

## COVID numbers

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, there were 11 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Rockcastle County in the past seven days.

## Burn Ban

Remember the state burn ban is in effect until December 15. No open fires are permitted within 150 feet of woodlands or brushlands between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

## Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive Tuesday, November 1 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church gymnasium at 340 West Main Street in Mount Vernon. Everyone is encouraged to give blood since supplies are typically lower in winter months.

## RCHS Royalty



Mr. Silas Durham and Miss Emily Sturgill were crowned RCHS King and Queen during Homecoming festivities Friday night. Mya Hunt was first runner-up and Savanna Santo second runner-up. For King, Logan Dykes was first runner-up and Jameson Mink was second runner-up.

## City of Brodhead hires new police officer to replace resigning officers

### Second cop coming soon

By: Mike French  
Editor

When Kirk Mays resigned from the Brodhead Police force only one police officer remained for the city. What many didn't know was that Chief Richard Reynolds also resigned recently once again leaving the city of Brodhead without a police force. But now a new very experienced, certified officer, Gary Alcorn, has been hired.

Fortunately for the city-

zens of Brodhead, city officials have a good relationship with the Kentucky State Police and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and those two entities have been helping patrol the city since the entire force resigned, according to officials. "We didn't want to announce that both our officers had left until we had a police officer back on the streets," said City Clerk Becky Bussell. "It (See "Brodhead" on A5)

## Codes Enforcement Board named City hears financial reports and approves taxation ordinances

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council and Mayor Mike Bryant held their regular monthly meeting last week, deal-

ing with several issues on the agenda.

City Consultant Josh Bray presented an addition to the monthly financial report, which he called a balance sheet. Bray went through each page of the report explaining the funds and how the balance sheet can be used. The new balance sheet shows unrestricted cash accounts, unrestricted disbursement accounts and restricted cash accounts. The new sheet shows cash on hand at \$802,784. The disbursement account shows \$1,606,019 but Bray says that money is spoken for since it must be used for specific needs. The restricted cash account shows \$3,537,684 but this includes some funds that have not yet been explained. "There are some funds in this account that to be honest, I have no idea where they came from," said Bray. "There is money in there from things the city did many years ago before I came along and it is just sitting there." For example, there is a "1997 Sewer Project account" with \$103,315 in the fund. "I don't know what that is," (See "Council" on A5)

## City to help RCIDA with \$1,000/month

### Salary increase for director

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Chairman of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) Corey Craig, asked the Mount Vernon City Council to provide \$1,000 in monthly program support to the RCIDA. The money will apparently provide a city-funded

raise to the RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook. However, Craig said the RCIDA board would meet to decide exactly how the money will be used.

The average salary of an RCIDA Director in Kentucky is \$107,000 annually, according to the Kentucky Salary website. The request came dur-

ing the regular meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council last Thurs when

Craig explained that VanHook had played a major roll in recent

growth and economic development throughout the (See "Council" on A5)

## Police and fire reports show increase in calls

By: Mike French  
Editor

After Mount Vernon City Council member Jim Bowman requested several months ago that

monthly reports be more detailed, police and fire reports have become much more informative.

They basically provide the same overall

information but they now include comparative statistics and ratios with charts and graphs that may give insight into future needs or help predict trends, as Bowman suggested.

The Mount Vernon Police Department reports during the October regular monthly meeting demonstrated a surprising increase in activity through September.

According to the report, there were 482 calls for service in September. This is a 15% increase above the average number of calls per month and 28 more calls than August. There have been 3,785 calls for service in 2022.

Though the reported injury and non-injury vehicle accidents remained close to the average number of calls, total arrests were up

(See "Council" on A8)

## Lost man rescued

## First responders have busy week

By: Mike French  
Editor

Last weekend was very busy for first responders throughout Rockcastle County, according to several local fire department officials.

Beginning at 5 a.m.

last Friday, the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department was called to Old Brodhead Road to deal with a structure fire. That same day, a massive search and rescue operation began when local resident, Dennis Williams, 52, used his cell

phone to dial 911 and report that he was lost and injured in the woods near Hummel Road and Wildie Road, according to Emergency Management Director David Colson.

The Climax, Mount Vernon and Brindle Ridge

Fire Departments, along with Rockcastle EMS, Rockcastle EMA, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, PHI Air Medical and Pulaski County SRT each rushed to the scene and

(See "Reports" on A5)



This mobile home was destroyed after a fire on Sapphire Lane last weekend.

## Correction

In the recent fiscal court story, we reported Jessica Cameron as a Supervisor at the Rockcastle 911 Center. In fact, Cameron is a dispatcher. The center has only one Supervisor. We apologize for the error.

## Trick or Treat

Children will be allowed to trick or treat from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31. Anyone willing to participate is asked to leave your porch light on. **Halloween at the Park** will be held at the same time in Brodhead and citizens may hand out candy there if your choose. Everyone is invited to the free event.

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# ramblings...

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(Ed's Note: The gremlins got me last week and quite a bit of the first part of this column was left out - rendering the remainder mostly nonsensical. I have decided to reprint that section so my readers will know that the rumors of my descent into dementia are not true, at least completely. pma)

I don't know how to politely phrase my feelings about the present controversy, now raging between those who approve of, and those who vehemently disapprove of, the decision of one school principal in our county to allow students, with parental/guardian consent, to participate in one hour of "moral instruction" a month.

This is a program that is allowed by state law and, as I understand it, no school personnel for the instruction or buses for transportation are being used.

Students cannot participate in this program without the consent of their parents/guardians. That to me, is as simple as it can get. Parents have the right to choose what their children are exposed to and if they are satisfied that they are not being force fed one religion over another, a personal decision, then that should be all that is required.

I have always been a supporter of separation of church and state, as set out in our Constitution. In my opinion, that does not apply to this situation since this was inserted into our Constitution to keep our government from declaring that the Baptist (or pick one and insert) faith would be the only recognized religious entity allowed in our country. That is not what is happening here--not even on a mini scale.

Quiet frankly, I don't see the problem. I don't agree that the Temple of Satan now has the right to petition for equal time for "moral instruction" since, by any definition, I don't see how this organization could offer anything "moral" to our students.

Those against this program are mad at us because we printed that some of those protesting this program were members of the

Temple of Satan. Mike French, our editor, should have asked them point blank that night, yes, but he already had facebook postings by at least one of them identifying themselves as supporters of the Satanic organization.

Anyway, this is it. Ms Riddle submitted a letter to the paper this week that was twice as long as our 400 word limit and we have asked her to bring it down to somewhere in that vicinity and we will be glad to print it. However, this will be the last word that we will entertain on the subject. We will only, from that point, print what happens that is in the realm of news about the subject. (Late note: Ms. Riddle asked that she be allowed to print the letter in two separate insertions. The first one appears this week).

This uproar pales in comparison to what is happening in our country, at present.

•Heating oil is already being rationed in the northeast, according to Bloomberg, where fuel stockpiles are a third of seasonal norms.

And we only have 23 days of diesel fuel supply left, the lowest since 2008, according to the Energy Information Administration. If this is not addressed quickly by our "administration," this winter will be a long, harsh one for Americans.

•Washington DC's city council has voted 12-1 to advance a bill that would allow noncitizens to vote in local elections, with proof of only 30 days residency. The only council member voting against it said it would enable illegal immigrants

## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Fall Board at Frankfort

Dear Journal,  
Yesterday, Stanley and I went to Frankfort. The Fall Board of Management for the Kentucky DAR was to meet at the Frankfort Country Club. We had our pets to let out

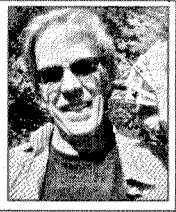
and everybody had to be fed. In order to get everything done and to get ourselves ready, we had to get up at 2 AM. Stanley couldn't sleep, so we got up about 1:30AM.

We let the dogs out and fed them and the cats. Finally, we got ready and managed to get out the door and on the way at 5:15. It was still dark and cold. The stars were pretty and there was a little sliver of a moon shining. I wished that it was daylight so I could see the leaves. We were getting hungry but the drive-throughs were closed. We were in the market for some good Hardee's breakfast biscuits. We got to Lexington by 6:00 AM and went to the Hardee's on Richmond Road, and got our

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



There is one thing missing from America. It left in or about the early 1970s and it never looked back. It has many names and some refer to it as "coolness." But in simple language, it was toughness. People before my generation were tough. Almost anyone born before 1960 was flat out tough!

My father was about the toughest man I ever met. He had no fear of anything or anyone. He would stand and face a giant with all the confidence of David facing Goliath. And if he thought he was in the right, there was no giant he wouldn't take the fight to. Not just the physical fight, but the social, political, religious, moral fight. He would stand up for what he thought was right.

I never once saw him agree, just to "go along" with everyone else. He did not hesitate, if he believed in something, to speak up for it no matter who was speaking out against it.

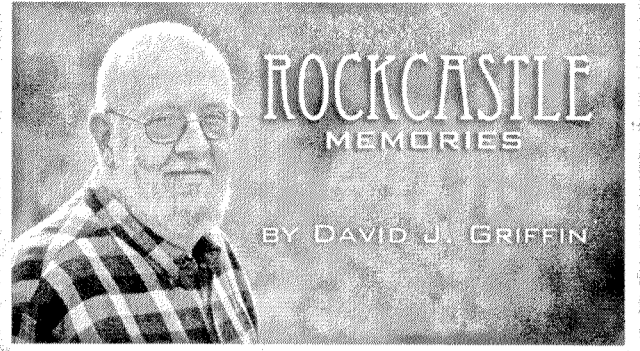
The truth is, in a room filled with friends agreeing on a subject, I would tend to either agree, or not speak at all, even if I thought they were all wrong. Especially if the room was filled with important people or close friends or people I wanted to impress. In all honesty, in a room filled with

people I hoped to impress, if they all agreed that the sky was green, I would likely just not speak about it. I would not enthusiastically agree and speak out in agreement, but I most likely wouldn't stand up and tell them all they are idiots because the sky is blue. I'd just be quiet.

Dad would not. He would say something about their ancestry and then point out their own ignorance because after all, the sky is blue!

He was physically tough as well. He worked hard, hard, hard. So very often he was cut or bruised and broken somehow. But unless

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### Country Breakfast

One day last week, my wife and I decided to pool our limited kitchen skills in order to prepare what we call a "full country" breakfast. She asked me to peel, slice, and fry some "fried taters" for our project. She agreed to prepare over-easy eggs, bacon, and toast.

(Now, some of you may think that it is not a real country breakfast unless biscuits are on the menu. And in a way, you would be correct. However, it just so happens that we both like to rake our toast through the runny egg yolks--so we

don't really require biscuits for fried eggs. If we were talking about scrambled eggs, then that would be another matter.)

As I cooked the fried potatoes, I also sliced a plate full of fresh yellow and red tomatoes from our neighbor's garden. He has kept us in sweet, juicy tomatoes virtually all summer. He and I both love sliced tomato sandwiches, and he provides the tomatoes.

When I completed the tomato plate, I noticed that Kat's bacon and eggs were nearing completion, so I added slices of sourdough bread to the toaster. Our country breakfast had to also include Smucker's blackberry jam and coffee for me. My wife always has an Ale8 with her morning meal; she says that is her "coffee."

When we sat down to what we considered to be our feast, I was mentally returned to my mother's (Bee) kitchen when I was a boy in Mt. Vernon. I believe that Bee's breakfasts were the best available, anywhere.

Every morning, before school, Bee served us a full breakfast to prepare us for the day's learning. On weekends, she demonstrated her kitchen skills to the maximum. To the meal I just described, Bee would have added biscuits and white gravy. Oh, how I loved her gravy and biscuits! And she brought her own homemade blackberry jam to the table.

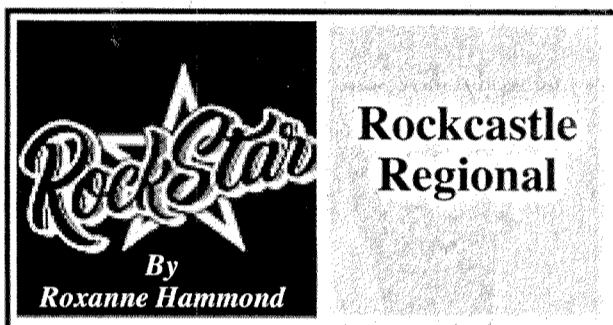
After Kat and I finished our country breakfast, we both agreed that we had exceeded our ordinary kitchen skills. We had successfully cooked a very good country breakfast.

This may sound like a small thing to many, but it was quite an accomplishment for us since neither of us are exactly talented in a kitchen. Our success very likely means that we will give this project another try soon--regardless of the calories.

After all, when you are our age, good eating is one of the things you look forward to the most!

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

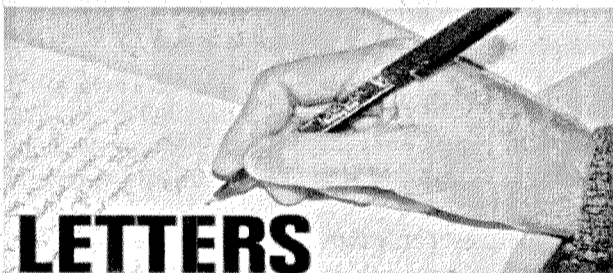
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A few weeks ago I had the privilege to sit down and talk about our local hospital with present CEO, Steve Estes and his longtime assistant. This article is a short version of that conversation coupled with a little history. In 1955 Rockcastle county business leaders, county government officials and the local Baptist Association gathered to discuss the challenges facing their community. They recognized the need for quality, affordable health care close to home. Out of the desire to meet this need grew a local hospital and thus better healthcare for Rockcastle county and adjacent com-

munities. A "Rock Star" was born. The name has changed through the years and now 20 plus years into the 21st century Rockcastle Regional Hospital is our communities greatest asset in terms of quality healthcare and employment, presently employing 835 employees. The present goal and need, according to Steve Estes, is to employ 900 plus. These employees not only include Rockcastle county residents, but many surrounding counties as well, so the name change to Rockcastle Regional is fitting, both

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Let me clarify...

Dear Editor,  
This letter is a continuation of my first letter due to word limit constraints for The Signal.

In regard to Bible Release Time:

Though my religious beliefs are not germane to the issue at hand, nor are anyone else's, I want to state, for clarity's sake, that I love Jesus. I am not a member or representa-

tive of The Satanic Temple.

I am against Bible Release Time for several reasons:

1) Religious instruction belongs at home or church. There are plenty of hours outside of public school time. Religion is a family's responsibility. If the "moral instruction" can't be taught on campus, we shouldn't be

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## ramblings

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shipped into DC by southern states to vote in elections that they have no information about.

Senator Tom Cotton is introducing a resolution in Congress that would hopefully block the move, calling it an "insane policy."

The CDC has recommended that the Covid 19 vaccine be made part of the vaccine regime for the nation's school children. Several states have already said that they will not allow this and Kentucky needs to step up pretty quickly with a "No thank you" on this ridiculous measure.

We contacted our State Representative Josh Bray Monday asking him if there has been any conversation among legislators concerning this and he told us there had not been as yet. But, he assured us that there would be at least one bill filed against this (inferring that if no other legislator did it, he would).

Besides this ridiculous recommendation, Pfizer plans to sell its covid vaccine at a 10,000% markup in 2023, raising the price of a dose of Comirnaty to \$130. The Comirnaty vaccine costs \$1.80 per dose to produce.

To date, over 4.9 million illegal aliens have entered the United States during President Biden's first 18 months in office. Several thousands of these have been sent to New York, so they can take advantage of New York being a "Sanctuary State."

Of course, New York has rolled out the welcome mat, building a tent city on Randall Island which offers all the amenities necessary to make these people who came into our country IL-LEGALLY, comfortable. To begin with, there is no time limit on how long they may stay. And, there are culturally appropriate meals offered free three times a day in the cafeteria with snacks available 24 hours a day. A bank of telephones ensure they will be able to keep in touch with relatives, who have not invaded us yet. And, don't forget the living areas with comfy sofas, a popcorn machine, all the games necessary to provide entertainment because, the Good Lord knows we

wouldn't want them to be bored while they are ILLEGALLY residing in our country.

Of course, our own homeless, including thousands of veterans, might be feeling a little left out but, you know, Democrat priorities and all that.

•And, just announced (or I just found out), the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division has been deployed to Europe for the first time in almost 80 years (since WWII).

The plan is for them to assist NATO allies and deter Russian aggression in the region. The first wave was sent in late June. Altogether there will be 4700 "Screaming Eagles" deployed to various locations across Europe.

So, it seems as if critics who said President Trump would start WWII were off by one President.

## Aces

(Continued from A2) someone asked, they would never know. I have seen him completely ignore an injury and keep working without so much as an "ouch" after an injury that would have sent me to the ER. I would only know about it later when I saw the blood running down his arm and ask what happened. "Oh that \$#@% steel wire broke loose and stuck in my arm. It's all right." I would have curled into the fetal position as they carried me to the ambulance if I had the same injury.

But the truth is, it wasn't just my dad. It was people in those days. They were almost all like that. They were raised that way. They faced issues every day that modern people only read about in novels. When they fell, they didn't just get up, they leaped up and ran to make up for lost time. Americans used to face problems head on. They didn't blame someone else and make excuses when they were wrong. They didn't look you in the eye and try to convince you that you didn't see what you just saw or hear what you just heard. They

didn't manipulate words and cry about a spotted owl that passed on to the next life. They didn't whine that life was unfair to them and they didn't blame their skin color when they failed at something.

They even had a well-used saying in those days that you may have heard. "Sticks and stone may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." That was because they understood that not every human had to agree with their position and they knew that those who didn't agree with them, would speak up about it. They were allowed to disagree. It was a free country then. They didn't ban words because it offended some complainer and they didn't completely ignore the First Amendment and forbid people who disagree with their opinion to speak. They let people speak and say what was on their minds. They called it communication and shared ideas.

## Rock

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in healthcare and employment. The vision of business, government and faith communities in our county more than 67 years ago has come to an outstanding fruition under the present leadership. Our community is forever grateful for those initial visionaries and many others who picked up the task through the years. They have shown incredible leadership and courage for our hospital and community.

I for one and our community as a whole are deeply indebted to these men and women who have stepped up to invest their lives to grow such a remarkable institution. My husband (born 1957) was one of the first of many babies in our community born at the hospital and I was employed on two separate occasions in my medical career. This article of recognition and appreciation can not name all the people who have been, past and present, dedicated leaders, administrators, medical staff and personal through the years. As to administrators they include Floyd Owens, Bobby Hayes, Joyce Brown, Jones B Hiatt, Danny Price, Mattison Hoskins, Luke Dober, Robert Cromer, Roger Pence, Wayne Stewart, Lee Keene and since 2002, the present CEO, Steve Estes. Under Steve's leadership and vision, progress continues to build. In an interview he stated that "the

People in those days got out on icy cold days and worked and supported their family and went to church and taught their children about the Bible and the Constitution.

When they made poor decisions, they suffered the consequences of those decisions and didn't beg others to bail them out. When they had debt and signed their name on the dotted line and promised to pay it back, they paid it back. If someone else tried to pay it for them, they would not allow it. They had common pride and value and charity was for those with a handicap and not for those who were just lazy or whose promise meant nothing.

They didn't lock themselves away and refuse to function when a flu was circulating. They didn't stay home when it snowed and they didn't complain about working 40 hours. Instead, they wanted overtime.

People were tough. It seems, to me, that tough is synonymous with honest and fair, and filled with commonsense, and a love for country, and for God. Tough people were trustworthy. They were on time. They kept their word. They faced adversity head on without crying "racist." Tough people were good people. The weaker America gets, the less "good" is left. Words are easy to say. You just part your lips and words come out. Actions are what shows who one is. If you want to know about anyone, don't listen to fancy words, watch their actions.

Toughness is missing in America.

## Letter

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2) Instructional hours are very important. If we learned anything during COVID, it's that kids need to be in school. They are already behind because of the virus.

3) The Bible Release Time program has not been presented to or been approved by our elected representatives at the Rockcastle County Board of Education, which means proper protocol has not been followed to conduct this program.

4) I am concerned with the effect this program has on ALL our children in school, that volunteers are properly screened, and that the program's curriculum is made available to the public. I am concerned with the implications of separating our school children by religion. I am concerned this release time will whittle away at our instructional hours when other religions and denominations—other than Christians and Southern Baptists—want their hour of instruction off campus.

If you would like an unbiased, factual article on Bible Release Time, there is one concerning our Silent Protest at Kentucky.com, "Complaint about 'Bible Release Time' in KY school district leads to investigation" by Valerie Honeycutt Spears.

Rachelle R. Riddle

a proper place of burial. His kindness and compassion speaks volumes as to the family oriented tradition Steve refers to, it definitely spoke to me. The staff and dedicated volunteers, who cared deeply about the residents, planned and helped celebrate countless birthday and holiday celebrations among many other things.

Steve was gracious to highly compliment past and present board members that include William Bailey, Sr, James Lambert, Robert Cromer, Wayne Stewart, Bige Towery, Joe Lambert, Jeff Burdette, Debra Lambert, William B Bailey, Jr.

Great hospitals are more often great because they're led by high level leadership who inspire the physicians and their staff to deliver their best. Steve, an employee since 1982, stated that he fell in love with the people at Rockcastle Regional and that helped develop a motivation to serve and lead, which at times involved great risk. He smiled when he said the motto had been, "proceed until apprehended."

For those who have been and presently are being treated at the hospital, respiratory care fa-

cility, medical arts, home health or Rockcastle health and rehabilitation it's often reassuring to know they are being cared for not only by highly qualified and skilled professionals, but are in many cases are friends and neighbors. This quote by Dr Martin Luther King, Jr says it all when thinking about Rockcastle Regional, Dr. King said, "Everyone has the power for greatness, not for fame but greatness, because greatness is determined by service."

We have a great hospital and great healthcare system in Rockcastle county today because of those who have and who continue to serve.

On a personal note I wanted to thank Rockcastle Regional for my employment both at the beginning of my adult life and early in my nursing career and most recently the care that has been provided for me and in the past for my family. I'm indebted to Steve Estes and Melissa Brock for taking time out of a busy schedule to meet with me and lay the foundation for this article and give them thanks for their dedication and service to Rockcastle Regional Hospital and our community.

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
Monday, Oct. 31st: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, Hwy. 3245 and Bryant Ridge. Tuesday, Nov. 1st: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

### Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

### Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

### VFW Post 5908

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

### Mt. Vernon Lions Club

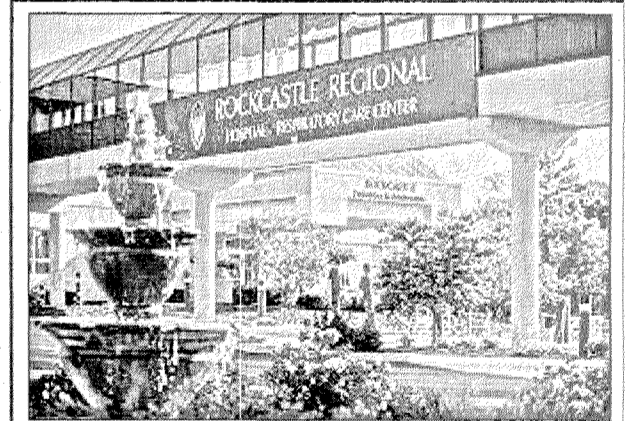
The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

### American Legion Post News

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

### Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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



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# Obituaries

## Elaine Hansel

Elaine Hansel, 80, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, October 17, 2022 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. She was born July 14, 1942 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Russell and Margie Bradley McFerron.



Elaine worked for many years as a secretary and bookkeeper for Dr. Arvin and retired from the Rockcastle County Board of Education. She was united in marriage on November 8, 1960 to Monroe Hansel and from this loving marriage came three children, Sherry, Teresa, and Jeff. She loved God with all her heart and soul and faithfully attended Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. She loved attending church, working in her garden, flowers, and yard, as well as taking trips with her family.

She is survived by: her children, Sherry Hansel, Teresa (Tommy) Bussell, and Jeff Hansel, all of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Marcelene (Earl) Johns, Shirley (Bill) Cummins, and Jeannine Parsons, all of Mt. Vernon; and a grandson, Devon Bussell, of Mt. Vernon. A host of nieces and nephews also survives. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Monroe Hansel.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 21, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Ova Baker, Dale McNew, and Phillip Scott. Burial was in Hansel Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Billy Cummins, Bobby Cummins, Arlis Mazon, Adan Mazon, Chayse McClure, Mickey McClure, Tim Smith, and Neil Sparks.

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## Jean Chattelle

Wanda Jean Chattelle, 74 of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, October 21, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born at Quail in Rockcastle County on March 8, 1948, the daughter of Arthur and Nannie Ellen Bullock. She was a retired bank teller and clerk for Citizens Bank and a member of Watts Chapel Baptist Church in Crab Orchard.



She is survived by: her husband, Kenneth Chattelle; her son, Scott Chattelle of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Glen Bullock of Freedom, and Douglas Bullock and Ronnie Bullock, both of Quail; and two sisters, Georgia Lee Bullock of Quail, and Donna Lunsford of Brindle Ridge. Also surviving are: two grandchildren, Ashley Nicole Nolan of Livingston, and Laura Casey Chattelle of Conway; and five great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: two sisters, Mattie Mae Bullock and Louise Shelton; and two brothers, Robert Bullock and Willard Bullock.

Memorial services will be conducted Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 12 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dan Gutenson. Burial will follow in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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## Zelma Mullins

Zelma Baker Mullins, of Roundstone, lived a long and happy life of 94 years. On Tuesday, October 18, 2022, her journey here on earth came to an end. She died peacefully at her home surrounded by her loved ones. She was born June 21, 1928 at Johnetta in Rockcastle County, to Henry and Lona Ballinger Baker. She had been a homemaker and a member of Climax Christian Church.



Zelma was a loving mother and is survived by her children, Edna Jo Cook of Orlando, James "Buck" Baker of Wildie, and Elona Sue and John Rodefer of Climax. She was a proud grandmother to: Steve Blackwell and Maryjo Rodefer and Jamay; great grandmother to: September Dawn Miller and Josh, and Cierra Rain "Rainy" Stewart; and great great grandmother to: Taigan, Raiven, and Blaidan Miller. She is also survived by: her loving brother, Jay Baker of Mt. Vernon; and sister, Hazel Fowler of Cincinnati. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Kelly Mullins; a daughter, Linda Craig; a grandson, Conley Shawn Rodefer; and many brothers and sisters.

Services were conducted Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Gordon Mink. Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

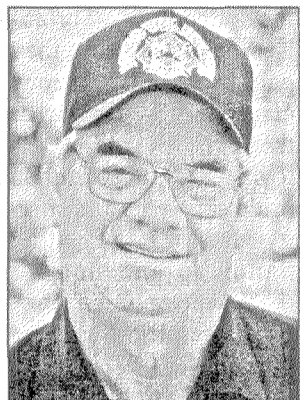
Pallbearers were: Brandon Baker, Danny Baker, Steve Blackwell, Josh Miller, John Rodefer, and Josh Stewart.

Obituary provided by the family.

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## Roger Dykes

Roger Dykes, 65, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Pulaski County on January 25, 1957, son of the late Commodore and Juanita Adams Dykes. He loved his church and was a deacon at Sinking Valley Baptist Church. He was a true family man, who loved spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed farming, watching wildlife, hunting and fishing.



He is survived by: his wife of 48 years whom each shared a true love for each other, Linda Cromer Dykes whom he married on May 17, 1974; daughters, Melinda Dykes, and Jennifer (James) Eaton; sons, Roy (Latasha) Dykes, and Brandon Dykes and (girlfriend, Kim); grandchildren, Austin, Logen, Victoria, Jenna, Jackson, and Jacob; sisters, Trudell (Bobby) Burdine of Somerset, Patricia (Roger) Bullock of Mt. Vernon, Sue (James) Lawson of Somerset, Ray (Brenda) Dykes of London, James (Vickie) Dykes of Somerset, Kay (Jerry) Bullock of Livingston, Nadean (Tommy) Chaney of Somerset, Jay (Winona) Dykes of Mt. Vernon, Benny Dykes of Somerset, and Susie White of London; his father-in-law, Keith Cromer; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, and several brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law.

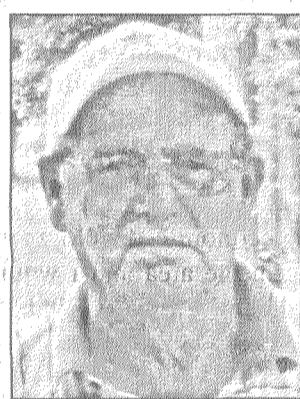
He was preceded in death by: his parents, Commodore and Juanita Adams Dykes; sisters, Daisy Arthur, and Wilma Dykes; a brother, Sammie Dykes, and a brother who died in infancy.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 20, 2022 at the chapel of Pulaski Funeral Home with Bro. Jason Ivey officiating.

Burial was in Dykes Family Cemetery.

## Arnold Rogers

Arnold Rogers, 86, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, October 13, 2022 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born in Manchester on February 1, 1936, to Luther and Daisy Buttery Rogers, one of 16 children. He had been a welder for Diebold Safe Company of Hamilton, OH.



It has been said that Arnold could sell ice cream to an Eskimo! He was an avid mumblepeg and horseshoes player who never met a stranger. Gramma is the only one to

make better soup beans. "Come on home, son! Supper's ready!"

He is survived by: his children, Dennis, Jeffrey, Kenneth, Don, and Peggy; a sister, Dorothy Halcomb; 10 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and his significant other, Dorothy Cain. Several nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Sonja Todd Rogers; sons, David and Douglas; a daughter, Virginia; a granddaughter, Amanda; and several brothers and sisters.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, October 19, 2022 in Hugh Martin Cemetery in Clay County.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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## Judy Lee Adams

Judy Lee (Kidwell) Adams, 70, wife of Roy, of Mt. Vernon, went home to be with her Lord on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born November 29, 1951, in Stanford, a daughter of the late Earl Colson Kidwell and Minnie Alice Owens. She was united in holy matrimony to Roy Adams on May 15, 1976, and of that union came two sons, Roy and Eric. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church. She devoted many years to her receptionist position at Brodhead Elementary School, where she made many lasting friendships and shed a positive light on those around her. Although she was known for gifting baby quilts and making Christmas candy, her favorite hobby was spending time with her grandchildren.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 46 years, Roy Adams, of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Roy Donovan Adams and Ashley of Nancy and Eric Lee Adams and Angie of Mt. Vernon; four granddaughters, Sadie Elizabeth, Madelyn Leanne, Lynnlee Mae, and Hannah Rose Adams; two brothers, Gary Kidwell and Laura of Brodhead, and Phillip Kidwell and Jackie of Nicholasville; two sisters, Helen Reppert and Ronnie of Scaffold Cane, and Vanessa Palmer and Daniel of Richmond; as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Christine Graves.

Services were held Sunday, October 23, 2022 at Bible Baptist Church with Tim McClure, Perry Dobbs, and Travis Gilbert officiating. Burial was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Charles Bullen, Ronnie Dale Reppert, Harold Graves, Curt Kidwell, John Dyehouse, and Parker Bown. Honorary casketbearers were: Earl Bullock, Ronnie Arnold, and Sam and Danny Ford.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Bible Baptist Church, Shine Ministries, Brodhead Elementary School Family Resource Center.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Betty Coldiron

Betty Jean Coldiron, 87, of Louisville and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, October 14, 2022 at Landmark of Iroquois Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Louisville. She was born in Mt. Vernon on June 16, 1935, the daughter of Bird and Lorene Mink Cummins. She had been a house mother at Stewart Home School and was a member of Highview Baptist Church of Louisville.



She is survived by: her son, Myron Coldiron of Louisville; two brothers, Bill (Shirley) Cummins of Mt. Vernon and Benny Clayton Cummins of Florence; and a sister-in-law, Connie Cummins of Florence. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Emerson Coldiron; two brothers, James Wiley Cummins and Quentin Donald Cummins; two sisters, Annabelle Renner and infant Barbara Faye Cummins; and a sister-in-law, Dora Cummins.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Larry Burton. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Livingston.

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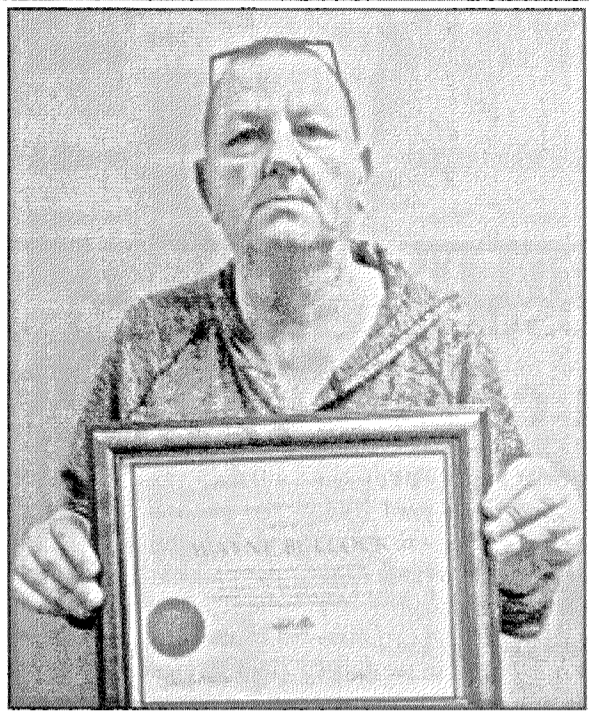
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## “Council”

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**Wayne Bullock, All American Club Coordinator and Mount Vernon City Councilman, received recognition from the Kentucky Department of Transportation Adopt a Highway Program last month for his outstanding dedication to litter abatement. Officials say Bullock's dedication and desire to promote the program is making a difference and helping keep his community clean and safe.**

said Bray. None of the council members seemed to know as well. "We will just have to look into that and go through records to find out why it is there and what we can do with it," said Bray.

However, with this new report system, Bray says the city can better track each fund and make more informed decisions as related to each account.

Mayor Bryant also discussed some needs the city has that he hopes will be addressed in the near future. "Our lake is in need of several upgrades," he said. "One being we need a two-boat launch area and we certainly need to address the campground. There are several needs there." Councilman Clifford Mullins said he believes there are some "wetlands grants" available that may help in some areas of need at the local lake.

The council also heard the second reading and approved the two city tax ordinances for personal and real property. Ordinance 2022-3 places the ad valorem tax on motor vehicles at 16.7 cents per \$100 of assessed value and an ad valorem tax on real property at .1497 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Mayor Bryant say one of his goals as mayor over the past 12 years has now been met. "It was my goal that no new tax and no tax increases would take place under my watch and we have accomplished that," he said.

The city also held the first reading of Resolution 2022-3 resolving that the City of Mount Vernon adopts the Cumberland Valley Multi-Jurisdictional, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The county approved the same plan recently which allows entities to be eligible for FEMA funds should an emergency arise. The 600-page document is now on file and adopted.

Mayor Bryant also recommended George Cummins, Arther Asher and Shirley Cox as the first members of the newly formed Codes Enforcement Board under the new Nuisance Ordinance Addition and Building Codes. The new documents give the city the authority to enter, close, or order repairs and impose fines for any building within the city limits if it meets certain unsafe or nuisance guidelines.

All three members were approved unani-

mously. Mayor Bryant says the board, once enacted, can add new members or adjust the board as needed, after council approval of such requests.

During reports from Assistant Police Chief Brian Carter, Mullins asked if the law allows citizens to "walk around town with swords or machetes." Carter said such behavior is legal. "There is no law prohibiting carrying those weapons in public," he said.

Carter reported his department had 482 calls for service in September. Also several categories of the new detailed report show that September saw much more activity than previous months of 2022 (see related story).

David and Adam Bales provided the council with fire department reports showing 52 total runs in September (see related story).

Wayne Bullock provided the All American Club report showing 50 bags of trash picked up in Mt. Vernon during the first three weeks of October. Nine bags were removed from Horseshoe Bend and eight bags from the Old Dixie Highway. Seven bags came from Old US-25.

Bullock also reported receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Adopt a Highway Program on September 22. A spokesman for the cabinet said "not all Adopt a Highway volunteers are as dedicated as Bullock and the program would live up to its full potential if other volunteers were as dedicated as he is every day."

Having no further action, the council was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 6 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

## “Brodhead”

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was worrisome for a while because our highest goal is to protect the citizens of Brodhead. But we had patrols in our town and we appreciate the help from the state police and the sheriff's office. Without their help we would have had no protection for a couple of weeks."

Mays resigned more than a month ago and the search to replace him had begun but, before all the advertising and interviews and background checks that are required were completed, Chief

force leaving Brodhead without a police officer.

The city received three resumes for the original opening and held interviews over the past two weeks. Alcorn was hired at a special called meeting last week under the same pay scale and benefits that Mays was receiving, according to Councilman Brian Bullock.

Since hiring Alcorn, two more resumes have been received and the process of replacing Chief Reynolds began.

"We are going to hire the second officer very quickly because we have resumes from certified police officers with many years of experience," said Bussell.

The city has gone through several officers in the past few years but now has a well equipped department that is ready for new officers as they are hired, according to Bussell. In fact, the city has two fully-equipped police cruisers waiting on their new officers.

"It is amazingly difficult to find and keep police officers since HB63 required an officer in every school in Kentucky," said Bussell. "Small cities simply can't compete with the salaries that school districts can offer and you can't really blame the police officer for taking those jobs."

In fact, many school districts in Kentucky has a contingency fund (extra money not designated for any specific use) that is nearly as much as some city's entire budget, according to officials. "We just can't pay what they can pay and cities across the state are losing police officers to become SROs (School Resource Officers) in school districts," Bussell said.

Sheriff Shannon Franklin recently made similar comments at a fiscal court meeting. "Officers across the state are leaving their job to take a position with school districts who can pay much more than cities and counties can pay," he said.

Only last week, neighboring Laurel County School District, created their own full time police force, hiring 17 full-time officers to fulfill the requirements of HB63. Three of those officers were from Rockcastle County.

Every school district is now required by law to have at least one full time officer at each school. Rockcastle has not yet met that requirement but officials say they are working on progress each week.

Officials at Brodhead say they plan to hire the second city officer very soon and have the city fully protected again. Until then, the KSP and sheriff's office will continue to lend a hand and offer patrols and respond to calls in the area.

Officer Alcorn has 18 years of experience as a police officer in his hometown of Corinth.

## “RCIDA”

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county. "Our (RCIDA) relationship with Josh (Bray) the mayor (Mike Bryant) and the Judge (Howell Holbrook, Jr) has been a very good working relationship," said Craig as he continued a lengthy list of business and economic growth and development since VanHook was hired as a county employee about five years ago. "All

these accomplishments were possible because of the relationships we have and because of Jeff's dedication and desire."

Craig continued to say VanHook's position is more of an investment than a working position. "Looking to the future, we need to retain Jeff because he is the best at what he does and we need to appreciate the value of that investment."

Councilman Jim Bowman agreed, "I think this is a great idea," he said. "We talk about investing in our future and if we are going to invest in tomorrow, this is where you do that."

Mayor Mike Bryant also spoke about the need for VanHook's work and his abilities saying "I know that Jeff has opportunities elsewhere that would pay him more," he said. "But he loves this area and he makes a real difference in our economic opportunities. I don't look at this as a pay raise for anyone but as an investment in our future and our support for the work the RCIDA is doing every day."

Councilman Cliff Mullins asked Craig who VanHook answers to. "Who is it that holds his feet to the fire and knows who he is talking to and what he is doing. Who would be watching to measure his success?" he asked. Craig said the director answers to the entire RCIDA board and the county and the City of Mount Vernon often reaps the benefits of growth in the county.

Mayor Bryant continued to support the idea. "There are many businesses opening here and it is mostly due to the economic development in the area and I would love to see that continue. We have a coffee shop coming to Main Street and another across town, Chapin, the gas line and so many other economic opportunities that Jeff has played a big part in," he said. "We have seen strong economic development since Jeff came on board."

Bowman said he feels the amount is very reasonable. "Given our location on I-75, central to so much, between Cincinnati and Knoxville, I have always been perplexed as to why we weren't growing much faster than we have been," he said. "But in the past five years, we have seen a lot of economic development and I think \$1,000 per month is a very reasonable investment. Our potential is off the charts and I think Jeff can help us realize that potential."

However, every council member was not as eager to provide the extra funds.

"I just don't feel good about this," said Council member Shelly Raines Lewis. "We have 911 dispatchers going to fiscal court practically begging to be paid above the poverty level, and yet the city is going to give \$1,000 per month to a guy that already makes \$75,000 per year in a county of 16,000 people. Something isn't right about that."

Lewis explained that she appreciates the work VanHook does and she likes him personally and professionally. "But this has nothing to do with my own personal feelings," she said. "The average household income in the county is barely above the poverty line and this one person would be making much more than

most families. This would take him to \$87,000 per year (if the entire \$12,000 were added to VanHook's salary). If I were going to talk about people who do what they do because they love their community and don't do it for the money, I would point out that city council members get \$25 per month," she said. "If the city has \$1,000 per month to provide for program support, then I'd vote to give that to the 911 center."

Mayor Bryant asked City Consultant Josh Bray where the money would have to come from if the council were to vote in favor of the monthly support. Bray said there are several funds that may be used for such program support.

Councilman Wayne Bullock made a motion to provide the support and, after a second by Bowman, the vote ended 4-1 in favor of the support with Lewis voting "no" and Sharon Saylor abstaining due to "lack of information."

According to Craig, and the council members, Craig had discussed the proposal with each council member prior to the meeting to inform them of the upcoming request but he did not reach Saylor.

After the meeting, Craig said he is not certain if all the funds provided will go directly to VanHook's salary saying, "This is something the board will have to discuss further."

VanHook was hired nearly five years ago with a beginning annual salary of \$60,000 but received a unanimous RCIDA-voted raise to \$75,000 in 2021. VanHook is an employee of Rockcastle County and would be the highest paid employee of the county (excluding elected officials). The second highest salary for a county employee is Andrew Pensol, CSEPP Director, who makes \$44,336 per year.

"I can say that we have some good people in our county and our cities that work hard to help the area's economic development and look into the future of our region," said Craig. "But even the finest orchestra needs a maestro to bring the music together and make that perfect harmonic sound. Jeff is that maestro for our county. Is he going to go above and beyond and sacrifice and put our county first? Yes, he will."

VanHook could not attend the meeting but said the following day that the program support is not for him but for the community. "This has nothing to do with me personally. Whomever is in this position should be treated fair and equitably," he said. "It takes all four wheels for a wagon to roll. Remove just one wheel and the entire wagon is stuck. Getting a return on our investments and economic development is the key to growth. In fact it is the City of Mount Vernon who benefits most from the things we have done."

VanHook pointed out the city now receives over \$60,000 per year in occupational tax alone

from the new Chapin Industry that RCIDA influence brought to the city. "The money from Microfoodery is in the bank and they repaid their building already, the gas line is coming to Mount Vernon, Chapin is growing all the time and the countless other projects we have underway have potential to bring immeasurable development to the city and the county and it is because we are all working together," said VanHook. "The question is, do you want to keep moving in this positive direction and growing by supporting the RCIDA and supporting each other, or do you want to remove one of the wheels and stop the wagon in its tracks?"

How the \$1,000 per month in program support will be used exactly, will be determined by the RCIDA board.

## “Busy”

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began the search for the missing man.

However, according to officials at the Brindle Ridge Department, the man was very deep into the forest and when he was found, after dark, a treacherous, technical rescue was required on dangerous terrain using specialized equipment.

While attempting to find Williams, the Brindle Ridge Department was called to a structure fire on Sapphire Lane where a mobile home was fully involved in flames and the fire was beginning to spread to nearby vehicles. Officials say over 6,100 gallons of water was needed to extinguish the blaze. For reference, the Mount Vernon Fire Department used 6,600 gallons of water throughout all of September's calls combined.

Around midnight, another structure fire on Freedom School Road took first responders away from the search and other calls.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department reports making nine emergency runs during the same period, including assisting on these calls and the search. In one weekend, the Mount Vernon Fire Department serviced two vehicle crashes, three residential fires, two vehicle fires, a helicopter rescue assist and several other calls, according to firefighters.

The Brodhead Fire Department, along with the Sheriff's office and Rockcastle EMS, were also called to a four-car crash on US-150 Monday involving a log truck. Two victims were transported to the local hospital. Their condition was not known at press time.

The local first responders have commented that the many events throughout the past weekend were only taken care of properly due to the many different agencies working well together to save life and property.

After an all-day search, Williams was found and transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

## Trick or Treat

Children will be allowed to trick or treat from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31. Anyone willing to participate is asked to leave your porch light on. **Halloween at the Park** will be held at the same time in Brodhead and citizens may hand out candy there if your choose. Everyone is invited to the free event.

# SPORTS

## Rockets lose to Garrard County in close one 31-27

The visiting Garrard County Golden Lions got first possession of the game Friday night and made the most of it.

Beginning their drive on their own 35, the Lions methodically made their way down field and scored from the 1/2 yard line at the 6:51 mark of the first quarter. The PAT was good and it was 7-0 Garrard.

The Rockets started their first drive on their own 38 and picked up a first down immediately on an 11 yard run by Christian Larkey. The Rockets had to go for it on 4th and 3 on the next series, from the Garrard 44, and Larkey picked up four yards for the first down.

Isaiah Jackson then ripped off a 21 yard run and Larkey hit Kaden Kidwell for an 18 yard pick up to Garrard's 18 yard line. Larkey and Anthony Goodin then combined to move the ball to the Garrard seven yard line where it was 1st and goal and Larkey went in for the Rockets first score of the night at the 1:21 mark. Benjamin Brenda's PAT was good and the score was knotted at seven all at the end of the first quarter.

Garrard County returned the Rockets kick to their own 49 and then, with the help of a 23 yard pickup on a quarterback keeper and a personal foul on the Rockets, had it 1st and goal on the Rockets seven. Three plays later, they went over from the three yard line for their second score of the night. The extra point was good and it was 14-7 Garrard County.

The two teams traded possessions throughout the rest of thesecond quarter until, with 42.5 second left on the clock in the first half, Garrard County kicked a 20 yard field goal to make it 17-7 at half time.

The Rockets were set to receive the opening kick-off the second half but Garrard pulled off a successful onside kick and took possession of the ball on the Rockets 48 yard line.

It was 3rd and 13 when a Garrard County runner picked up 33 yards to the Rockets 18. A chop block penalty was called on the Rockets on the next play making it 1st and goal from the Rockets six yard line. Garrard then went in for the touchdown from the Rockets one. Their PAT was good and it was 24-7 Garrard County with 9:01 left in the third quarter.

Freshman Isaiah Jackson added some excitement to the game for Rockets fans when he took the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for a Rockets touchdown to make it 24-13. Brenda's PAT was good and it was 24-14.

On their next possession, Garrard County went for it on 4th and 3 from the Rockets 47. Larkey got the runner for a loss of two yards and the

Rockets took over on their own 49 yard line. Three first downs later, Larkey went over for the touchdown from Garrard's 12 yard line with 2:24 left in the third quarter. Brenda's PAT was good and it was 24-21 Garrard County and that was the score at the end of the third quarter.

The Rockets had possession of the ball on their own 46 yard line to begin the fourth quarter and, three plays in, Larkey took the ball 46 yards for the score and the Rockets first lead of the game. This time, Brenda's PAT was no good but it was 27-24 Rockets.

Garrard County began their series from their

own 43 yard line and, on the second play of the possession, a Lions runner picked up 38 yards to the Rockets 20 yard line. On the next play, Isaiah Jackson forced a fumble, it was recovered by Cam Prewitt and the Rockets had the ball on their own 21 yard line to begin their series.

On their first possession, it was 4th and 1 from their own 30 and Coach Chris Larkey decided to go for it with 7:05 left in the game. Larkey got two yards for the first down.

Larkey then picked up another first down on a 10 yard gain but then the

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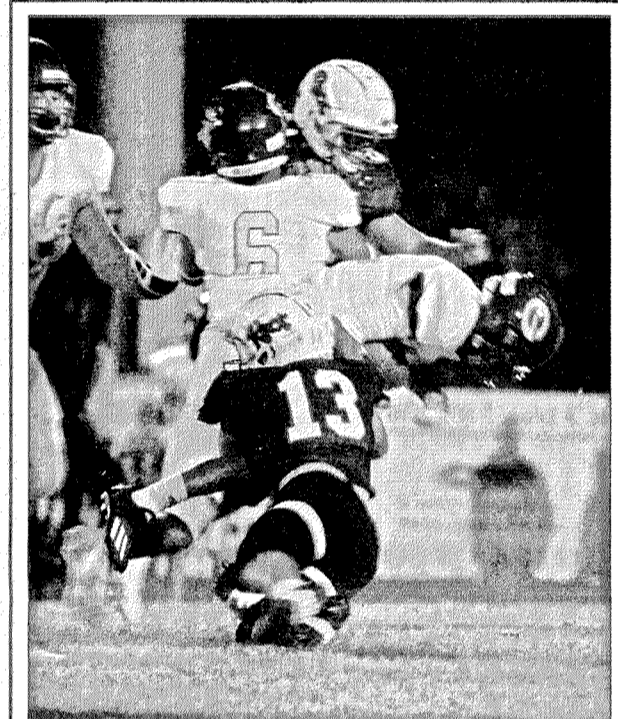
Isaiah Jackson picks up a first down for the Rockets in their loss to Garrard County Friday night. Jackson had six receptions for 78 yards and a 95 yard kick-off return for a touchdown.



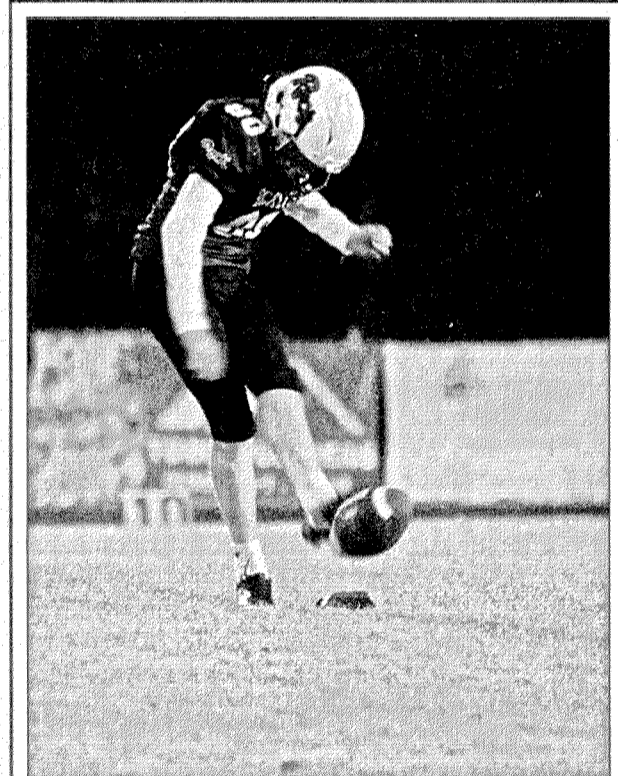
Defense coordinator Josh Martin talks to his team during a timeout in the Rockets' 31-27 loss to Garrard County Friday night. The Rockets travel to Lincoln County this Friday for their final regular season game.



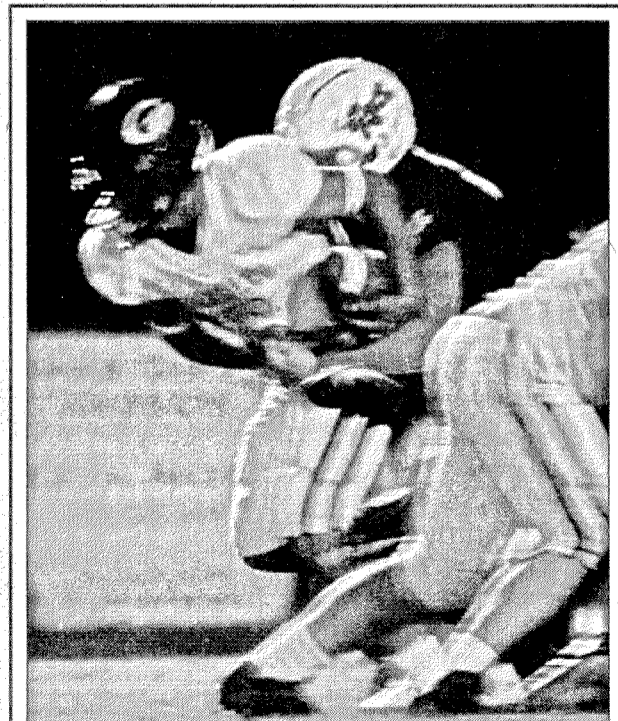
Carter Powell picks up yardage during the Rockets loss Friday night. Powell had two carries for 25 yards.



Cade Prewitt makes a tackle in the Rockets' loss to Garrard County Friday night.



Benjamin Brenda kicks off in the Rockets' loss to Garrard County Friday night. Brenda was three for four in extra point attempts.



Kaden Kidwell makes a tackle in the Rockets' loss to Garrard Friday night. Kidwell had seven tackles - five solo and two assists along with two tackles for loss.

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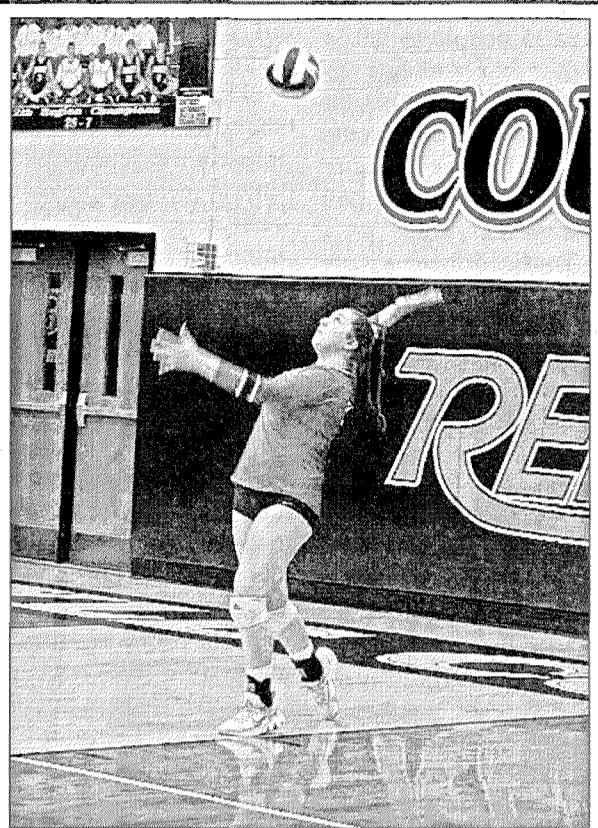
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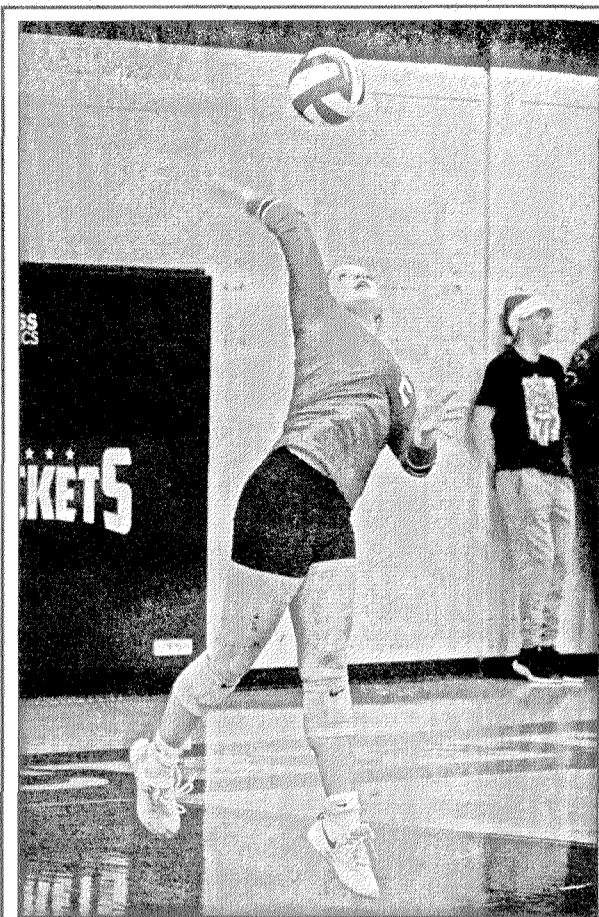
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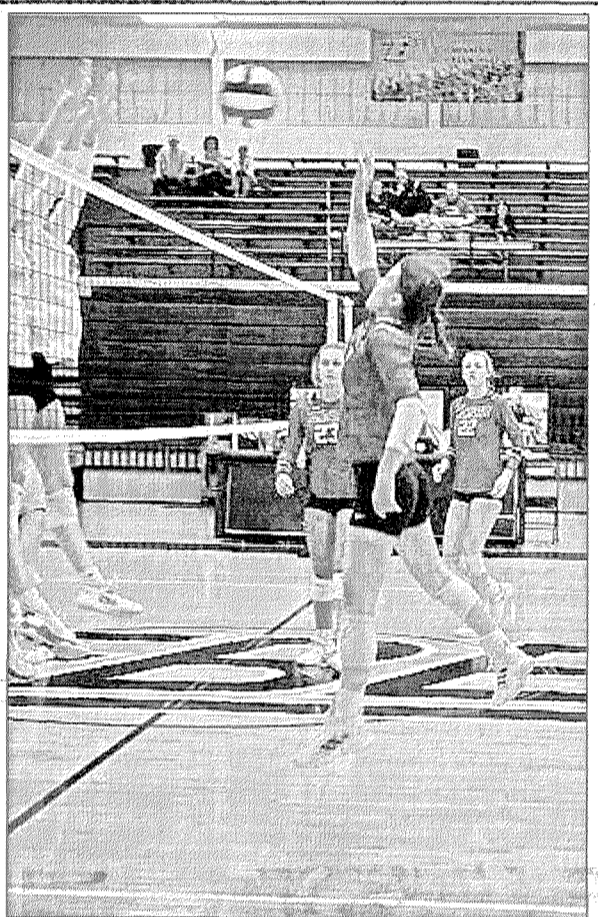
Rockets lose to West Jessamine in 12th Region first round



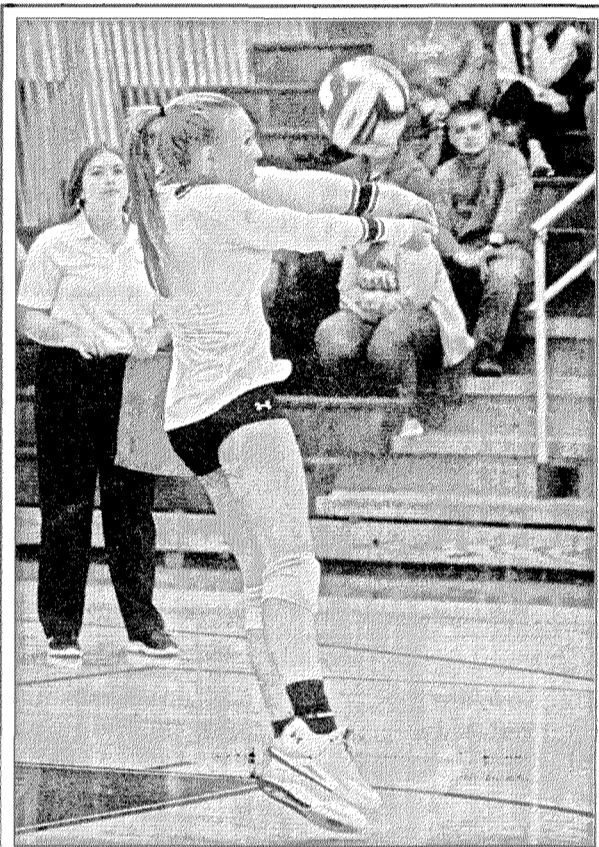
Kylee Burns serves during the Rockets' loss in 12th Region Tournament action Monday night. Burns had 10 kills and 10 digs on the night.



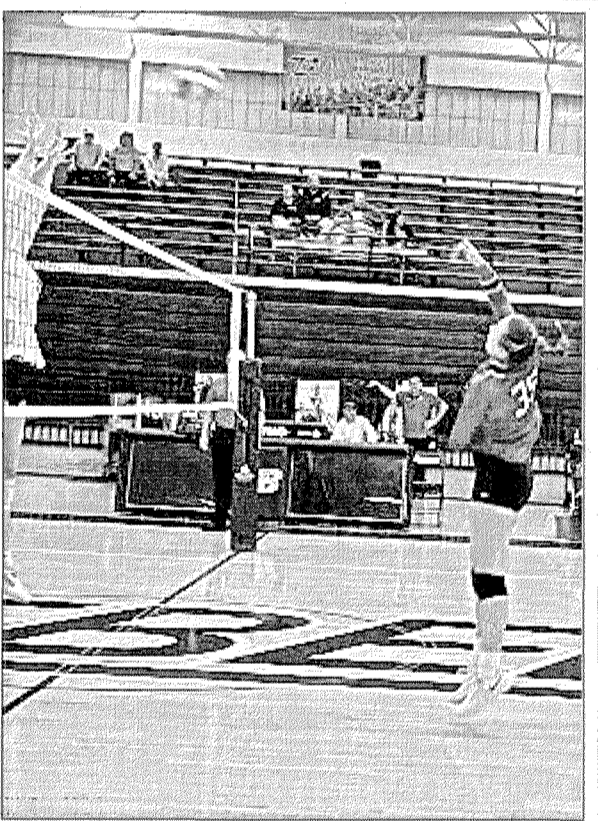
Riley Sherrow puts up a serve in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County in the finals of the 47th District Tournament last Tuesday.



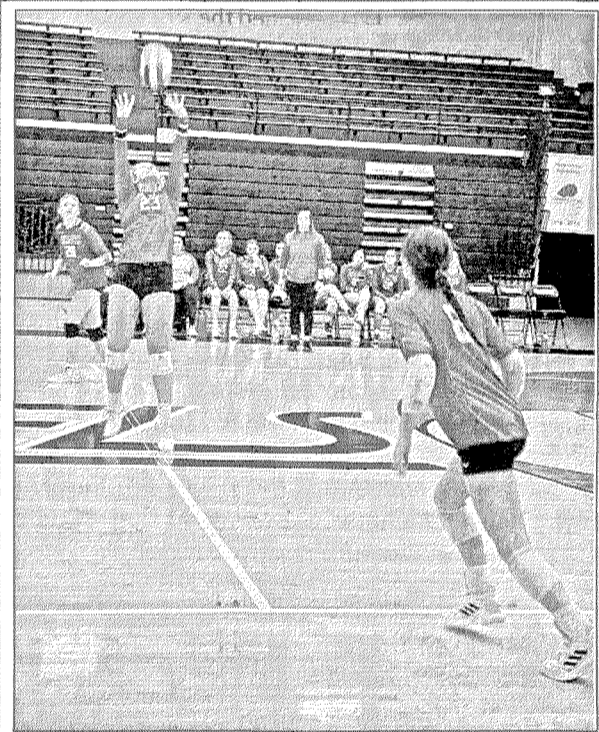
Sarah Barron goes for a kill during the Rockets' loss in 12th Region Tournament action Monday night. Barron had four kills and seven digs for the Rockets.



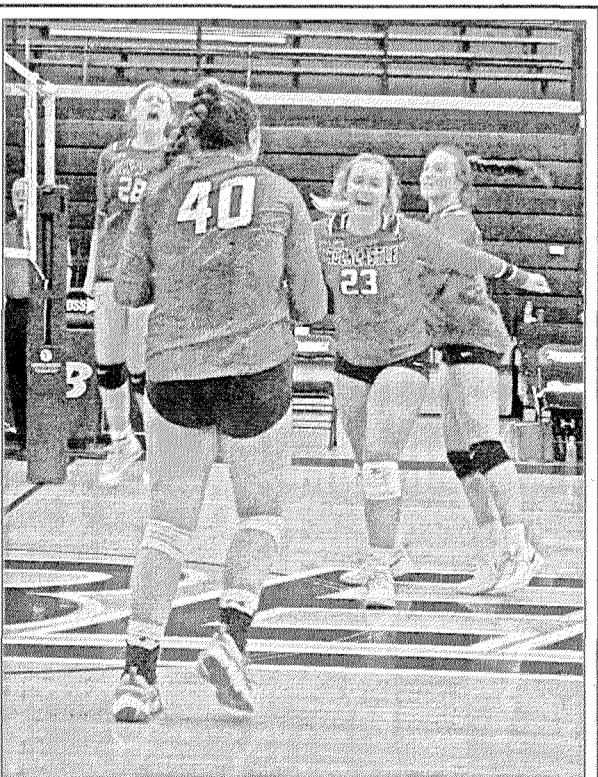
Hannah King makes a pass in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County in the finals of the 47th District Tournament last Tuesday.



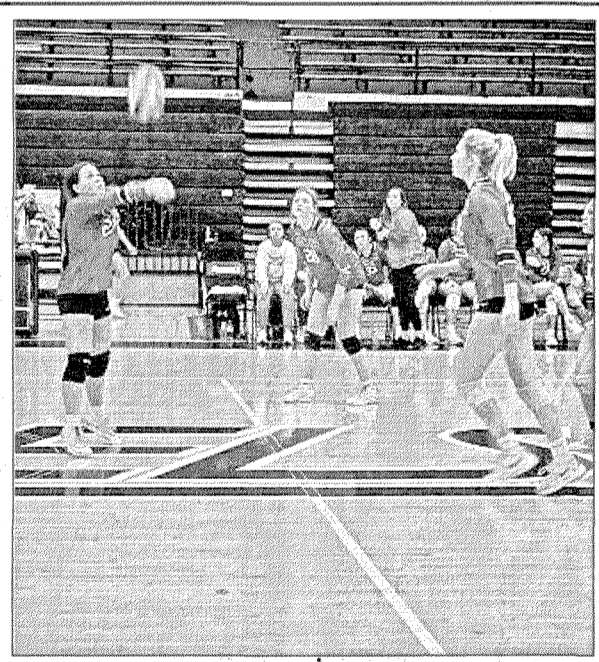
Allison McCoy picks up a kill during the Rockets' loss in 12th Region Tournament action Monday night. McCoy picked up six kills on the night.



Keelee King sets teammate Sarah Barron during the Rockets' loss in 12th Region Tournament action Monday night.



Keelee King, Kylee Burns, Allison McCoy and Kaylee Carpenter celebrate a point in the first round of the 12th Region Volleyball Tournament Monday night at Boyle County. The Rockets lost the best of five to West Jessamine, 25-20, 25-17 and 25-15.



Markley Richards bump sets teammate Hallie Brown during the Rockets' loss to West Jessamine in 12th Region Tournament action Monday night.

"Rockets"

(Cont. from A6)

Rockets were snake bit as they got a false start penalty, five and three yard losses and Larkey's pass was intercepted but he was ruled down by the refs. Goodin then had to punt and got a beauty, 43 yards to the Garrard County 33 where it was 1st and 10 Lions with 4:23 left in the game.

Garrard advanced the ball quickly, thanks in part to a 43 yard halfback pass which put the ball on the Rockets 24 and then, three plays later they went over from the Rockets 12 for the score. The PAT was good and Garrard County was ahead again 31-27 at the 1:35 mark and that was how the game ended.

The Rockets picked up 262 rushing yards in the game with Larkey getting 207 of those on 22 carries. Goodin added 30 on nine carries and Carter Powell got 25 on two carries.

Larkey was six for nine passing for 78 yards

with Isaiah Jackson catching all six passes.

Defensively, the Rockets were led by Larkey with 12 tackles, nine solo and three assists. Cam Prewitt was right behind with 11 tackles, seven solo and four assists. Ethan Tyree got six solo tackles and three assists; Kaden Kidwell was credited with seven tackles, five solo and two assists and Isaiah Jackson and Anthony Goodin each got five tackles, four solo and one assist each. Walker Goosey also got five tackles, two solo and two assists. Theo Simpson got two solo and two assists and Ethan Medley got one solo and two assists. Carter Powell, Cade Prewitt and Jacob Leger each were credited with one tackle, Powell's and Prewitt's were solo.

The Rockets, now 4 and 5 on the season, have one more regular season game, at Lincoln County this Friday night.

The Rockets will begin play-off action the following week at Mason County who are 9-0 on the season.

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Next Week....  
 Football, Cheer,  
 Marching Rocket  
 seniors honored



RCHS held homecoming festivities last Friday night at halftime of the Rockcastle and Garrard County game. Queen candidates are shown above, from left: Emma Ballinger, Abby Shepherd, Emily Sturgill, Kimbri Stallworth, Emma Watson, Riley Sherrow, Mya Hunt and Savanna Santo. Emily Sturgill was crowned Queen while Mya Hunt was first runner-up and Savanna Santo was second runner-up. In addition to being crowned Queen, Miss Sturgill will receive a \$500 scholarship, sponsored by the RCHS Student Council.



King candidates are shown at left and below, from left: Travos Oaks, Logen Dykes, Silas Durham and Kory Tompkins. Bottom, from left: Kaden Kidwell, Ethan Medley, Jameson Mink and Isaiah Harper. Durham was crowned King while Dykes was first runner-up and Mink was second runner-up. Durham will also receive a \$500 scholarship.



**T.J.s**

(Continued from A2)

biscuits. I got a cinnamon roll, too. We drove through Lexington and got back on the road. The sun was still not up.

Finally, we arrived in Frankfort but still didn't know where the country club was so we had to Google the location. It took us to a gated community off Highway 60. There was a big iron gate with a guard house and a guard that gave us clearance to enter. I had been told that the country club was inside a subdivision, so I knew we must be getting close. Although it was dark, we could tell that this was an exclusive neighborhood.

We drove in circles for at least fifteen minutes. We finally passed by the country club by accident and went inside.

Stanley carried my display inside. Now that I'm a state chair, I have to go to such meetings and in this case, take a display. It was about Native Americans, which is my committee. It was finally daylight and the meeting was to begin soon. For such an elaborate neighborhood, the country club wasn't that impressive. I told Stanley just to nap in the parking lot or he might not find his way back to get me. The night before, the DAR girls were to meet there, too. The state regent was following someone in order to get

there. Now, this is a very important lady in the DAR. We aren't to eat a bite until she has taken a bite of her food and she has a personal page that carries her plate in the buffet line. Well, as I've heard, she got separated from her escort and got lost. Some poor DAR girl had lost the state regent on the way to her dinner and speech. Glad it wasn't me.

All went well and it was time for the meeting to begin. It was very informative. The Kentucky State DAR has bought an \$8,000 antique painting for the Kentucky Room at the DAR Headquarters in Washington, DC. It was very nice and featured a man and a horse, of course. The meeting

wound down and dismissed, finally. It was time for lunch. It was to be soup, sandwich, salad, cookie and a drink for \$35.00. We went to the steak house and had steaks, baked potatoes, salads, molten lava cake and drinks for about \$45.00 for both of us. We headed back home with a brief shopping experience at Hamburg in Lexington. I sure was glad to get home. I just kind of fell on through the door and sat down in the first chair I came to. All of the dogs were glad to see us. I had two Great Pyrenees dogs come and wanted to get in my lap at the same time. That is over two hundred pounds of dog. Now finally to bed.

**"Reports"**

(Continued from front)

14% in September. Mount Vernon police took 35 people to jail in September and has arrested 274 people thus far in 2022, according to the report. This is 14 more arrests than were reported in August.

Traffic violations were also well above the monthly average at 38 citations issued, while the average monthly traffic violation citations are 20.2. This is a 50% increase over the monthly average and 28 above the August report. There have been 200 traffic violations reported in 2022.

But the biggest increase came in drug-related arrests, partly because illegal drug use appears to have increased, and partly because the Mount Vernon Police Department has placed a high priority on fighting drugs on the streets, according to officials.

The Mount Vernon Police Department reports 25 drug charges in September. This is a 70% increase over the 7.6 monthly average and 12 more drug charges than the August report. There have been 86 total drug charges in 2022 by the MVPD.

The department has also served 183 arrest warrants so far in 2022.

The more detailed and informative Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD) report was presented by Chief David Bales and Adam Bales. Adam Bales told the council he is currently writing or helping write applications for about six existing grants. He said

he has taken part in at least \$500,000 in grant receipts since he joined the department about 13 years ago. "We try our best to apply for any and all grants that are out there," he said.

The MVFD report shows that the large majority of the department's time is spent dealing with vehicle accidents, both injury and non-injury. In September MVFD volunteers attended to 18 vehicle accidents which was 34% of their calls. Over the year, 43% of the calls to the department concerned vehicle accidents. The next largest category for fire department calls falls in the category called "other" which includes many types of activity where fire department personnel is used. All remaining categories use less than 5% each of the department's time. Structure fires are involved in only 5% of the calls to the MVFD while vehicle fires also use 5% of the department's time. Fire alarm responses are 5% while illegal burns are 4% of the calls to the department. Wood and brush fires occupy only 3% of the department's time.

In September the department dealt with five illegal burns and assisted EMS workers five times. The department is also involved in providing or receiving automatic aid with other departments in the county and in traffic control for local events or accidents.

The department used 6,600 gallons of water in September and made a total of 52 runs. There have been 480 runs thus far in 2022.

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The Flapper	10.00	13.00	Gourmet Kettle chips	3.00
The Sinker	8.00	11.00		
The Blind Pig	8.00	11.00	drinks	
The Bee's Knees	8.00	11.00	Can Drinks	1.00
			Bottled Water	
			Hot Chocolate Coffee	2.00
			Ale & Bottle	2.00
The Big Cheezy	7.00	10.00	dessert	
			Mini NY Style	3.00
			Cheesecake w. optional	
			Pumpkin Spice Drizzle	
			add-ons	
			bacon	2.00
			jalapenos	.50
			extra sauce	.50

Meal includes sandwich, choice of side, and can drink/water



# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, October 27, 2022

## First Chili Cook-Off brings spices to Livingston

By: Mike French  
Editor

A recent idea to hold a Food Truck event in Rockcastle County turned into a State Championship event in Mount Vernon in less than two years.

If attendance, popularity and participation are any clue of such success, then Mayoral Candidate and CEO of Rockcastle Outdoor Company Larry Davidson, may have started another such statewide event with a Chili Cook-off.

The event was held this month at the Livingston Depot building and chili lovers from over two counties away brought their hottest spices to Livingston for the first Annual Livingston Chili Cook-Off.

"I have been a part of many fundraising and charity events throughout my life," said Davidson. "When I put such events together, I pull from my library of work and sometimes create new events."

That library of event experience worked well as over 40 chili lovers gathered pots and pans or spoons and bowls and filled a lot of bellies. "Chili cook-offs are always great events because it is friendly competition and everyone gets to partake in a delicious meal and walk away with a full stomach," said Davidson.

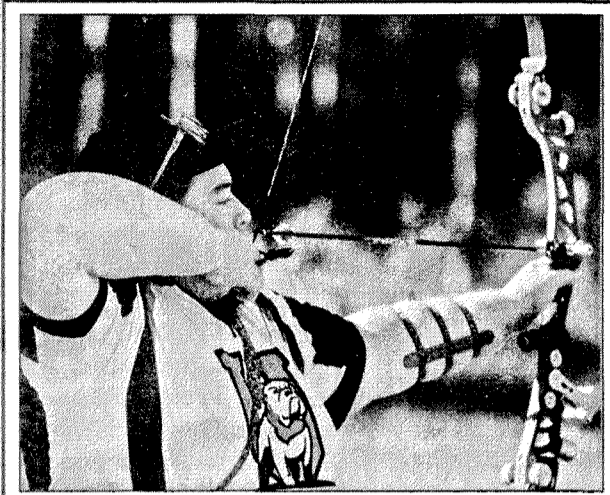
The Livingston Chili Cook-Off was sponsored by the Rockcastle Outdoor Company who also provided the \$200 cash prize for the winning chili.

The first winner was Livingston resident Robbie Singleton who accepted his cash prize

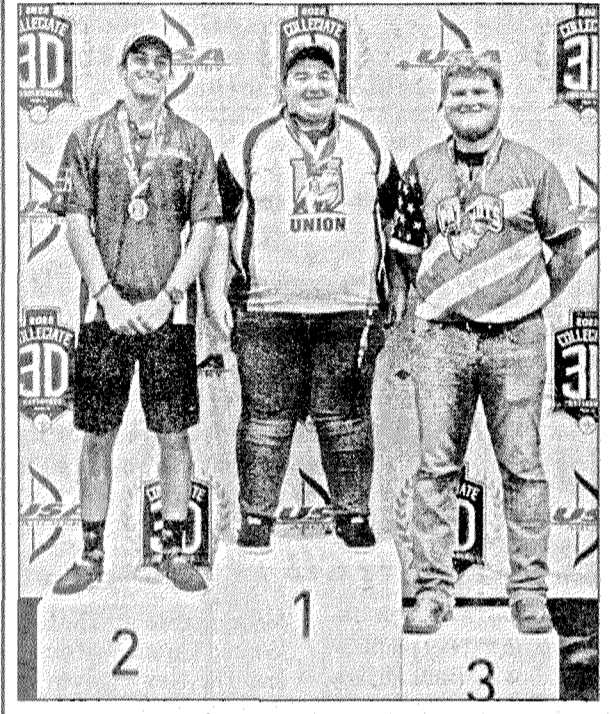
and them immediately donated the funds to the City of Livingston Kids

Christmas Toy Program. "Robbie is clearly a class act," said Davidson.

Over 40 people showed up for the event (See "Chili" on B6)



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Kyle Coffey who shoots Barebow for Union College in Barboursville, travelled to Foley Alabama this past weekend to compete in the USA College 3D National Tournament.

The competition was stiff but Kyle had put in many hours of practice preparing for the tournament. The work he put in paid off exceptionally well.

Kyle competed with over 400 competitors from around the nation and came out at the top of his class. Not only did Kyle win the National Barebow 3D Championship by 25 points above 2nd place but he also broke the National record by a whopping 9 points to seal his place in history as the new record holder.

Kyle now prepares for Indoor season where he will continue to travel with his archery team at Union College perfecting his skills and representing Rockcastle County in a big way.



Shown above, are Crystal and Robbie Singleton with Larry Davidson. Robbie Singleton was the \$200 winner of the First Annual Livingston Chili Cook-Off as mayoral candidate and CEO of the Rockcastle Outdoor Company presented Singleton with the check. Singleton donated the check back to the City of Livingston for the Kids Christmas Toy Program.

## Rockcastle's governments

### Two forms of government

By: Mike French  
Editor

The midterm General Election is now underway as some early mail-in voters have already cast their ballot and early absentee in-person voting began

yesterday (Wednesday, October 26). Early in-person voting will begin one week from today (Thursday, November 3) and Election Day will be Tuesday, November 8.

In Rockcastle County there are two important amendments on the ballot and all three cities will have races which will determine the city government's elected officials.

(See "Two" on B6)

## Officers leaving forces to become School SROs

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office has lost another deputy for the position of school SRO in another county.

"We just lost another deputy this week," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "This one went to the Laurel County School system..."

also lost an officer recently to Laurel County. Last year HB63 required all school districts in Kentucky to have at least one full time "School Resource Officer" (SRO) at each school campus in the state. Since then school districts have begun hiring SROs who must be certified police officers.

However, in most cases the school districts pay more and provides better benefits with more preferred schedules. In a profession that was already having trouble finding and keeping experienced officers, the sudden change has made that situation much worse, according to officials at police departments.

"All of us support the

(See "SRO" on B6)

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## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Fall Colors Lovlier  
Than Usual

About the middle of October, spectacular fall colors favored our eyes this year in Appalachia. Some areas are still going strong, but those that had hard freezes and strong breezes may by this point be looking at the pretty colors on the

forest floor or the yard. In fact, a dusting of frozen precipitation covered some for a short time.

Cool and dry conditions fostered the early and very colorful displays this autumn. A very early Siberian air mass halted the display in some areas, but I'm guessing the Piedmont of the Carolinas may get to enjoy an ex-

tended display of nature's best.

Not only my area of Kentucky, but also parts of Tennessee and the Great Smokey Mountains came ablaze. Reds, maroons, oranges and lemon colors gleamed in glory. A little trip and I got to see some really nice 'postcard quality' vistas.

So, are you curious about the trees and plants producing those amazing color displays?

Sometimes they are orange or pink, but this year sourwood trees turned to crimson and blood in the mountains.

Hickory trees display lovely golden hues. Ginkgo is yet to color up. Sometimes sugar maples are in the same class, either orange or gold. Other maples are crimson, or light gold. Some big leaved maples in the mountains probably took

first prize.

Sumac, black gum, burning bushes are firey red. Add an evergreen tree to the mix and you have something special.

Scarlet oaks are beginning to be scarlet. Numerous gum trees are lemon colored. Even the callery pears are red in some places—but still green in others. Crape myrtles look good also.

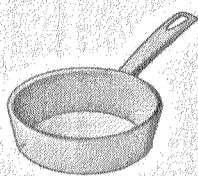
It is the time to look at your surroundings, or the nearby forest, and get some ideas for adding similar glory to your landscape.

A leaf peeping drive might do you good, or you may prefer to holler at a professional. No matter, this season there has been some exceptionally colorful displays. It's my hope you get to enjoy some of the glory before it turns lose or loses color.

The author is a landscaper.  
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## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



### CHICKEN BUBBLE BISCUIT BAKE CASSEROLE

3 cups cooked chopped chicken, or canned chicken  
2 cans cream of chicken soup  
1 and 1/2 cups sour cream  
1 cup grated cheese  
2 tablespoons Ranch dressing mix  
1/4 cup cooked, chopped bacon  
1 can (12 ounce) refrigerator Grands Jr Biscuits  
1 additional cup grated cheese for top of casserole

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly spray a 9 x 13-inch pan with cooking spray. Set aside. Combine chicken, soup, sour cream, grated cheese, Ranch dressing mix, and bacon. Cut each biscuit into 4 pieces. Toss with chicken mixture. Pour chicken mixture into prepared pan. Top with remaining cup of grated cheese. Bake for 25-35 minutes, until bubbly and biscuits are golden brown.

### CHICKEN AND DUMPLING CASSEROLE

The secret of this is not to stir anything. That is what makes your dumplings.  
1/2 stick of butter  
2 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded  
1 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon dried sage  
2 cups whole milk

2 cups Bisquick  
2 cups chicken broth  
3 teaspoons of chicken bouillon granules  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
Preheat oven to 350°. In 9x13 casserole dish, melt 1/2 stick of butter. Spread shredded chicken over butter. Sprinkle black pepper and dried sage over this layer. Do not stir. In small bowl, mix milk and Bisquick®. Slowly pour all over chicken. Do not stir. In medium bowl, whisk together 2 cups of chicken broth, chicken granules and soup. Once blended, slowly pour over the Bisquick® layer. Do not stir. Bake casserole for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the top is golden brown.

### CURRIED CHICKEN AND RICE

1 stick butter  
1 cup uncooked rice  
1 teaspoon onion powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon (or more) curry powder  
1 tablespoon chicken bouillon powder  
2 and 1/4 cups water  
4 or 5 chicken breasts  
Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Add rice, onion powder, salt, curry, bouillon, and water to pan. Stir all together. Place chicken on top. Bake for 1 hour or 1 and 15 minutes until all liquid is absorbed and chicken breasts are done.

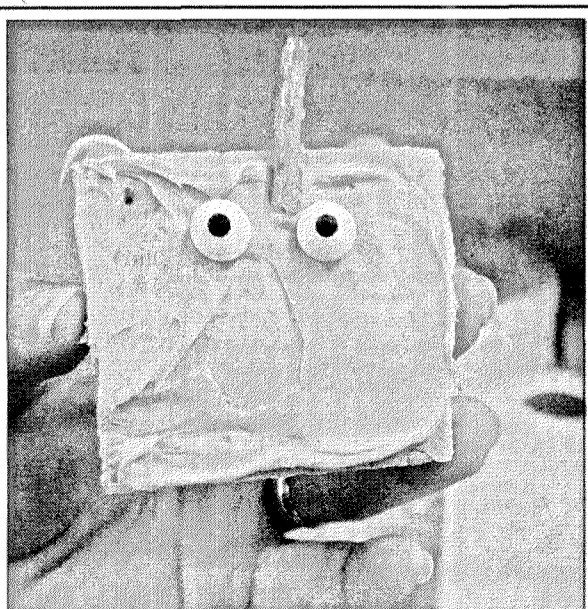
## Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Students in Ms. Cloia's classroom have been reading The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin. While reading, they are also learning about characters, setting and inferences. A special "Spookley" snack was made for all to enjoy. When making the snack, students worked on following directions and fine motor skills.



Harveyanna Gregory with her Spookley Snack.



Spookley Snack



11 year old Addie Payne killed her second buck at her grandparents farm. She is the daughter of John and Angie Payne of Mount Vernon.

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### A Message From God

#### 1 John 1:5-7

This is a message of God to God's people. It is therefore a message of vital importance. The writer speaks of light, of movement, of benefits. Upon these three things let us focus our attention.

1. LIGHT. This is the most pure and unsoiled of all things. It stands for purity, intelligence, and wholesome influence. The son of God is light. (John 1:4) In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. The word of God is light. (Ps. 119:105) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

2. MOVEMENT. The word "walk" is not merely movement, but habitual movement, or action. It refers not to isolated words or deeds, but to the settled manner of life.

A. Walk In Darkness. This we do when we walk in ignorance, in sin; when we disregard divine instruction and walk according to our own judgement. (Prov.14:12) There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

B. Walk In The Light. And this we assuredly do when we are guided by the example of Christ or the teaching of Christ, "His manner of life," in service we render, in the worship or devotion we offer to God.

3. BENEFITS. On the condition ("if") that we walk in the light, two great blessings enter our lives.

A. Fellowship. We have fellowship with God, with God's Son, with God's children, "one with another". This implies unity, cooperation, association.

B. Cleansing. Oh, the necessity of cleaning. God's children sin - in thought, in word, in deed- by neglecting to do good. (1 John 1:8-10) The blood of Christ is the cleansing power. When we walk in the light, the cleansing power of the blood of Christ is applied. In obedience we are purified. (1Pet.1:22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, unto and unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

(Rom.6:17) But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. The erring Christian is cleansed as he continues to follow the light of the word.

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch, articles to read. On You Tube. Chestnut Ridge Church Of Christ We want to hear from you, whether you agree or disagree, your suggestion is important to us. "REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU". You may contact me at: 606-224-1480 or ovabaker@windstream.net.

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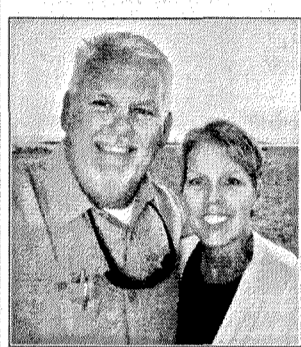
Brodhead Baptist Church would like to thank Brother Ralph and Mrs. Judy Baker and Brother Chris and Brooke Bishop for their faithful dedication to our church. We are thankful for their service to our church and community!

Sand Hill Baptist Church would like to express



our appreciation for the 23 years of dedication of our Pastor, Bro. Tommy Miller and his wife, Sharon. We love you both so much and thank you for everyting you do. May God continue to bless you and bless our church.

In honor of Pastor Appreciation Month, First



Baptist Church of Mount Vernon would like to let our pastor and his wife, Bro. Dennis and Michelle Wilder, know how thankful and appreciative we are for them and pray God continues to bless you in your ministry.

## Church News

### Let the Bible Speak

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

### Bible Study

Conway Tabernacle Church of God invites everyone to their Bible Study - End Time Revelation, every Thursday through December 8th, at 7 p.m. Topics are: The Rapture, The Rise of the Antichrist, The Great Tribulation, The Battle of Armageddon, The

Millennial Reign, The Great White, Throne Judgement and The New Heaven and the New Earth.

### In Revival

Everyone is cordially invited to attend Revival services at Livingston Pentecostal Church where Bro. Billy Conn will the evangelist. Services will be held this Wednesday through Saturday nights at 7 o'clock.

Bro. Jim Miller and the congregation welcome everyone.

### Why abortion is Wrong According to God:

The Greek word for "Baby" is "Brepheos." It is the same word used here in this passage for the unborn baby in Elizabeth's womb. The Thayer Greek Lexicon defines Brepheos as "embryo, fetus, newborn child, young child or nursing child. The same word is used to describe Jesus in the manger in :Luke 2:16 and Timothy as a "child learning the scripture II Timothy 3:15.

Human life began as it is told in Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." The fact is that human life began with Adam when God shaped man in his own image and breathed into him the breath of life. The unborn child is considered a person as described in Psalm 139:13-16. For thou hast possessed my reins; Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb; I will praise thee: For I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvelous are they works: And that my soul knoweth right well. The psalmist refers to himself in his unborn condition with the personal pronoun. "Me" or "I". In this short passage, the psalmist openly declares his personhood even while yet in his mother's womb and affirmed the sanctity of life of the unborn.

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee: and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

In the story when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, several months pregnant with John the Baptist, when the good news of the Messiah's coming was declared, the Bible says: "The babe leaped in her womb..." Luke 1:41-44 Luke further declares that John was "filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb." Luke 1:15, The Holy Ghost fills a person, not tissue or cells.

The unborn baby has a soul. The Bible does not tach that man has a soul as a separate part of his anatomy, as other organs, but rather that man is a living soul. When God creates man in his own image, He distinguished him from the rest of the animal kingdom by breathing into his body the breath of life and he became a living soul. Thus, from that point on, man was both spiritual and physical, possessing both body and soul from conception.

Abortion (murder) is never justified when it causes the death of an INNOCENT human being. In Exodus 20:13 it clearly commands us "Thou shalt not kill," However, in every instance where God allowed or even commanded the death of a human being, it was in response to that person's serious crime. God does not condone the death of an innocent human being. There is no instance in the scripture where the Bible teaches, or God condones the death of an innocent unborn child. There are so many other options out there instead of choosing abortion. Please choose life for one of God's children because they are made in the image of him.

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# Social Security announces 8.7 percent benefit increase in 2023

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 8.7 percent in 2023, the Social Security Administration announced today. On average, Social Security benefits will increase by more than \$140 per month starting in January.

The 8.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 65 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2023. Increased payments to more than 7 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2022. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Medicare premiums are going down and Social Security benefits are going up in 2023, which will give seniors more peace of mind and breathing room. This year's substantial Social Security cost-of-living adjustment is the first time in over a decade that Medicare premiums are not rising and shows that we can provide more support to older Americans who count on the benefits they have earned," Acting Commissioner Kijakazi said.

To view a COLA message from Acting Commissioner Kijakazi, please visit

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vgm5q4YT1AM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vgm5q4YT1AM).

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$160,200 from \$147,000.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount. The fastest way to find out their new benefit amount is to access their personal my Social Security account to view the COLA notice online. It's secure, easy, and people find out before the mail arrives. People can also opt to receive a text or email alert when there is a new message from Social Security--such as their COLA notice--waiting for them, rather than receiving a letter in the mail. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

Information about Medicare changes for 2023 is available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, their new higher 2023 benefit amount will be available in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security's Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit [www.ssa.gov/cola](http://www.ssa.gov/cola).

### Update Your Records

FSA is cleaning up our producer record database and needs your help. Please report any changes of address, zip code, phone number, email address or an incorrect name or business name on file to our office. You should also report changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase. You should also report any changes to your operation in which you reorganize to form a Trust, LLC or other legal entity.

FSA and NRCS program participants are required to promptly report

changes in their farming operation to the County Committee in writing and to update their Farm Operating Plan on form CCC-902.

To update your records, contact your Rockcastle County USDA Service Center at 606-256-2525

Committee Meeting Date: November 2nd 2022 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

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# Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

## Students encouraged to apply for Ag Athletes of the Year

Kentucky student-athletes who are involved in agriculture are invited to apply for one of six scholarships and recognition as a 2023 Kentucky Ag Athlete of the Year.

The program is a partnership of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

"Perseverance, patience, teamwork, discipline, and goal setting are all attributes athletics and agriculture have in common," Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles said. "We are pleased to join our partners at the KHSAA to once again honor these attributes and reward the commonwealth's best young athletes and agriculturists. Our hope is these scholarships help lighten a financial burden for those seeking higher-education excellence in athletics and agriculture."

To qualify, student-athletes must be involved in Kentucky agriculture; must participate in one or more KHSAA sports or sport activities during the 2022-2023 school year; must be graduating seniors in high school; and must be accepted to a college, university, or trade school following

graduation. An agriculture major is not required, and preference will be given to Kentucky colleges; however, out-of-state schools will be considered if the applicant is seeking a specialized degree in an agricultural field.

Two student-athletes - one male and one female - will be named Outstanding Kentucky Ag Athletes of the Year and will be awarded \$2,000 scholarships. Four student-athletes - two males and two females - will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships as Kentucky Ag Athletes of the Year. Winners will be announced at the 2023 UK HealthCare Boys' Sweet Sixteen in March at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

The scholarships are payable to an institution of higher learning. Funding for the scholarships comes from the KDA's "Ag Tag" program, which is funded by voluntary donations from Kentucky motorists when they buy or renew their farm vehicle license plates. No state taxpayer dollars are used to fund the scholarship awards.

Student-athletes must apply online by Dec. 31. To apply, go to [khsaa.org/ge83-agriculture-athlete-of-the-year-scholarship-application/](http://khsaa.org/ge83-agriculture-athlete-of-the-year-scholarship-application/).

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



### CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

2 chicken breast halves, boneless and skinless  
 1 medium carrot, sliced  
 1 stalk celery, sliced  
 1 onion, chopped  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 1 cup water  
 4 cups rich chicken broth  
 1 cup uncooked egg noodles  
 Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. In a 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat sauté carrot slices, celery, onion, and chicken in the butter for 5 minutes or until onions are tender. Add water and broth to the chicken mixture. Heat to a boil. Stir in the noodles. Reduce the heat to medium. Cook for 10 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and the noodles are tender.

### VEGETABLE SOUP

This soup is perfect for those cold nights when you want something hot and nutritious, that you

can fix quickly. There is no fat in this soup, but it has plenty of flavor from the herbs and spices. 1 serve it with cornbread.  
 1 can (14 ounce) petite diced tomatoes  
 1/2 teaspoon dried celery  
 1 can (29 ounce) Veg-all®, drained  
 1 dash hot sauce, optional  
 1 cup water  
 1/2 teaspoon sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon each dried oregano  
 1/2 teaspoon dried chopped onion  
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
 Pepper  
 Salt  
 Add all ingredients to large soup pot. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and gently boil for 30 minutes. Serve with warm cornbread or crackers.

### CABBAGE SOUP

Sometimes I add a pound of cooked ground beef or ground turkey to the soup.  
 1 small head cabbage  
 3 ribs of celery  
 2 green peppers  
 1 medium onion  
 1 large can diced tomatoes  
 1 can chicken broth  
 Water  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 Cut all vegetables into bite size pieces. Put in large soup pot with just enough water to cover and cook until the cabbage is done, about 30 minutes. \*\*Use more or less of each vegetable.

## Trick or Treat

Children will be allowed to trick or treat from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31. Anyone willing to participate is asked to leave your porch light on. Halloween at the Park will be held at the same time in Brodhead and citizens may hand out candy there if your choose. Everyone is invited to the free event.

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 Who: Anyone

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Hosted by the maternal and child health program at the Rockcastle County Health Department.

# Classifieds

## CLASSIFIED RATES

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**Deadline for Classifieds is 4 p.m. Monday**

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**Yard Sale:** Thursday and Friday, 1901 White Rock Road, 8:30 to 6 p.m. All new items. Washer and dryer, shelves, what-not stands, stereos, lots of men's and women's clothing, blankets, dog items, tools, Christmas decorations, flower stand, antique lamp, hanging lights, boots and shoes and much much more.

**Two Family Garage Sale:** Saturday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hemlock Circle. Plus size clothing, 42" plasma TV, large entertainment center, 15 ft. wool runner rug, variety of runners and throw rugs, bedspreads, sheets and curtains. Pictures, silk floral arrangements, fabrics, patterns and trims, Home Interior 1d mirror and sconces, large framed Thomas Kincaid print and lots of this and that

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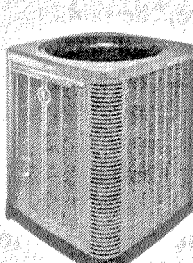
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# DAR event



Judge Jeffrey Burdette was the recent guest speaker for Rockcastle Chapter DAR. Judge Burdette spoke on the US Constitution. Also pictured is Vice Regent Kathy Bobo.

## "SRO"

(Continued from B1)

School Safety/School Resource Officer legislation "100%," said Franklin. "An unanticipated consequence of that bill is the fact that it created many new positions (I have heard estimates of 600 statewide) for certified law enforcement officers. This in a field that is currently experiencing significant shortages of officers and recruits."

Some districts, including neighboring Laurel County, have created an entire police force of its own. The Laurel County School District hired 17 full time SROs last week. at a reported \$25 to \$26 per hour.

Three of those officers are from Rockcastle County leaving local agencies scrambling to replace those who resigned their position.

"School districts, most of which have long struggled with employees being underpaid, are offering improved pay for

officers (God bless them for it) along with a Monday through Friday, first-shift work week, many with summers off or duties significantly reduced," said Franklin.

Several agencies across the state are losing officers for districts across Kentucky. "Law enforcement agencies in Rockcastle and surrounding counties have had numerous experienced officers leave to become SROs," he said. "Experienced officers are becoming SROs for better pay, greatly improved schedules, working in a positive environment and the knowledge that they will be praised if they eliminate a threat at a school, as opposed to often facing criticism for their work in the communities," he said.

HB63 does allow room for schools to come up with alternate plans if the budget or other conditions make it difficult for the district to have an SRO at each building. Rockcastle County Schools are involved

with a cooperative plan with the Mount Vernon Police Department. There are currently two SROs in Rockcastle County but officials say they plan to add to that force soon.

In the local plan, when school is not in session, the SRO becomes a police officer with the MVPD until classes resume.

## "Chili"

(Continued from B1)

and helped judge each chili. "The event was a huge success and I am looking forward to watching this event grow into one of the biggest events in Rockcastle County...or maybe more," he said.

In fact, though many cities hold chili cook-offs, there is no one single state wide Chili-Cook-Off Championship.

If popularity is a sign of success, chili lovers throughout the county should keep an eye on the Livingston Chili Cook-Off next October.

## "Two"

(Continued from B1)

The City of Brodhead has only one candidate for mayor and four candidates for seats on the City Commission which allows for a predetermined outcome. But the City of Livingston and the City of Mount Vernon have some races where critical choices will have to be made.

A very heated race for mayor and city commissioners is underway in Livingston with social media name calling and public accusations of government fraud and illegal activity. There are also seven candidates running for the four commissioner seats.

In the City of Mount Vernon there are two candidates for Mayor but only three candidates for the six city council seats. Current council members, Jamie Bryant and Sharon Saylor chose not to run for re-election and, of course, Mullins is stepping down to run for mayor. Write-in spaces are provided on the ballot to fill the other three positions.

In Kentucky, there are three forms of city government. According to Kentucky Municipal Statutory Law, the three forms of government include mayor and council, city commission and city manager governments.

**Mayor and council form of government** - Six to 12 city council members and one mayor are elected. The council members are the legislative branch of government, performing duties such as enacting ordinances, levying taxes and adopting a budget. The mayor is the executive branch of government and has such authority as vetoes, personnel, includ-

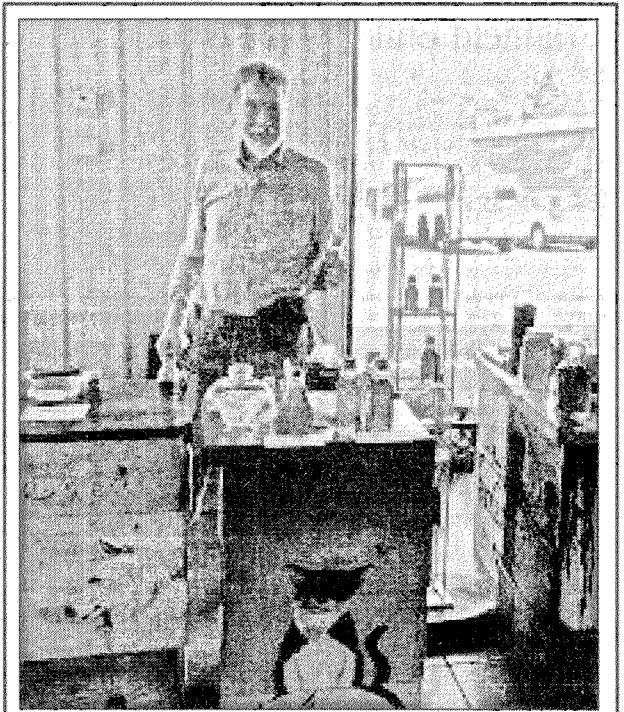
ing the police department, and managing daily affairs. The mayor does not vote as a council member except to break a tie. About 53% of Kentucky cities have a mayor and council form of government, including Mt. Vernon.

**City Commission form of government** - Voters elect four commissioners and one mayor. In the commission form of government, the mayor serves as the fifth commissioner and does vote on each issue. The mayor and the commissioners are both each the legislative and executive branch of government. The mayor oversees the day-to-day business of the city and serves as chairman of the commission meetings but holds equal authority with each commissioner. The City of Brodhead and the City of

Livingston are both City Commission forms of government.

**City Manager form of government** - The City Manager form of government works similar to the city commission form of government with four commissioners and one mayor. The mayor chairs the meetings and votes on each issue. However, the commission hires a city manager who acts as chief administrative officer and deals with day-to-day duties.

According to the Kentucky League of Cities, each city and each form of government has individual differences specific to that city or town that may vary slightly from the typical three forms of government. But all cities must meet requirements of municipalities in the Kentucky Constitution.



The Rockcastle Farmers Market will have its last day of sales for 2022 on Saturday, October 29. Don't forget to use your balance left on your card. If you don't use it by the end of this year's season, you lose it. So be sure to come by the Rockcastle County Farmers Market on Richmond Street beside the Teaching and Learning Center Saturday. We will be there from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Doug Brock of Brock's HoneyBee Farm will have free samples of his famous Ghost Pepper Honey, as well as samples of Elderberry Honey, and raw all natural honey. We will see you there.

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- 20) Get an eyeful of
- 21) Russian range or river
- 22) Some collars and jackets
- 23) Froth on beer
- 25) Teensy bit
- 27) Dream Team jersey letters
- 30) Hangs attractively on
- 32) Everything-else category, briefly
- 36) Openings of the nose
- 38) Snake-like fish
- 39) "And lead us not \_\_\_,"
- 40) Anew
- 44) Two-syllable poetic foot
- 45) Muslim honorific
- 46) Jockey's controls
- 47) Asian tongue
- 48) Aerosol alternative
- 51) Add to (with "out")
- 52) "Kon-\_\_\_"
- 54) Bounce, as from a bar
- 56) Common adhesive
- 59) High-ranking NCO
- 61) Eastern nursemaid
- 65) Fiber, e.g.
- 68) Ruler opposed by the Bolsheviks
- 69) In \_\_\_ of (rather than)
- 70) Foster in the movies
- 71) Decade numbers
- 72) "Law & Order: SVU" co-star
- 73) Bird feeder bits

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- 1) Flightless producers of green eggs
- 2) Certain resident of Finland
- 3) Debriefing extraction (Abbr.)
- 4) Canine or incisor
- 5) Show one's fallibility
- 6) Afro, for one
- 7) "Major" constellation
- 8) Ottoman neighbor?
- 9) Fraternity "I"
- 10) Allergy-related compound
- 11) Dish of many ingredients
- 12) Detroit football player
- 13) Animal shelters
- 18) Group of two
- 19) Game-match connection
- 24) A 90-degree direction
- 26) Home of the Nobel Peace Prize
- 27) 4-F, in military classification
- 28) Abraham's wife, in the Bible
- 29) Coffee attribute
- 31) Befitting a monarch
- 33) Many a low-budget film
- 34) Was really, really bad
- 35) Thicket of small trees
- 37) Creates sour feelings in
- 41) "Do you hear that?"
- 42) Self-centered
- 43) Fancy footed vases
- 49) Exit the system
- 50) Scoreboard stats
- 53) "y," when compared
- 55) Nevada resort area
- 56) Golfer's tap
- 57) Church alcove
- 58) Nine inches, once
- 60) Captain Hook's helper
- 62) Persian's foe
- 63) Very parched, as land
- 64) Haws' precursors
- 66) "Aladdin" prince
- 67) Altogether alternative?

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- JEFFERSON
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- WORLDWAR TWO
- US CAPITOL
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- VETERANS

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