, 2020 at Schoppenhorst, Underwood and Brooks Funeral Home (Preston Hwy. at Brooks Rd.) with cremation following.

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Card of Thanks

Roger Hopkins

The family of Roger Hopkins would like to thank everyone for the many prayers and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our husband, dad, brother, and uncle.

We are thankful for Compassionate Care Center of Richmond, and EMS drivers of Rockcastle who provided care for him, and to Dr. Williams and Staff for making his visits with them brighter.

We deeply appreciated Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and staff for their caring service.

A special thanks to Chris Bishop and Randall Adams for their kind and caring words, and a big thanks to all who sent food and other items.

Reda, R.J. Brothers, Sisters, Nieces, and Nephews

Hazel Abney Vanzant

Hazel Abney Vanzant, 93, of New Paris, OH, and formerly of Mount Vernon, died unexpectedly and peacefully on October 18, 2020, at Reid Hospital in Richmond, IN with her children by her side.



She was born December 7, 1926, in Flint, MI to the late Ernest T. Abney and Pearl (Laswell) Abney Gullett. She married the love of her life, Ernest Boyd Vanzant in 1950, and together they moved to New Paris.

Hazel attended Eastern Kentucky University and finished her bachelor's degree at Miami University. She taught in one-room schools in Kentucky early in her career before teaching for several years at C.R. Coblenz Elementary in New Paris. She was a Life Member of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, a member of the Preble County Retired Teachers Association, Preble County Farm Bureau, and always maintained her church membership at New Hope Baptist Church in Johnetta.

Hazel treasured time with family and enjoyed many trips to visit relatives in Kentucky. She traveled extensively, having been to all the states except Hawaii and most of the provinces in Canada. With her brother, she traveled all the Amtrak routes in the US and VIA Rail in Canada from Toronto to British Columbia. She saw polar bears in Hudson Bay, traveling by Tundra Buggy to view them. She enjoyed camping, boating, and fishing with family and was active in the daily operations of businesses she and her family created in the New Paris area. Whenever possible, she was outside working in the garden, enjoying the wildlife that frequented her bird feeders, or exploring the woods surrounding her home.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Ernest "Boyd"; her step-father, K.C. Gullett; a son, Brent Alan Vanzant; five infant siblings; sisters, Delia Prather and Lillian Brynjegard; daughter-in-law, Deborah Vanzant; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, with whom she was very close.

She is survived by: her son, Stephen (Sharon) Vanzant of New Paris; her daughter, Joanele (Charley) Hoce of West Manchester, OH; a brother, Ernest (Joyce) Abney of Titusville, FL; a brother-in-law, OC Vanzant of New Paris; grandchildren, CJ (Emily) Hoce, Shane Vanzant, and numerous step-grandchildren; great granddaughter, Aria Hoce, and several step great grandchildren. She also leaves many special nieces and nephews who were like children and grandchildren to her.

The family of Hazel Vanzant would like to acknowledge the compassionate care provided by staff of Vancrest in Eaton and the nurses and doctors of Reid Hospital.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at Spring Lawn Cemetery in New Paris with Rev. Eric Fee officiating.

Due to the current pandemic, a memorial service is being planned for a later date for those family and friends who are not comfortable attending at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to L&M Products, 1407 N. Barron Street, Eaton, Ohio 45320, or Johnetta Cemetery's Perpetual Care Fund.

Online condolences or Hugs-From-Home may be shared with the family by visiting www.tributefuneralhomes.com.

Card of Thanks

In Loving Memory

Betty Lois Lamb

A special thank you from the family of Mrs. Betty Lois Lamb to: Hospice Care Plus, Pastor Jamie Hamilton, Joy Reynolds, Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Pam's Flowers and Gifts, Roundstone Baptist Church, Maple Grove Baptist Church and family and friends for all your prayers, calls, thoughts, food and gifts in honor of Mrs. Betty Lois Lamb.

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

Again, thank you.
The Family of
Mrs. Betty Lois Lamb



In Memory of David Creech

58 years ago today, I gave birth to this handsome man. On January 19th, he will be gone two years. Life doesn't get any easier.

Dear Lord,

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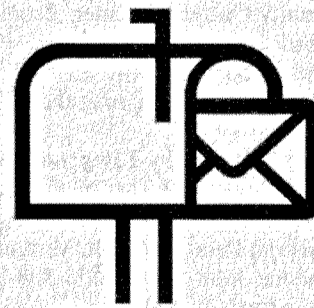
Although his soul is now at rest and free from care and pain, the world would be like Heaven, if we had you back again.

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Fiscal court hears from new Livingston Mayor

— Working through financial difficulties

By: Mike French
Editor

Newly-appointed Livingston Mayor Dwane King called his city commission meeting last Monday evening, "explosive with a lot of disagreement." King then came to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's regular monthly meeting Tuesday with apparent accusations of misused funds, missing equipment and furniture, missing city files and suggestions that the county has kept rental fees that belong to the City of Livingston.

King was appointed Livingston mayor after the resignation of Jason Medley last month and, since taking over he told the fiscal court, he has dealt with issues he did not expect. "I was told one thing and then come to find out things were different than that," he said.

During a lengthy discussion with the court and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, King listed misunderstandings and Holbrook attempted to address them one at a time. The discussion of Livingston's finances, revenues and future negotiations took most of the meeting.

King agreed to look into the issues further and meet with those directly involved with each of his complaints but appeared unsatisfied with the results of the meeting.

The court did agree to provide \$1,500 to the City of Livingston security fund. This was an increase of \$500 over the regular monthly expense since the court voted to only provide \$500 last month after the resignation of Livingston Police Chief Travis Richardson. However, a new police chief started immediately so the court agreed to provide the \$500 from last

month with this month's regular \$1,000 security payment.

But that wasn't the end of the evening's troubles. County Treasurer Joe Clontz then told the court the county's financial situation is "real thin at this time." In fact, he told the court that, after paying this month's bills, "the general fund will be \$51,349 in the hole and the Jail fund will be \$44,640 in the hole." Clontz also said the LGA fund and the 911 fund currently have negative balances.

But there is apparently a light at the end of the tunnel. "After this month, we have occupational tax coming and other sources of revenues coming in and I think we are going to be fine after that," he said. Clontz discussed \$50,000 that is "tied to the MicroFoodery note" but suggested the county avoid using that fund. "If we have to, we can transfer from that fund but I would be inclined to leave it alone if at all possible. These problems are mostly just timing issues," he said. "There are three pay periods in October and the problems are mostly just the way things are falling right now."

Immediately after the discussion of financial difficulties, the court agreed to make donations to the Rockcastle Arts Association for the Noël Night Market (\$1,500) and the Kiwanis Club (\$500) as well as support the History Garden (\$300). These donations will not be made until November when finances are in better condition, according to Holbrook. Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum informed the court the \$300 dona-

tion to the history garden will put them in the "Bronze status" of donors with "Silver" being donations of \$500 to \$999 and "Gold" as donations of \$1,000 or more.

The court-approved the county ordinance requiring encroachment permits on county road's right-of-way by a unanimous vote.

Medley provided the court with \$725 in fees for the September rental of the Livingston Gym. Medley receives a fee each month to oversee the rental, scheduling, record keeping, cleaning and upkeep of the gym.

The court also received a report from the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority showing a \$4,095 surplus.

In other business, the court voted to purchase a new 2020 International 4X4 dump bed truck for \$65,613.

Holbrook also told the court he had requested funding of \$141,319 from the CARES Act and is waiting to hear about the status of those funds.

The court also received the completed county drug and alcohol policy which will require all new conditionally hired employees to submit to a drug and alcohol test within 24 hours of being hired. Any employee involved in any accident must also be tested.

Any employee not passing either test shall not be hired.

In other action the court voted to sell four surplus vehicles, along with many surplus items, that are still inside the recently sold Mt. Vernon Plastics building.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 10 at 4 p.m. at the Rockcastle County courthouse.

Also finalist for national award

Camel gets regional ACTE Perkins Award

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) recently announced Tammy Camel, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Rockcastle County High School in Mt. Vernon, as the recipient of the 2020 ACTE Region II Carl Perkins Community Service Award. This award recognizes individuals who have used career and technical education (CTE) to make a significant impact on their community and demonstrated

leadership in programs and activities that promote student involvement in community service.

Tammy Blackburn Camel graduated from Berea College in 2005 with a Bachelor of Art Degree in Child and Family Studies and a double concentration in Child Development and Family Studies. In 2010, Mrs. Camel graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a Master of Art in Teaching in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Since 2011, she has been teaching Family and Consumer Sciences at Rockcastle County High School. She teaches courses in the Early Childhood Education and Consumer and Family Management career pathways. She offers a sequence of courses that are aligned to state and national standards where

she offers industry-recognized credentials, work-based learning experiences, and opportunities for students to be involved in the intra-curricular student organization, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Over the last nine years, she has had more than 16 Regional FCCLA officers and two Kentucky State FCCLA officers. Her students have competed in STAR Events at the regional, state and national level and received many gold awards.

Camel is one of five finalists for the 2021 national title. The national winner will be announced at the ACTE Awards Gala, an award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country. The event will take place on Thursday, December 3, during ACTE's Virtual CareerTech VISION 2020. The Awards Gala is sponsored by Express Employment Professionals, Goodheart-Willcox, CareerSafe, and Stratsys. For more information about the ACTE Excellence Awards, visit our webpage.



Tammy Camel

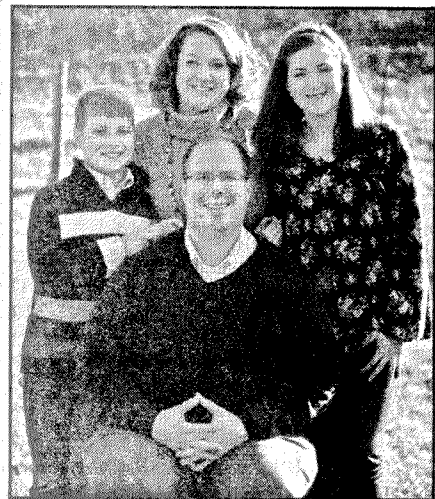
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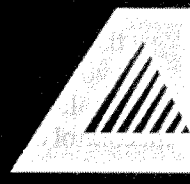
On November 3, 2020, Brodhead will be faced with a decision of who they will vote for in the City Commissioner race. With COVID-19 creating a global pandemic, we hope that everyone votes safely and has their voice heard.

These are just a few accomplishments that we have over the past 4 years.

- (1) Through federal mitigation money we were able to get funding to help minimize the flooding of downtown Brodhead. Through the same mitigation money we were able to secure funding for a main lift station and pumps for the sewer plant.
- (2) We have been able to hire and maintain a police department for the last four years, where there was no police department for the previous two years.
- (3) We have been able to work with our fire department and have been able to secure our insurance rating from a 5 to a 4 which has reduced our citizens home owners insurance.
- (4) Over the past four years we have been able to have a doctors office open and have added four other new businesses to our town.
- (5) Have been able to maintain water and sewer rates and city taxes for four years without an increase.

God bless and hope everyone stays safe.

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New Boutique



The Just Plum Crazy Boutique held their ribbon-cutting ceremony recently bringing yet another new business to the City of Mount Vernon. Owner Mackenzie King, is also the owner of Mack's Barbershop and Salon next door to the new boutique. Pictured at the ribbon-cutting ceremony from left are, Mt. Vernon mayor's assistant Crystal Rush, Mackenzie King, Mayor Mike Bryant, Cindy King, Peggy Mills and Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter.

"School"

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all the changes are working. Apparently, most are pleased with the "new normal" form of education.

Still, each week officials do not know what school will look like the following week. "As of today (Tuesday, October 13th) things are moving along as planned," said Superintendent Carrie Ballinger. "But COVID is on the rise in our county and we may at any time be forced to send all students into virtual learning if the numbers continue to rise."

However, according to Ballinger, KDE requirements say officials must announce a change that would send in-person students home by Thursday evening at 10 p.m. before the week that the changes take effect. Put simply, if all students must take classes virtually, that announcement must be made the Thursday prior to the Monday that the change would take effect.

Robert Phillips, Principal at RCMS, told the board the new method of teaching has not come easy for everyone. "To be honest, it has been a struggle at times," said Phillips. "Just about everything - well, actually everything has changed this year in school. I've learned more in the past three months than I have in the past five years."

Phillips was asked to attend the meeting to inform board members of progress with the new systems. "We are trying to keep everything as close to normal as possible and the teachers have been just great," he said. "There really haven't been many issues with the kids. The problems come from us learning all the new systems."

One problem is, as one may suspect, not every student is doing all the work expected of them from home. "In some cases," said Phillips, "kids are telling their parents they are doing the work and the parents will argue that the work is getting done. But logging on doesn't mean the student is engaged in lessons. Some are logging on, telling their parents they are in class but in reality, they aren't doing their work."

But Phillips said officials can now spot such misuse. "Fortunately, this system shows exactly every moment that

the student is engaged in lessons. We can show parents when a student logs on and is, or is not interacting."

Phillips also told the board if a student is not successful on a platform (home or in-person), they may change their platform. "If a student has trouble with one of the platforms, we can move them to another platform," said Phillips.

As for the in-person students, Phillips said students spend their entire day in their classroom (except for breaks) and most seem pleased with the new situation. "Some have complained about masks and the truth is I don't like them either. But it is what we have to do."

Every person in the conference room was spaced and wearing a mask throughout the meeting.

The next hour involved discussion and a presentation from Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC. The company offered their services on any upcoming projects and expressed their desire to work with the local system in budgeting and procedure for future projects and to help implement policies to improve the system's financial situation for a fee.

The board thanked them for the presentation. The board then voted to purchase two new 72-passenger school buses for a total of \$199,660. However with a grant that is expected later this year, the district would get \$47,875 of that money back.

The board also voted to hire a Mental Health District Coordinator which will work closely with school counselors. The coordinator will be housed at the middle school but will be available to all schools.

The board heard reports concerning the 47,000 meals provided to students in the first 13 days of school. Several board members and guests, as well as department heads, discussed the success of the food service programs and the transportation department in their cooperative effort to provide meals to every student.

Board members heard reports concerning many broken Chromebooks. The school district provided new Chromebooks to all students this year as part of the new learning systems but, as expected, a "few" have not worked properly and "several" have been broken by students. "We've had a lot of

screens broken and Chromebooks dropped or hurt somehow," said Technology director Brandon Reynolds. "Fortunately, we bought the warranty program and all of them are being replaced. It is a really good warranty system that is paying off."

Newly-appointed Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert explained that parents should know that the school system is not responsible for contact tracing. Contact tracing is under the purview of the local health department officials whose job it is to contact each person who has been in personal contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19. "We as administrators, teachers, staff or department heads are not in charge of contact tracing," he said. "We get that question a lot and everyone should know the health department is in control of that. It is not part of what we do. We are extremely involved in the safety of every student but contact tracing is not among our duties."

Before closure of the meeting, Finance Director Jenny Sweet asked every board member to sign a "Conflict of Interest" statement by the end of the meeting.

Board members then heard the Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report.

It is as follows:

Full time certified employees

Wendy King, Director of Special Education, central office.

Full time classified employees

Peyton Saylor, Paraprofessional assistant football coach at RCHS; Kayla Adams, Computer Maintenance Technician at central office.

Resignations

Kristy Gross, Food Service Manager at BES; Melanie Fisher, Cook/Baker at MVES.

Certified substitutes

Tammy Stevens, Barry Noble, John Hansford, Cameron Brown, Logan Miller and Corrie Neeley, substitute teachers.

Classified Substitutes

Lana Prewitt and Rita Brown, substitute instructional assistants; Jacob Loudermilk, substitute custodian (lawn care); Jacob Cook, student worker/substitute custodian (lawn care); Regina Bell and Terry Robbins, substitute bus monitors.

"UNITE"

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music, recovery testimonies, resource tables and free food.

Speakers will include Bro. Matthew Griggs who will give the greeting; John and Jacob Blair, Jeremiah Sullivan, Timothy Readour, Stephen Jewell and Jason Medley, who will present music and their testimony, Amy Compston a Uganda Missionary will speak and several others will present their testimony.

Dr. Burks, the keynote speaker, will speak at 12:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend this celebration.

"Voted"

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ballot in 2016, 5,609 were for Trump.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, early in-person voting started Tuesday, October 13th and, in the first seven days, 1,163 local residents had already cast a ballot this year with 12 days left until the November 3rd election day.

According to Allen, there are 12,368 registered voters in Rockcastle County with 379 of those being new registered voters.

In the 2016 election, Rockcastle County celebrated a 53% turnout.

Early in-person voting will be available to all registered voters through Monday, November 2. Those wishing to vote early may do so by visiting the Rockcastle County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the US25 side of the building. On Saturday, voters may cast their ballot from 8 a.m. to noon.

On Election Day, November 3, voters will have to vote at one of four precincts. Voters are not required to vote at a particular precinct this year.

The locations on election day include the Rockcastle County Courthouse, Roundstone Elementary School, Brodhead Elementary School and the Livingston Fire Department.

"House"

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dealing with the prevention of the spread of COVID 19, including temperature checks (before ticket is purchased), social distancing, face mask requirement and hand sanitation stations.

Six people to a group are allowed through the haunted house at a time. The haunted house is located in the basement of the Livingston School Welcome Center.

Hours are from 8:30 to 11 p.m. and tickets are \$6 a person or \$10 for a couple.

On Halloween night, weather permitting, props will be outside for photo shoots and trick or treating.

"Climax"

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this Halloween.

Officials say the Christian Appalachian Project has donated enough candy for 800 bags of treats for local youth.

Director Ken Holt said the candy will be handed out in a drive-through style at the center, located next to the Climax Fire Department. "We have nice big bags of candy to hand out to anyone who comes by on Halloween," Holt said.

So that children may participate in other Halloween events locally, the candy hand-out event at the center will be held Saturday, October 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Classes"

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on Monday, October 26th.

This fluid situation places Ballinger in a precarious situation since she is required to make such an announcement by Friday evening, if in-person classes are to resume on Monday. However, there is a chance that Ballinger announces in-person classes will start Monday if the incident

rate has dropped, but by Monday, that rate could be in the red status again.

Officials say their only recourse is to watch as closely as possible, follow the spread of the virus and always place the safety of the students first.

"We must consider student safety first," said Ballinger. "We want our students in the classroom but the safety of our students, parents, faculty and staff is a priority."

But there is even more to consider. The school system was recently notified that a RCHS student had tested positive for COVID-19. This student had attended in-person classes during the day on Tuesday, October 13th.

Reports indicate the student was tested on Saturday but the results were not known until Tuesday.

The health department is now reviewing classroom seating charts, along with bus and lunch seating charts, and through contact tracing plans to notify all individuals who were within six feet of this student for more than 15 minutes.

Anyone next to the student for less than 15 minutes will not be contacted.

The health department will inform contacted individuals of quarantine instructions but officials say students who are not contacted need not quarantine.

Officials at the school are also tracing the student's steps and initiating a deep cleaning procedure in every area the student may have been.

All parents, students and guardians are asked to go to rockcastle.kyschools.us for information about the resumption of classes.

"Murder"

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According to the citation, Perez told police he "tried to make it quick" and then admitted to police that he discarded evidence, wiped blood and manipulated the scene.

Perez was arrested Tuesday afternoon and was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with murder first degree robbery and tampering with physical evidence.

His bond had not been set at press time.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Apples: Grow, Eat,
Celebrate Them

Apples are a most loved fruit, can be grown just about anywhere, come in thousands of varieties, and some even make attractive yard trees. Some of the earliest settlers in colonial America brought either trees or seeds of apples to the new land. Only wild crab apples existed prior to domestic apples from Europe, and the actual origin is Asia, especially the apple forests of Kazakhstan. They've become "as American as apple pie".

The grocery stores, thanks to commercial growers and controlled atmosphere storage, can sell fresh apples or apples 10 months to 15 months since they hung on a tree somewhere in an orchard, and many hardly notice the difference. Until they eat tree ripened fruit from a nearby orchard, or their own yard, that is! Local growers can offer dozens and even hundreds of different apples; the chain stores only have 5 to maybe a dozen varieties.

October is the official 'apple month', but many of the Apple Festivals in Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina are in September. Because of the infamous COVID virus, I can only come up with one apple festival that will still be taking place this year. That's the North Carolina Apple Festival in it's 74th year in Hendersonville, NC. It's a 4 day event that includes LABOR DAY—September 4-7, 2020. But other festivals include

Casey County, Paintsville apple festivals in Kentucky, Union, Cleveland Country apple Festivals in Tennessee, and numerous area events in the state of North Carolina. (If you know of more apple festivals still on this year, let your newspaper know with a letter to the Editor.)

For small home orchards, or for yard trees, disease resistance and attractiveness of the trees may be about as important as the name of the variety. Fuji, Enterprise or King David are attractive apple trees that don't have to be sprayed. Redfield or Odysso have pink or purple blossoms, leaves of a reddish tint, and the apples are red both inside and out. Red and Yellow Delicious everyone knows, but yellow, green, red, sour, sweet, small, large, striped, keeping, early, late are all descriptors of apples the hobbyist could decide to grow. Some make better pies, some better for eating off the tree, and some for keeping into the winter.

Old timey, or heirloom, apples offer a taste from our past. The common 'store varieties' are for sale anywhere apple trees are sold—rare ones you may have to search for or even graft yours yourself. Or, be a modern "Johnny Appleseed" and plant some pips and see if the result is a nice new variety, or a sour one only good for jelly, cider, or feeding to the pigs.

There are probably 8,000 as a minimum varieties that you could grow. Most roadside mar-

kets may offer 10 to 40 different ones. I encourage the reader to consider growing some of these lesser known apples, and experience the wide range in taste and appearance that apples express. Apple DNA is so complicated, you don't often get an apple tree from planting a seed that closely resembles it's parents.

I have been collecting and am growing over 100 cultivars of apples, so I know not everyone shares the interest I have for a lot of trees, shrubs or flowers, and not everyone desires an apple tree in the yard. If a person loves apples, it makes sense to try growing a few. I'll give you some reasons.

Apple trees tend to grow into large trees from 15 to 30 feet tall, and can live to be over 100 years old.

But, with at least a couple dozen different root-stocks, the choice of how big your tree will be is a decision you can control. Some of the small little ones need to be staked, or they will blow or fall over once loaded with a crop of apples. Simi-dwarf can be self supporting and also smaller sized. The standard trees grow big and also old. One thing going for the full sized standards is the deer can't reach the limbs or the fruit (although bears can).

Apples come in many shapes and sizes, some pretty, some ugly. Some sweet, some sour, some bitter. Some bloom early, some ripen early, others much later. Red, yellow, cream and white flesh. Soft and mealy, to tooth-

breaking dense. Spoil in a week, or keep until spring. These things you can't buy at the supermarket.

Most apples need another tree that blooms about the same time to cross pollinate with. A few apples are triploid and are of no help. Planting a minimum of two trees only makes sense anyhow. But, if you have only a small yard, or one large planter on the porch, you can graft or buy apple trees with several varieties on the same tree!

Variety is the spice of life we are told. May you be inspired to spice up your yard, your taste buds, and enjoy some homegrown apples. Add one you aren't familiar with and enjoy the mystery, the experience that comes from trying something different. I know you can grow an apple tree if you want to. So have a go with America's favorite fruit.

The author is a landscaper.
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Suggestions are always welcome.

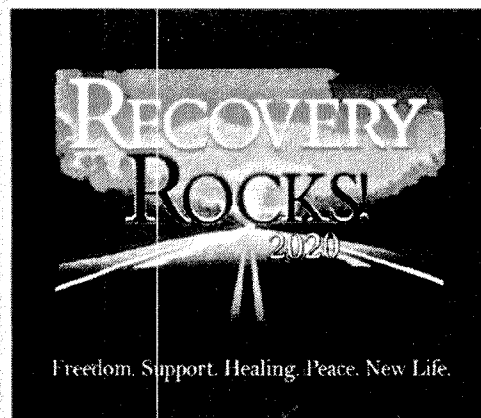
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Repaying student loans

If you finished college in May and have federal student loans, it's almost time to start repaying them. These tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) may help.

"This pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for Kentuckians, especially many of our students and young adults working to build their futures," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Please do every-

thing you can to make loan payments on time, but also know that you have options if you've suffered financially due to COVID-19. If that's the case, contact whoever is servicing your federal student loans to see what payment arrangements may be available to you."

The U.S. Department of Education contracts with 10 loan servicing companies. If you don't know who your servicer is, call the department at 1-800-433-3243.

One of the smartest things you can do is pay more than your scheduled amount. If you ask your servicer to apply the extra to the principal, you'll pay less interest over the life of your loan.

Several plans are available. The standard repayment plan calls for equal monthly payments over 10 years. The minimum monthly payment is usually \$50. Other options include:

- Graduated repayment, with lower amounts that get higher over the 10-year period.
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- Pay As You Earn, if you received no loans before Oct. 1, 2007, and at least one loan after Sept. 30, 2011.

You'll probably pay more interest over the life of the loan if you use any option other than standard repayment. Also, you may have to pay taxes on any amount that is forgiven.

Remember that the federal government can change repayment programs at any time.

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

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

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

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

MEATLOAF

I recently attended a family reunion where these two dishes were served. They proved to be such a big hit, I asked for the recipes. I have never put sausage in my meatloaf, but it added such a wonderful flavor, I just might have to add it all the time.

Use a 2 to 1 ratio of ground beef to sausage
2 pounds of lean ground beef 85/20 (anything less will be too greasy)
1 pound of Jimmy Dean Mild Sausage
1 cup of breadcrumbs (I like Progresso)
1 small onion
1 large green bell pepper
2 cups of Hunt's Catsup, divided
1 tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce
1 and 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Preheat oven to 350°. In a blender puree and liquefy diced onion and bell pepper leaving no pieces or chunks. In a large mixing bowl mix eggs, ground beef and sausage until sausage is mixed well with ground beef. Add 1 cup of breadcrumbs continuing

to mix well. Add onion and bell pepper from blender along with 1 cup catsup and the Worcestershire sauce to mixture; mix well. Place in 13 x 9 baking dish. (I like the nonstick ones or spray the dish with non-stick spray.) Spread remaining cup of catsup over top of meatloaf. Cover pan with foil. Bake in oven 2 hours. Uncover and bake another half an hour.

BBQ CHUCK ROAST
3 pound chuck roast
1 small onion, finely chopped
1/3 cup vinegar
1/4 cup catsup
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon Worcestershire
1 teaspoon mustard
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

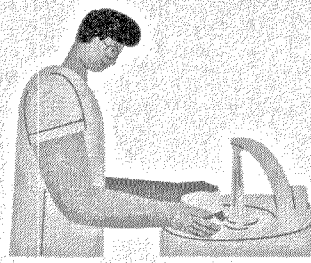
Place meat and finely chopped onion into crock pot. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over roast and onions. Cook for 8 hours on low. Remove meat from juices, discard any fat, and shred meat. Place back into crock pot until ready to serve. Serve as is with pan juices or makes a great sandwich.

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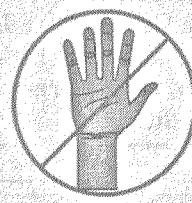
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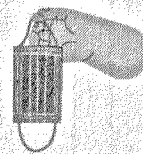


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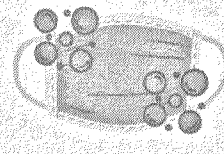


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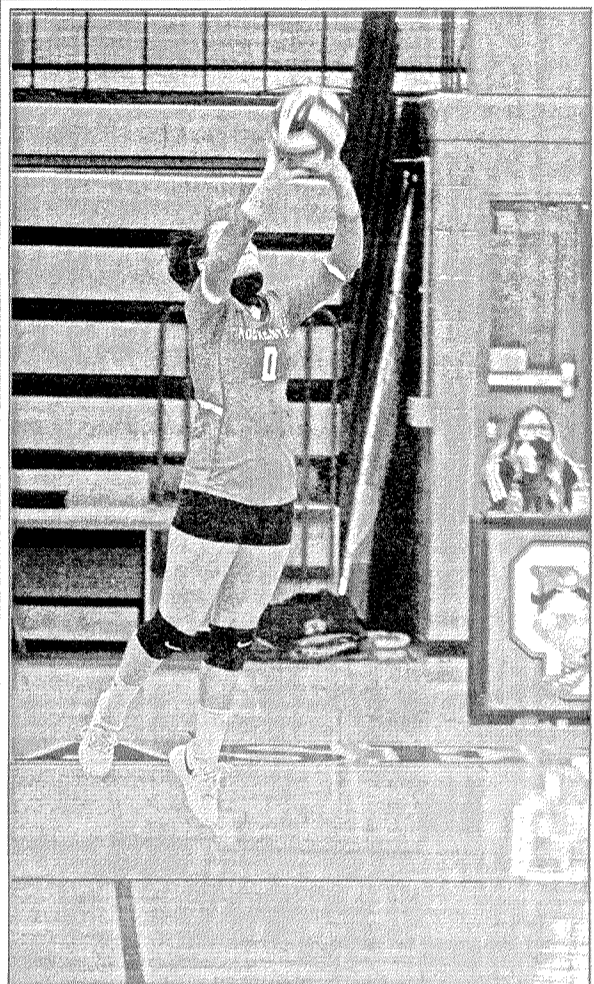
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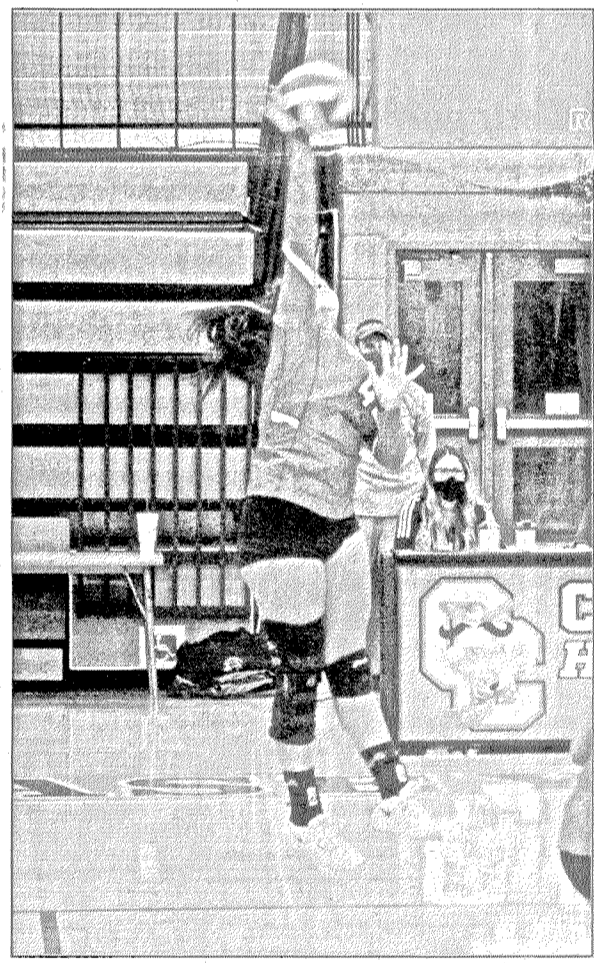


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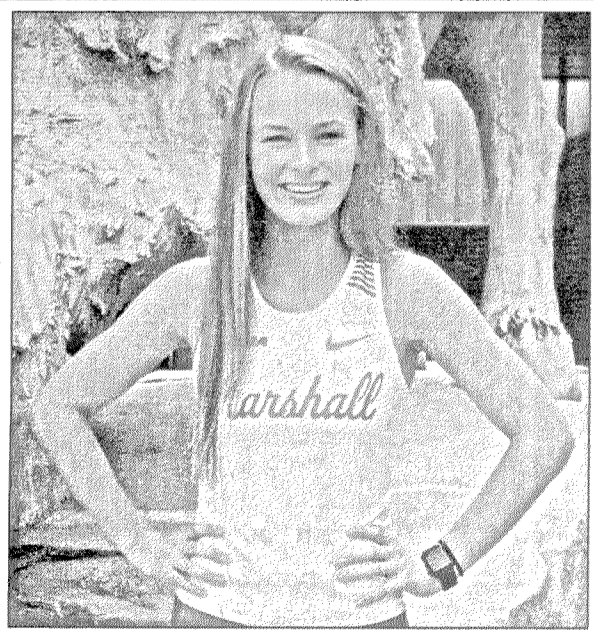
Rocket Volleyball headed to District Championship



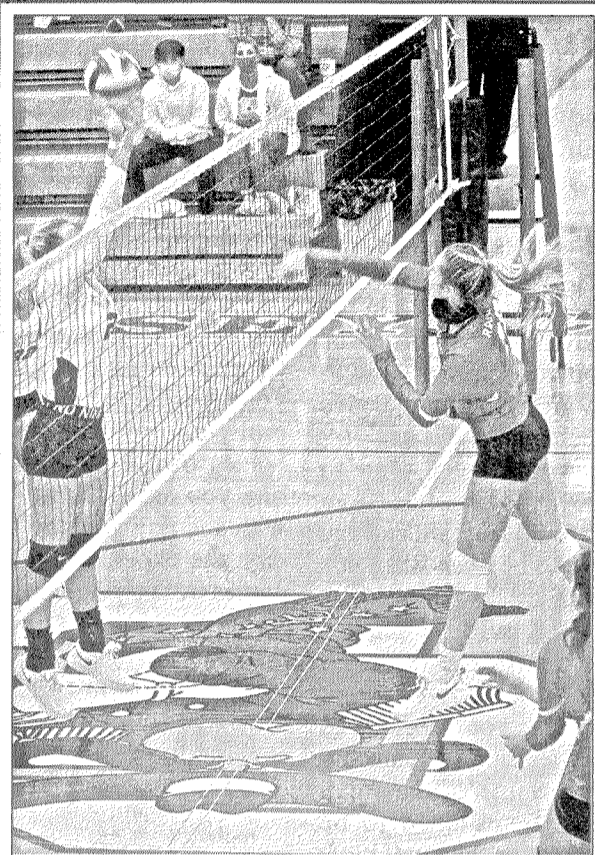
Amy Cornelius hits the ball over the net in the Lady Rockets' win over Somerset Monday night in the first round of the 47th District Volleyball Tournament at Casey County. The Lady Rockets beat the Briarjumpers 25-18, 25-19 and 25-21.



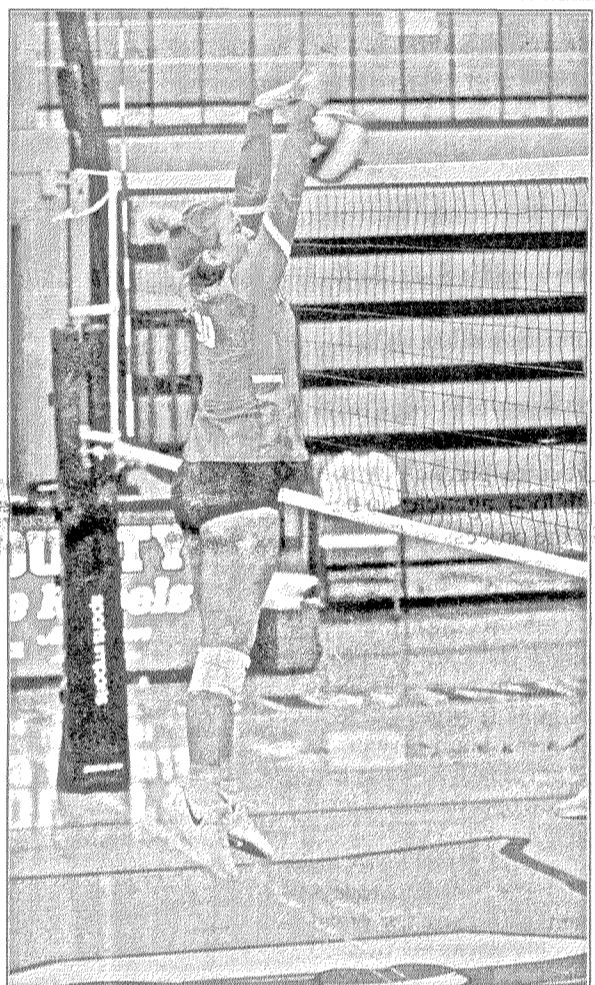
Kylee Burns goes for a kill in the Lady Rockets' win over Somerset Monday night in the first round of the 47th District Volleyball Tournament at Casey County. The Lady Rockets will now face the winner of Pulaski County and Casey County who were scheduled to play Wednesday night.



Marshall University freshman and former Rockcastle County Lady Rocket track and cross-country standout, Tori Dotson, made her collegiate debut on Friday at Appalachian State in North Carolina. Tori ran an outstanding 5,000-meter race, finishing 12th overall and 3rd for the Thundering Herd with an all-time personal best of 18:53.50. The Herd next competes Saturday, October 31 at the Conference USA Cross Country Championships in Birmingham, Alabama.



Hallie Brown goes for a kill in the Lady Rockets' win over Somerset Monday night in the first round of the 47th District Volleyball Tournament at Casey County.



Jordan Eaton goes for a block in the Lady Rockets' win over Somerset Monday night in the first round of the 47th District Volleyball Tournament at Casey County. The Lady Rockets are now 14-3 on the shortened season and will play in the championship game Thursday night at Casey County High School at 7:00 p.m.

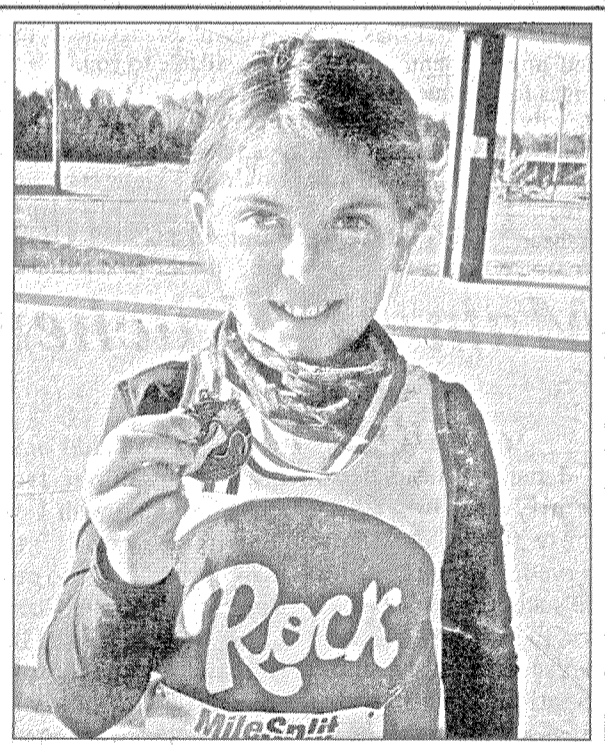


Megan Ellis sets up a teammate in the Lady Rockets' win over Somerset Monday night in the first round of the 47th District Volleyball Tournament at Casey County. The Lady Rockets will play in the championship game Thursday night at Casey County High School at 7:00 p.m.



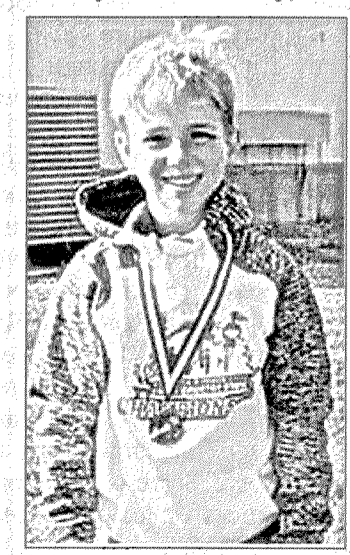
At Wayne County on Tuesday, RCMS sixth grader Maliyah Swinney (above) won the middle school girls' 1.8-mile race with an awesome performance and an outstanding time of 14:01.33. Also, eighth grader Gracie Peavie ran an awesome race as well, placing 4th with an exceptional time of 16:49.84. Maliyah and Gracie will next compete in the KTCCCA sixth Grade and Under and Middle School State Championships in November in Hardin County.

At the KTCCCA Class 2A Meet of Champions at Bourbon County, RCHS freshman Lexi Dotson had another outstanding 5,000-meter performance, placing 10th overall in 21:05.9 among a field of the state's best cross-country competitors. The course at Bourbon County will also be the site of the Class 2A State Championships at the end of the month. Lexi also won a regular season meet at Wayne County on Tuesday and is currently ranked 9th in the state in Class 2A. She will next compete at the Class 2A Region 5 Championships in Wayne County next weekend.



At the KTCCCA Fourth Grade and Under State Cross-Country Championship in Hardin County on Saturday, fourth grader Aria French had an exceptional race and placed 45th overall with an awesome time of 10:11.09 in the 1.25-mile race. Last Tuesday at Wayne County, in the elementary girls' sixth grade and under race, Aria placed 4th with an awesome all-time personal best of 7:51.12 for 1.1 miles.

At the KTCCCA Fourth Grade and Under State Cross-Country Championship in Hardin County on Saturday, fourth grader Logan Rogers had an exceptional race and placed 49th overall with an outstanding time of 9:23.29 in the 1.25-mile race. Last Tuesday at Wayne County, in the elementary boys' sixth grade and under race, Logan placed 7th with an awesome all-time personal best of 7:05.47 for 1.1 miles.



SRO needed asap at Rockcastle Schools

By: Mike French
Editor

Newly appointed Director of Student Services with the Rockcastle County Schools, Marcus Reppert, told board members Tuesday night that the district must have a School Resource Officer (SRO) very soon.

Since new rules and regulations concerning student safety, long before COVID-19, were put in place in 2019, all Kentucky Schools have been required by the KDE (Kentucky Department of Education) to have at least one resource officer dedicated to the safety of students and staff.

Tom Atkins had been serving in that capacity but is not in that position this year. According to Reppert, time is running out to have an officer officially in place. "We must have a school resource officer and we need to get one soon," said Reppert. "Like, tomorrow if we can."

Reppert said the officer doesn't have to be in place immediately but the process of working with a local agency, hiring and training the officer will take some time.

According to Reppert, the school district has two choices. "The board may either start its own personal police department within the school system or we can work through law enforcement agencies in the county," he said. "Some districts already started their own police department but we are such a small school system that I would not suggest we take that route." One reason to avoid

starting their own department, according to Reppert, is expense. "It would cost a lot of money and time and include more liabilities if we take that option."

However, the district may utilize the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department or the Mount Vernon Police Department as the police force as long as they are willing to give the school that officer during school days and during school events, Reppert said.

Essentially, the law enforcement agency would train, hire and accept the liability of the school resource officer and would place him or her at the schools for 175 days per year. The schools would then reimburse the police department for that expense (including salary and benefits).

"We will need to reach out to the Mount Vernon City Council, the City Administrator, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, the fiscal court and the Mount Vernon Police Department and determine which route to take and collaborate with each of them," Reppert said.

Still, according to Reppert, not just any officer will do. "This will take a very special kind of police officer," he said. "Someone who is a police officer with all the authority that implies, yet must be able to work closely with parents and students and staff and faculty and become completely familiar with school policies. Not just anyone can deal with a threatening issue one moment and then the

next moment enter a first grade classroom and deal with all those small children while balancing public interaction and school policy."

According to Reppert, the SRO would work for the school system during school season but be an officer with another entity. "This SRO would belong to us," he said. "For 175 days per year and during other school events. But in the summer the SRO would possibly work at other places. We would only have to reimburse the department for the days the SRO is working for the school system."

Several questions from board members were addressed by Reppert but the director was well informed on the subject and was able to answer all inquiries quickly.

Reppert said though the chosen agency would hire the officer, he would hope the agency would agree to give the board influence on who is chosen. "I believe we should play a part in who is chosen for this position," he said. "The SRO will represent the school system and needs to be someone we can all work with. Our local police department and sheriff's department have worked so well with the school system over the years I feel certain they will give us some input into who they choose."

A specific salary was not discussed at the meeting but all board members agreed to pursue contact with local agencies to begin the process of finding a SRO immediately.



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TERESA WHITAKER

FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE OF THE 28TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

I graduated from Western Kentucky University (1987) and the University of Kentucky School of Law (1990). Upon my graduation from UK Law School, I moved to Somerset, Kentucky and began my public service.

I worked for the Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) as a Public Defender for 29 years. I was a staff attorney, a directing attorney, a regional manager, and the supervisor of the capital trial branch during these 29 years. After my 29 years of service, I retired from DPA in July 2019, and I am now in private practice.

During my 29 years with DPA, I represented thousands of indigent citizens across Kentucky. I tried over 100 jury trials including death penalty cases. I trained newly hired public defenders and capital trial attorneys.

I am married to Kelvin Whitaker, who retired from the Pulaski County Detention Center after 23 years of service. Kelvin and I have been married for 25 years, and we live in Science Hill, Kentucky. Kelvin and I have three children: Deris, Rebekah, and Jessica.

Kelvin and I are active members of New Beginnings Worship Center, Somerset, Kentucky. I am a Church Trustee, a member of the Pastoral Advisory Committee, and I operate the computer system during worship services. I volunteer at God's Food Pantry in Somerset, Kentucky. I am a regular platelet donor at the Kentucky Blood Center having donated 166 times. I am a member of the Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women and The American Legion Post #38 Ladies Auxiliary.

I would be honored to serve the people of the 28th Judicial Circuit as your circuit court judge. Please vote Teresa Whitaker for Circuit Court Judge. Thank you for your support.

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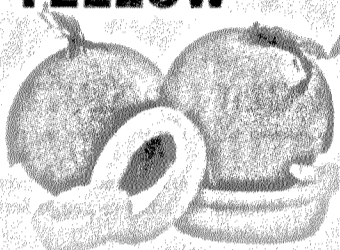
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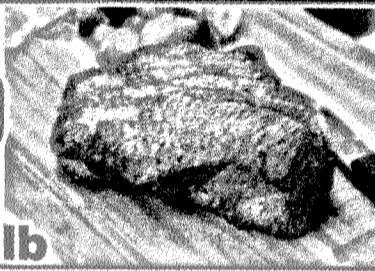
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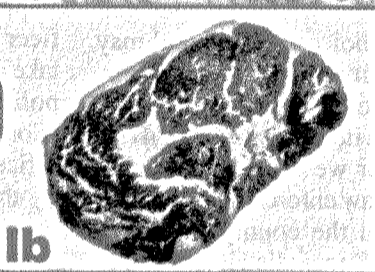
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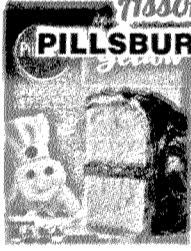
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Thursday, October 22, 2020

Arvin and Wilcek bike Kentucky's perimeter

By: Mike French
Editor

Sometimes when you want to do something extraordinary, the only real

reason you need is, "I just wanted to."

This is the case for Mount Vernon's Sydney Arvin.

The 2011 graduate of RCHS loves many things and many people. But among her favorite two

things are her state and her bicycle.

"I just decided I wanted to explore my state," said Arvin. "I figured the best way to do that would be on two wheels."

So, Arvin contacted her friend Amanda Wilcek, of North Carolina, and made this suggestion. "I asked if she wanted to explore the state of Kentucky on our bicycles and it didn't take much arm twisting to get her to agree."

Immediately, the two ladies began packing their pup tent, camping stove, blankets, camping gear and anything else she thought they may need, and off they went.

In fact, the two girls

1,300 miles in 26 days

decided to do things a little differently. "I had heard of people crossing the state on bicycles," she said. "But I hadn't heard of anyone going all the way around the perimeter of the state on two wheels."

So that's what they did. Heading east, the two ladies traveled around the edge of Kentucky, stopping whenever they had the urge to do so, sleeping wherever they found a campsite, and riding throughout the days. For over 1,300 miles the two girls met countless Kentuckians and told them about Mount Vernon.

"Some hadn't heard of

our town," she said. "They thought we meant Mount Vernon, Illinois. But we told them all about our town of Mount Vernon, Kentucky."

For 26 days the two girls rode, slept and snacked. "Thank goodness for Dollar General stores," said Arvin. "We could always find one and we would get whatever we wanted to snack on or cook later and anything we needed for the trip."

Arvin refers to her trip as BRAK (Bike Ride Around Kentucky) and says she loved the entire trip. "It was a wonderful time and I am just now catching up on some sleep," she said. "But it was a humbling experience and the truth is, the hills of Eastern Kentucky are no joke for a cyclist. They have some steep hills."

The trip was an experience Arvin says she will never forget and she counts it among her other humbling rides.

"I am honored to be a Kentuckian and there was beautiful scenery and wonderful places that I am glad we had the chance to see," she said.

Though the trip is over now and the 27-year-old Rockcastle County resident is resting from her experience, her plans are far from over.

"Actually there are a lot of places I would like to see and many towns I would like to visit," she said. "And I believe the best way to see a new place, is on two wheels."



Sydney Arvin and Amanda Wilcek arriving in Mt. Vernon after 26 days.

Local lady meets reality show host

By: Mike French
Editor

"Sometimes dreams do come true after all," said Mount Vernon's Judy Feldkamp.

The local lady enjoys the *Incredible Dr. Pol* television show nearly every time it is on. "I have enjoyed him so much," she said.

Over the years, Feldkamp has continued to gain a respect and admiration for the veterinarian as the popular television show allows audience to watch him respond to animal emergencies every week.

Though a veterinarian for many years, it was only in the past decade that Dr. Pol became world

renowned as the reality television program shows him running to the aid of most any farm animal with a medical need.

The program shows the doctor performing emergency medical procedures on animals of all types and size. "He really loves animals and he works so hard to help them," said Feldkamp.

The local lady decided to vacation in Michigan this year and while there she remembered that Dr. Pol lives in Michigan. She then said to herself, "We can't pass up this opportunity." So, she found out where the vet lives, drove to the area and suddenly spotted him working outside his home. "I said there he is! And we went

over there to him."

Unlike some famous television stars, Dr. Pol was in no way too busy for a fan.

According to Feldkamp, Dr. Pol could not have been more friendly. "He was very humble and kind to us," she said. "We just walked up to him and when we said we wanted a picture with him, he took us over to a better spot and stood closer to me for the picture. He was so friendly. I really admire him."

It was an experience Feldkamp never expected and will never forget and she agrees with the show name. "It is true, he really is the *Incredible Doctor Pol*."



The Incredible Doctor Pol stands with Judy Feldkamp

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Rockcastle Pediatrics & Adolescents (RockPeds) is committed to the healthcare needs of the children in our community. During this global COVID-19 pandemic, we are dedicated to giving your child a safe, reliable place to receive care. Here's some tips to remember during this time to make sure your child stays healthy!



• Sick Visits

If your child is sick, they need to see one of our providers, just as they always have. For in-person visits, we have taken a number of steps, in addition to our normal rigorous cleaning and infection control, to ensure our facility is a safe place where you can seek care for your child. Some of our new processes include calling from the car to register and avoid the waiting room, being screened for temperature and symptoms at the door, and wearing a mask at all times. Our staff also takes extra precautions to keep you safe including twice, daily staff temperature and symptom screenings, social distancing throughout the facility and routinely cleaning and sanitizing common areas and frequently touched surfaces.



• Behavioral Health

Just as parents are feeling a lot of anxiety about what is going on in the world right now, our children are also experiencing their own set of anxieties about what to expect at school, what they see on television, and what may be going on at home as a result of this pandemic. Be aware of any behavior changes in your children. If you notice any significant change in their normal behavior, call us to schedule an appointment. We are here to help you and your family navigate this new "normal."



• Let's Go Virtual

Telehealth
If you and your child would like to be more comfortable staying home, seeing one of our providers virtually may be an option. Telehealth is a virtual video visit that can be done in the comfort of your home by using a smart phone, tablet, or computer to connect with one of our providers for a variety of visit types. Call our office to discuss if this would be an appropriate option for your child's health concerns.

• Mommy Call Line

If your child is sick and our office isn't open, we are still here for you through our Mommy Call Line! This is a resource for parents to speak with one of our providers at any time, day or night to discuss your child's symptoms and determine the next steps. Simply call (606) 256-2195 and ask to speak with the Mommy Call Line.



• School Clinic

RockPeds is excited to announce that in addition to having our on-site clinic at Rockcastle County High School, we also have an on-site clinic at Rockcastle County Middle School. If your child becomes ill at school, together with the school nurse, they can have a telehealth visit with one of our providers. This means less time out of the classroom and less time for parents to take off work. The clinic is available for any student who has returned parent/guardian permission slips.

CHURCH NEWS

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

Pastor Appreciation...

First Christian Church of Mount Vernon would like to express our appreciation for the dedication of our pastor, Brother Bruce Ross, and his wife, Lisa. Bruce and Lisa are celebrating 18 years with First Christian. In addition to regular church services, Brother Bruce is a volunteer chaplain at Rockcastle Regional. Lisa is our church pianist, a Sunday School teacher and a youth sponsor. They are the parents of Becky, Kara and Steve and grandparents of eight wonderful grandchildren. Our congregation is thankful to you both for your service to our church and our community.



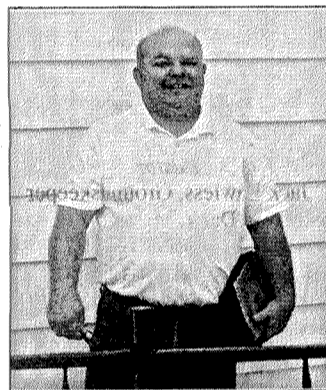
Pastor Appreciation...

First Christian Church of Mount Vernon appreciates our Youth and Family Minister, Josh Haines and his wife, Kerrie. Josh does an outstanding job planning and supervising activities that involve the youth and families of our church. Josh and Kerrie are valuable to our church family and we love and appreciate them very much. They have a son, Thayer.



Pastor Appreciation...

We would like to show our love and appreciation to our wonderful pastor, Bro. George Renner at the Calloway Baptist Church for his dedicated services for the past ten or more years. Thank you, Bro. George.



Pastor Appreciation...

Flat Rock Baptist Church would like to thank Brother Greg Burton and wife, Missy for another year of service. 2020 has been a year to remember full of the unknown, change, re-vamping the way we have always done things, and he along with so many other pastors in our area make things happen so the gospel was still being spread in a time when it was needed more than ever. Greg reminded us that GOD is still in charge and he has complete control of all situations. Thank you for your service and we look forward to another year!



Can A Sinner Wait Too Long?

It is a very serious question, that you hear people ask from time to time, was he or she saved, had they made peace with God?
 A young man who had just graduated college, had been celebrating his graduation with some other young people and while on the way home he was attacked by two strangers and almost lost his life. The attack took a toll on his life later he passed away.
 We know a person can be saved in the last day of his life even in the last hour of his life if he does what God's word teaches. If he believes Jesus Christ is the son of God, if he repents, confesses the name of Jesus Christ, and is baptized for the forgiveness of his sins. This is the gospel plan of salvation, and if we do what the gospel commands we are to do, with a sincere heart we can be saved.
 But those who wait until the last moment in life to be saved, may make obedience to the gospel more difficult, and some might say it was impossible, and I think God will have mercy, because of the extreme circumstances. The Bible says nothing about exceptions when it comes to being obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 When we think back through the years of this man's life, the opportunities he had to make the Lord a part of his life but did nothing, and he knew he was a lost man, but the gospel message went in one ear and out the other. He was not interested in his soul while his life was before him, but now his life is almost gone. Is it cruel, to think this man waited too long? It is simply stating the truth. If sinners must obey the gospel, and someone we love puts off being obedient, until it is too late, can we say God will accept them anyway? What can we say?
 This man had hundreds of chances. To obey the gospel, which would make him a new person, but he was satisfied with where he was at. Pointing these out, does not mean I want to see people be lost, I want to see people be saved and have a promise of a home in Heaven.
 What can we learn from this? If we have not made peace with God, we need to today. The unexpected could happen and we could be called away today.
 The real lesson is, today is the day of salvation, do not harden your hearts. Obey the gospel of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. (A good sermon leaves you wondering how the preacher knew so much about you.) Thank you for reading this message, I pray God has mercy on your family, and you are blessed with the things you need. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Church, you can reach us at these numbers: Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker- 606-878-8104.

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

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Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

Let the Bible Speak
 Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

Revival
 Faith Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church will be in Revival beginning Saturday, October 24th with Bro. Anthony Browning, evangelist. Pastor Jack Carpenter and congregation welcome everyone to come out and be blessed.

STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION?
 Toll-free Treatment Help Line
1-866-90-UNITE
 Take control of your life TODAY!

New Heights Church hosting Trunktober Fest
 Rockcastle native and former pastor in the county, Chad Burdette is the new pastor of New Heights Church. Being a full time pastor for two decades, Chad has come back close to home and lives and pastors in Berea.
 New Heights is hosting an event called Trunktober Fest on October 23 at 6 p.m. It will have a Trunk-or-Treat, free food, a petting zoo, pumpkin painting, live music, huge prize giveaways, and even more family friendly fun. Everyone is welcome.
 They will be maintaining social distancing and taking precautions to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance. Wear a mask and come join in on all the fun. Located at New Heights Church, 316 Mini Mall Dr. Berea, KY 40403.

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

Rockcastle County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

October 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

at the Rockcastle County Recycling Center 2528 S. Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon

Free disposal of household hazardous waste for Rockcastle County residents only. ID required at the gate. Drive through and 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.

<p>Batteries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead acid (no automotive) Dry Cell Lithium Ni-Cad Recyclable <p>Oxidizers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pool & Spa Chemicals Bleaches Hydrogen Peroxide Ammonium nitrate fertilizer <p>Mercury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free liquid Thermostats Thermometers Any Device Containing Mercury Mercurochrome 	<p>Corrosives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drain Cleaners Toilet Bowl Cleaners Muriatic Acid Deck Wash Vinegar Stop Bath Acetic Acid/Lye <p>Reactives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum Paint Flammable Solids Dangerous-when-wet-materials <p>Paint: Oil Based</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20# Gas Gril Type 1# Soldering/Small Stove Type 	<p>Flourescent Bulbs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4'x8' Bulbs (unbroken) Compact Flourescent Lamps (CFL) <p>PCB Materials (Polychlorinated Biphenyls):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light Ballasts Capacitors Free-Liquid Oils (must be marked as such) <p>Aerosol Cans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any and All Types Solvents: All compatible flammable solvents, such as: gasoline, kerosene, lamp fluid, automotive fluids, etc. Pesticides/Herbicides/Insecticides: All liquid and solid forms, such as: lawn fertilizers, lawn foods, lawn treatments, plant foods, insecticides, rodent poisons/killers, etc.
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Hannah Marie Sowder, 24, Brodhead, Rockcastle Regional and James Clinton Tinsley, 22, Brodhead, taxidermist. 10/12/20

Nancy Renea Ruhe, 40, Orlando, Rockcastle Senior Citizens Center and Christopher Lee Hughes, 42, Orlando, self-employed. 10/12/20

Chelsea Leann Damrell, 20, Berea, CNA and James Tyler Morgan, 21, Irvine, flooring installer. 10/13/20

Lindsey Jo Brooke Northern, 26, Brodhead, clerk and Kristopher Nicholas Hutchens, 23, Lebanon, unemployed. 10/13/20

Samantha Brooke Robbins, 22, Crab Orchard, unemployed and Michael David Hiatt, 28, Crab Orchard, self-employed. 10/13/20

Circuit Civil Suits

Citibank v. Teresa F. Shafer, \$5,635 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Justin L. Coyle, \$10,718 plus claimed due.

Larry David Shepherd v. Stephanie Melissa Renner, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Discover Bank v. Rodney Ellison, \$19,419 plus claimed due.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services v. Matthew J. Nicley, complaint for child support and medical support.

Discover Bank v. Donald M. Stephens, \$11,315 plus claimed due. CI-00193

Deeds Recorded

Donna L. Dean, property on U.S. 23, to Jonathan L. and Melissa N. Klave. Tax \$160

Paul Griffin, property in Conway, to Jason and Olivia Abney. \$70

District Court

October 12-14, 2020
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Jacob Cooper: no operators/moped license, fleeing or evading police, disregarding stop sign, 90 days in jail/costs waived.

Chester James Hargis: harassing communications, falsely reporting an

District Civil Suits

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. Michael Babour, \$1,325 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Robert M. Renner, \$1,848 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Candace A. Lear, \$2,732 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Corp. v. Jonathan D. DeBord, \$2,284 plus claimed due.

Precision Dental LLC v. Corey D. Ray, \$764 plus claimed due. C-00150

incident, violation of conditions of release, alcohol intoxication in public place, 90 days in jail/costs waived.

Philip M. Adkins: resisting arrest, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Kenneth E. Begley: possession of controlled substance, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, court notice issued for fta.

Steven Blackwell: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, driving w/o license/negligence in accident, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, no operators/moped license, court notice issued for fta.

Dana Glen Ellison: theft by unlawful taking, sentencing order entered.

Michelle Laird: instructional permit violations, failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Austin Wayne Lamb: alcohol intoxication in public place (two counts), bw issued for fta.

William Berkley Lewis: speeding, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, court notice sent for fta.

Philip M. Adkins: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Michael K. Barnes: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., summons issued.

Daryn Michael Barrett: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to produce insurance card, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, court notice sent.

Dwayne S. Bradley: public intoxication, 10 days in jail/costs waived.

Maranda Paige Didonato: endangering the welfare of a minor and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, court notice sent.

Jared Austin Johnson: harassment-no physical contact, court notice sent.

Richard Johnson: no/expired registration plates-receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, court notice sent.

Curtis Lee Jones: no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, court notice sent.

James M. McPherson: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Sharon Monk: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, license to be in possession, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card,

bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Charles Ray Markins, \$50 fine plus costs; Martin Lee Jones, license suspended for fta.

Nathaniel Wayne Pierce: speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt -plates, improper registration plate, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Mark V. Pirronello: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, improper parking fire lane/block traveled portion of highway, driving too slow for traffic conditions, controlled substance prescription not in original container (two counts), license to be in possession, improper lane usage, failure to wear seat belts, possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Jadawn Lashay Powell: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, sentencing order entered.

Pedro Ramirez: speeding, no operators/moped license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Lonnie W. Reed: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, rear license not illuminated, court notice sent.

Paul G. Robinson: disorderly conduct, 10 days in jail/probated six months plus costs.

Reginald Tyrone Oxford: improper passing, license suspended for fta.

Rebecca Jane Newcomb: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, court notice sent for fta.

Edgar A. Quintana: no operators/moped license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registration plates-receipt, summons issued for fta.

Michael Lee Sims: disregarding stop sign \$25 fine/costs waived.

Ann Smith: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no brakelights, court notice issued for fta.

Mitchell D. Nolan: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine/costs waived.

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

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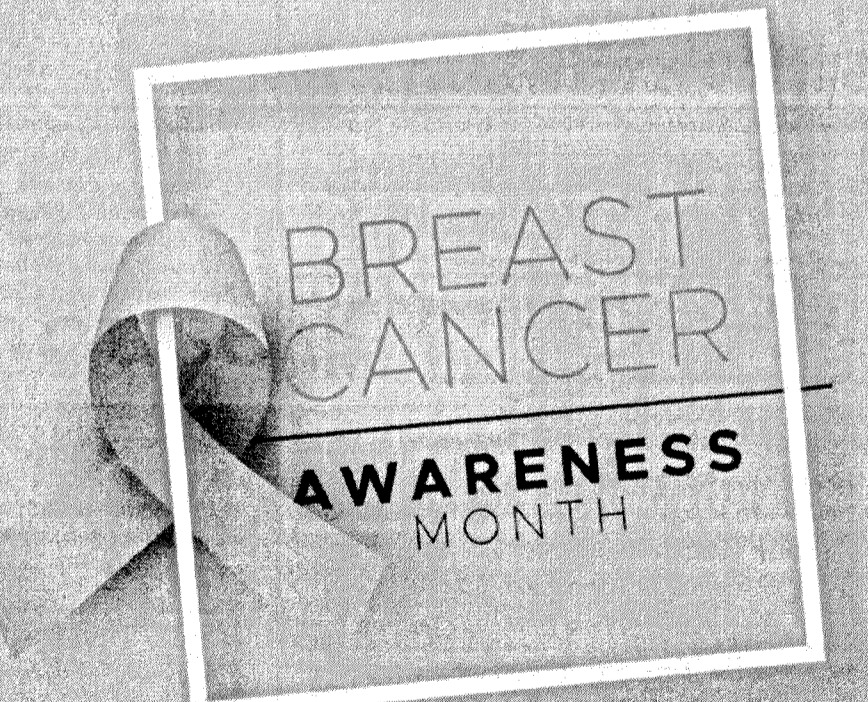
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Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative
Lawmakers continue
examining issues facing
Kentucky children and
families

It is hard to believe there are only a couple of months left before the 2021 Regular Session convenes, but we are making progress on the issues that must be tackled in January. Some of the challenges we face existed well before the COVID-19 pandemic, but the pandemic also provides us with an unprecedented challenge. However, we continue to work to find solutions and this pandemic has allowed us to discuss the potential for improvements in multiple facets of the state's system. It will enable us to be better prepared for other unexpected events Kentucky may face.

Many of us know the great joy as well as the incredible exhaustion that comes with being a parent. This is also true for the thousands of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other family members who are raising a child because parents are unable to do so. During this week's meeting, members of the Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee expressed concern over reported incidences of child abuse, child abuse court cases, and other services needed by families in the child welfare system since the pandemic. According to data from the courts, 2,191 neglect and abuse cases were filed in March 2019, and 2,002 were filed in April 2019. Representatives compared those to the numbers to March and April 2020, where 1,476 and 903 cases were filed. A family court judge shared with lawmakers that, although COVID-19 safety protocols have changed how the court operates, courts did not close. He shared that the judicial centers continued to allow physical access for those seeking emergency orders for domestic violence, dating violence, and child welfare.

Also during this week's meeting, a kinship caregiver shared information regarding a new infor-

mative booklet for kinship families. This is vital for many kinship caregivers because they may not know what to expect after taking custody of their loved ones. Foster parents and kinship caregivers need services to allow them to have a break, whether it's to shop alone, see a movie or enjoy a much-needed date night with a spouse. Respite care is essential to these caregivers, but unfortunately, it is not offered to kinship caregivers. COVID-19 has created significant barriers to respite care due to stay-at-home orders and social distancing. Another issue we continue to hear about affecting multiple citizens is little to no access to the Internet. Many parents have voiced frustrations with internet issues around virtual learning and Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI). The same goes for foster parents, kinship, and fictive kin caregivers. Many parents and caregivers work at home and try to adjust to this new normal. Families who do not have consistent access to the Internet are being left behind. During the pandemic, it is a basic need for families. This is especially true for families in more rural areas.

The Tobacco Settlement Agreement Oversight Committee members heard a report on considering project funding from the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy. The Deputy Executive Director shared several updates on projects receiving tobacco settlement funds that will help build up Kentucky's agriculture to further success and education across the state. Committee members also heard from the Governor's Office of Early Childhood and local childcare center owners to discuss initiatives taken to provide a strong foundation for Kentucky's youngest children. In total, for FY 2021, the Division of Early Childhood Development received \$25,439,100 in tobacco funds to provide high-quality early learning experiences that are critical components of K-12. They face a challenge: the lack of a coordinated, comprehensive prenatal to age five system, which is a massive obstacle to advancing large-scale social

change. Kentucky stands out among other states in the pandemic due to our comprehensive professional registry, integrated systems to support quality, monetary incentives for high quality and a balanced approach to Child Care and Development Fund mandated activities. At the beginning of March, nearly 28,000 children were being served in childcare assistance programs. Since the statewide closure, 94 centers have opened. More centers opened in 2020 than in 2019. There was a 40 percent loss since the shutdown, but Kentucky has preserved more centers than other states.

In the wake of the opioid epidemic and rise in substance use due to government shutdowns, the General Assembly made it a priority to enact policies that help people struggling with addiction during the past several years. The Substance Use Recovery Task Force continues building on this trend by examining pathways for reentry to society for substance involved individuals. This will be an essential issue that the General Assembly is likely to investigate during the 2021 Legislative Session because it affects many people across the Commonwealth, including our youngest and most vulnerable citizens. We must connect people struggling with substance use disorder to existing resources to help them successfully overcome addiction. Some of the reentry barriers include high treatment costs, lack of transportation to and from appointments, and lack of access to long-term outpatient treatment options. We must break down these barriers so those struggling with addiction can receive gainful employment and become productive, healthy society members.

As your representation here in Frankfort, I am always available to discuss your concerns, policies, or issues facing our community. I can be reached through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181, and you can contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@irc.ky.gov. You can also keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.



On Saturday, October 17th, the Friends of the Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve, with other valuable contributors, took 128 bags of trash, tires, a TV, car parts and other items off of Mullins Station Road. Working from U.S. Highway 25 to the bridge past the quarry, a total of 3 miles, the group combed through the fallen leaves to find as many single use bottles, food containers, household trash and dumped paint/chemicals, as possible. This effort was made possible by the Rockcastle County Solid Waste \$100/mile Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program. For more information about the Friends Group contact: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofgsp>

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2

Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) began on Sept. 21, 2020 and will continue through Dec. 11, 2020. CFAP 2 provides eligible producers with direct financial assistance due to market disruptions and associated costs because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Check out our brief video about the program.

CFAP 2 is a separate program from the first round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, now referred to as CFAP 1. Farmers and ranchers who participated in CFAP 1 will not be automatically enrolled and must complete a new application for CFAP 2. Details on how to apply can be found on farmers.gov/cfap/apply.

CFAP 2 Eligible Commodities Finder

Many more commodities are eligible for CFAP 2 than CFAP 1. Interested in finding the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 payment rates for the eligible commodities you grow or raise? Our new, easy-to-use CFAP 2 Eligible Commodities Finder makes finding payment rates specific to your operation simple. From yam to alpaca farmers – and

everyone in between – the payment rate information you need is just a few clicks away. Try it today on your desktop, tablet, or mobile device.

Call Center

A call center is available for producers who would like additional one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. The call center can provide service to non-English speaking customers. Customers will select 1 for English and 2 to speak with a Spanish speaking employee. For other languages, customers select 1 and indicate their language to the call center staff.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

At this time; due to the COVID-19; Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by online or by phone. No customers shall be in the building at any time. Anyone wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our

producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus

NEXT COC MEETING

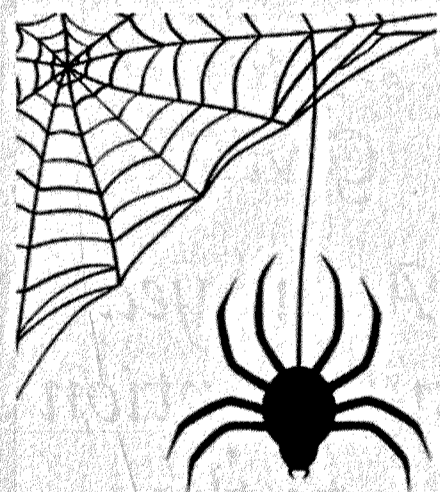
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Halloween Decoration Contest



HOW IT WORKS

1. TO ENTER: Pick up application at City Hall.
2. Deadline: Applications must be submitted to City Hall by Wednesday, October 28th 2020.
3. Entries will be Judged on Thursday night October 29th (for those who have light displays) and Friday, October 30th 2020.
4. Winners will receive a sign to place in their yard and have a picture of their victory put in the signal.
5. Entry must be Halloween themed.
6. No Inappropriate or Political themes.
7. Decorations may include (but are not limited to):
 - Window displays (inside or out)
 - Front porch displays
 - Entrance ways
 - Yard displays
 - **OUTSIDE ONLY** (inside of residence/business will not be judged)
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Posted: No trespassing of any kind on property owned by Buddy Mullins on waters of Crooked Creek. Violators will be prosecuted. (11/5)

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to Amber Tucker and located at 268 Letter Rock Road in Livingston. 37x4

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

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

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Noel Night Market event still on schedule

By: Mike French
Editor

Event after event has been cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns and regulations mandated by Governor Andy Beshear. However, unless there are big changes very soon, the third annual Mount Vernon Noel Night Market will be held.

During a recent meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council while announcing several event cancellations, City Administrator Josh Bray and Mayor Mike Bryant said the Noel Market is going to happen. "It is a good thing and we are going to make it happen if at all possible," said

Bray.

The event, organized by the Rockcastle Arts Association, will be held in downtown Mount Vernon on Tuesday, December 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. The arts association works closely with the City of Mount Vernon and the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club to center the event around the annual tree lighting ceremony.

The event includes four hours of shopping, dining, craft vendors, artisans and exhibitions. All local artisans are invited to set up a booth exhibiting their art and other goods for sale and vendors may display their talents at handmade items.

Among those already planning to take part are Cindy's Place, Los Cazadores, Vintage Charm Boutique, A Cut Above and food trucks from Apollo Pizza, Cameron's BBQ, We B Poppin Kettle Corn and Big Jacks Donuts and Coffee among others.

Organizers say the event has grown each year but this year the

event may appear different due to COVID concerns.

This year there will be no large enclosed tents and there will be additional space between vendors and food trucks. There will also be signs and arrows placed throughout the event directing pedestrians and encouraging social distancing.

A map of the event is expected to be published in the *Mount Vernon Signal* and on social media. There will also be hand sanitizer located throughout the vent.

This year, instead of

live music, there will be a D.J.. There will also be no visit from Santa or the Grinch this year.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the event and support local artists and businesses.

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Two fire departments receive grant funds

By: Mike French
Editor

Two local fire departments will share in a firefighting support grant program from Kentucky American Water.

According to a release this week, the Climax Volunteer Fire Department and Livingston Fire and Rescue will receive their part of the \$6,500 grant which will be shared with 11 other departments.


The release says the funds are expected to help the Climax department with a back up generator and the Livingston department with firefighter helmet fronts.

"Perhaps now, more than ever, local fire departments need additional funds to continue their efforts to protect communities and respond to emergencies," said Dave Farrar, vice president of operations for Kentucky American Water.

Kentucky American Water has given over \$78,000 in such grants since the program's inception in 2011.

The \$6,500 grant will be shared among 13 departments

"We are honored to continue our firefighting support grant program to support the tremendous work they do and thank them for the critical services they provide to communities year-round, despite the circumstances," said Farrar.



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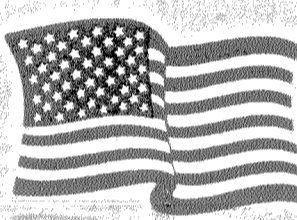


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