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Livingston Homecoming is a success

Weekend of fun

By: Mike French
 Editor

Though rain threatened throughout most of the weekend, the streets of Livingston were filled with visitors to the annual Livingston Homecoming event. In fact, organizers say it may have been one of the biggest crowds on record.

The event began Friday evening with Jacklyn Bullock performing and a Gospel Singing. Saturday morning the event began early with a community-wide breakfast and the long day ended with a concert by Laurel River Line. Well over 100 Livingston residents attended the breakfast raising nearly \$700 that officials say helps with the homecoming expenses.

Saturday's homecoming parade saw the streets lined with visitors as countless floats, classic cars, fire trucks, candidates and groups and clubs cruised down Main Street as Commander William "BJ" Thomason served as Grand Marshall. No candidate for Mayor or City Commission appeared in the parade, except incumbents.

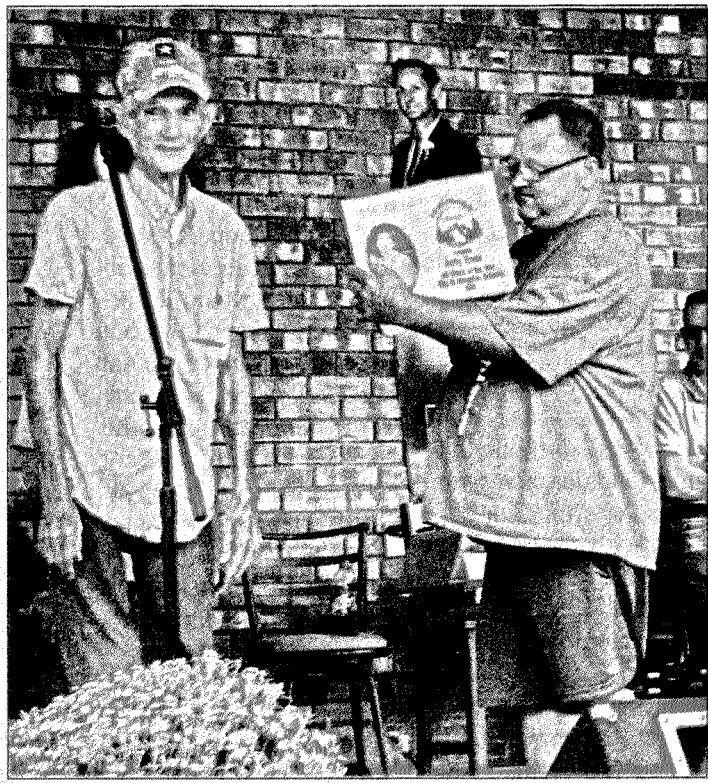
An awards ceremony was held after the parade

honoring those who have contributed to the growth and development of the City of Livingston as well as a Memorial to David M Smith, Medal of Honor winner. Winners of wooden, engraved (See "Fun" on A5)



Good times

Livingston Homecoming was called a huge success by organizers and visitors alike as Main Street was filled with onlookers throughout the weekend. Vendors lined Main Street and the parade included many classic cars, floats and local officials as well as youngsters and the JROTC squad. Shown above the Rockets Cheerleaders shouted and cheered down Main Street and tossed candy and treats to those lining the streets. Shown at right, Mayor Dwane King presented Jerry Gross with the Citizen of the Year Award. City Clerk Amanda Thomas was recognized for outstanding service while Jeffrey Carpenter was named Firefighter of the Year. Many other awards were presented as well.



COVID numbers

According to the Kentucky COVID-19 Dashboard Weekly report at KYCOVID.gov, there have been 98 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in Rockcastle County in the past seven days. The incident rate is listed at 130. Extra caution is recommended as the county is in the Red Zone once again.

Livingston meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Livingston City Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 6 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon. The public is invited to attend.

Brodhead meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Brodhead City Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Fiscal Court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Four pounds of meth off local streets

By: Mike French
 Editor

Police took over four pound of methamphetamine off the street of Mount Vernon last week, according to an arrest citation.

Billy Letner, 57, of

Science Hill was arrested and charged with possession of the narcotic after a traffic stop because his vehicle windows were tinted too dark, according to the Kentucky State Police arrest citation.

The report says police

spotted Letner's vehicle on US-25 in Mount Vernon and police noticed the overly-tinted win-

dows. While observing the vehicle, the officers noticed that Letner was having difficulty keeping

the vehicle in the proper lane.

After a traffic stop, (See "Meth" on A5)

Robinson appointed PVA before term was set to begin

By: Mike French
 Editor

Local resident Kathy Robinson won her race for Rockcastle County

PVA in the recent election and was scheduled to take over the position in January. However, current Property Valuation Ad-

ministrator Janet Vaughn has elected to retire before her term is ended.

In the event of a re- (See "PVA" on A5)

RCIDA working on regional plans

Projects moving forward

By: Mike French
 Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Au-

Indictments returned

A Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned three indictments Monday, August 29th.

Indicted, and their offense/s were:

Jason E. Smith, 34, of Floyd Street, Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offense of bail jumping. His bond was set at \$5,000 cash/property (c/p);

James D. Irvin, 53, of Sargent Road, Brodhead was indicted on two charges, rape of a person less than 12 years old and incest. His bond was set at \$100,000 c/p, and

Charles C. Abney, 30, of Proctor Place, Renfro Valley was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

thority held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning with Executive Director Jeff VanHook leading the meeting and Chairman Corey Craig attending via a conference call.

Among the issues discussed was VanHook's efforts to obtain the KDPI grant of \$392,000 as part of a regional industrial park plan. VanHook told the board that he, and Judge/Executive Hal Holbrook, have worked diligently on the application and the two have met almost insurmountable requirements to qualify for the grant.

"They made it all but impossible to get the funding and that made it difficult to convince Garrard County and Lincoln County to participate because no one thought we could meet the requirements in the amount of time they gave us,"

(See "RCIDA" on A5)



Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook performed the swearing-in ceremony appointing Kathy Robinson as the Property Valuation Administrator. Robinson won the election and was to be sworn in this January. But since Janet Vaughn retired early, Robinson was appointed immediately.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I have visited New York City three times during my many long years on this earth. I enjoyed each trip, not because the natives were friendly and welcoming, but just because it's such a change of pace to visit probably the most diverse city in the world.

My last trip was in 2008 and, barring some magical other worldly event magically transporting me there, it will be my last.

Last Wednesday night, while watching the U.S. Open, I realized just how rude and ugly a New York crowd can act.

Serena Williams, who is reportedly retiring after a long storied career (winning 23 majors) in the sport of women's tennis, was playing Anett Kontaveit from Estonia in the second round of the event.

Serena won the first set 7-6 in a tiebreaker and lost the second set 6-2. She won the third set 6-2 but, it was in the first and second sets that the crowd's actions were the most despicable.

Anytime Kontaveit won a point, there was a deafening silence from the crowd with the only applause for her coming from her box. At one point, Kontaveit challenged a call, which she won, and the crowd booed her for making the challenge. To Serena's credit, she did admonish the crowd with the wiggle of a finger and a shake of her head no which quieted them down.

The third set was all Serena, whether from Kontaveit being worn down by the pace of play, by superior play by Williams (the most likely reason) or, and a very real possibility, by the continued hostility of the audience. At one point, in the

third match, the crowd refused to quieten down during Kontaveit's serve. She waited just a few moments, probably expecting an admonishment from the chair which never came and then proceeded with her serve.

I have watched pro tennis matches for years and years and never have I seen a crowd act as ugly as I did Wednesday night.

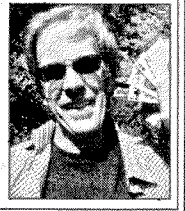
There may have been fans in the packed house that wanted to applaud when Kontaveit won a point but were afraid to because of what the consequences might have been.

It's concerning that our country is so divided, and getting worse, under the regime of pResident Biden who campaigned on being a "uniter," and who just recently called half the country semi-fascists -- after all what is this country coming to when there is a large seg-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



The garage door slowly rose and headlights lit up the driveway. A ground-thumping rumble instantly filled the air and those around could hear the oversized camshaft hit in rhythm with each heartbeat. Slowly, the beast rolled out into the night barely moving down the drive as light rays gleamed from the chrome points above each fender. Once on blacktop, one could hear the air sucking into the Holy dual-line 750 carburetor as white smoke rolled from the rear tires of the Chevy and two black lines were laid on the pavement. Red tail lights vanished into the night as the scream of a 350 big block faded into the distance. Once again the night was quiet, but one could still smell the fragrance of gasoline combustion and the mechanic's perfume of burning rubber.

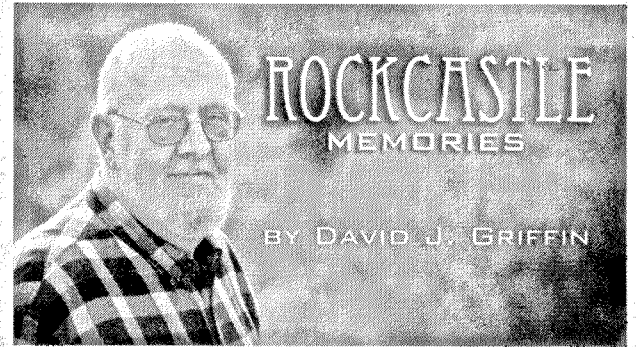
Yeah, you could say I romanticized the simple event of pulling out of the driveway. But, for over 100 years, internal combustion has been at the center of American history and has played a massive part in daily American life. There is no American left over 30 who didn't either have or lust for their own car. And in most, if not every, case, they wanted...a fast one.

For over a century, cars were on the minds of every male teen in America and most females paid just as much attention to them. Every weekend was spent with a teen, with greasy hands and oily jeans, bent over the chrome grill of a Chevy twisting, turning and tuning to get one more horsepower out of a V-8 engine. The ability to repair a car engine became a badge of success and that person was popular and welcome everywhere. If he can fix your car, he can do anything. He was a superhero.

The most popular place to be was the cruise-in hang-out. It was a different place in each town but every town had one. That one place where everyone could stand around the steel horse with one foot on a bumper and a cigarette on their lips and watch as other cars slowly cruised around with stereos blasting and side pipes beating the drums of leisure.

There was no place else to be. No cell phones, no street thugs, no car jacking, at least it was very rare. People were occupied. They had other

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Louisville Slugger

For most of my life, I have owned, at a minimum, at least one Louisville Slugger baseball bat. I do not recall how I came about owning my first one, but I do remember having two baseball gloves, two baseballs, and one Louisville Slugger in my bedroom when I was about six-years-old. The boys in my neighborhood would take my gloves, baseballs, and bat so that we could pretend to be Micky Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, or Willie Mays.

On humid summer evenings, we played pickup games in various yards and neighborhood lots. Like most kids at that age, we played until we could no longer see the ball in the falling darkness.

Our equipment consisted of my Louisville Slugger bat, several gloves, a couple of balls, and four flattened tin cans to serve as the bases. We always shared the gloves so that each team would have the needed equipment.

When we played, we made sure the infielders wore the gloves. It was our considered opinion that the infielders needed the gloves more than the outfielders. Most of us could catch fly balls without gloves if we were in the outfield. We almost never had enough gloves and equipment when we played. We simply learned to share.

I will never forget get-

ting a new Wilson glove for my eighth birthday. All my friends used that glove when I was batting. It was cool to have a new glove for us to share.

During my teaching and coaching career, I was hired as the Head Baseball Coach at Mt. Sterling High School in the 1970's, and at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester in the 1980's. At the beginning of each season, I was able to order several Louisville Slugger bats for my team and several dozen Wilson A 1010 baseballs.

I will always remember one particular bat that was given to me years later. My wife (Kathy) worked for Judge Sara Combs, of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, for over twenty years. When I retired from teaching and coaching, Sara presented me with a Louisville Slugger bat which had been inscribed with my name. I was so surprised and pleased with this awesome gift. That bat hangs in my home office today.

Louisville Slugger was founded in Louisville in 1856. They make approximately two million wood bats a year, and 50,000 for the major leagues. I have owned and used my share of them.

But I must admit, I

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T.J.'s Journal
By: Tonya J. Cook



Fall and Football

Dear Journal,

Here it is Labor Day Weekend and the official start of fall. Last night the KY Wildcats played their first game of the season. They won, too. Could this be the start of something big? We listened to most of the game but went to bed about the middle of the third quarter. By the middle of the fourth quarter, we were out like lights. I woke up during the post game show to hear that the Cats had a huge win.

We had special cause

to be excited about the game. Our nice, Kaitlynn Bayne, was making her debut with the Wildcat band. Last year she was with the Henry Clay High School Blue Devil band in Lexington. I guess that she is a real Cat fan. She turned down a four year scholarship to Vanderbilt to go to U.K. without a scholarship, at all. I can believe it. She gets to attend all of the Cat games, football and basketball free. Then, I think that she also gets to go on the road with the teams, as well. I wonder if they need an old woman who can't play a note in the band. I'd probably go to sleep at halftime if I had a good warm bed to crawl into. In the background during the announcing of the game we heard the band playing and at half time. Somewhere in all that mess was Kaitlynn playing her heart out.

As I was saying, the fall is now here. I saw my last rose of summer clinging to the thorny stem about two days ago. I sure hope I make it

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Rockcastle County Board of Education

On August 31, 2022 the Rockcastle County Board of Education adopted a General Fund rate of 43.2 cents. The Rockcastle Board of Education adopted a tax rate of 43.2 cents on Real Property and Personal Property to remain the same as 43.2 in 2022. Of this rate, 6.1 cents is subject to recall per KRS 160.470. Mrs. Danetta Allen, Rockcastle County Court Clerk, 205 E. Main St. #14 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456. (606) 256-2831, this official can provide necessary information about the petition required to initiate recall of the tax rate. The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

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ramblings

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ment of the population with a different political ideology than the Democrats!

And, in the you can't make this stuff up department...

California's grid operator is asking Californians to avoid charging their electric grid vehicles and to voluntarily conserve energy, just days after the state announced a plan to ban the sale of gas vehicles by 2035. Of course the expected surge in warmer temperatures was completely unexpected, after all, it doesn't get warmer in the summertime, everybody knows that!

Thus far, Texas has dropped off 1500 illegal immigrants in New York city, 7400 in DC and 60 in Chicago (all sanctuary cities) while, during the same period, 649,700 illegals have crossed the southern border into Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and California.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot is calling Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott's action "racist." Of course, this is just a knee jerk reaction since anything a Republican does, governor or not, is labeled racist, bigoted or fascist so it becomes just another (yawn) Peter and the Wolf moment.

I'm personally waiting for several busloads each for Delaware, Martha's Vineyard and the Hamptons.

There's actually no difference in this and the Biden administration's middle of the night plane flights sneaked into the country's interior. Amtrak is also now being utilized. But when one of the states most impacted by the wide open southern border sends 60 immigrants into Chicago, he's racist. Yeah, whatever!

Pentagon officials have warned that our military's ammunition supply is dangerously low after the recent donation to Ukraine (but we're getting closer to our servicemen using the right pronouns, so don't despair).

Of course, push come to shove, they could probably borrow some from the IRS, who recently spent \$700M on ammo.

Florida Ron DeSantis is suing the Biden administration over the delay of the state's Canadian drug importation program application.

Florida was the first state to apply for the program, which allows for the importation of cheaper prescription drugs from Canada to treat a number of ailments, in November of 2020.

In July 2021, pResident Biden signed an executive order **ordering the FDA to implement the program**. However, 14 months since that EO was issued, Florida has not been approved for the program. "I'd hate to think that the Biden admin would not approve it just because it's Florida, because they have issues with Florida politically," Gov. DeSantis said. And, of course, that isn't the reason, Governor, and I'm not being completely smart alecky. It could very well just be incompetence on the part of this whole incompetent administration. After all, you can't expect them to act on a cheaper prescription drug program to benefit the entire country as they did in sending billions of dollars to Ukraine and raiding our ammunition supplies to send there also.

pResident Biden's net approval rating dropped a full seven points in one week, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released a week ago Tuesday.

That's not good numbers for this regime but it could have been worse. The poll sampled 1,005 Americans and those sampled included 449 Democrats and 357 Republicans -- only an 82 point edge for Democrats!!

And, as a closing thought, when did a President of our country issue a veiled threat to its citizens as pResident Biden did in a speech in Pennsylvania last week. "For those brave right-wing Americans who say it's all about keeping Americans independent and safe. If you want to fight against a country, you need an F-15. You need something a little more than a gun."

But then, you have to remember that a country of goat-herders kicked out both the Soviet Union and the United States so, there is that....

Aces

(Continued from A2) things on their minds. Being cool. Enjoying life. Experiencing youth. And

the car was the center of it all.

The first car sold in America was not a Ford. It was an Oldsmobile. But it was Henry Ford who started the first assembly line, production of internal combustion motor cars. And he could not possibly keep up with demand. Cars would change the world. They provided the transportation that would reshape the entire country in a few short years. The world now had the freedom of moving long distances and one could find work miles away and still get there. One could live anywhere, and still visit home. Race cars, fast cars, comfortable cars, inexpensive cars, luxury cars, practical cars, topless cars, were everywhere. Every family had one and soon every family had two...or three. Millions upon millions of cars filled nearly four million miles of American pavement and 700,000 bridges spanned rivers and canyons across the country.

Oil production became the most important industry and gasoline stations and mechanic's garages were everywhere. Auto manufacturers and parts companies flourished and the economy swirled around the automobile. America became the biggest, best, strongest, fastest, richest country in the world, and it all centered around cars.

And now, it all heads to the finish line. The final stretch. California has announced they will outlaw the internal combustion engine. Gasoline/diesel cars will not be sold in California by 2035, they promise.

Oh they will sell EVs with charging stations here and there using more electric than ever before. But those aren't cars. They have marketing teams and audio scientists working around the clock building organ pipes and flat-liquid

speakers to make them sound like cars...but they aren't cars. They are computers covered in fiberglass shells that look like Chevys. But Chevys, they are not.

In the modern cry-baby era, where grown men are afraid of hot days and politics mean more than survival or growth, cars are about to come to an end. Along with every other freedom that Democrats can destroy, they are now working on eliminating the freedom of the road. Government will control the electrical grid, they will over-regulate EVs and soon the memory of the 1957 Chevy, hardtop, 2-door, Bel Air will be a thing of the past.

Only another computer will be able to repair our transportation and America will be a quiet world again.

And all because of a non-existent, fantasy dreamed up by tree-hugging activists who wouldn't know a milk cow from a bull unless their leaders pointed out the horns.

An age is about to disappear. A time almost gone. A memory soon to be forgotten. An America that can never come home again.

We are blessed that we were the generation that saw it all. We felt the thunder and we rode with the wind in our hair. It was a time that will never be replicated in a place that we can never get back.

Go for a ride this Sunday. No plan, no destination. Just roll the windows down, find an old back road, put your favorite song on, and just enjoy the ride and enjoy the day. Soon there will be a time when you will need permission for such a day!

Memories

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will always treasure the one they made displaying my name and given to me by such a thoughtful lady at a most appropriate time.

You can reach me at themtman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.

T.J.s

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through the cool fall and brutish winter to see it bloom again in the spring. I've come to dislike winter more and more each year. The fall is so beautiful if it doesn't get too cold. There is less fall each year, have you noticed? Years ago, you could see fall through the first week or so of November at least.

I hope Kaitlynn will give us some game tickets. Stanley and I went to a Wildcat football game a few years ago. It was so cold that I was pretty sure I was going to freeze to death. The wind was really whipping. We seriously thought about just leaving about halftime. We hung on until the end of the game. It was the Cats playing the Tennessee Vols. You don't walk out of that. It was a battle of the bands, too. The Wildcats were playing their school song first and the about half way through, the Vol band started out with "Good Old Rocky Top", their school song. How rude. Both bands were really playing for sure. They probably could be heard down to the Kentucky River.

Anyway, I'm looking forward to some good football, good fall food, and beautiful fall foliage.

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Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
The Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be held Friday, September 16th at Roundstone Elementary School with a free meal served to all members at 6 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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
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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.

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only: 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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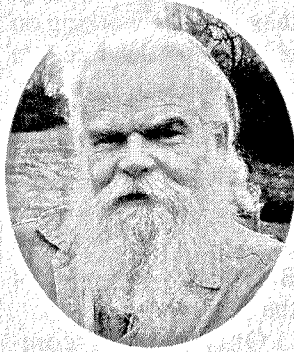
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Obituaries

Danny "Bulldog" Stevens

Danny Dale "Bulldog" Stevens, 65, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, September 3, 2022, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born March 26, 1957, in Mt. Vernon, a son of J.B. Stevens and the late Dorothy Harrison. He was of the Christian faith, and enjoyed wood working, car shows, or anything old.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his father, J.B. Stevens; his daughter, Rebecca Ordonez and Miguel of Eubank; four grandchildren, Crystal Rose, Andrew, Lily Mayan, and Isabella Daisy; a brother, Ronnie Stevens and Rhonda of Brodhead; as well as a host of many friends and neighbors.

Besides his mother, he was preceded in death by one brother, Donnie Stevens.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Randal Adams officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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

Pamela Ann DeBorde Heller "PD"

Pamela Ann DeBorde Heller "PD", 65, of Brodhead left her earthly home on Monday, August 8, 2022. She was born December 18, 1956 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Frank DeBorde and the late Lucille Livesay DeBorde. She was a member of the Ottawa Baptist Church.



Survivors, besides her father, are: her trusty companion, Polly (Polly now has a new home); one daughter, Jessica Heller; and one brother, Bobby DeBorde.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Skaggs Creek Cemetery with Bro. John McPheron officiating.

Arrangements are by Cox Funeral Home.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

What Does the Bible say About Trust?

We like to trust people, but maybe due to the way we were raised it makes it difficult for us to trust others and maybe even to trust God.

Often, we may experience trusting people close to us, we have put a lot of confidence in them, and then we become hurt when we find out that they have lied to us. It then makes it hard for us to trust anyone.

We must not let past experiences cause us not to trust God! Men are always subject to let us down, but God will never let us down. We must believe in God and trust him at his word. The truth is something worth trusting, but because we are surrounded by a world that is full of lies and deceitfulness, many people refuse to trust anyone, even God.

Here are a few facts about God that are worth our consideration.

Hebrews 13:8 says, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. In a world where things are constantly changing, it is good to know that what God tells us is not going to change.

The lines are becoming grayer between right and wrong by the world's standard, but the standard that God has set is still the same and will be unto the end of time. God's standards work, but man's standards do not work. For example, God created the marriage union to be between a man and a woman.

Genesis 5:2 tells us that, Male and female created he (God) them, now people are not accepting what God created to be thus, you have women that think they're men and men that think they're women. This causes confusion because that which is true is changed into a lie.

Romans 1:25 says, Who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

Sometimes people don't want the truth, they want what makes them comfortable when living in sin. It seems like when it comes to anything of this world, people want the truth, they don't want to be deceived or lied to.

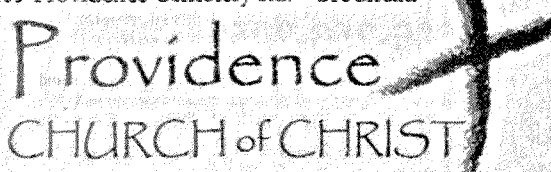
When it comes to the word of God, they don't want to hear the truth, but if they want to live in sin then they want the truth to be changed to a lie. They don't have any problem with the truth until it condemns the lifestyle that they choose. It is much easier to make the word of God conform to their lifestyle than it is to change their lifestyle to conform to the word of God.

Think about this, the same God that says lying, cheating, stealing, killing, is sin. Most everyone likes a standard of law that protect them but when it comes God's standard (the truth) when it condemns what we want to do, then it's much easier for them to believe a lie. Don't let us get comfortable in untruth and stick with God's standard of truth. *John 8:32* says, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

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Peggy Bell

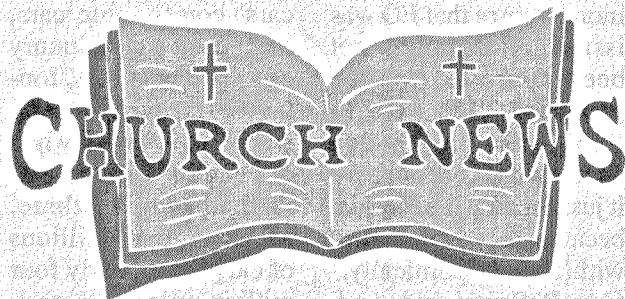
Peggy Sue Bradley Bell, 64, of Livingston, wife of Terry Bell, died Sunday, September 4, 2022 at her home.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, September 7, 2022 in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

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



Revival

Livingston Pentecostal Church will be In Revival September 8-10, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with Bro. Billy Conn as Evangelist.

Services will begin at 7 o'clock nightly.

Pastor Jim Miller and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

The church also has Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship Service at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m.

Bible Study

Conway Tabernacle Church of God invites everyone to their Bible Study - End Time Revelation, September 15th - December 8th, each Thursday 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

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Homecoming

Philadelphia Baptist Church, Brodhead, will have Homecoming September 18th at 11 a.m. with guest singers, The Spencer Boys. Pastor Bro. Gordon Mink and congregation invites everyone to come out and join us for some good singing, preaching and good food.

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Reunions

Burdette Reunion

The Burdette Family Reunion will be held Saturday, September 17th at 1 p.m. at the shelter at Brodhead Park. Bring a covered dish

Barnett Reunion

The Barnett Family Re-

union will be held Sunday, September 11th, beginning at 12 noon, at Red Hill Horse Camp in Livingston. Come and bring a dish. For more information, 606-308-5900.

What Shall I Do With Jesus?

Jesus had been brought before the judgment seat of Pilate. After learning that he was innocent, Pilate desired to release him; but he feared a mob of angry Jews who demanded the death of Jesus. The judge was greatly troubled; and in his anxiety asked; What shall I do with Jesus?

Jesus had been brought before the judgment bar of many people. After learning about the beauty of his life. Many today ask the question, that Pilate asked. What shall I do with Jesus?

1. I'll sell Him: Was the reply of greed. (Matt.26:15) And said unto them, what will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. Judas betrayed the Master for the legal price of a slave. (John 14:6) I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. When we sell the truth, we sell Jesus.

2. I'll deny Him: Was the answer of fear. (Mark14:68) But he denied, saying, I know him not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. The one who denies Jesus and refuses to repent will be denied by Jesus.

3. Let Him be crucified: Was the cry of envy. (Matt.27:22) Pilate saith unto them, what shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. Many today are saying the same things these Jews said two thousand years ago; (LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED.)

4. I'll be neutral: Was the answer of the politician. (Matt.12:30) He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Pilate was too weak to take a stand for him, yet too fearful to deny him altogether, therefore, he played the part of the coward.

5. I'll persecute Him: Was the cry of religious intolerance. (Acts 9:5) And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6. I'll postpone my answer: The answer of a feeble decision, a passing impulse. (Acts 26:28) Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuades me to be a Christian. Though a noble impulse, it was not strong enough, to lead him to obey the gospel.

7. We will take Him now: Was the decision of a group of wise men. (Acts2:37) Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? To take Christ, means to believe what he says and obey what he commands.

In the long ago, Jesus stood before the judgment bar of Pontus Pilate. In the judgment of the last day Pontus Pilate, and the whole world will stand before the judgment bar of Jesus.

WHAT WILL JESUS' DECISION BE AT THAT DAY FOR OUR SOULS?

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AVTT Wall travels through Rockcastle

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County played its part in making sure the AVTT Wall made it safely to London with all the due respect.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department, Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Mount Vernon Police Department, Livingston Fire and Rescue, the Kentucky State Police and others took part in escorting the American Veteran Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Wall through Mount Vernon and on through Livingston on its way to Wildcat Harley Davidson in London last week for Labor Day Monday, September 5.

Fire Departments displayed their largest flags and firefighters and police officers stood at attention as the Wall caravan rolled through the county. Motorcycle clubs from the area followed along the Wall's parade route and were joined by Kentucky State Police cruisers and local police and fire equipment down US-25 to London.

The Wall was on display in Rockcastle County two years ago and travels the country setting up for veterans' memorial events. The Wall is an exact 80 percent-sized replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.

The Wall was on display at the London business for three days.

ing in a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash or property.

"PVA"

(Continued from front) tiring PVA, the Governor must appoint someone to the position. Governor Andy Beshear approved Robinson to take over the position before her swearing-in ceremony in January. Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook performed the ceremony Tuesday morning making Robinson the local PVA immediately.

She will now hold the position until January when she will be sworn in again for her regular four-year term.

Vaughn took the office of PVA in 2014 after serving as a clerk in the office for many years.

"RCIDA"

(Continued from front)

said VanHook. "But we did.

VanHook told the board of a regional plan that could involve as much as \$7 million in local development with no debt to the county. "Because Hal (Holbrook) and the fiscal court have been such good stewards, we have the funds available to qualify for some matching grants," VanHook said. But if things go as planned. Those funds may not be needed.

"Through New Market Tax Credit programs, just having the funds available makes us eligible for the grant money but then the debt gets forgiven each year and you don't actually have to pay it back. We could potentially have over \$7 million in local development and it not cost the county a cent," VanHook said.

Holbrook agreed. "Jeff is right, it is very complex and takes everyone working together but it is possible," he said. "I hope all this works out for us."

The board also discussed the budget report. "We have almost \$400,000 in our accounts and we are just waiting on the required jobs to be created," said VanHook. "Right now the money is just sitting there. But as soon as the jobs are created we can use those funds for more local economic development."

The board also heard the Executive Director's report listing countless projects and ideas VanHook is working on for the county. "Jeff is on top of all these projects and is moving the county forward," said Craig. "We have to remember that all these ideas he is talking

about are generational. They are not just looking through today's window but the window of the next few generations."

The board discussed many plans for future growth.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October, 4 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

"Fun"

(Continued from front)

plaques included Livingston Police Chief Mikie Ashurst for his dedication to the city; City Clerk Amanda Thomas for outstanding leadership and dedication and Fire Chief Jeffrey Carpenter as Firefighter of the Year. Family Dollar Manager Sherry Ray won the Business of the Year award and Jerry Gross was named Citizen of the Year. Michael Parsons won the watermelon eating contest with Jasmine Schodey taking second place and Matthew Skochelak came in third. Arlow Mink won the cutest baby contest in the boys' category with Brylee King winning in the girls' competition. John Kelley won the Ugly Woman Contest.

Festivities continued on Sunday with a devotional by past mayor Jason Medley and an address from Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant. The cutest baby contests, watermelon eating contest and several other events continued to keep the crowd entertained.

The city streets were lined with vendors and a bounce house was provided all day Saturday.

The event culminated with a Labor Day fireworks show that many

say was one of the best yet.

"I can say our homecoming was a great success," said organizer Melissa Hahn. "We had a great crowd and everyone seemed to have a great time celebrating our town and honoring our veterans. It was a time of reflection and appreciation and we are all proud of

our city and our veterans."

Hahn said the event could not have been such a success without the donations and volunteers who worked throughout the event to create a safe, family atmosphere.

Plans are already underway for the 2024 Homecoming event.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN

The USDA, Mt. Vernon FSA Service Center will accept applications for a Program Technician position through the close of business on Monday, September 19, 2022. This position is for clerical assistance to help deliver Federal farm programs to producers serviced by the Mt. Vernon Service Center. The incumbent will work only when needed. The majority of the employee's time will be spent in farm-related office work.

All applicants shall:

1. Be citizens of the United States
2. Be a High School Graduate or have a GED.
3. Have a Social Security Number.
4. Be at least 18 years of age or 17 years of age for a high school graduate.
5. Have typing and/or keyboard experience.
6. Complete form FSA-675, Application for County Employment, Resume, or any other written format. You must include your SSN, your country of Citizenship, education, and work experience.

This job will be a temporary-intermittent position not to exceed six (6) months. Salary will depend on experience of the person selected but not less than \$15.92 per hour.

Applications will be accepted at or mailed to the Mt. Vernon Service Center, Farm Service Agency, Attention: Warden Alexander, CED, 151 Andover Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

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"Meth"

(Continued from front)

Letner refused to agree to a vehicle search so police used a police K-9 for an open-air sniff. The citation says the dog indicated the presence of narcotics, which triggered a search of the vehicle. During the search, police discovered nearly four pounds of methamphetamine and an ounce of fentanyl.

On the street, meth is typically sold by the gram (28 grams per ounce and 16 ounces per pound) meaning the street value of four pounds of meth is about \$90,000.

Letner was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with careless driving, illegal window tinting and traffick-

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- 11) Groceries holder
- 14) One way to set a clock
- 15) "I had ___ good time"
- 16) Intense anger
- 17) Quite sizeable
- 19) Clock standard, briefly
- 20) Additional amount
- 21) Lapidarist's object of study
- 22) Startling exclamation
- 23) Not on the level?
- 26) Reciprocally
- 28) Enjoy the slopes
- 29) Drops in the ocean?
- 31) Turndown words
- 32) Common pets
- 34) Engage in litigation
- 35) New York big house
- 38) Footrest
- 40) Stock of weapons
- 41) Expose by squealing
- 42) Lots of mins.
- 43) Tom's "A Few Good Men" co-star
- 44) Candidate for spitchcocking
- 45) Ending for "deal" or "home"
- 47) Finger-pointer's word
- 48) Augurs
- 51) One of the Rockefeller's
- 53) Put a spell on
- 54) Confessional revelation
- 55) White House figure
- 56) Away from the bow
- 57) Pennies and nickels, e.g.
- 62) What to call a knight
- 63) "And now ..." sayer
- 64) Willow for wickerwork
- 65) Frat letter
- 66) Tries to locate
- 67) Native American home of old

DOWN

- 1) "Rebel Without a Cause" actor Mino
- 2) Half a dance's name
- 3) That woman
- 4) Igneous-rock producer
- 5) Music halls of old
- 6) Twenty-four cans, at times
- 7) Dot-com's address
- 8) Acts as monarch
- 9) More guarded
- 10) Items on the periodic table
- 11) Corporate doings
- 12) Lancelot's attire
- 13) Board, as a bus
- 18) Cooper or mason
- 23) Showy neckwear
- 24) Participate in a roller derby
- 25) Something for favorite customers?
- 26) Prez after Harry
- 27) Packed, as pistols
- 30) Wimple wearer
- 33) Shoe bottoms
- 35) Poison in classic mysteries
- 36) Grandmother's keepsake, sometimes
- 37) Ewok or Klingon
- 39) Slow-flowing syrup
- 40) Cruise ship for couples?
- 42) Is suffering from
- 45) Dennis of the comics, for one
- 46) Extremely popular
- 48) New moon, e.g.
- 49) Make usable again
- 50) Greedy person's demand
- 52) Real estate contract
- 55) Ballantine and others
- 58) Albanian currency
- 59) It's in the winter air
- 60) "___ whiz!"
- 61) Versifier's "before"

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SPORTS

Moore knocked out of game early

Cardinals hand Rockets first loss of season 28-0

The Rockets found the going tough last Friday night at Wayne County. Besides losing the services of their quarterback Caleb Moore early in the second quarter with a broken bone in his foot, the Rockets didn't get their first first down until 7:48 in the second quarter and only four in the game.

The Cardinals got the ball to begin the game and scored on their first drive with a quarterback keep from the Rockets six yard line. The PAT was good and it was Wayne County 7-0.

The Rockets went three and out on their first possession and Anthony Goodin's 25 yard punt was taken by Wayne County on the Rockets' 44 yard line. One pass play later, the Cardinals were on the Rockets four and two plays later, another quarterback keep, from the two, was good for their second score of the night to make it 14-0 Wayne Co.

The Rockets again had to punt the ball away on a fourth and 10, following a delay of game call and after 15 plays and three first downs, the Rockets' Goodin and Ethan Tyree got the runner on the Rockets 25 yard line on a 4th and 10 play to stop the Cardi-

nals' drive at the end of the first quarter.

The Rockets got the ball to begin the second quarter but again had to punt the ball away on a 4th and 7. The snap went over Goodin's head and Goodin fell on the ball on the Rockets' 15 yard line.

It took the Cardinals just two plays to score their third touchdown of the night. The PAT was again good and it was 21-0 Wayne County with 8:20 left in the second quarter.

The Rockets got their first first down of the game on the next series, on a 25 yard pass from Moore to Christian Larkey. On the next series, Moore hit Kaden Kidwell for five yards, ran for three and then was caught for a loss of three yards, the same play on which he was hurt.

On a 4th and four, with Larkey at quarterback and on the Wayne County 20, the ball was snapped over Larkey's head and Wayne County ended up with the ball on the Rockets 49.

After a gain of five yards, a run for no gain and an offside call to make it third and nine on their own 39, Wayne County's quarterback broke loose for a 28 yard gain to put the ball on the Rockets 33 yard line. On the next play, Wayne County fumbled and the Rockets recovered the ball and began their drive from their own 27 yard line.

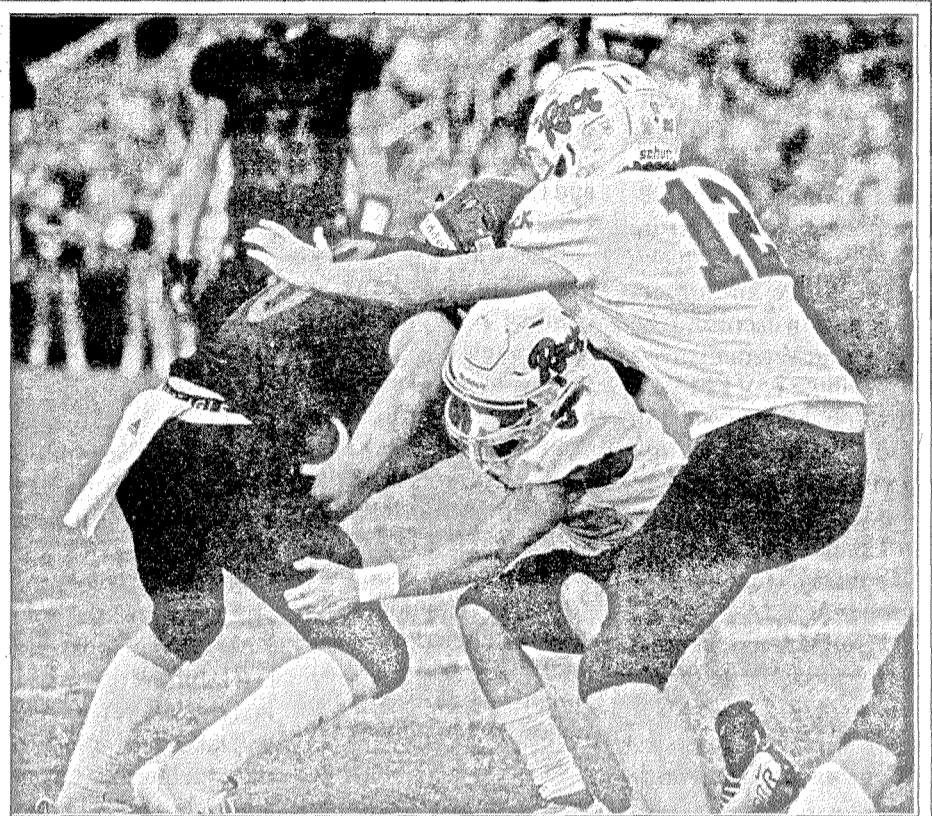
Larkey picked up 21 yards on the next two plays for a first down on the Rockets 48 yard line and it was 4th and five for the Rockets on the Wayne County 47 when an offside penalty against Wayne County gave the Rockets a first down on the Cardinals 42. A bad snap was recovered by the Rockets but time ran out in the first half.

The Rockets received the kickoff to begin the second half but it was mishandled and Wayne County recovered to begin their series on the Rockets 40 yard line. Seven plays later, the Cardinals scored their last touchdown of the game on a seven yard run. The PAT was good and it was 28-0 Wayne County with 9:19 left in the third quarter.

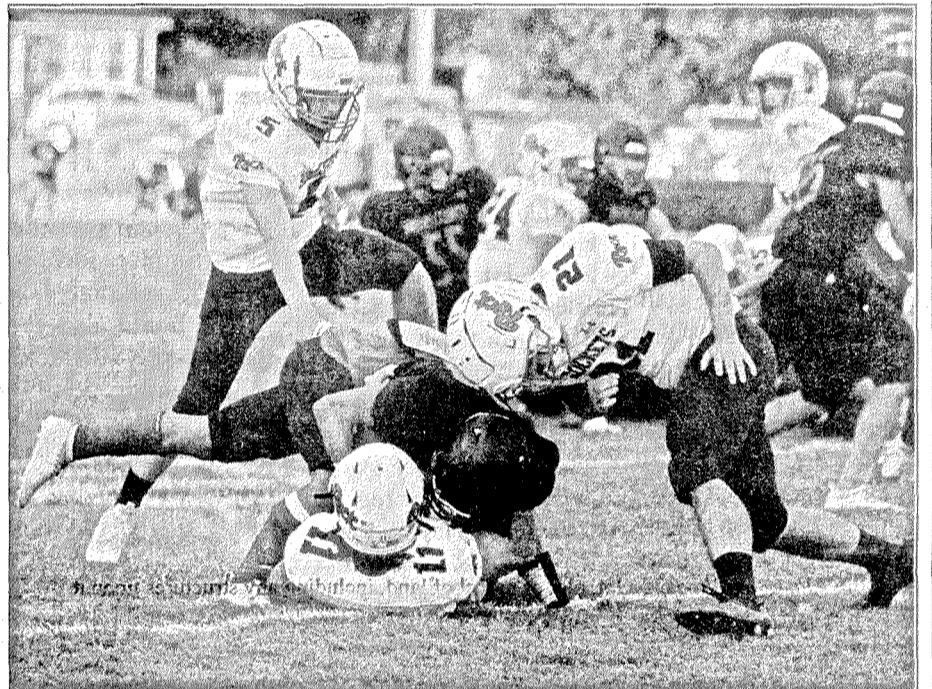
The rest of the game was an exchange of punts by the two teams with the only scoring threat by either coming on an attempted field goal, by Wayne from the Rockets 12 yard line early in the fourth quarter, which was no good.

The Rockets picked up 73 rushing yards with Larkey getting 46, Carter Powell 11, Ethan Medley 7, Caleb Moore 6 and Goodin 3. Moore was 2 for 4 in pass attempts for 32 yards with Larkey getting 27 of those and Kidwell five.

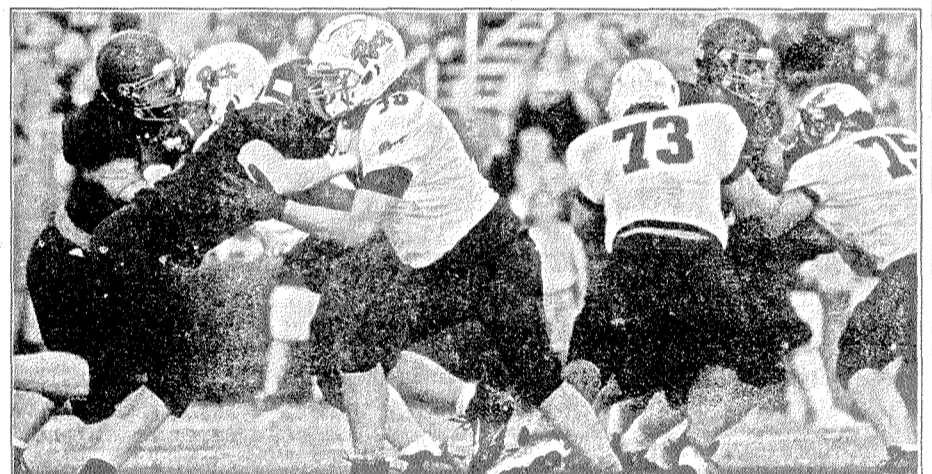
The Rockets will travel to LaRue County this Friday for a 7:30 game.



Caleb Moore and Kaden Kidwell wrap up a Wayne County Cardinal during the Rockets' 28-0 loss Friday night. Moore was knocked out of the game in the first half and is expected to miss a few weeks with a broken bone in his foot.



Ethan Tyree makes a tackle in Friday night's loss. Also pictured are Rockets Carter Powell and Anthony Goodin.



Jacob Snyder, Jameson Mink and Ethan Kirby worked hard on the offensive line to make a hole for their teammates.

Momentum Courier Hunger Bowl

Momentum Courier is sponsoring the September 16th Hunger Bowl. The RCHS football game against South Laurel will be known as the Momentum Courier Hunger Bowl, according to owner Sam Hamilton.

Hamilton said admission will be only \$4 for anyone who brings can goods to the game and Momentum Courier will pay the additional \$1.

The canned food collected will be donated the CAP's Grateful Bread and trophies will be provided by the Rockcastle County company. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Food Truck Championship

The Second Annual Kentucky Food Truck Championship is planned for this Saturday, September 10th beginning at 11 a.m. at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

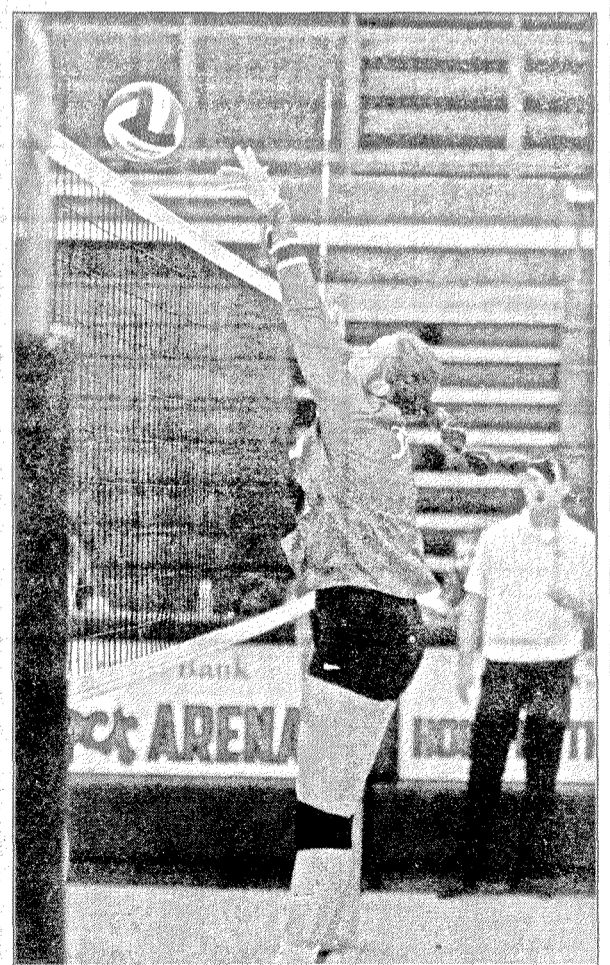
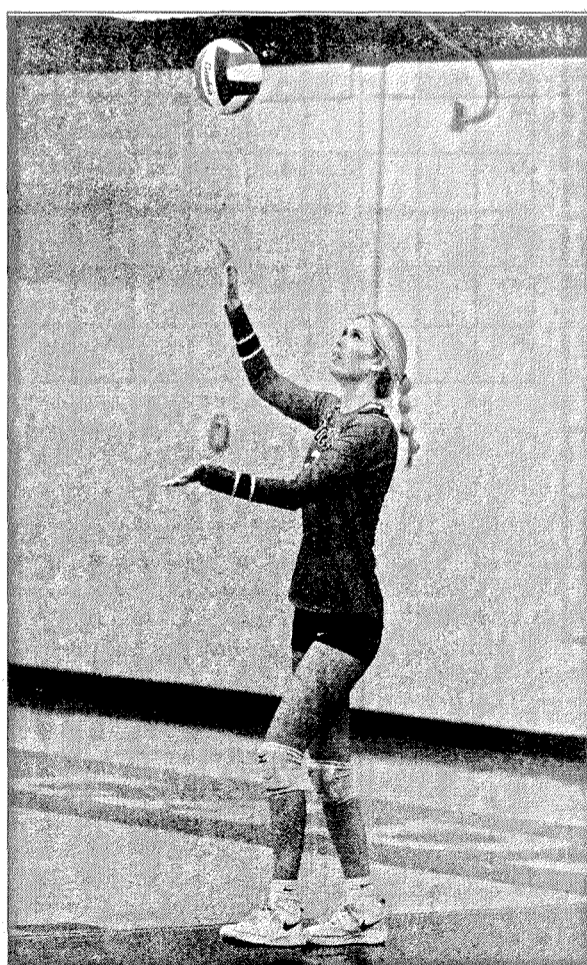
The event will include a \$5,000 grand prize as well as many other category winners. There will be a free daytime concert, antique tractor show, crafts, vendors and much more throughout the event.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the event at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center Kentucky Music Hall of

Fame and Museum Admission is free to attend.

Football photos by Kierra Larkey

Rock HUNGER BOWL
Rockcastle County Rockets
South Laurel Cardinals
 Admission with can of food: \$4.00
 Regular Admission: \$5.00
 Location: Rockcastle Co. Middle School
 Sponsored by Momentum Courier



RCHS volleyball players Hallie Brown, above left, and Allison McCoy, above right, are shown in recent volleyball action. The Rockets have been busy this past week playing eight matches winning five of them. Wins came over Casey County, Lincoln County, North Laurel, Garrard County and Boyle County. Rockcastle made it to the championship game of their own Invitational Tournament last Saturday but lost to Russell County in the finals, 25-22 and 25-17. Tuesday, August 30th, the Rockets defeated Casey County 3-0. Kylee Burns led her team with 13 kills and Sarah Barron had 10 digs. Markley Richards had six aces from the service line. The Rockets will host Somerset this Thursday night and will host Corbin next Monday.

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-7 TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO CONTROL NUISANCES AND ESTABLISHING A CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, AS WELL AS ADOPTING PORTIONS OF THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES

WHEREAS it is the intent of KRS 65.8801 to 65.8839 to protect, promote, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens residing within the City by authorizing the creation of an administrative board with the authority to issue remedial orders and impose fines in order to provide an equitable, expeditious, effective, and inexpensive method of ensuring compliance with the ordinances in force within the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky to utilize the authority granted in KRS 65.8801 to 65.8839 by creating a City of Mount Vernon Code Enforcement Board.

WHEREAS the city wishes to adopt as its property maintenance codes, the following sections of the International Property Maintenance Codes,

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon that the City of Mount Vernon hereby amends its previous ordinance as follows and adopts the following sections of the International Property Maintenance Codes, which is referenced in the "Unsafe Structures" Ordinance of the City of Mount Vernon and

SECTION 1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(a) **"Abatement Costs"** means a city's necessary and reasonable costs for and associated with clearing, preventing unauthorized entry to, or demolishing all or a portion of a structure or premises, or taking any other action with regard to a structure or premises necessary to remedy a violation and to maintain and preserve the public health, safety and welfare in accordance with any city ordinance.

(b) **"Code Enforcement Board"** means an administrative body created and acting under the authority of the Local Government Code Enforcement Board Act, KRS 65.8801 to 65.8839.

(c) **"Code Enforcement Officer"** means a city police officer, safety officer, citation officer, building inspector, or other public law enforcement officer with the authority to issue a citation.

(d) **"Final Order"** means any order:

1. Issued by the code enforcement board following a hearing in accordance with Section 9(e) of this ordinance;
2. Created because a violator neither paid nor contested the citation within seven (7) days as provided in Section 8(f) of this ordinance; or
3. Created because a violator failed to appear at a hearing the violator requested to contest the citation as provided in Section 9(c) of this ordinance.

(e) **"Imminent Danger"** means a condition which is likely to cause serious or life-threatening injury or death at any time.

(f) **"Ordinance"** means an official action of the local government body, which is a regulation of a general and permanent nature and enforceable as a local law and shall include any provision of a code of ordinances adopted by the city legislative body which embodies all or part of an ordinance.

(g) **"Owner"** means a person, association, corporation, partnership or other legal entity having a legal or equitable title in real property.

(h) **"Premises"** means a lot, plot or parcel of land, including any structures upon it.

SECTION 2. Creation and membership.

There is hereby created within the city pursuant to KRS 65.8801 to KRS 65.8839, a code enforcement board which shall be composed of no fewer than three members, all of whom shall be residents of the city for a period of at least one (1) year prior to their appointment and shall reside there throughout the term in office.

SECTION 3. Enforcement powers.

(a) The code enforcement board shall have the power to issue remedial orders and impose civil fines as a method of enforcing city ordinances when a violation of the ordinance has been classified as a civil offense.

(b) The code enforcement board shall not have the authority to enforce any ordinance regulating conduct which would also, under any provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, constitute a criminal offense or a moving motor vehicle offense.

SECTION 4. Appointment of members; term of office; removal from office; oath; compensation.

(a) Members of the code enforcement board shall be appointed by the executive authority of the city, subject to the approval of the legislative body.

(b) The initial appointment to the code enforcement board shall be as follows:

1. One-third (1/3) of the membership or one-third (1/3) of the membership and one (1) member of the board shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year;
2. One-third (1/3) of the membership or one-third (1/3) of the membership and one (1) member of the board shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years;
- and
3. One-third (1/3) of the membership or one-third (1/3) of the membership and one (1) member of the board shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.

(c) All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years. A member may be reappointed, subject to the approval of the legislative body.

(d) The executive authority may appoint, subject to the approval of the legislative body, two (2) alternate members to serve on the code enforcement board in the absence of regular members. Alternate members shall meet all of the qualifications and shall be subject to all of the requirements that apply to regular members of the code enforcement board.

(e) Any vacancy on the board shall be filled by the executive authority, subject to approval of the legislative body, within sixty (60) days of the vacancy. If the vacancy is not filled within that time period, the remaining code enforcement board members shall fill the vacancy. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(f) A board member may be removed from office by the executive authority for misconduct, inefficiency, or willful neglect of duty. The executive authority shall submit a written statement to the member and the legislative body setting forth the reasons for removal. The member so removed shall have the right of appeal to the Circuit Court.

(g) All members of the code enforcement board shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take the oath of office prescribed by Section 228 of the Kentucky Constitution.

(h) Members of the code enforcement board shall be reimbursed for actual expenses and compensated in the amount of \$0.00 per month.

(i) No member of the code enforcement board shall hold any elected or nonelected office, paid or unpaid, or any position of employment with the city.

SECTION 5. Organization of board; meetings; quorum.

(a) The code enforcement board shall annually elect a chair from among its members. The chair shall be the presiding officer and a full voting member of the board. In the absence of the chair, the remaining members of the board shall select a member to preside in place of and exercise the powers of the chair.

(b) Regular meetings of the code enforcement board shall be held as needed.

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(c) All meetings and hearings of the code enforcement board shall be public meetings held in accordance with the requirements of KRS 65.8815(5) and the Kentucky Open Meetings Act.

(d) The presence of at least a majority of the board's entire membership shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the board shall be necessary for any official action to be taken.

(e) Minutes shall be kept for all proceedings of the code enforcement board and the vote of any member on any issue decided by the board shall be recorded in the minutes.

SECTION 6. Conflict of interest.

Any member of the code enforcement board who has any direct or indirect financial or personal interest in any matter to be decided shall disclose the nature of the interest, shall disqualify himself from voting on the matter in which he has an interest, and shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum.

SECTION 7. Powers of the code enforcement board.

The City of Mount Vernon Code Enforcement Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To adopt rules and regulations to govern its operations and the conduct of its hearings consistent with this ordinance.
- (b) To conduct hearings to determine if there has been a violation of an ordinance over which it has jurisdiction.
- (c) To subpoena alleged violators, witnesses and evidence to its hearings. Subpoenas issued by the code enforcement board may be served by any code enforcement officer.
- (d) To take testimony under oath. The chairman shall have the authority to administer oaths for the purpose of taking testimony.
- (e) To make findings of fact and issue orders necessary to remedy any violation of a city ordinance or code provision which the board is authorized to enforce.
- (f) To impose civil fines, as authorized, on any person found to have violated an ordinance over which the board has jurisdiction.

SECTION 8. Enforcement proceedings.

The following requirements shall govern all enforcement proceedings before the code enforcement board:

- (a) Enforcement proceedings shall only be initiated by the issuance of a citation by a code enforcement officer.
- (b) Except when immediate action is necessary pursuant to Section 16 of this ordinance, if a code enforcement officer believes, based on his personal observation or investigation, that a person has violated a city ordinance, he shall issue a Notice of Violation allowing the alleged violator a specified period of time to remedy the violation without incurring a fine. If the alleged violator fails or refuses to remedy the violation within the time specified, the code enforcement officer is authorized to issue a citation.
- (c) The code enforcement officer shall issue a citation by one of the following methods:
 1. Personal service to the alleged violator;
 2. Leaving a copy of the citation with any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who is on the premises, if the alleged violator is not on the premises at the time the citation is issued; or
 3. Posting a copy of the citation in a conspicuous place on the premises and mailing a copy of the citation by regular, first-class mail to the owner of record of the property, if no one is on the premises at the time the citation is issued.

(d) The citation issued by the code enforcement officer shall contain the following information:

1. The date and time of issuance;
2. The name and address of the person to whom the citation is issued;
3. The physical address of the premises where the violation occurred;
4. The date and time the offense was committed;
5. The facts constituting the offense;
6. The section of the code or the number of the ordinance violated;
7. The name of the code enforcement officer;
8. The civil fine that may be imposed for the violation, including, if applicable:
 - a. The civil fine that will be imposed if the person does not contest the citation; and
 - b. The maximum civil fine that may be imposed if the person elects to contest the citation;
9. The procedure for the person to follow in order to pay the civil fine or to contest the citation; and
10. A statement that if the person fails to pay the civil fine set forth in the citation or contest the citation within the time allowed: the person shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing before the code enforcement board to contest the citation; the determination that the violation was committed shall be final; the citation as issued shall be deemed a final order determining that the violation was committed and imposing the civil fine as set forth in the citation; and the person shall be deemed to have waived the right to appeal the final order to District Court.

(e) After issuing a citation to an alleged violator, the code enforcement officer shall notify the code enforcement board by delivering the citation to the city clerk.

(f) 1. The person to whom the citation is issued shall respond to the citation within seven (7) days of the date of issuance by either paying the civil fine or requesting, in writing, a hearing to contest the citation. If the person fails to respond to the citation within seven (7) days, the person shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing and the

determination that a violation was committed shall be considered final. In this event, the citation as issued shall be deemed a final order determining that the violation was committed and imposing the civil fine as set forth in the citation, and the person shall be deemed to have waived the right to appeal the final order to District Court.

2. Notice of a final order shall be provided to the cited violator by regular first-class mail; certified mail, return receipt requested; personal delivery; or by leaving the notice at the person's usual place of residence with any individual residing therein who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and who is informed of the contents of the notice.

SECTION 9. Hearing; notice; and final order.

- (a) When a hearing has been requested, the code enforcement board or its administrative staff shall schedule a hearing.
- (b) Not less than seven (7) days before the date of the hearing, the code enforcement board shall notify the requester of the date, time, and place of the hearing. The notice may be given by regular first-class mail; certified mail, return receipt requested; personal delivery; or by leaving the notice at the person's usual place of residence with any individual residing therein who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and who is informed of the contents of the notice.

- (c) 1. Any person requesting a hearing who fails to appear at the time and place set for the hearing shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing to contest the citation, and the determination that a violation was committed shall be final. In this event, the citation as issued shall be deemed a final order determining the violation was committed and imposing the civil fine set forth in the citation, and the alleged violator shall be deemed to have waived the right to appeal the final order to District Court.
- 2. Notice of a final order shall be provided to the cited violator by regular first-class mail; certified mail, return receipt requested; personal delivery; or by leaving the notice at the person's usual place of residence with any individual residing therein who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and who is informed of the contents of the notice.
- (d) All testimony at the hearing shall be taken under oath and recorded. Testimony shall be taken from the code enforcement officer, the alleged violator, and any witnesses to the violation offered by the code enforcement officer or alleged violator. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply, but fundamental due process shall be observed and shall govern the proceedings.
- (e) The code enforcement board shall, based on the evidence, determine whether a violation was committed. If it is determined that no violation was committed, an order dismissing the citation shall be entered. If it is determined that a violation was committed, an order may be issued upholding the citation. The board may impose a fine up to the maximum authorized by ordinance or require the offender to remedy a continuing violation to avoid a fine, or both.
- (f) 1. Every final order following a hearing shall be reduced to writing, which shall include the findings and conclusions reached and the date the order was issued. A copy shall be furnished to the person named in the citation.
- 2. If the person named in the citation is not present when the final order is issued, the order shall be delivered to the person by regular first-class mail; certified mail, return receipt requested; personal delivery; or by leaving the notice at the person's usual place of residence with any individual residing therein who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and who is informed of the contents of the notice.

SECTION 10. Presentation of cases.

Each case before the code enforcement board shall be presented by an attorney selected by the city, a code enforcement officer for the city, or by a member of the city's administrative staff. The city attorney may either be counsel to the code enforcement board or may present cases before the code enforcement board but shall in no case serve in both capacities.

SECTION 11. Appeals; final judgment.

- (a) An appeal from a final order of a code enforcement board following a hearing conducted pursuant to Section 9(e) of this ordinance may be made to the Rockcastle County District Court within thirty (30) days of the date the order is issued. The appeal shall be initiated by the filing of a complaint and a copy of the final order in the same manner as any civil action under the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure.
- (b) If no appeal from a final order of the code enforcement board is filed within the time period set in subsection (a) of this Section, the code enforcement board's order shall be deemed final for all purposes.

SECTION 12. Ordinance fine schedule.

Violations of ordinances that are enforced by the city code enforcement board shall be subject to the following schedule of civil fines:

- (a) If a citation for a violation of an ordinance is not contested by the person charged with the violation, the penalties set forth in this subsection shall apply:

Violation	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	All Others
Animals	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Unsafe & Unfit			
Structure Code	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
Garbage	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
Weeds	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$50.00

- (b) If the citation is contested and a hearing before the code enforcement board is required, the following maximum penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the code enforcement board:

Violation	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	All Others
Animals	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Building and Construction Code	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1000.00
Garbage	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Weeds	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00

SECTION 13. Lien; fines, charges, and fees.

- (a) The city shall possess a lien on property owned by the person found by a nonappealable final order as defined by Section 1(d) of this ordinance, or by a final judgment of the court, to have committed a violation of a city ordinance. The lien shall be for all civil fines assessed for the violation and for all charges and fees incurred by the city in connection with the enforcement of the ordinance, including abatement costs. An affidavit of the code enforcement officer shall constitute prima facie evidence of the amount of the lien and regularity of the proceedings pursuant to KRS 65.8801 to 65.8839.
- (b) The lien shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk. The lien shall be notice to all persons from the time of its recording and shall bear interest until paid. The lien shall continue for ten (10) years following the date of the nonappealable final order or final court judgment.
- (c) Subject to Section 15 of this ordinance, the lien shall take precedence over all other liens, except state, county, school board, and city taxes, and may be enforced by judicial proceedings, including a foreclosure action.
- (d) In addition to the remedy prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section, the person found to have committed the violation shall be personally responsible for the amount of all civil fines assessed for the violation and for all charges, fees and abatement costs incurred by the city in connection with the enforcement of the ordinance. The city may bring a civil action against the person and shall have the same remedies as provided for the recovery of a debt.

SECTION 14. Immediate action.

Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the city from taking immediate action to remedy a violation of its ordinances when there is reason to believe that the violation is an unsafe structure and presents a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare, or if in the absence of immediate action, the effects of the violation will be irreparable or irreversible.

SECTION 15. SECTIONS OF THE IPMC (International Property Maintenance Codes, which is referenced in the "Unsafe Structures" Ordinance of the City of Mount Vernon).

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

[A] 105.1 **General.** The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this code. The Code Enforcement Officer shall have the authority to render interpretations of this code.

[A] 105.3 **Right of entry.** Where it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the provisions of this code, or whenever the Code Enforcement Officer has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in a structure or upon a premises a condition in violation of this code, the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to enter the structure or premises at reasonable times to inspect or perform the duties imposed by this code, provided that if such structure or premises is occupied the Code Enforcement Officer shall present credentials to the occupant and request entry. If such structure or premises is unoccupied, the Code Enforcement Officer shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner, owner's authorized agent or other person having charge or control of the structure or premises and request entry. If entry is refused, the Code Enforcement Officer shall have recourse to the remedies provided by law to secure entry.

[A] 105.4 **Identification.** The Code Enforcement Officer shall carry proper identification when inspecting structures or premises in the performance of duties under this code.

[A] 105.5 **Notices and orders.** The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue all necessary notices or orders to ensure compliance with this code.

[A] 105.7 **Liability.** The Code Enforcement Officer, member of the board of appeals or employee charged with the enforcement of this code, while acting for the jurisdiction, in good faith and without malice in the discharge of the duties required by this code or other pertinent law or ordinance, shall not thereby be rendered civilly or criminally liable personally, and is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage accruing to persons or property as a result of an act or by reason of an act or omission in the discharge of official duties.

105.7.1 **Legal defense.** Any suit or criminal complaint instituted against any officer or employee because of an act performed by that officer or employee in the lawful discharge of duties and under the provisions of this code shall be defended by the legal representative of the jurisdiction until the final termination of the proceedings. The Code Enforcement Officer or any subordinate shall not be liable for costs in an action, suit or proceeding that is instituted in pursuance of the provisions of this code.

SECTION 106 APPROVAL

[A] 106.1 **Modifications.** Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the Code Enforcement Officer shall have the authority to grant modifications for individual cases upon application of the owner or owner's authorized agent, provided that the Code Enforcement Officer shall first find that special individual reason makes the strict letter of this code impractical, the modification is in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code and that such modification does not lessen health, life and fire safety requirements. The details of action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the department files.

SECTION 110 STOP WORK ORDER

[A] 110.1 **Authority.** Where the Code Enforcement Officer finds any work regulated by this code being performed in a manner contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner, the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to issue a stop work order.

[A] 110.2 **Issuance.** The stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, to the owner's authorized agent, or to the person performing the work.

Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order and the conditions under which the cited work is authorized to resume.

[A] 110.3 **Emergencies.** Where an emergency exists, the Code Enforcement Officer shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work.

[A] 110.4 **Failure to comply.** Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to fines established by the authority having jurisdiction.

SECTION 111 UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT

111.1 **Unsafe conditions, Structure unfit for human occupancy.** A structure is unfit for human occupancy whenever the Code Enforcement Officer finds that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is insanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or to the public:

111.1.1 **Unlawful structure.** An unlawful structure is one erected, altered or occupied contrary to law.

111.1.2 **Dangerous structure or premises.** For the purpose of this code, any structure or premises that has any or all of the conditions or defects described as follows, shall be considered to be dangerous:

1. The building or structure, or any portion thereof, is clearly unsafe for its use and occupancy.
2. The building or structure is neglected, damaged, dilapidated, unsecured or abandoned so as to become an attractive nuisance to children who might play in the building or structure to their danger, becomes a harbor for vagrants, criminals or immoral persons, or enables persons to resort to the building or structure for committing a nuisance or an unlawful act.
3. A building or structure is determined by the Code Enforcement Officer to be unsanitary, unfit for human habitation or in such a condition that is likely to cause sickness or disease.
4. Any building or structure determined by the Code Enforcement Officer to be a threat to life or health.
5. Any portion of a building remains on a site after the demolition or destruction of the building or structure or whenever any building or structure is abandoned so as to constitute such building or portion thereof as an attractive nuisance or hazard to the public.

111.2 **Closing of vacant structures.** If the structure is vacant and unfit for human habitation and occupancy, and is not in danger of structural collapse, the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to post a placard of condemnation on the premises and order the structure closed up so as not to be an attractive nuisance. Upon failure of the owner or owner's authorized agent to close up the premises within the time specified in the order, the Code Enforcement Officer shall cause the premises to be closed and secured through any available public agency or by contract or arrangement by private persons and the cost thereof shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate and shall be collected by any other legal resource. The property owner shall be personally liable for all costs and expenses incurred pursuant to this section.

111.2.1 **Authority to disconnect service utilities.** The Code Enforcement Officer shall have the authority to authorize disconnection of utility service to the building, structure or system regulated by this code and the referenced codes and standards set forth in Section 102.8 in case of emergency where necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to life or property or where such utility connection has been made without approval. The Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the serving utility and, whenever possible, the owner or owner's authorized agent and occupant of the building, structure or service system of the decision to disconnect prior to taking such action. If not notified prior to disconnection the owner, owner's authorized agent or occupant of the building structure or service system shall be notified in writing as soon as practical thereafter.

111.5 **Unauthorized tampering.** Signs, tags or seals posted or affixed by the Code Enforcement Officer shall not be mutilated, destroyed or tampered with, or removed without authorization from the Building Inspector.

111.6 **Transfer of ownership.** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dwelling unit or structure who has received a compliance order or upon whom a notice of violation has been served to sell, transfer, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of such dwelling unit or structure to another until the provisions of the compliance order or notice of violation have been complied with, or until such owner or the owner's authorized agent shall first furnish the grantee, transferee, mortgagee or lessee a true copy of any compliance order or notice of violation issued by the Code Enforcement Officer and shall furnish to the Code Enforcement Officer a signed and notarized statement from the grantee, transferee, mortgagee or lessee, acknowledging the receipt of such compliance order or notice of violation and fully accepting the responsibility without condition for making the corrections or repairs required by such compliance order or notice of violation.

111.7 **Placarding.** Upon failure of the owner, owner's authorized agent or person responsible to comply with the notice provisions within the time given, the Code Enforcement Officer shall post on the premises or on defective equipment a placard bearing the word "Condemned" and a statement of the penalties provided for occupying the premises, operating the equipment or removing the placard. Such notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice. If the notice pertains to equipment, it shall be placed on the condemned equipment.

Local students complete Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts

The 35th Anniversary class of The Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts concluded its historic second session on July 30. The program doubled in class size from previous years thanks to supplemental funding from the Kentucky Department of Education*. Growing from 256 students to more than 500 students, the tuition-free program took place during two consecutive three-week sessions (Session 1: June 12 - July 2; Session 2: July 10 - July 30) with students divided into each. Both sessions were hosted at The University of Kentucky.

During the three-week program, student-artists from 71 counties were immersed in a rigorous schedule of daily seminars, creative projects, master classes, and lectures. Instruction was offered in nine disciplines: Architecture+Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film+Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art and Vocal Music.

Graduates from Rockcastle County were: Celia Shaffer - RCHS - Drama and Mya Hunt - RCHS - Musical Theatre.

Special activities and performances for GSA 2022 included a visit from Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, a trip to Louisville for a free showing of the touring Broadway musical Hamilton, Harlan County native and roots musician Martha Redbone, former Kentucky Poet Laureate Frank X. Walker, pianist and author Harry Pickens, and a variety of Kentucky-based arts and culture organizations, including the Muhammad

Ali Center, Pones Dance Company, Flamenco Louisville, and Clear Creek Collective.

Since 1987, more than 7,000 rising high school juniors and seniors have descended on a college campus setting to immerse themselves in an arts intensive environment, with cross-discipline learning, special guest artist performances and lectures, and the opportunity to access critical life-changing college scholarships.



Mya Hunt and Celia Shaffer were among the 35th Anniversary class of The Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts.

DAR sponsors American History essay contest

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution actively supports historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors. One way the Society promotes education is to sponsor every year in the school systems an American History essay contest open to all 5th-8th graders. All students in public, private, or parochial school, or those who are home schooled are eligible. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin. This contest is judged on the local level by the Rockcastle Chapter and awards will be given per grade level. Each chapter winner's essay will then be sent to KSDAR to be judged on the state level. All state essay winners will then go on to be judged on the division and national levels and national winners will receive their award at Continental Congress held in Washington D.C.

The topic for this year's American History essay for grades 5th-8th has been chosen:

"Delegate to Second Continental Congress" The Second Continental Congress met from May 10, 1775 - March 1, 1781 and included delegates from all thirteen colonies. This Congress was instrumental in shaping what was to become the United States of America. The student is to imagine that they are a delegate during 1775-1776. Which colony are you from and what will be important for you to accomplish for your colony?

Length of essay should be 300-600 words for grade 5 and between 600-1000 words for grades 6, 7 and 8. Essays must have a bibliography listing all references utilized. Judging will be based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling,

grammar, punctuation and neatness. Pictures, maps, drawings, graphics, and other such additions will not be considered in judging and should not be included.

NSDAR established a new high school-level essay contest focused on figures of the American Revolution, in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. The contest is open to students in grades 9 through 12 in public, private, or parochial schools, or those who are home schooled.

The topic for this year's Patriot's of the American Revolution essay for grades 9th -12th has been chosen: Select a figure from the era of the American Revolution (1773-1783). Discuss how he or she influenced the course of the American Revolution, who he or she was and his/her contribution to the founding of a new nation. Your figure may be any person, whether a well-known figure or an everyday man, woman or child who supported the American Revolution in ways large or small. Students are encouraged to use primary sources (i.e., immediate, first-hand accounts such as letters, diaries, speeches, or newspaper reports) for their research, lesser well-known figures are acceptable, but subjects must have been actual participants not fictionalized. Length of essay should be between 800-1,200 words.

All entries should be completed and turned in to the student's history teacher by the deadline of November 4th. Any student interested in participating in these contests may contact your history teacher or the Rockcastle Chapter DAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

FRENCH ONION SLOW COOKER POT ROAST

1 teaspoon each salt and pepper
1 sirloin tip roast or lean chuck, about 3 pounds
2 cans (10 1/2 ounces) condensed French onion soup
1 jar (12 to 16 ounces) small white onions, drained, OR use 1 bag (16 ounce) frozen pearl onions
1 red onion, thinly sliced
1/4 cup chopped green onions

Fresh chopped parsley or chives for garnish, optional
Rub salt and pepper into the pot roast. Put roast and French onion soup in slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 6 hours, or HIGH for 3 hours. Add the small white onions, red onion, and green onions. Cover and cook on LOW for 3 to 6 hours longer, or another 2 to 3 hours on HIGH. Arrange sliced beef on a platter with the

small white onions, and drizzle some of the juices over meat. Sprinkle with more chives or some chopped parsley, if desired.

CROCK POT SPINACH AND ARTICHOKE DIP

2 boxes (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup half-and-half
1 tablespoon onions, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
1 box (10 ounce) frozen chopped spinach, drained and chopped
1 can (13 ounce) artichoke hearts, rinsed, drained, and chopped
1 cup parmesan cheese, shredded

2/3 cup Monterey jack cheese, shredded
Combine cream cheese and half-and-half in a bowl until well blended. Add remaining ingredients except Monterey jack cheese; stir well. Pour mixture into crock pot sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Cook on high for 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours or until warmed

through. Sprinkle with Monterey jack cheese.

PORK AND CABBAGE Crock Pot

3 pounds pork roast
2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
1 large onion, chopped
1 pound baby red skin potatoes
1 pound carrots, cut into bite-sized pieces
4 cups cabbage, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon celery seeds
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 can (15 ounce) vegetable broth
1 to 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar, to taste (optional)

Cut slits in roast. Place sliced garlic in slits. Place the roast in the bottom of the crock pot. Layer onion, potatoes, carrots, and cabbage on top of chops; sprinkle cabbage with salt, celery seeds, and pepper. Pour vegetable broth over layers; drizzle apple cider vinegar over everything. Cover; cook on Low for 5 to 6 hours.

Ordinance - Continued from A8

111.7.1 Placard removal. The Code Enforcement Officer shall remove the condemnation placard whenever the defect or defects upon which the condemnation and placarding action were based have been eliminated. Any person who defaces or removes a condemnation placard without the approval of the Code Enforcement Officer shall be subject to the penalties provided by this code.

111.8 Prohibited occupancy. Any occupied structure condemned and placarded by the Code Enforcement Officer shall be vacated as ordered by the Code Enforcement Officer. Any person who shall occupy a placarded premises or shall operate placarded equipment, and any owner or owner's authorized agent who shall let anyone occupy a placarded premises or operate placarded equipment shall be liable for the penalties provided by this code.

111.9 Restoration or abatement. The structure or equipment determined to be unsafe by the Code Enforcement Officer is permitted to be restored to a safe condition. The owner, owner's authorized agent, operator or occupant of a structure, premises or equipment deemed unsafe by the Code Enforcement Officer shall abate or cause to be abated or corrected such unsafe conditions either by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or other approved corrective action.

SECTION 112 EMERGENCY MEASURES

112.1 Imminent danger. When, in the opinion of the Code Enforcement Officer, there is imminent danger of failure or collapse of a building or structure that endangers life, or when any structure or part of a structure has fallen and life is endangered by the occupation of the structure, or when there is actual or potential danger to the building occupants or those in the proximity of any structure because of explosives, explosive fumes or vapors or the presence of toxic fumes, gases or materials, or operation of defective or dangerous equipment, the Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to order and require the occupants to vacate the premises forth-with. The Code Enforcement Officer shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such structure a notice reading as follows: "This Structure Is Unsafe and Its Occupancy Has Been Prohibited by the Building Inspector." It shall be unlawful for any person to enter such structure except for the purpose of securing the structure, making the required repairs, removing the hazardous condition or of demolishing the same.

112.2 Temporary safeguards. Notwithstanding other provisions of this code, whenever, in the opinion of the Building Inspector, there is imminent danger due to an unsafe condition, the Code Enforcement Officer shall order the necessary work to be done, including the boarding up of openings, to render such structure temporarily safe whether or not the legal procedure herein described has been instituted; and shall cause such other action to be taken as the Code Enforcement Officer deems necessary to meet such emergency.

112.3 Closing streets. When necessary for public safety, the Code Enforcement Officer shall temporarily close structures and close, or order the authority having jurisdiction to close, sidewalks, streets, public ways and places adjacent to unsafe structures, and prohibit the same from being utilized.

112.4 Emergency repairs. The Code Enforcement Officer shall employ the necessary labor and materials to perform the required work as expeditiously as possible.

SECTION 113 DEMOLITION

113.1 General. The Code Enforcement Officer shall order the owner or owner's authorized agent of any premises upon which is located any structure, which in the Code Enforcement Officer's or owners authorized agent judgment after review is so deteriorated or dilapidated or has become so out of repair as to be dangerous, unsafe, insanitary or otherwise unfit for human habitation or occupancy, and such that it is unreasonable to repair the structure, to demolish and remove such structure; or if such structure is capable of being made safe by repairs, to repair and make safe and sanitary, or to board up and hold for future repair or to demolish and remove at the owner's option; or where there has been a cessation of normal construction of any structure for a period of more than two years, the Code Enforcement Officer shall order the owner or owner's authorized agent to demolish and remove such structure, or board up until future repair. Boarding the building up for future repair shall not extend beyond one year, unless approved by the Code Enforcement Board.

113.3 Failure to comply. If the owner of a premises or owner's authorized agent fails to comply with a demolition order within the time prescribed, the Code Enforcement Officer shall cause the structure to be demolished and removed, either through an available public agency or by contract or arrangement with private persons, and the cost of such demolition and removal shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate. The property owners shall be personally liable for all costs incurred in this section.

113.4 Salvage materials. Where any structure has been demolished and removed, the governing body or other designated officer under said contract or arrangement aforesaid shall have the right to sell the salvage and valuable materials. The net proceeds of such sale, after deducting the expenses of such demolition and removal, shall be promptly remitted with a report of such sale or transaction, including the items of expense and the amounts deducted, for the person who is entitled thereto, subject to any order of a court. If such a surplus does not remain to be turned over, the report shall so state.

Authorized and adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

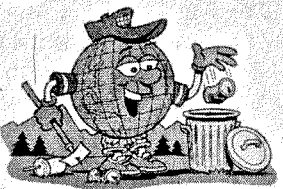
Michael Bryant, Mayor

Date of First Reading

ATTEST: Crystal Rush, City Clerk

Date of Second Reading

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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, September 8, 2022

Livingston Homecoming 2022



City Clerk Amanda Thomas received recognition for her outstanding work during the past year at the Awards Ceremony during the Livingston Homecoming event this weekend.

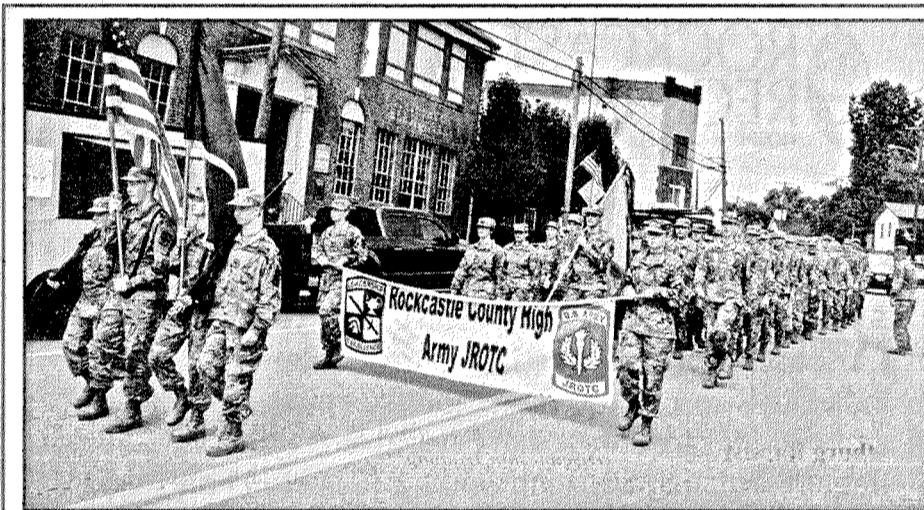


Manager Sherry Ray received the Business of the Year Award representing the Family Dollar at the Awards Ceremony Saturday evening.



Jeff Carpenter received the Firefighter of the Year Award during ceremonies held Saturday after the Livingston Homecoming Parade.

See more photos on B-4



The RCHS JROTC marched in step during the Livingston Homecoming Parade this weekend.



Livingston Mayor Dwane King rode the first float down Main Street with Commissioner Leroy Lamb driving the truck in the Livingston Homecoming Parade this past weekend.

Fire trucks



Mount Vernon Fire Department took part in the Livingston Homecoming Parade this weekend with sirens and lights flashing.



The Brindle Ridge Fire Department took part in the Livingston Homecoming Parade this weekend with several vehicles.



Several Fire Departments had many vehicles involved in the Livingston Homecoming Parade this past weekend. Children lined the streets enjoying the blasting sirens and flashing lights throughout the parade.



Main Street in Livingston was filled with food trucks and booths of all types during the Homecoming event held this past weekend. Officials say a large crowd attended the event.



Grand Marshal William "BJ" Thomason rode down Main Street with James Hursey driving during the Livingston Homecoming Parade held this past weekend.



Homecoming organizer Melissa Hahn rode down Main Street with Betty Newcomb during the Homecoming Parade Saturday.

Classifieds

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Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

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Posted

Posted: No trespassing on 33 North Dailey St., Mt. Vernon. 31x4

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Jessica King and located at 210 Ivan Rd., Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 31x1

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621 South Upper River Rod. 15(22)x51

Posted: No trespassing on property of Buddy Mullins on waters of Crooked Creek. Not responsible for accidents. 21x1

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(21)x52

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22pd)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35(21)x50p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

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

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

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

Miscellaneous For Sale

Five lots in Cresthaven Cemetery (all together). Call 206-215-0962 for more information. 29x2

Cresthaven Cemetery Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

Yard Sales

Estate Sale of the late Robert B. and Willie French. Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 2735 S. Wilderness Road (U.S. 25). New items: new clothes - women's 8 to 12, men's 3X and 4X, shirts, new Levis 50/30, new dress pants and shorts 48/30 and 34/30, shoes 6-8. Chain saw items, estate items, old soda bottles, etc. Many more items, all priced to sell.

4 Family Yard Sale: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to ? 465 Popular St. Ext., Mt. Vernon. Clothes, hospital bed, wheel chair, lamps, sheets, blankets, pill-cases, shoes, pictures, end and coffee tables, microwave, curtains.

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Eddie Thompson, 909 Princess Doreen Drive, Lexington, KY 40509 and Phil Thompson, 896 E. Level Green, Brodhead, KY 40409, have been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Ricky Darrell Thompson, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Eddie Thompson and Phil Thompson or to Hon. John D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before March 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 31x3

Notice is hereby given that Wanda Navarre, 150 Dudley Station Road, Orlando, Ky 40460 and Dessie Faye Mink, 2285 White Rock Road, P.O. Box 492, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Administrators w/will annexed, of the estate of Mattie H. Mink, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Wanda Navarre and Dessie Faye Mink or to Hon. will-

iam K. Leger, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before February 22, 2023 at 11 a.m. 29x3

Notice is hereby given that Staci M. Carpenter, 605 Kenway, Berea, Ky. 40403 and Traci A. Ramsey, 45 Carpenter Dr., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Administratrixes of the Estate of Adron Dearl McKinney, deceased. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Staci M. Carpenter and Traci A. Ramsey or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before February 22, 2023 at 11 a.m. 29x3

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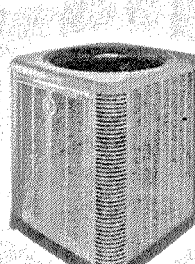
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Deeds Recorded

Anthony Nicely, property on Brindle Ridge Road, to Isaac Stratton and Kaitlyn Smith. Tax \$33

The Craig Family Trust, property on waters of Brush Creek, to Brian and Kelley Durham. Tax \$140

Nickolas Ryan Neeley, property on Lambert Road, to Brandon Howard. Tax \$4.50

Thomas and Kathy Coffey, property in Rockcastle County, to Dylan Bullen and Jaylon Ponder. Tax \$52

Clinton and Linda McClure, property in Fairgrounds Subdv., Mt. Vernon, to Marcus and Hannah Wilson. Tax \$48

District Court

Aug. 31, 2022

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Temmy Denny: failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 9 days in jail/each count/credit time served/costs waived.

John Anthony McClure: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO (four counts), 90 days in jail/each count/concur-

rent/credit time served/costs waived.

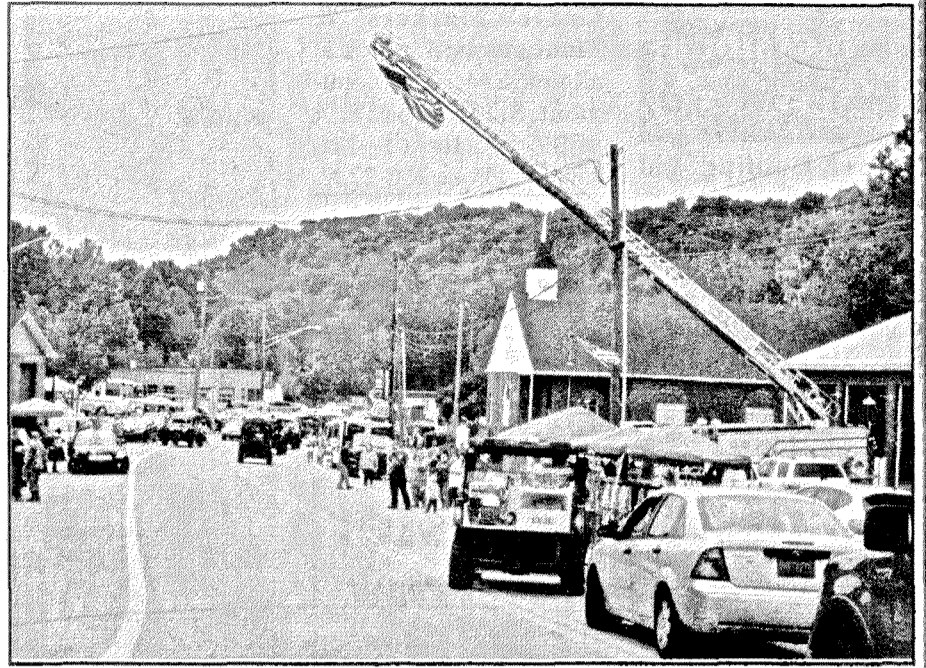
Treston Daniel Edwards: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 15 days in jail/credit time served/costs waived.

Marriage Licenses

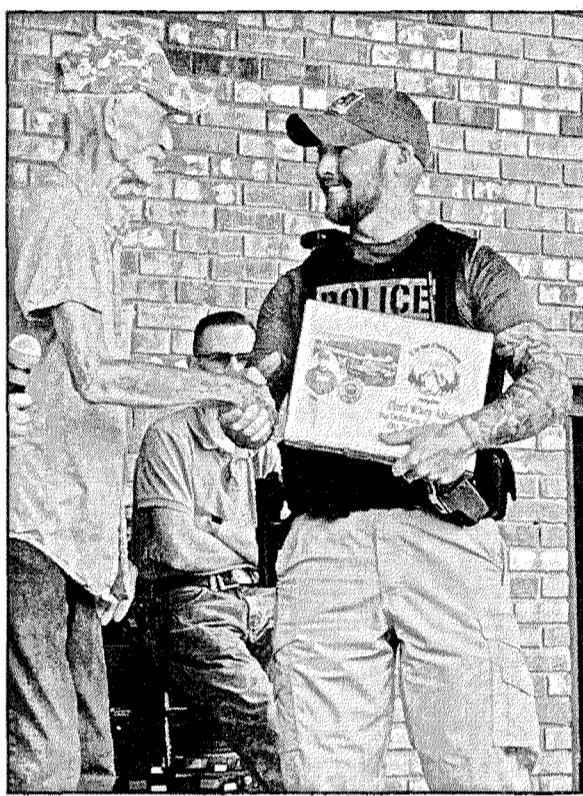
Jason Daniel Lee Samons, 19, Mt. Vernon, McDonald's and Adam Johnathan Kimsey, 18, Mt. Vernon, hospital. 8/30/22

Kayla Lynn Bussell, 30, Brodhead, child care and Richard Wayne Biggs, 41, Mt. Vernon, factory. 8/31/22

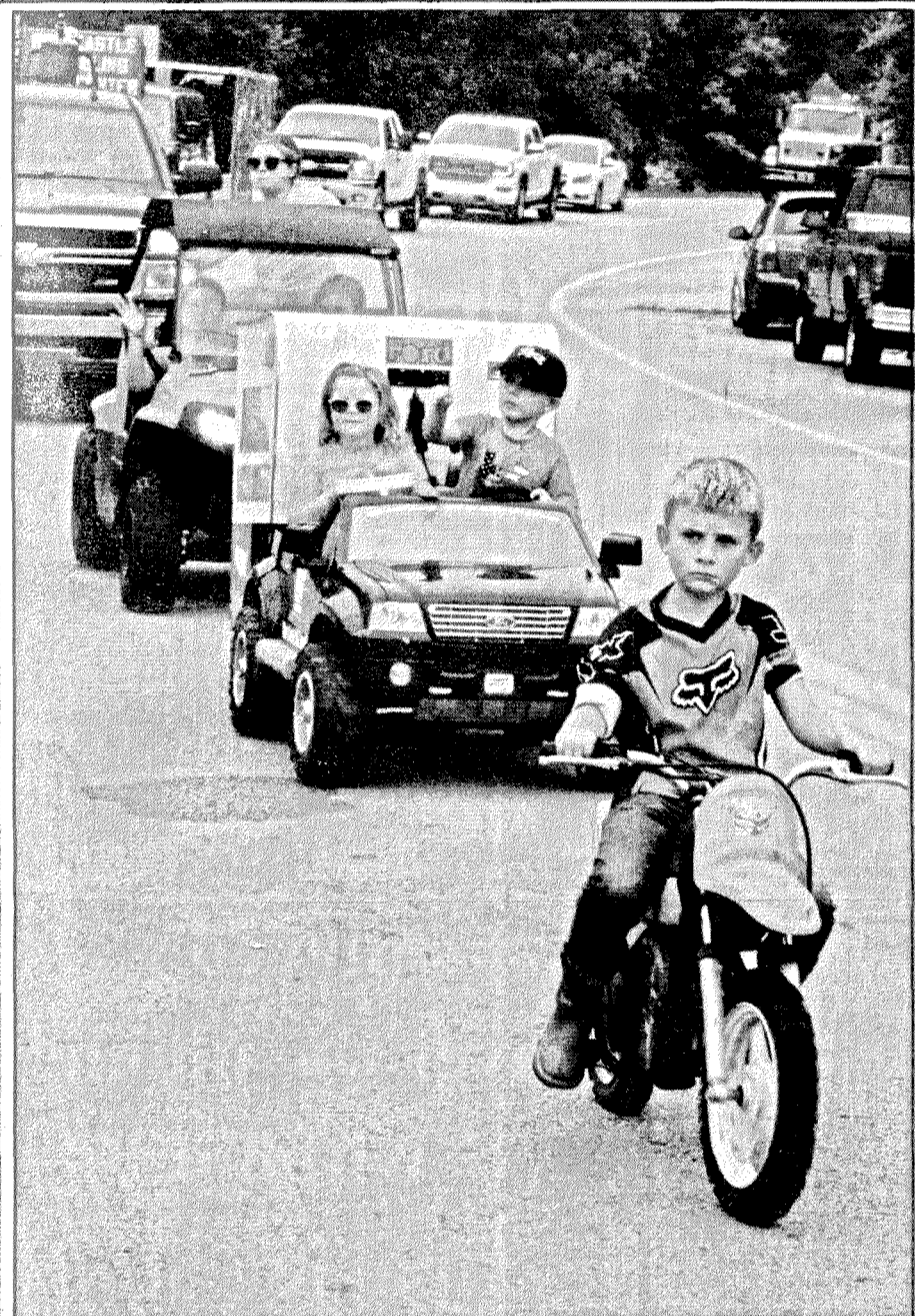
Charlotte Louise Bowman, 61, Mt. Vernon, CMA and David Bailey, 72, Sparta, retired. 9/1/22



Livingston Fire and Rescue displayed this flag over Main Street as the Homecoming Parade rolled down the road. Candy and treats were picked up throughout the event by children enjoying the parade



Mayor Dwane King presented Police Chief Mikie Ashurst with a plaque recognizing his efforts above and beyond the call of duty in the City of Livingston.



Youngsters took part in the parade this weekend during the Livingston Homecoming celebration. These youth drove child-sized vehicles along side classic cars and floats as local officials joined the parade down Main Street Livingston.



Laurel River Line was one of the bands that entertained the crowd during Homecoming festivities this weekend in Livingston.



Brodhead, Climax, Brindle Ridge, the Livingston Fire and Rescue, Mount Vernon fire departments each took part in the Livingston Homecoming Parade this weekend providing onlookers with sirens and flashing lights Saturday.

JACKSON ENERGY

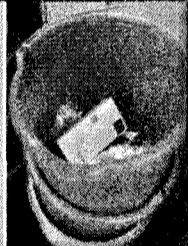
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- SEPT. 20 OWSLEY COUNTY | Booneville's United Methodist Church Life Center
- SEPT. 21 LAUREL COUNTY | London District Office
- SEPT. 22 JACKSON COUNTY | McKee District Office

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