

Hunger Walk collects nearly 12,000 pounds of food locally



Shown below over 1,000 local residents took part in the 11th annual Hunger Walk through Mount Vernon last week. The event, sponsored by Hunt Brothers Pizza and Texas Roadhouse, raises awareness for the need for help in Rockcastle County. Shown below, countless children and adults alike listened to guest speaker Kentucky Commission of Agriculture Ryan Quarles before the Hunger Walk began. Carrying the banner above are Rockcastle Schools Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, Silas Durham, Mya Hunt, Kinsley Smith and Bo Bishop. Behind is Mayor Mike Bryant.



**By: Mike French
Editor**
The Hunger Walk was held across the state but very few saw the turnout that was experienced in Mount Vernon, according to organizers. In fact, it is estimated that well over 1,000 Rockcastle County residents played a part in the event this year as

nearly 12,000 pounds of food was collected. This year's Hunger Walk included a partnership between the Rockcastle County School system, the City of Mount Vernon and the Grateful Bread Food Pantry as well as local businesses and officials. Speaker Ryan Quarles, Kentucky Agri-

cultural Commissioner, spoke about the good work of the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) for helping to provide food to those in need in the region served by the Christian Appalachian Project. Mount Vernon Mayor and minister Mike Bryant spoke and provided the prayer for the event as the

parking lot below the Rockcastle County Courthouse was filled with a sea of orange Hunger Walk t-shirts. RCHS senior Mya Hunt sang the national anthem. The 11th annual event was sponsored by Hunt Brothers Pizza and
(See "Walk" on A5)

911 workers ask for raise Fiscal court lowers tax rate from 7.0 to 6.8

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last week with a full agenda. The court approved the RCIDA monthly budget summary and agreed to provide \$1,169 to the Rockcastle County Development Board for program support. The court also agreed to approve additional names on the WWII Monument in Rockcastle County and to pay the expense of \$300 to have the names imprinted. The court also approved the Detention Center's annual policy

and procedure manual which did not change from last year's manual, according to Jailer Nathan Carter. The court agreed to pay \$3,623 in postage to send Rockcastle County tax bills. There was some discussion during the meeting about the pay scale of the employees at the Rockcastle 911 Center. Britney Moore, an employee at the center, told the court that the Rockcastle 911 Center employees receive 25% less than the average pay in other counties for 911 employees. "I'm saying
(See "Tax" on A5)

Silent protest held against Bible time

**By: Mike French
Editor**

School officials and local authorities prepared for potential trouble at last week's regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Board of Education regular meeting. A police presence was obvious, with officers in the parking lot and more cruisers waiting in the parking lot next door. There were rows of chairs set aside for protestors who had apparently promised via social media to protest an item they had hoped would be taken up during the meeting. Officials kept an area cleared in the event television news cameras arrived and a prayer vigil began on the sidewalk

across the street from the Teaching and Learning Center where the meeting was held. But the protest turned out to be four local residents in masks, including the chairman of the Rockcastle County Democrat party, and reportedly a representative of the Temple of Satan. The potential incident began when Chris Bishop, Principal of Roundstone Elementary School, decided to take advantage of a Kentucky statute that allows students to learn about the Bible during school hours. Some residents apparently argue that such activity should not be permitted due to laws pertaining to the separation of church and state. However, according to KRS 158.240, Kentucky students may attend a moral instruction class and that class must be counted the same credit as typical classroom studies. In fact, students who attend such a moral instruction class may not be forced to make up work they miss in the classroom during their moral
(See "Bible" on A5)

Mount Vernon lowers property tax rate

**By: Mike French
Editor**

The Mount Vernon City Council heard the first reading of the property tax rate ordinance during last week's regular monthly meeting. Ordinance 2022-2 places the annual ad valorem tax on motor vehicles at 16.7 cents per \$100 of value which is the same rate as last year. Ordinance 2022-3 places the annual ad valorem tax on real estate at .1497 cents per \$100 of value, which is a drop from last year's rate. "It was the number one goal of my administration when I took office to raise no tax and add no new tax and we have not only done that but we have reduced taxes on our citizens..." said Mayor Mike

Bryant. In fact, there have been six reductions in property taxes in the 12 years since Bryant took office.

New sewer plant discussed

According to City Financial Consultant Josh Bray, even with the lower tax, the city will bring in

more revenue due to an increase in property valuations. Council members questioned how Mount

Vernon's tax rate compares to surrounding counties. Bray said the
(See "Sewer" on A5)

School board holds monthly meeting

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board once again heard from Derek Phillips of Deco Architectural Services concerning the

new RCMS project. Phillips talked about parking and traffic travel design and showed board members the newest design developments in those areas. Phillips said the design includes avoid-

ing "cheaters" who would attempt to break from the line to get ahead when picking up their child. He also discussed crime prevention through environmental design which would help avoid poten-

tial issues in safety. Phillips said he expects to begin asking for approvals at next month's meeting and hopes that by January to "enter into the realm of the bidding process."
Board members expressed satisfaction with current progress with the design and their excitement about the project moving forward. In other action, Finance Director Jenny Sweet presented the board with the 2022-23
(See "School" on A5)

Bittersweet starts Sept. 29

It's nearly that time of year once again. The 2022 Bittersweet Festival is now seven days away. The festival is one of the most attended events held in Rockcastle County, according to organizers, and the 2022 event will begin on Thursday, September 29 with the annual Car Show at RCMS. The event will begin at 4 p.m. and last until 9 p.m. The car show has been heralded as one of the biggest in the region and officials say they expect an even bigger participation this year, providing the weather cooperates.
(See "Festival" on A5)

COVID numbers
According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department Weekly report, there have been 36 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Rockcastle County in the past seven days. The incident rate is listed at 39.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I get a lot of grief for writing this column and, frankly, wouldn't be surprised if one day the FBI shows up on my doorstep with a cease and desist order. Can't happen, you say? Well a lady, can't remember the state, was sick in bed in her home recently when she was visited by three armed FBI agents because they were informed that she had been at the January 6th "unarmed insurrection" at the Capitol. Admittedly, this lady is part of a patriot group but, she wasn't there. It still took the better part of a day to prove it to the three FBI agents' satisfaction. Evidently they took the day off from persecuting Trump and his associates to try and round up this Trump supporter.

You know the January 6th event of which I speak, the event where the only one hurt was unarmed veteran Ashli Babbitt who was shot dead by Michael Byrd, a capitol policeman who has never been held accountable for his actions. So, in effect, he got away with murder but obviously this unarmed woman scared him so badly that he said the shooting was a "last resort."

Google will tell you that the Jan. 6th protestors forced their way into the capitol building, which was closed to the public that day so senators could certify the results of the 2020 presidential election. However, video shows Capitol guards, opening the doors, which weigh several tons and lock from the inside, for the protestors and welcoming them in.

Video also shows Ray Epps standing outside exhorting the crowd to go inside and saying "I'll probably go to jail for this" but, in actuality, Epps has never even been questioned for his part in the "insurrection" even though cell phone evidence shows many calls between Nancy Pelosi and Epps leading up to the event.

The FBI and DOJ refuse to answer congressmen's questions about Epps involvement in the event and that, too, is ignored just as it is accepted without question by the main stream media and Democrats when Vice President Kamala Harris says, on national TV, that "the border is secure." This in spite of the FACT that, for the first time, migrant encounters at the southern border have surpassed two million in ONE YEAR. And, that does not include the "gotaways." Of course, illegals began coming across the border en masse as soon as Biden was installed in office. Altogether the number reportedly stands at over four million since January of 2021. Just in Septem-

ber, 2022 alone, 203,597 illegal immigrants were encountered at the border, a 329% increase from the average number of August encounters under, dare I say it? Trump.

But, fear not Trump/DeSantis haters, Texas Sheriff, Javier Salazar has opened an investigation of DeSantis for flying 50 illegal immigrants to Martha's Vineyard, a Sanctuary city in a Sanctuary state, where they were hosted for a total of 44 hours before 125 National Guardsmen were called in to take them to Joint Base Cape Cod - a Republican area.

Of course, Martha's Vineyard officials did a little fundraising off the event, raising \$43,000 from a GoFundMe entitled "Urgent plea to help Martha's Vineyard migrants." But, the kicker is that the money did not go to the Venezuelan migrants but, instead, to a local non-profit with a \$16 million fund, the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, to be distributed to the organizations with the most need.

The really ironic part of this Salazar's investigation is this is the same county where 53 immigrants died in the back of a semi trailer that was abandoned in Bexar County on a 103 degree day. As far as we can ascertain, Salazar did not bother to open an investigation into that deadly event.

In defense of his opening an investigation of

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Queen Elizabeth II-The End of an Era

Dear Journal,

There are some events that come along in our lives that just freeze in your mind and you remember exactly where you were when it happened. I remember hearing of JFK's murder, the moon landing, Elvis' death, John Lennon's murder, the 9-11 tragedy, the Challenger disaster, the start of the Desert Storm and I've been around so long that there are even more.

On September 8, 2022, I was at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital waiting for a copy of some test results. I had gotten the results and was waiting to be picked up. So, I was scrolling on my cell phone when an article popped up that the Queen had died. Surely it was just fake news. I thought that the National Inquirer has gotten their hands on the internet and put outrageous news out there

for gullible people to read and believe.

I searched a little more and it was true. It was unbelievable, but true. I was overwhelmed and started to cry. I've loved the Queen for so long. Well, I had my head in the news the rest of the night until the wee hours of the morning catching all of every little tidbit. I was watching the BBC thinking they would have the best coverage.

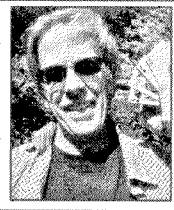
Mourning from all over the world had begun. The flags were being flown at half mast, the Eiffel Tower went dark, the Empire State building was lighted in purple, the color denoting royalty, lines of mourners were stretching for miles with most bringing flowers for the Queen. People were leaving the flowers at Balmoral, Buckingham Palace, Windsor, and other places, all official residences of the Queen. The lines to file past the Queen could be fifteen to twenty hours long, day or night and sometimes in downpours of rain. People were flocking to London to the point the city was closed for six hours. There were moving tributes and notes of bereavement from all over the world pouring in to the Royal family. The Queen was the sovereign over thirty-two countries and fifteen at the time of her death.

Queen Elizabeth II was the longest reigning monarch in history, serving seventy years. She became Queen when her father

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I have noticed a difference in one of my favorite things to do over the past several years.

Even as a youngster, I was one of those who enjoyed being around old-timers when they told stories about their childhood. I truly enjoyed hearing about how things used to be. It was nice to learn about the difficulties they faced and the conveniences they didn't have.

I would go to the local country store or hang around after church or go to an estate sale just to hear those old stories. The depression days, the hard winter storms, the lack of air conditioning, the hard work on the farm, growing tobacco, killing hogs, Christmas before marketing, whittling under a shade tree on Sundays, riding in a motor car for the first time and so much more. Life was barely even similar to the life I had as a youth. The stories I heard filled me with an appreciation of history and the struggle my parents and grandparents had in life that I never had to fight.

But over the past decade, I have noticed a change in such stories. In the past two years, especially, there is a major development. More and more, every story I hear an old-timer tell, is about days that I was part of. They tell about how things "used to be" but I remember it. And now nearly every old-time story I hear from old fellows at the store, are sto-

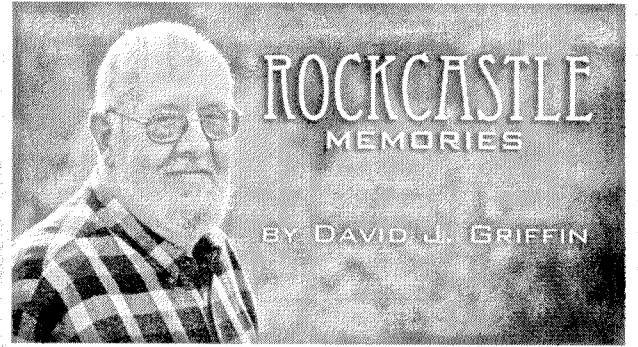
ries I already know about. I was part of it.

It is pretty clear that I now am that "old-timer." I have reached that point where each time someone tells a yarn about the old days, I can tell them what happened before that and how that situation came to be because I was there.

At a yard sale, I tend to gravitate towards the old fellows chatting while their wives are digging through 50-cent items. But now, when someone holds up an "antique" item and ask "What is this old thing?" I can tell them. I have probably used one. In fact, I may still have one.

I heard two old fellows talking this weekend about the way the world was so different back in the 80s. They were reminiscing and younger people nearby seemed in awe at how the world actually functioned without computers or internet. The old timers were enjoying filling them in about how

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Island Views

Each year when the leaves of Kentucky begin to produce fall colors, I am reminded of our travels to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. For eight consecutive seasons, my wife and I spent a week on Chincoteague Island, which became our favorite island paradise.

A bit of background: this is the place where Marguerite Henry wrote the famous book, *Misty of Chincoteague*, in 1947. The story is about a real-life pony that was born to a wild horse raised on Assateague Island. The book is what really put Chincoteague "on the map." The wild ponies there are descendants from the shipwreck of an old Spanish galleon. The city holds a round-up of several of them each year to keep down the numbers of the herd.

There is a small waterfront park in the center of town which was created to keep the memory of

Misty alive. Donations to the park can be made to the city, and a brick with the names of the honorees are set in the park's sidewalk. We were able to view "our brick" for the first time, and it felt very fitting. We stood and gazed at our brick for some time. It seemed as if we have etched our own lives into the history of the island.

Each year, we stayed in the same wonderful hotel - Chincoteague's Hampton Inn - and in the same room each year. We felt as if we had found our spot, and we were quite at home. Staff at the hotel remembered us from year to year - especially the ladies maintaining the rooms, who recognized the quilt that my wife always brought along.

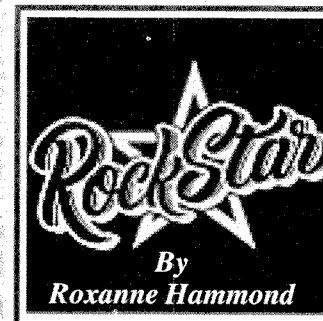
The shops and restaurants in the quaint town also became very familiar to us. We could actually call some of the folks by name. They referred to me as the "Mountair Man."

In the afternoons, we spent some time exploring the beach, looking for shells, and wading in the surf. My wife loves the ocean more than anyone I ever met. When I could drag her away, we usually went back to our room, took showers and made plans for dinner.

During our eight years on the island, we sampled almost every restaurant and decided on our favorites. Selecting our list was difficult because of the wonderful seafood meals that were available in this area.

One of our favorite places to relax and dine was called Etta's. It was located on the water's edge, with a lighthouse just across the bay. One night in particular at Etta's comes to mind. You know those nights when the temperature is just right, the view is spectacular, the food is absolutely delicious, and the wine is perfect? It

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Todd and Lynnell Fields

By Roxanne Hammond

An old Asian proverb states "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime."

That quote rings true of my brother-in-law Todd Edward Fields. He grew up, much like his father, Bob Fields, not far from the banks of the Rockcastle River in the confines of the Daniel Boone National Forest. To say that Todd loved to fish is an understatement. It was only natural for him to move on after graduating from Rockcastle County High School to major in ichthyology (the branch of zoology that deals with fishes) at EKU. My sister, Lynnell,

married Todd and she would often describe her husband as a pioneer and a visionary. Todd's parents, Bob and Eddy Fields, had spent a decade as missionaries in northern Israel during the 1960's before returning to Rockcastle County and establishing a retreat center, CleftRock, for missionaries in the Pongo area of the county. (CleftRock will celebrate 50 years of service and ministry in October of this year). Todd, having grown up in his early years on the mission field, dreamed of himself serving in foreign countries. Lynnell, having loved Jesus most of her life was 100% sold on the

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“Rock”

(Continued from A2) idea of serving alongside Todd and helping others wherever God would lead.

Because of his background in fish biology Todd and Lynnell first explored the idea of serving as Peace Corp volunteers. Once accepted, their assignment was to serve in the Philippines. All packed up and ready to leave, their assignment was nixed due to political unrest in the southeast Asian country. They then received instructions to be assigned to the African country of Burundi, but once again their plans changed due to Peace Corp guidelines. In the Old Testament book of Proverbs we read, “People may make plans in their minds, but the Lord decides what they will do.” This is so true of Todd and Lynnell Feilds, as God had purposed and ordered their steps in being assigned to

the Central American country of Honduras in 1986. Upon arrival and first learning a new Spanish language, they eventually landed in the town of Peña Blanca on Lake Yojoa. Todd’s responsibility was to help and teach local groups in and around this poor rural community how to build ponds that USAID would then stock with a fast growing and high protein fish called Talapia. It’s interesting that Talapia originated from Israel, where Todd grew up (Tilapia were one of the three main types of fish caught in Talmudic times from the Sea of Galilee. Today, in Modern Hebrew, the fish species is called amnoon (probably a compound of am, “mother” and noon, “fish”). In English, it is sometimes known by the name “St. Peter’s fish”, which comes from the story in the Gospel of Matthew about the apostle Peter catching a fish that carried a coin in

its mouth).

The community groups in Honduras would harvest the fish as meat for the community and sell them in the marketplaces as income. Lynnell (a dental hygienist) went to work in what is called Centro de Salud, translated as Community Health Center, much like our local health department, serving in many of the surrounding villages.

Todd and Lynnell completed their two year commitment to the Peace Corp in 1988 and returned home to Mount Vernon in December. For the next two years Lynnell returned to her work as a dental hygienist working for a local dentist, John Parsons and Todd worked in a local business with a good friend, David Craig. Their first daughter, Savannah Kate Kuney (Michael) was born during this time. The call of God to return to Honduras was growing ever strong and 1990 they would return to Peña Blanca, Honduras as missionaries commissioned by Global Outreach International, with headquarters in Tupelo, Mississippi. Todd and Lynnell chose Global Outreach because neither had been seminary trained and Global’s mission was to commission and equip couples like them to go into all the world with their particular training to work alongside communities, build relationships and show Jesus as they went.

For the next 13 years, Todd and Lynnell hosted dozens of short term missions teams, many from right here in Rockcastle county, to build feeding centers, hold Bible schools, build churches, hold medical and dental clinics (One of the earliest medical teams included Dr George Griffith and wife Charlotte) and eventually their own mission compound, where they could host and house many teams. Groups from First Christian Church and Wildie Christian Church where among many that returned during this time many times, along with many friends from different communities, especially the Starkville, Mississippi community.

In the early days another daughter, Sophia Claire (1992) was born. The girls grew up most all of their life in Honduras, with occasional trips home to Mount Vernon. They were, even as children, very involved and instrumental in the ministry.

Tragedy struck in March, 2003 with the death of Todd, while taking a group of missionary students on a last retreat.

Todd was returned home and buried at CleftRock. Family and friends encouraged Lynnell and her girls to return home, however, they sensed God’s continuing purpose to remain in Honduras. Their role took on a different aspect, but they remained in Honduras for another five years faithfully obeying the great commission, before returning home so Savannah and Sophia could attend college. Both have Master degrees in counseling and continue in the ministry tradition of their grandfather Bob. Lynnell has taken on a new ministry through Operation Unite, now serving the Kingdom helping rescue countless lives from drug addiction.

The Peace Corp motto is “The Toughest Job You’ll Ever Love.” That holds true and is a testament to Todd and Lynnell’s resolve and faithfulness to serving God.

In the New Testament gospel of Matthew we read, “As Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake because they were fishermen. Jesus said, “Come follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” So Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed him. As Jesus continued walking by Lake Galilee, he saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus told them to come with him. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and they followed Jesus.”

There’s a song written by Canadian Kittie Suffield in 1924, made famous by a young man she and her husband mentored and encouraged, George Beverly Shea that speaks of Rockcastle County and the many missionaries that have gone out from our midst, it states,

“And does the place you’re called to labor

Seem so small and little known?

It is great if a God is in it

For He’ll not forsake His own

Little is much when God is in it!

Labor not for wealth or fame

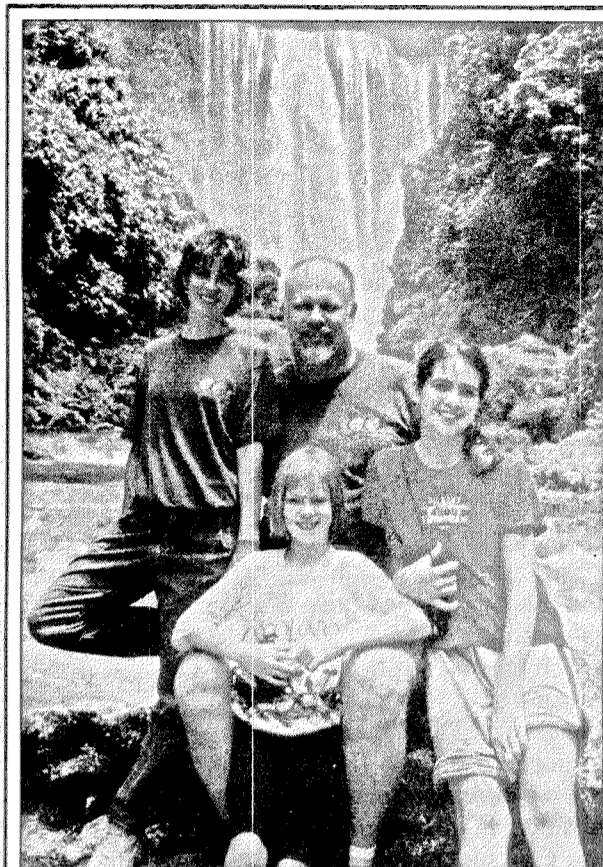
There’s a crown, and you can win it

If you go in Jesus’ name.”

Even to this very day, the legacy of Todd Fields and the lives of Lynnell, Savannah and Sophia speak boldly to this gen-

eration and many others from the Rockcastle community who preceded them as missionar-

ies and others who have and will follow their invitation, “want to go fishing.”



Sophia, Savannah, Lynnell and Todd Fields at the Pulhapanzak waterfalls in Honduras, late 1990’s.

“T.J.s”

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King George V died. The Queen was in Africa at the time of her father’s death. She and her husband, Prince Phillip, were spending the night in a tree house. She climbed up a princess and climbed down a queen. Upon arriving back in London, a lady-in-waiting had to bring her a black mourning dress to the plane where she changed before being seen by the public.

Prince Phillip died in April of 2021 and Queen Elizabeth passed only seventeen months later. They had been married almost seventy-five years. It is said that she grieved him greatly. I remember watching his funeral. The Queen seemed to be a very small and frail looking especially being dwarfed in the massive chapel at Windsor Castle. She sat alone due to Covid which made her look that much more vulnerable, but was in all reality one of the most powerful people in history.

Since she had to die, I’m glad it was at Balmoral, probably her favorite place in the world. She passed as night approached, about 6:30 BST or about 1:30 EST in America. She passed peacefully with most of her family present at her bedside. It was pouring rain back in London as thousands had gathered outside Buckingham Palace. The rain stopped and there appeared a beautiful double rainbow directly over the palace. At the moment of her death, her son, Prince Charles, became King Charles III. His siblings had to kiss his hand as a sign of respecting his new office. The

previous monarchs named Prince Charles proved to be miserable failures. We can only hope for the best. I’m not a big fan of the new King Charles. He will probably be worse than the other two put together. He is just not popular.

Balmoral Castle is situated out in the country in Scotland and its boundaries cover about ten miles and it is covered with beautiful rolling hills, streams, flowers, and trees. There is a small village there and the Royals have been known to stroll their way into it. The town’s people just go about their own business and let them be common folk. The Queen was known to be humorous at times. She and her bodyguard were on a walk one pretty spring morning at Balmoral. They met a couple of Americans out walking, too. The Americans spoke to the Queen and guard and they made small talk a few minutes. The Americans said to the Queen, “You look amazingly like the Queen”. The Queen replied, “I’ve been told that before”. Then they asked if she had ever met the Queen. The Queen said “No, but he has”, referencing the guard.

Tomorrow the Queen will be laid to rest beside her beloved Phillip in the royal tomb at Westminster along with thirty other kings and queens since 1066. She will have a state funeral with all of the pomp that can be put together. Bells will be tolled, most everything will be closed and delegations of world leaders will be at the funeral. Here at the Cook house, guess what I’ll be doing. Do not disturb unless you are sick and dying.

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Cumberland Valley KPR Meeting

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, September 27th at David’s Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. We will be discussing our efforts to get a COLA for retirees. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

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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Obituaries

Kristie Thacker

Kristie Neeley Thacker, 52, of Scaffold Cane, died Monday, September 12, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Richmond on September 30, 1969, the daughter of Willard Neeley and the late Irelene Northern Neeley. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, and spending time with her family, her grandchildren, and her pets. She was of the Christian faith.



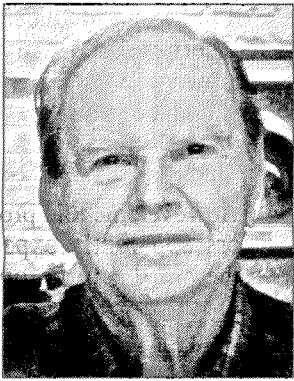
She is survived by: her husband of 13 years, James Thacker; her children, Johnathan (Callie) Portwood and Savannah (Lucas) Isaac, both of Mt. Vernon; her grandchildren, Jep Portwood and Bentley and Grayson Isaac; her father, Willard Neeley; her father and mother-in-law, Jim and Vickie Thacker of Mt. Vernon; and her siblings, Lanita and Joe Denney of Paint Lick, and Darrell and Jennifer Neeley, Marilyn and David Gastineau, Malinda Neeley and Bruce, and Tony and Becky Neeley, all of Mt. Vernon. She was preceded in death by her mother, Irelene Neeley.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 16, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Larry Day. Burial was in Thacker Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: James Blair, Joe Husband, Lucas Isaac, Jacob Neeley, Josh Neeley, and Johnathan Portwood. Jerry Husband was an honorary pallbearer. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

James William "Dick" LaFavers

James William "Dick" LaFavers, 93, of Monticello, died Thursday, September 15, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born March 27, 1929, in Brodhead, a son of the late Hugh and Eva (Fletcher) LaFavers. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He was united in holy matrimony to Brenda-Edwards on August 28, 1970, and of that union came two children, Debbie and Lisa. He was of the Baptist faith and was a member of the Cedar Creek Sports Club. In his free time, he enjoyed quail and big game hunting, fishing, running his bird dogs, and farming.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 52 years, Brenda (Edwards) LaFavers of Monticello; two daughters, Debbie Reich and Joe of Beavercreek, OH and Lisa Cooper and Nelson of Englewood, OH; four grandchildren, Dee Dee McFadden, Abby Cooper-Moore, Nelson Cooper, Jr., and Geoff Myers; five great grandchildren, Zack and Samantha McFadden, Tucker Cooper, Gus Moore, and Ella Mae Myers; niece and nephew, Sandy Pruitt and Larry LaFavers; as well as a host of many friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his siblings, Eugene LaFavers and Mary Francis Robbins; and a nephew, Less LaFavers.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 19, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Dan Gutenson officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Ray Hammonds, Bill Phelps, David Riddle, Larry LaFavers, Frankie Nunn, and Bobby Turpin. Military Honors were preformed by Caswell Saulley American Legion Post of Stanford.

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

Cards of Thanks

Rooster Mason

The family of Roster Mason would like to thank all of those who comforted us during the recent loss of our husband, dad, papaw, brother and uncle.



We are thankful for all of the friends and family who showed us nothing but love, kindness, prayers and support.

A special thank you to: Joseph Smith, James and Thomas Adkins, Zandell Hasty, Rockcastle Health and Rehab, Life Line Home Health, Hospice Care Plus and Marvin Owens and staff. We will be forever grateful for all of you. Please continue to pray for our family.

Ted Pittman

The family of Ted Pittman wishes to thank everyone for the food, cards and prayers.

Thank you Dowell and Martin for a beautiful job as always.

Thanks to Roger Goble for your kind words and a service with well spoken words.

Thanks to the pallbearers: Robert Moore, Jon Moore, Josh Moore, Darrell Alcorn, Terry Ferrell and Tim Hasty.

Again, we thank you.

Joyce Oma (Todd) Rogers

Joyce Oma (Todd) Rogers, 85 of Hustonville, formerly of Bee Lick, died Friday, September 16, 2022, at Landmark of Lancaster.

Joyce was born July 3, 1937, in Quail to the late Oscar and Willie "Shug" (Hamm) Todd. She was a Christian lady, a member of Providence Church of Christ and attended Stanford Church of Christ. She married Ron Rogers on December 25, 1965 and enjoyed 57 years together before his passing on December 28, 2021. She and Ron owned and operated Roger's Grocery in Bee Lick for 13 years. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to many. She enjoyed cooking and serving her family, and they loved her food - you never left her table hungry. She enjoyed her garden and flowers, and her family never had a special occasion that she didn't send a card. Her greatest joy was her grandson, but when her great grandson Jameson Blake arrived - everyone else took a back seat. Her loved one's world will not be the same without Joyce in it.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter, Jill (Jimmy) Kersey of Hustonville; one grandson, Zachary Kersey and Ali; one great grandson, Jameson Blake Kersey; one brother, Wayne Todd of Crab Orchard; one sister, Bonnie Barron and Bobby of Brodhead; one sister-in-law, Nellie Todd; as well as nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Ron Rogers; siblings, Artie Todd and Lillie Fleming; sister-in-law, Gledia Todd; and brother-in-law, Gary Fleming.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Daniel and Roy Hopkins officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Jimmy Kersey, Zachary Kersey, Wayne Todd, Jeffrey Todd, Jacob Lawson, and Steve Thomas. Honorary casket bearers were: Bobby Barron and the Stanford Church of Christ.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Brenda Sue Hulker

Brenda Sue (Cameron) Hulker, 73, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born July 6, 1949, in Mt. Vernon, to the late Bud and Martha (Sandlin) Cameron. She was of the Baptist faith and loved cooking for and taking care of her family.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her five children, Ginnie DeBorde and Robert, and Teddi Day, both of Mt. Vernon, Jason Kirk and Josette of Magnolia, TX, John Kirk and Lisa of Waynesburg and Anastasia Roland of Lexington; one stepdaughter, Maggie Musgrave and Doug of West Virginia; 18 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren: one brother, Bill Cameron and Darlene of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Francis Williamson and Russ of Frankfort, Ginnie Monroe of Indiana, and Blossom Bach of Indiana; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Richard Hulker; one son, Phillip Gene Lark; two stepsons, Mark Hulker, and Richard Hulker; and two sisters, Freda Abney and Bobbie Jean Stewart.

Services were held Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ron Roberts officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Michael DeBorde, Shadoe Day, Aaron Smith, Austin Kirk, Dillan Kirk, Richard Kirk, and Hunter Roland. Honorary casketbearers were: Robert DeBorde, Jason and John Kirk.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Nettie Carr

Nettie Bradley Carr, 65, of Nicholasville, died Sunday, September 18, 2022 in Lexington.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in High Dry Cemetery.

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

Zora Robbins

Zora Irene McFerron Robbins, 94, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Dewey Robbins, died Monday, September 19, 2022.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 23, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in High Dry Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

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"ramblings"

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DeSantis, Salazar said, "They (the Venezuelan immigrants) are here legally in our country, at that point, they have every right to be where they are and I believe they were preyed on..." I would have had to ask the Sheriff if he saw their VISAs but of course none of MSM did - they were too busy lapping up his anti-American rhetoric.

Want some more depressing, unbelievable news that has just come to my attention? The National Archives has slapped 'Harmful Content' warning on our Constitution, along with all other founding documents, according to the *Federalist*.

The warning cautions readers against 'racist, sexist, misogynistic and xenophobic opinions' and 'harmful or difficult to view.'

The warning applies to all documents across the Archives' cataloged website, including the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence.

According to the *Federalist*, the warning says "some of the materials presented here may reflect outdated, biased, offensive and possibly violent views and opinions." This happened in September of 2021, I'm just late to the party finding out about it.

This isn't the first time the National Archives has catered to a leftist view of history. In June of 2022, their racism task force claimed that the Archives' rotunda, which houses founding documents, is an example of "structural racism." The task force also pushed to include "trigger warnings" around displays of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which are all in the Rotunda.

And, as a grand finale, a new FBI whistleblower reveals that the FBI is moving agents off of child sexual abuse investigations to instead pursue political investigations. They recounted being told that "child sexual abuse investigations were no longer an FBI priority."

And, I leave you with a quote from former President Ronald Reagan, "If Fascism ever comes to America, it will come in the name of Liberalism." Guess what, folks?

"Aces"

(Continued from A2)

life was so different and how they were able to struggle by only because they lived hard. They had to go inside their house to make a call and add numbers in their head when

they bought items.

I stood quietly but I couldn't help but think that it would have been beyond their comprehension if I had explained a time before indoor plumbing or thermostats or no phone at all. I was already older before the 80s ended. They are impressed by the lack of Intel Pentium Processors in the 80s? What would they think if I told them how it changed the world when Texas Instruments released their first calculator. They were amazed that these old fellows had manual transmission cars. Wonder how they'd feel about no car and walking to the outhouse or heating water on the coal burning stove to have a bath.

The stories these "old-timers" were telling is about life after technology made things easy. And even that was impressive to these youngsters.

Even my son this week complained that his new zero-turn lawnmower with light bars and power deck adjustments, doesn't have push button start. Are you serious? I had to push a little primer button ten times then pull a hand crank while holding the choke button and then I had to push my mower through the yard. And I guess it was self-propelled because "myself" had to propel it.


You are worried that your cell phone service is out for an hour? Try life with no such thing as a phone at all. Anywhere. You are concerned that your water is off for an hour during repair? Try life with no running water at all, except in the creek.

I guess "old time stories" depend upon what age you are when you hear them. The stories I hear anymore aren't "old time" they were a few years ago. "Old time" to me means before electricity in every home, before computers, before television, before interstate, before air conditioning.

Imagine going home today and there is no electric, no running water, no refrigerator, no light bulbs, no carpet, no air conditioning, no phones, no television, no transportation and you ate what was on the table or did without. That's the world I grew up in. The 80s were a breeze!

What most people call unliveable conditions, was my home. And I loved it. In fact, I miss it.

Last note: It is surprising to know it is still legal for the people of Martha's Vineyard to make brown people sit in the back of the bus, refuse them from their drinking fountains and ship them all off to other cities. Where are the civil rights activists now? Republicans are racists? The truth is out now isn't it!



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“Walk”

(Continued from front) Texas Roadhouse.

The Momentum Courier Hunger Bowl continued the theme by providing food to CAP. Sam Hamilton, founder of Momentum Courier, donated \$1,000 and pledged an additional \$9,000 over the next nine years to the event during the RCHS football game halftime show.

Led by the Mount Vernon Police Department and the Mount Vernon Fire Department, all 1,000+ volunteers donned their bright orange shirts and walked up Main Street and made the circle back to the courthouse in the effort to raise awareness of the need in the area.

Rockcastle County Judge Howell Holbrook said "It is wonderful to see so many people who care about their fellow citizens and actually get out and take part in something that will help their neighbors."

Mayor Bryant said the work of CAP has helped countless people in need and he appreciates the work of the volunteers, as well as those who support their many projects.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said the walk is a big help to the community. "One in five school children experience hunger insecurity in Kentucky," she said. "Rockcastle County Schools is honored to partner with CAP to change this staggering statistic. I am extremely proud of the entire Rockcastle County School family and the work they have done to stop hunger in our county."

Organizers say many local businesses helped with the program and donated to the event.

Organizers say this year may have seen a record turnout and all CAP officials appreciate each individual who took part in the event.

“Tax”

(Continued from front)

you have people working at the center for 16 years who had to attend the academy and the most they can make is \$12.24 per hour, and that is as high as we can go. That just isn't right," said Moore. Magistrates Shane Thacker and Shannon Bishop both told Moore that they agreed with her that such a salary cap should be much higher and employees should be provided with proper equipment.

Moore continued to talk about the 911 budget of \$500,000 and the fact that employees at the center "can't even get headsets to work with." Moore said she is not asking the court to increase that budget but to "rearrange things" to provide more salary and equipment for every employee. "We are not asking you to increase the budget," said Moore. "We are just asking that you change priorities some and move funds around. Take some from another area and put it in salaries or equipment."

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said he is not sure how to fix the problem currently. "The truth is, that \$500,000 budget is not enough," he said. "The fiscal court has to supplement that budget by over \$215,000 from the general fund (ultimately from the occupational tax fund) every year. The budget doesn't

have extra funds to move until we figure out what is going to happen with the upcoming increase in insurance costs. It doesn't even have enough in it to operate the center. The truth is, the budget just isn't enough for us to do that yet."

According to Holbrook the budget is tight due to the lack of landline phones. "When 911 was created here, it was landline phones that supported 911. But now, who has landline phones? The funds currently come from the few landlines left, and a small cell phone fee and that just isn't enough to operate."

Magistrate Bishop said he feels something needs to be done. "Maybe we can add the 911 tax on water meters," he said. "Everyone has a water meter."

Holbrook had approached this subject before he became judge/executive. In a later interview, Holbrook said if the "surcharge" could be placed on water meters, those who have landline phones would not see a difference. "The surcharge would simply come off of their phone bill and go onto their water bill," he said. "They would pay the same." However, Holbrook said since many people who use the 911 service do not have a landline phone, this would place the surcharge on all residents who receive the benefit of having the 911 system. Some magistrates argue that it may not be fair for only residents with landline phones to pay the surcharge while those who do not have landline phones do not pay the surcharge.

Holbrook said he understands Moore's frustration and he and the court would be considering the request. However, he expects no change until other budget details have been worked out.

The court also heard the new certified equalized tax assessments from the office of the Property Valuation Finance and Administration Cabinet. According to the 2022 assessment, total equalization assessments in Rockcastle County equal \$574,359,074, which is estimated will bring in \$719,319 in revenues. Of the total assessed value, \$534,666,907 is total real estate assessments. The fiscal court lowered the tax rate to 6.8 from 7.0.

Holbrook said that in many ways the county's rate is set for them. "The rules are different for us than they are the library, for example. When the assessed values went up, our rate was lowered to 6.8% so that we would have the same revenue. In order to keep the rate at 7.0, where it was before, we would have to hold public hearings and approve it like a tax increase even though the tax would remain the same."

All other taxing agencies, including the Board of Health, Board of Education, Extension Service, Conservation and the Library tax rates remained the same as the 2021 rates.

Holbrook expressed his concern with the current tax system. "The library gets more tax revenue than the county," he said. "I have tried to understand this for two years and I will be in Frankfort soon to find out why. The library could

not have to hold public hearings. We can't even keep our tax rate the same without holding public hearings as if it were a tax increase."

In other action, the court accepted a Ford Crown Victoria donated from the City of Mount Vernon to be used at the Brindle Ridge Fire Department.

Holbrook asked the court to transfer \$150,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and \$2,000 from the general fund to the CSEPP Fund as well as \$20,000 from the general fund to the LGEA Fund. The requests were approved.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

“Festival”

(Continued from front)

On Friday, September 30, the festival will begin at 4 p.m. and last until 10:30 and will include a circus, a comedy juggling show, performances by Call to Post, Wild River and Silver Water and a children's art show.

On Saturday, October 1, the annual Bittersweet Parade will be held at noon and will travel down Main Street. The circus and the Wheel of Death Show will continue on Saturday and USWF Wrestling will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

Also on Saturday, there will be performances by the Tone Control Band, Threex Enuff Band, Spitter Image Band, Trey Bryant and the Zach Hart Band. There will also be a rock climbing wall and a zip line from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday.

As always there will be award winning vendors and craft displays throughout downtown Mount Vernon.

The event is free and open to the public. Officials say this event is one way elected officials can give back to the citizens and provide clean, family entertainment for the entire community.

The city of Mount Vernon budgets about \$18,000 for the event and Mayor Mike Bryant and city council members invite everyone to enjoy the weekend filled with events.

“Sewer”

(Continued from front)

local tax is minimal compared to similar counties. "Our revenues are at about \$150,000 in real estate tax revenue," he said. "Out of \$121 million in assessed value, that isn't very much." Bray said this year tax reduction will save property owners money. "Cutting the tax by this much means about \$8 for every \$100,000 in value. If your home is valued at \$200,000, you will save \$16," he said.

Council member Shelly Lewis asked once again about the Microfoodery money that is in an account and why that debt is not being paid. Owners of the plant paid their debt to the city in full, including interest to date, and those funds are currently in a separate account. Bray explained that there is a penalty for paying the bond off early and to avoid paying that penalty, the city is holding the money and making the regular payments until December of 2025 when the penalty is lifted. "The advantages to that are that the city saves those penalty fees, plus that money is available if an emergency or another need should arise. Rather than have to borrow the money for an

emergency, we could use those funds," he said. "That would save us that much interest once again."

In other action, the Mayor, Water Supervisor Frank Baker and Bray discussed the upcoming need for a new sewer plant in Mount Vernon. "I'll just go ahead and say it out loud. This city is going to need a new sewer plant rather soon," said Mayor Bryant. "There is no doubt that it will be expensive and no doubt that we are going to need one. Our current plant is not at capacity but it is getting there."

Bray agreed. "Oh it is certain. The cost of a new sewer plant will be high but we will have to begin those discussions very soon," Bray said.

Baker also agreed. "There is no doubt. We really, really need a new sewer plant. If we have any growth or development at all, we will definitely need it sooner than later," he said.

Baker said he and other local officials have visited sewer plants in surrounding counties recently in attempts to get ideas and make sure that, when the time comes, the new plant is as efficient as possible.

Bray said this may be one example of how the \$1.4 million in the Microfoodery account may be used.

Officials say the subject will be approached soon and such conversations will begin.

The council members also heard department reports.

Newly appointed Police Chief Joe Rush told the council his department had 454 calls for service in August. Of those, 40 involved vehicle accidents and there were 21 arrests. Rush told the council there has been a slight increase in crime in recent months and that the increase is in keeping with current state and national incidents.

Fire Chief David Bales told the council his department made 63 runs in August with 37 involving vehicles.

All-American Club Coordinator Wayne Bullock reported 20 bags of trash picked up from September 1 to September 10. Among items discovered were two marijuana plants in buckets and four used needles. Bullock also told the council that Rockcastle County was "named top in the state for clean-up."

Having no further action, the council meeting was adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20 at 6 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

“Bible”

(Continued from front)

instruction time. Bishop penned a letter to parents and guardians, of Roundstone Elementary students, informing them that such biblical instruction would be held once per month for one hour, off the school campus. The letter stated student supervision and transportation would be provided to the Grace Baptist Church in Mount Vernon and that a consent form must be signed by the parent or guardian for a student to be enrolled.

A flyer, explaining the one-hour class, has circulated concerning what is being called "Bible Release Time." The flyer says students will learn a foundational knowledge of the Bible and that such Bible Release Time has been in operation for over 100 years in America. The flyer asserts that, "children who participating in release time programs do better academically and have fewer behavioral problems."

According to the KRS, there are some rules to the moral instruction release program. Every student must provide written permission from their parent or guardian and religious instruction must be provided off of school grounds and last no more than one hour. Also, government funds cannot be used to support the program.

However, some local citizens do not agree with the idea in general and agreed to protest the idea that a student could be taught biblical principals during school hours. In fact, such social media comments and disagreements spurred the plan to protest at the school board meeting.

Rockcastle School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger responded to the countless social media posts concerning the issue by posting the official school response on the school website.

According to the response, the information that had been circulating about the Bible Release Time was "not district endorsed and contains misinformation regarding this program." The response goes on to say "The Bible Release Time program is a partnership between the Elgin Children's Foundation and local churches."

The response suggests students are indeed permitted to be released to receive moral instruction during the school day by referring to KRS 158.240, but it clarifies that "no Rockcastle County School employees will be participating in this program during their contract hours."

The issue was not on the agenda during the meeting and was not brought up for discussion. However, the four protestors apparently expected the subject to be on the agenda, and some social media posts after the meeting, by some of the protestors, expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of discussion.

One of the protestors, who claimed to be a member of the Temple of Satan, suggested on social media that she hopes the same opportunity is provided for students to learn about Satan as they will have to learn about the Bible.

Across the street from the meeting, local residents provided free Bibles and preaching could be heard outside during the moment of silent prayer that is always a part of the monthly meeting.

For more information, or to enroll a child into the program, you may call the central office at 606-256-2125.

“School”

(Continued from front)

working budget totaling \$50,127,557. Sweet said the budget is built on the seven pillars of the district's strategic plan. Those pillars are student achievement, student readiness, student support/safety/well being, fiscal systems, operating systems, community partnerships and promoting learning and staffing. "This budget supports each of these pillars as well as our mission statement," Sweet said.

The director said the nearly \$30 million Fund-1 budget provides about 85% for staffing and operations with a 15% contingency fund of about \$4.3 million. Sweet also mentioned about \$13 million in grant funding. "We have worked hard on this budget and if there are any questions I am always here," said Sweet.

Sweet also said she has added a 5% inflation buffer to every fund. "We do have work to do yet and

there will always be more work to do. We have to monitor spending every step of the way and closely watch programs, materials and staffing every day," she said.

The budget was approved unanimously.

Board members also heard the Superintendent's Personnel Action Report. It is as follows.

Full Time Certified Employees hired:

Lisa Noe, Academic Interventionist at BES; Jessica Willis, Principal at RCMS; Deanna Barnes, Special Education Teacher at BES; Jayna Albright, Gloria Nacole Smith and Ashley Partin, Teachers at BES; Markita Proctor, Social Studies Teacher at RCHS; Alivia Walker, IECE Preschool Teacher at BES; Dustin Reynolds, RCMS Assistant Principal; Thomas Coffey, Coordinator of Teaching and Learning

Full Time Classified Employees hired:

Melissia Lear, Administrative Secretary I Medical/Finance; Viena Anderson, Jennifer Evans, Jacklynn Thacker and Kendra Calico, Instructional Assistants at BES; James Barnes, Custodian at RCHS; Michael Brummett, RCHS Assistant Football Coach; Sandy Alexander, School Secretary at RCHS; Silvia Coldiron, PS Instructional Assistant at BES; Marianna Joenborg, Receptionist at RCHS; Crystelle Noble, Girl's Head Basketball Coach, Stephanie Gilbert, Interant Instructional Assistant for Special Education; Brent Lovell, RCMS Assistant Football Coach; Kevin Bradley, Maintenance Tech III; Tim McIntosh, RCMS Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach; Zachary Burkhart, RCMS Assistant Football Coach; Paul Day, Custodian at BES; James (JD) Hamilton, RCMS Assistant Football Coach; John David (JD) Hansford, RCHS Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Coach; Chrissy Cash, RCHS Girl's Assistant Basketball Coach; Tasha Robbins, Food Service Cook/Baker; Valerie Powell, Food Service Manager; Laura Kidwell, Utina Meade and Ashley Simpson, Cook/Baker; Alecia Slagle, Receptionist at Central Office; Dackery Larkey and Tom Larkey, Volunteer Football Coaches.

Resignations:

Rebecca Jackson, Food Service Cook/Baker; Camden Mink, Riley Betsworth and Ashley Burton, Substitute Teachers; Donna Lane and Ashley Harding, Substitute Cook/Baker; Tasha Robbins, Substitute Bus Monitor; David Shearer, Assistant Boy's Football Coach.

Retirements

Tammy Blanton, Bus Driver

Certified Substitutes hired:

Katreka Cash, Tracy Lewis, Nora Pulliam, Katelynn Hensley, Isaiah Amyx, Hannah Bryant and Jennifer Arlt, Substitute Teachers.

Classified Substitutes hired:

Ann Alexander, Kimberly Hancock, Kelly Rogers and Ashley Harding, Substitute Cook/Baker; Brent Jones, Substitute Custodian; Ruth Holman, Kelly Rogers and Alice Watkins, Substitute Bus Monitors; Amanda Renfro, Substitute Instructional Assistant

Certified Staff

Updates:

Jake Woodall, RCMS transferred from 7th grade LBD to 6th grade Math.

Classified Staff

Updates:

Donna Wilson, Transferred from Food Service Manager to Cook/Baker.

SPORTS

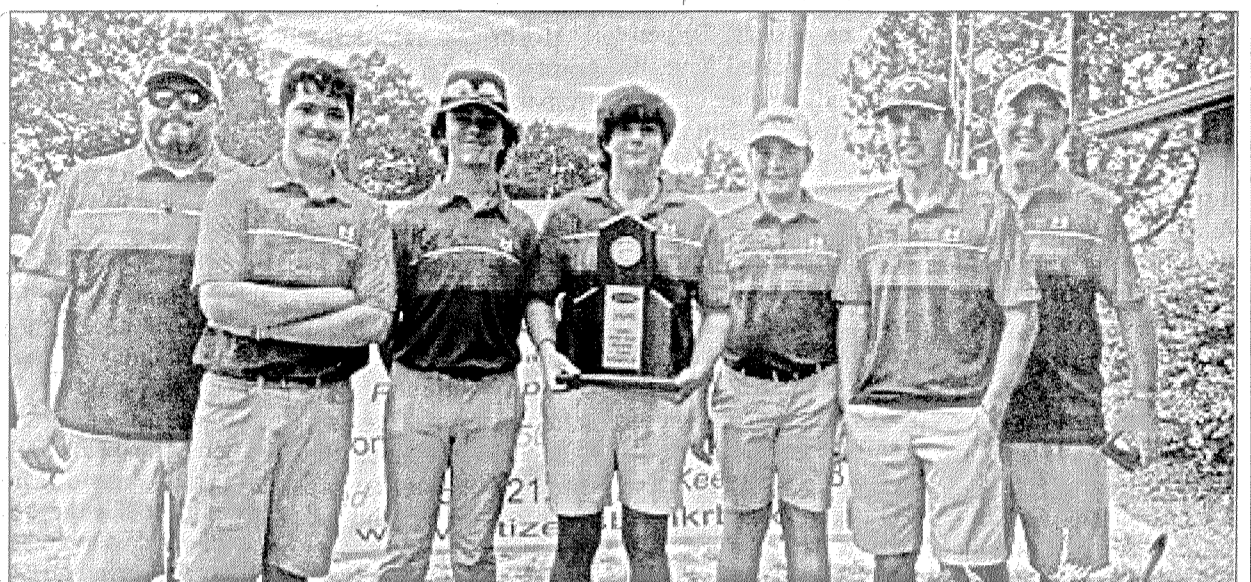


Junior Jake Cromer received a medal for finishing third overall in the KHSAA 10th Region Golf Tournament Monday at Burnside.

Cromer and Ford finish third and fifth



Seventh grader Conner Ford received a medal for finishing fifth overall in the Region Tournament.



RCCHS golf finished region runners-up Monday and has advanced to the state tournament which begins next Monday at Winchester Country Club. Members are shown above, from left: coach Zach Gentry, Dalton DeBorde, Zeke Fain, Jake Cromer, Conner Ford, Dalton Gibbs and assistant coach John Ford.

Advance to State Tournament RCCHS golf team finish Region Runners-Up

The RCCHS Boys Golf Team turned in an outstanding performance at the KHSAA 10th Region Tournament on Monday, September 19th at General Burnside Island. The team shot a total score of 303 to place as Region Runners Up trailing a senior laden Pulaski Golf Team by just seven shots for first place. Junior Jake Cromer shot a 72 to place as 3rd overall individual and seventh grader Conner Ford shot a 74 to place 5th overall. Freshman Dalton DeBorde shot a 77, eighth grader Zeke Fain shot an 80, and Senior Dalton Gibbs shot an 82. The boys golf team will now go in to compete in the KHSAA State Tournament First Round at Winchester Country Club on Monday, September 26.

Rockets win big over South Laurel

The Rockcastle Rockets hosted the South Laurel Cardinals last Friday night, in the Momentum Courier Hunger Bowl, and a good time was had by all, well at least by the Rockets and their fans.

The Rockets scored early and often (nine touchdowns total) in the 62-12 rout of the Cardinals,

with the first touchdown coming at the 7:36 mark in the first quarter. Following a 10 play, 80 yard drive, junior Christian Larkey scored from four yards out. The extra point failed but it was 6-0 Rockets.

The Rockets next score came on the first play of the Rockets drive at the 4:49 mark when freshman Isaiah Jackson scampered 88 yards for the score. The Rockets two point PAT failed but it was 12-0 Rockcastle.

The Rockets hit paydirt twice in the second quarter. For the first one Larkey went in from three yards out at the 4:59 mark and the second when quarterback Cam Prewitt flipped the ball to Larkey for a halfback pass to Jackson, who was wide open in the endzone.

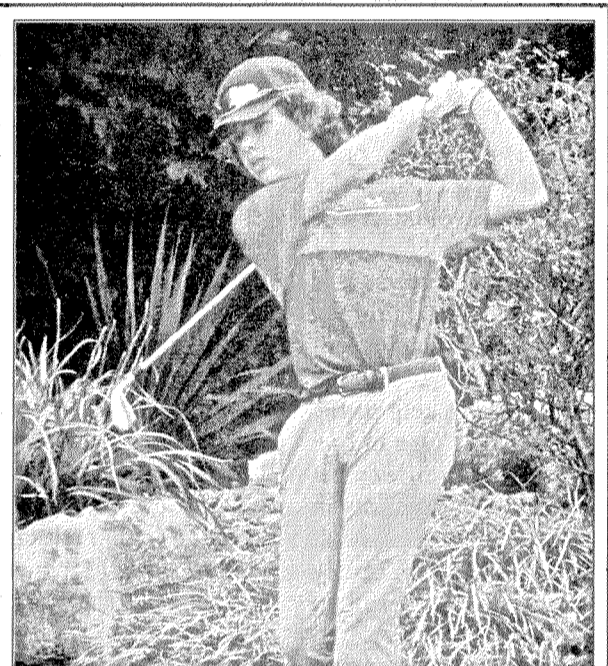
Senior Ethan Medley scored a two point conversion after Larkey's TD and Larkey got another two point conversion after Jackson's TD for a half time lead for the Rockets of 28-0.

But the Rockets were far from done. Their fifth TD of the night came at the 7:11 mark in the third quarter when senior Walker Goosey recovered a South Laurel fumble, on the Cardinal's one yard line, and Medley went over for the TD on the next play. The PAT was not good but the Rockets were now up 34-0.

The Cardinals picked up their first score of the game when, on the Rockets kick-off, the South Laurel runner returned the ball 59 yards to the Rockets one yard line and the Cardinals scored on the next play. Their PAT was no good and it was 34-6 Rockets.

The Rockets sixth

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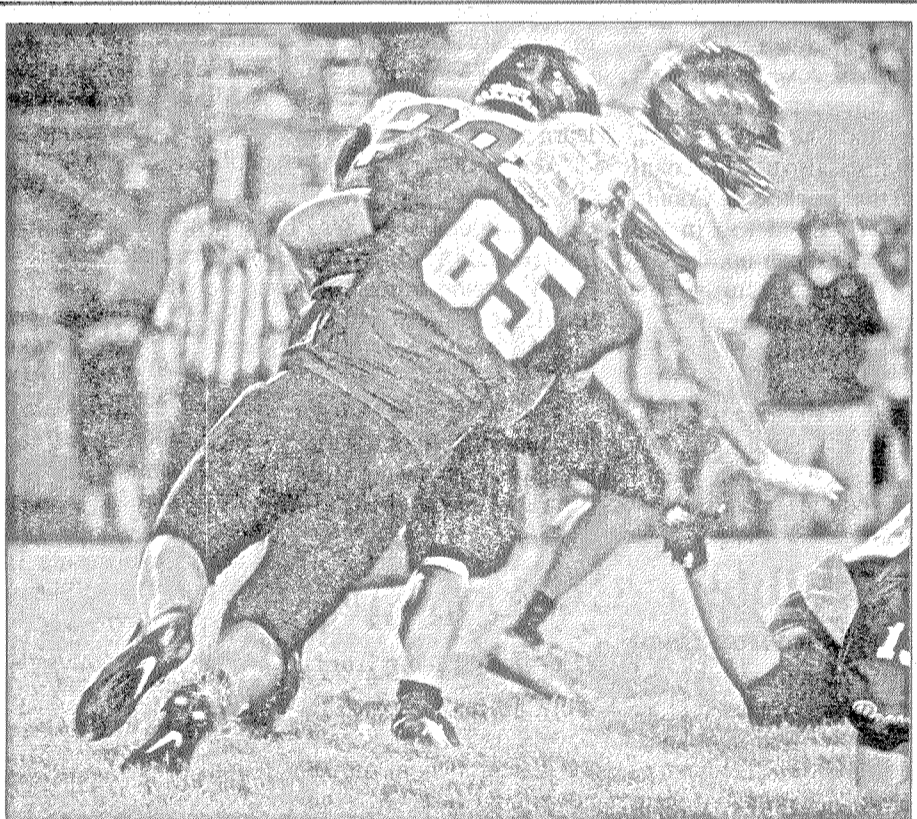
Eighth grader Zeke Fain hits an approach shot in the Region Tournament.



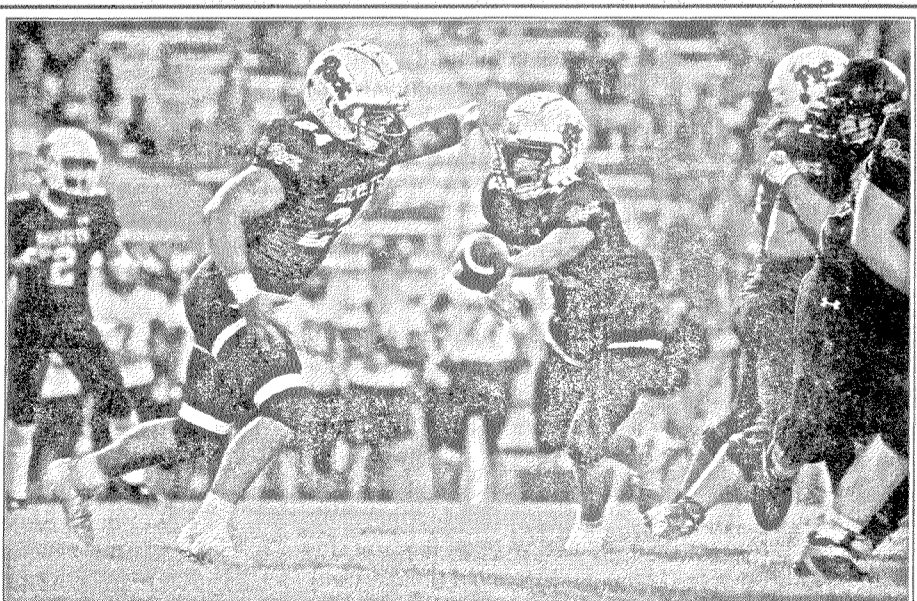
Senior Dalton Gibbs tees off on the first hole at the Region Tournament Monday.



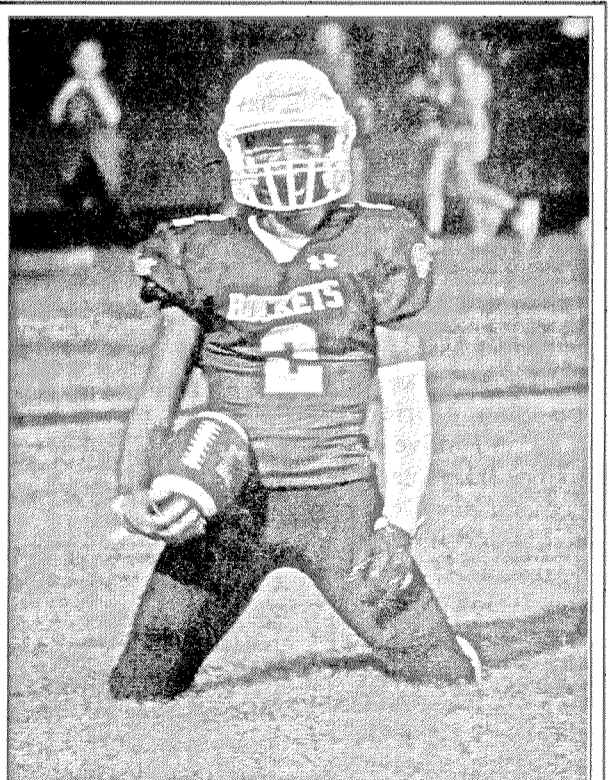
Freshman Dalton DeBorde tees off in the Region Tournament.



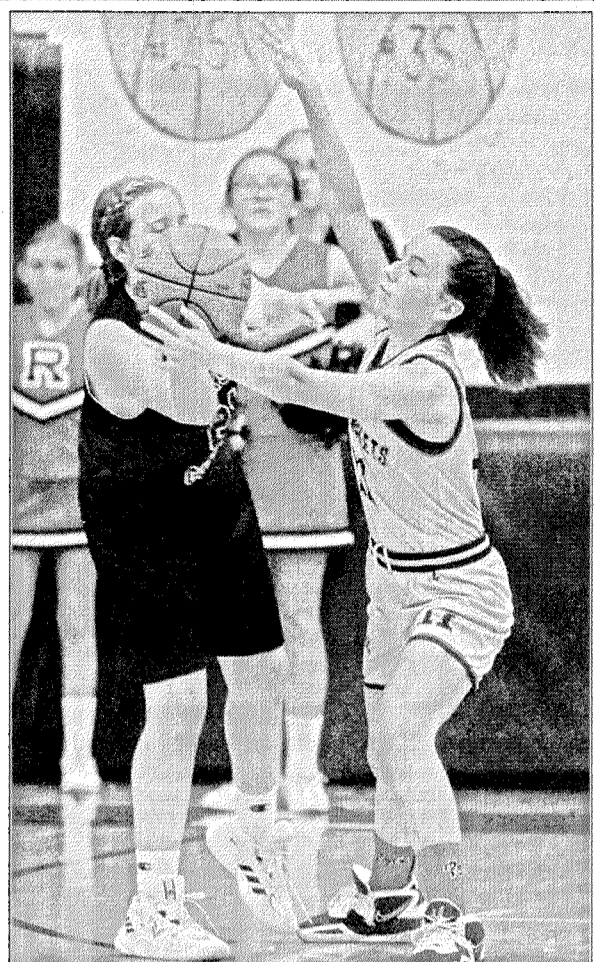
Walker Goosey makes a tackle in the backfield during the Rockets' win Friday night. Goosey had six total tackles, four for losses and was named the Defensive Player of the Game.



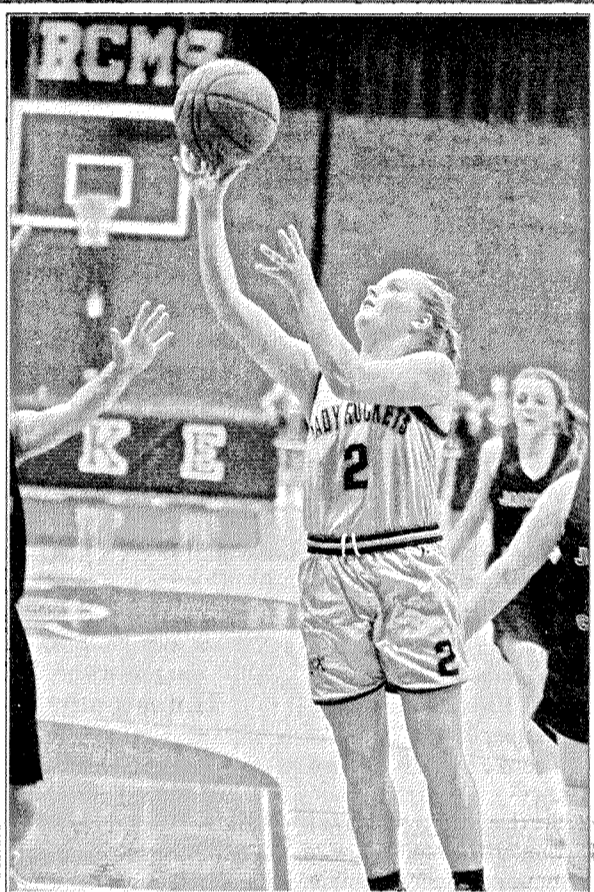
Quarterback Cam Prewitt hands off to Ethan Medley for one of his 16 rush attempts in the Rockets' 62-12 defeat of South Laurel last Friday. Medley had 115 yards rushing and was named the Offensive Player of the Game in the Momentum Courier Hunger Bowl.



Isaiah Jackson in the endzone after a touchdown catch from halfback Christian Larkey. Jackson had one touchdown reception as well as an 88 yard rushing touchdown in the win.



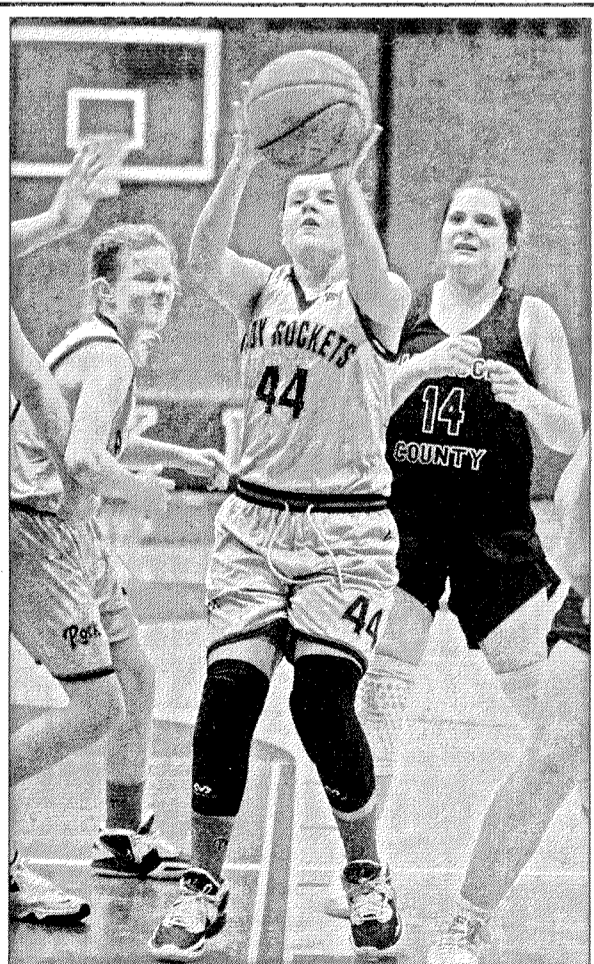
Kinsley Smith plays some tough defense during the RCMS eighth grade's 46-12 win over Jackson County last Thursday. Smith had nine points for the Rockets.



Kelsey Maupin goes for two of her 10 points during the RCMS eighth grade's 46-12 win over Jackson County last Thursday. Other Rockets scoring were Tessa Begley with five, Kenzie Owens with four, Kaylee Smith with four and Amore Neal with one.

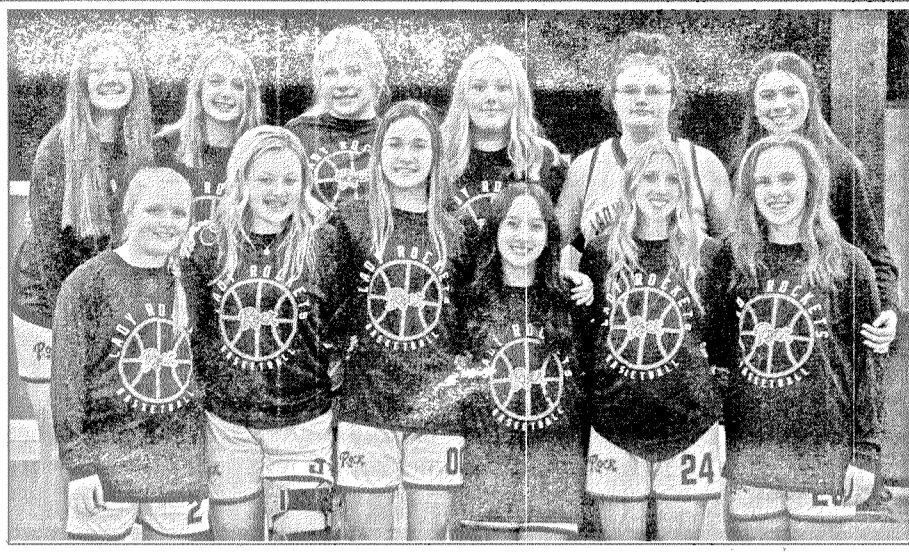


Hailey Mize and Rayleigh Hancock double team a Jackson County player during the RCMS sixth grade's 27-24 win last Thursday. Mize had nine points for the Rockets and Hancock added two.



Lacey Prewitt puts up a jump shot during the RCMS sixth grade's 27-24 win last Thursday. Prewitt scored eight points in the win. Kylie Sturgill scored two points in the win.

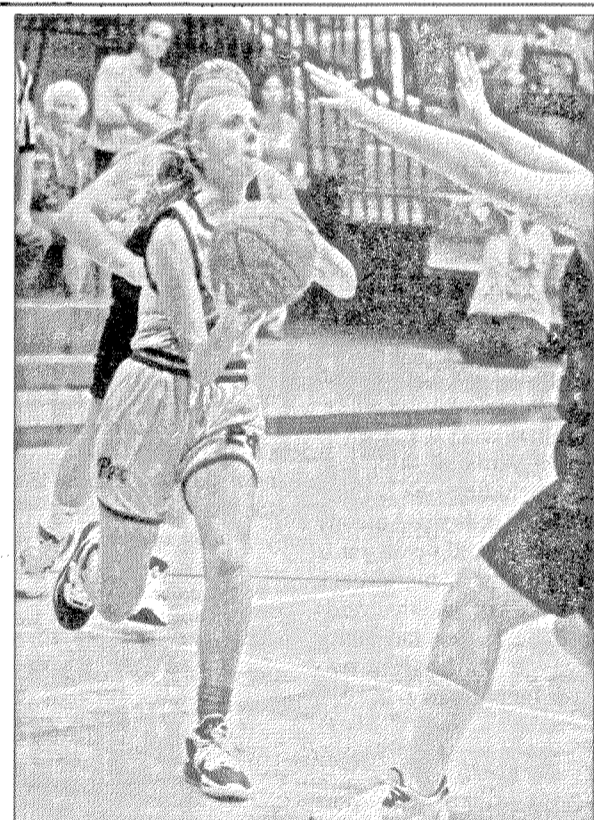
RCMS basketball honored their eighth graders last Thursday night before the final regular season home game. Eighth graders are shown at right, front row from left: Kelsey Maupin, Tatum Bishop, Tessa Begley, Sadie Osborne, Abby Hopkins and Kenzie Owens. Back row from left: Aaroley Griffith, Jaden McPhetridge, Kaylee Smith, Carleigh Philbeck, Amore Neal and Kinsley Smith.



Jaden McPhetridge and Carleigh Philbeck work hard for a rebound during the RCMS eighth grade's 46-12 win over Jackson County last Thursday. McPhetridge had three points in the win.



Sadie Osborne comes up with a steal during the RCMS eighth grade's 46-12 win over Jackson County last Thursday. McPhetridge had three points in the win.



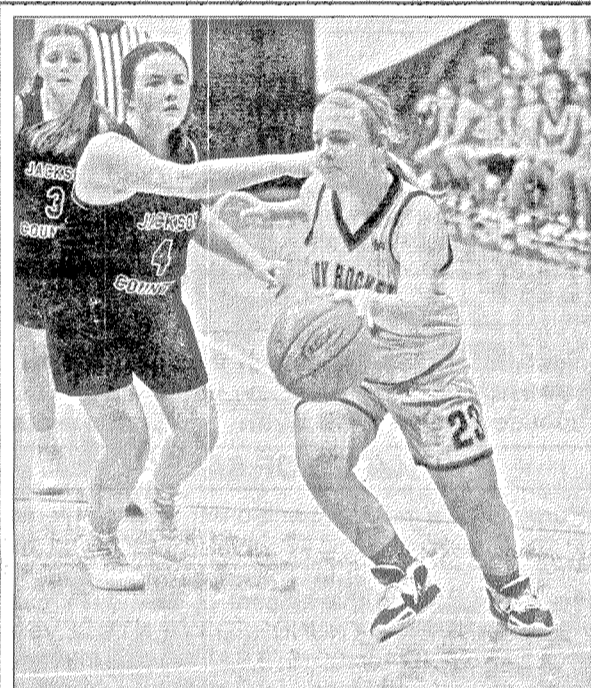
Abby Hopkins drives to the basket during the RCMS eighth grade's win over Jackson County last Thursday. Hopkins scored five points in the win.



Macy McIntosh fights for a rebound during the RCMS sixth grade's 27-24 win over Jackson County last Thursday. McIntosh had two points in the win. Khloe Bussell also had two points for the Rockets.



Lauren Hensley and Leighton McKinney fight for a rebound in the RCMS seventh grade's 17-14 win over Jackson County last Thursday. Hensley scored eight points and McKinney added two.



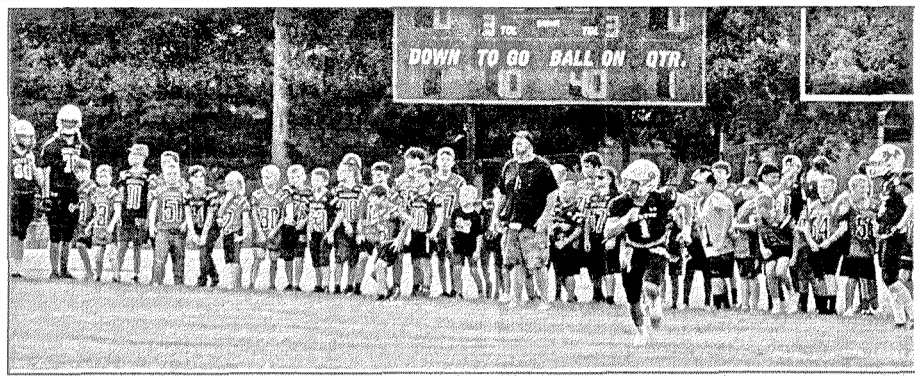
Adeline Bussell drives to the basket in the RCMS seventh grade's 17-14 win over Jackson County last Thursday.



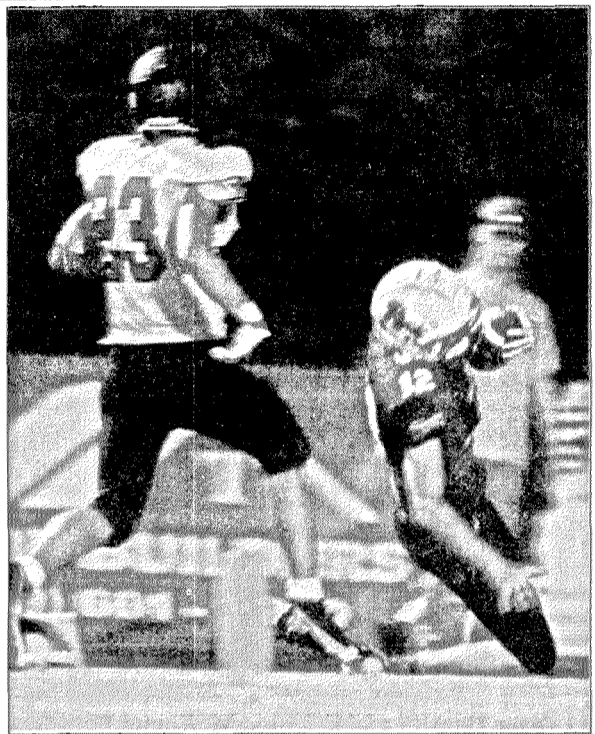
Haley Hopkins looks to the basket during the RCMS seventh grade's 17-14 win over Jackson County last Thursday. Hopkins had one point in the win. Others scoring were Clara Shaffer with three and Katie Valle with one.



Jaycee McIntosh drives to the basket in the RCMS seventh grade's 17-14 win over Jackson County last Thursday. McIntosh scored four points in the win.



Participants of the Rockcastle Little League Football program took part in pre-game warm-ups with the Rockets and ran through the spirit line with the team before the kick-off of Rockcastle and South Laurel last Friday night.



Kaden Kidwell goes in for a touchdown after a fumble recovery late in the fourth quarter of the Rockets' win over South Laurel last Friday.

“Rockets”

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touchdown came with 2:55 remaining in the third quarter after a big run by Larkey returned the ball to South Laurel's 17. A personal foul against the Cardinals made it 1st and goal on the 9 and Larkey took the ball over for the TD on the next play. Benjamin Brenda's PAT was good and it was 41-6 Rockets.

But the Rockets weren't through in the third quarter as, on South Laurel's next drive, with 1:54 remaining, freshman Jayce Bowles forced a Cardinal fumble and Medley picked it up and ran it in for the Rockets seventh touchdown of the night. Brenda's PAT was again good and the Rockets were up 48-6.

In the fourth quarter, the Rockets got TD number eight, set up by a 27 yard run by sophomore Carter Powell to the Cardinal's 11 yard line. A couple of plays later, Powell went over for the score. Brenda's PAT was through the uprights and the Rockets were up 55-6 with 5:30 left in the game.

The last touchdown of the night for the Rockets came at the 3:39 mark when senior Kaden Kidwell recovered a Cardinal fumble, on the Rockets kick-off, and returned it for the score to make it 61-6. Brenda's PAT was again good and it was 62-6 Rockets.

The Cardinals made it 62-12 when they scored a 73 yard touchdown as time expired in the game.

Offensively, the Rockets picked up 405 yards rushing on 43 carries and 50 yards on three pass receptions.

Larkey got 120 yards rushing on 18 carries, which included three rushing touchdowns, followed by Medley with 115 yards on 16 carries including one rushing touchdown and a touchdown on a fumble recovery. Medley was also named Offensive Player of the Game.

Jackson was credited with 88 yards on one carry which resulted in a touchdown and he also scored one touchdown on a five yard pass reception. Powell got 39 yards on three carries, including one rushing touchdown. Junior Anthony Goodin picked up 38 yards on one carry, quarterback Cam Prewitt got three yards on three carries and junior Dwayne Mullins got two yards on one carry.



RCHS cheerleaders were busy cheering on the Rockets last Friday night during their win over South Laurel.

Defensively, the Rockets were led by Goosey with four solo tackles, two assists and four tackles for loss (TFL). Medley got three solo tackles, one assist and four TFL, Bowles was credited with one solo tackle, two assists and three TFL, Goodin and senior Cade Prewitt both had one solo tackle, one assist and two TFL, Cam Prewitt got two solo tackles and two TFL, senior Ethan Tyree was credited with one solo tackle, one assist and two TFL. Larkey, Kidwell and freshman Dillan Bullock each had two solo tackles, senior Theo Simpson got one assist and Larkey, Simpson, Kidwell and Bullock all were credited with one TFL. Prewitt was 2/4 passing for 45 yards and Larkey was 1/1 for five yards.

The Rockets will travel to Estill County Friday night to take on the Engineers at 7:30.

“Memories”

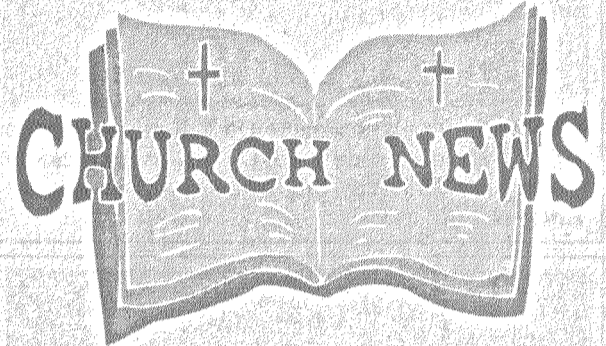
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was one of those nights. I even recall the orange linen dress that my wife was wearing. It was a night we will always recall.

Our time at Chincoteague always passed quickly – too quickly. And it was time to begin the journey home. One year, we decided to take our time on the return trip and spend a couple of nights at Skyland, located on Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park. As we drove through the Blue Ridge Mountains, we were listening to the 50's channel of our Sirius radio while they were playing the Top Songs of 1961 – when I was a junior at Mt. Vernon High School. Bud Cox and I drove this same road in 1961 when we visited my brother in Manassas, Virginia.

My wife and I often talk about our time spent sampling the distinctive tastes of the Chesapeake region. But it comes up this time of the year because we always waited until September to make the trip. Chincoteague Island is definitely a place to create the fondest of memories.

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



Bible Study

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

Fall Homecoming

First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon will hold their annual Fall Homecoming September 25-28.

Speaker will be Ed Berry.

Services begin Sunday at 11 a.m. on the 25th and will continue on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock and then Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Everyone invited. For more information, call 606-256-2876.

Homecoming and Revival

Maple Grove Baptist Church will have their Homecoming on Sunday, September 25th and Revival Services will be held September 26th - 30th at 7 o'clock each night.

There will be special singing nightly and everyone is welcome.

Services at Union Chapel Pentecostal

Union Chapel Pentecostal Church are now having services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

Everyone welcome. Come be with us and be blessed.

Homecoming

Sand Springs Baptist Church will have their Homecoming on Sunday, September 25th, beginning

at 11 a.m. with Bro. John Vanwinkle from McNew Baptist Church speaking. There will not be an evening service.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Gospel Singing

Sand Spring Baptist Church will hold a Gospel Singing on Saturday, October 8th, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Watson Family and the Smith Sisters from Jackson County will be the featured singers.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Homecoming

Poplar Grove Baptist Church will have their Homecoming Service on Sunday, September 25th. Bro. Tony Shelton will be the guest preacher for the morning service and dinner on the ground will follow.

There will not be an evening service.

Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. and Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

Feel free to join us and bring a dish if you are able.

Tent Revival

There will be a Tent Revival held September 26-30 at 7 o'clock each night, at the old firehouse in Livingston.

Evangelists will be David Dail of London, Phillip Doan and Jason Medley.

Please bring your own chair.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Benefit Singing

Benefit singing Saturday, October 1st at 7 p.m. at Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church (2767 South Wilderness Rd, Mt. Vernon) for Terry Bell to help pay funeral expenses for his wife, Peggy Bell. Please contact Lyla Powell at 606-308-2090 if you would like to sing.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 22-CI-00029

Shafer's Auto Body, LLC Plaintiff
v.
Scottie Denney, Savannah Wren, unknown spouse of Scottie Denney, unknown spouse of Savannah Wren Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on August 12, 2022, for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 46/100 (\$76,827.46) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, September 30, 2022
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at steel pin on N.W. side of Old Gum Sulphur-Copper Creek Road, 0.22 miles east of U.S. #150 at Gum Sulphur; thence with said road N 52°30' E 120 feet to steel pin, (Doyle corner); thence with Doyle as follows: N 35°40' W 186 feet to corner post, and S 53°40' W 120 feet to stake in Doyle line (lot no. 1 corner); thence with Lot No. 1, S 35°30' E 186.8 feet to the beginning, contains 0.51 acres more or less.

There is EXCEPTED from the above described real property 0.011 acres and 0.010 acres which was conveyed to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways by deed dated February 1, 2005, executed by Carl Barron, et ux., and recorded in Deed Book 204, Page 105 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

Being the same property acquired by Scottie Denney and Savannah Wren by deed from Shafer's Auto Body, LLC, dated January 6, 2017, and of record in Deed Book 258, Page 700, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold as a whole.
2. The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2022 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Homecoming

Bible Baptist Church is celebrating 115 years! You are invited to join us Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24 at 7PM, and/or Sunday, Sept. 25 at 10 AM. Dinner on the grounds to follow the Sunday morning service.



Preacher: Tyler Prater
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Sept. 23-25



His Heart Quartet
Sat. Sept. 24 at 7 PM



My Brother's Keeper
Sun. Sept. 25 at 10 AM

City's new water basin project may begin soon

Officials not convinced

By: Mike French
Editor

Current plans are to begin the bid process for the new water basin that is expected to solve the long standing bad taste and odor in the Mount Vernon Water System, in October. "That is what we are told. I will believe it when I see it," said Kentucky State Representative and Mt. Vernon's Financial Consultant Josh Bray.

Bray told the Mount City Council about recent developments in the project during the regular monthly meeting last Thursday.

The project has been a decade-long fight to accomplish with both Bray and Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant trying to solve the bad taste and odor problem in the local water system. In fact, it took several years to discover the problem is a rare algae that grows throughout the year and is entering the water system, according to environmental reports.

Several efforts were made over the past decade to ease the problem but nothing worked and resident complaints continued. "This has been a problem basically all my life," said Bray. "And once I started working with the city we have been working on a way to fix the problem."

New charcoal filters were installed and different chemical systems deployed but nothing seemed to help as customer complaints continued.

Bray and Bryant, along with Water Supervisor Frank Baker, eventually met with environmental specialists and water technicians, as well as scientists and other officials, to discover the cause. Once the algae was established as the cause of the problem, a plan was developed to remove the bad taste and odor from the system. However, that plan includes a very expensive new water basin and filter system. But the problems were not over.

That basin would have to be constructed on property that was protected by environmental agencies and the Army Corp of Engineers. "I have never worked with a group that was so difficult to work with then the Corps of Engineers," said Bray at the time. Between the Corps of Engineers and the environmental requirements, the project

has now been held up purely in red tape almost four years, since the solution was created, Bray said.

On several occasions, Bray, Baker and Bryant were told the project may be weeks away but each time, a new inspection was required that held up the project again. Now, after almost four years of struggles, Bray says he is told by the Center for Rural Development that it will be possible to begin the bid process by late October.

"They have finally given us a list of requirements that we need to meet and they are very doable," said Bray. "We will meet the new requirements and then we will see what happens in October. Mayor Bryant told the council he too met with representatives of Rural Development and they seemed "very willing to help get this done this time. They seemed genuinely interested in moving forward."

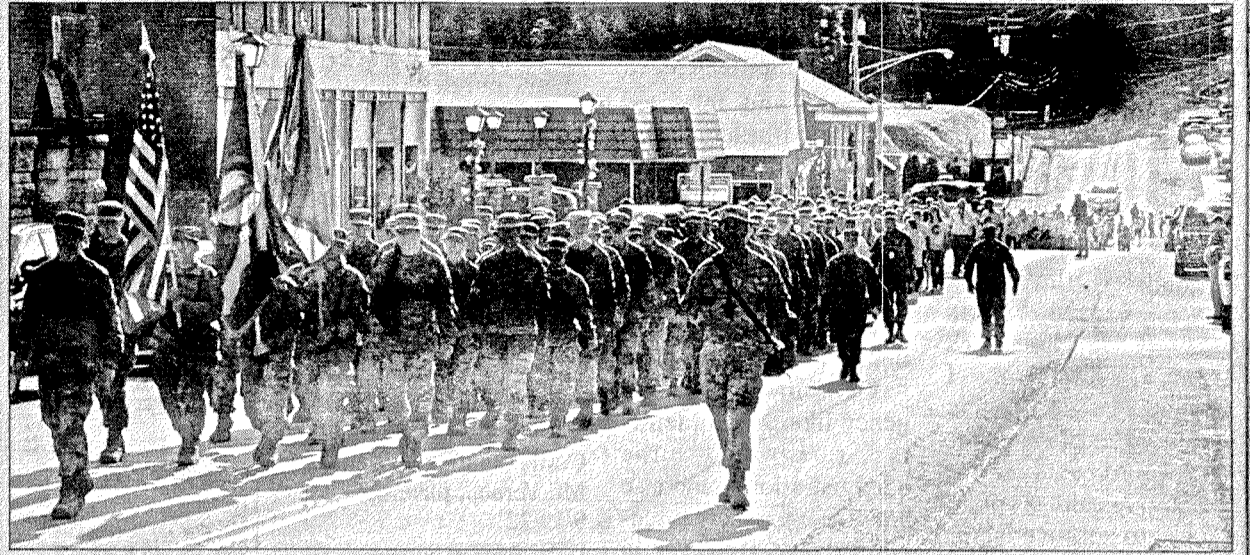
As for the price of the project, no one knows just yet. "We had figures and prices four years ago but that was before COVID and inflation," said Bray. "We won't know the cost of this project until we start getting bids back," he said.

If no further "surprises" arise and inspections are finally completed, Bray says there is a possibility that the new water basin project can begin within months. But after the countless interruptions over the past four years, he is unwilling to commit to an October bidding process. However, Bray, Bryant and Baker all agree that once authorities will allow the process to begin, "It will begin immediately," said Bray.

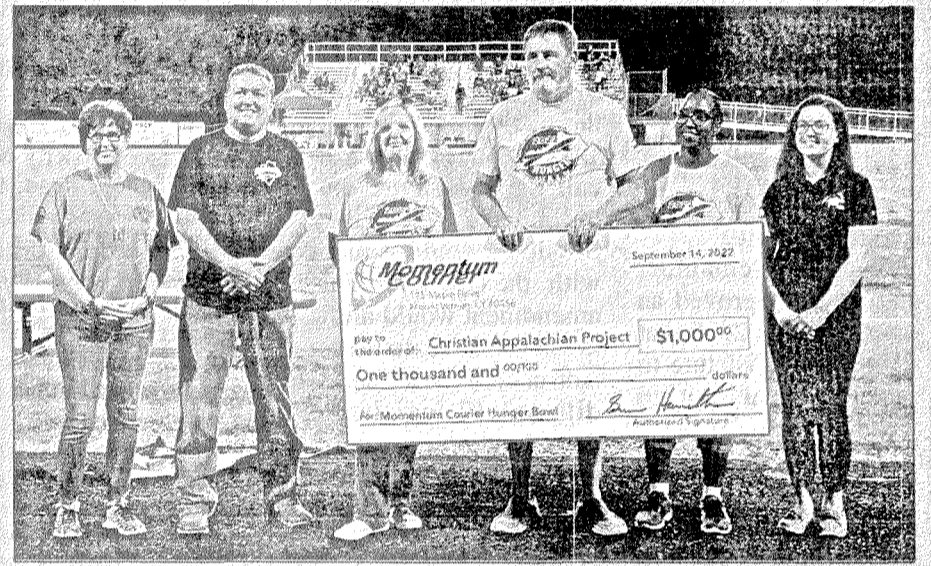
If it is required, Bray said money is available after the owners of the Microfoodery plant paid off their building earlier this year. According to Bray, those funds are sitting in an account unused until the bond's early pay-off penalty is not in force.

The owners of the business paid their debt to the City of Mount Vernon in full, including interest. But the city has not paid off the bond due to the hefty penalty, according to Bray. "If we had to, we can use some of that money to help with a water basin rather than borrow the money," he said. "The council would have to make that call on the use of those funds."

More Hunger Walk action



Shown at top, the RCHS JROTC led the Hunger Walk as hundreds of local residents and students (center) walked up Main Street during the event. At right, representatives of Grateful Bread accepted a ceremonial check for \$1,000 from Sam Hamilton, founder of Momentum Courier, during halftime at the RCHS football game. Hamilton pledged an additional \$9,000



Special training held in Rockcastle

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Tony Bullock, as a member of the Kentucky Bloodhound Association, travels the state with his fellow members, training Bloodhounds and their handlers. Last week the training took place in Rockcastle County.

About eight highly-specialized Bloodhounds, and their handlers, joined Bullock and members of the Pongo Fire Department for a weekend training seminar.

The Bloodhounds have traveled from as far away as Indiana, according to Bullock, and each will receive training from certified trainers who teach handlers and dogs alike to find those in need. "There will be some cadaver training but mostly we will be training to locate Alzheimer patients or children who may be lost," said Bullock.

Bloodhounds to the rescue

The sheriff's department helps sponsor the event and the handlers spent their days learning to use their dogs properly to find anyone who may be in need. Search and rescue training applies to handlers and dogs as well, according to Bullock.

"It is a productive event," said Bullock. "We train during the day at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame grounds, and then camp at the Pongo Fire

Department at night. Each night we all go over everything we have learned that day."

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin said he is proud of his department for taking the initiative for such training since he is always looking for ways to better the department. "This is an extremely useful tool for finding those who may be lost," said Franklin. "This is some of the most helpful training we can have."



Bloodhound handlers from across the state came to Rockcastle County last weekend for training with their K-9 counterparts. Shown above, after one recent training session, are (front) Lora Duvall, (back row) Alicia Bullock, Annette Compton, Stephanie Rausch, Tony Bullock, Brandon Bullock, William Ball, Melissa Ball, Toni Goodman, Carissa Smith and Daniel Smith.

Attention Heat Vendors

The Daniel Boone Community Action Agency will again be administering the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for low-income people in Clay, Laurel, Jackson and Rockcastle Counties beginning November 7, 2022.

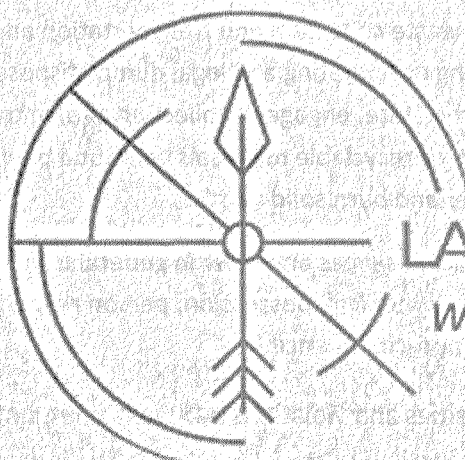
Anyone wanting to be a vendor in this year's program will need to attend a vendor meeting in their perspective county.

The meeting for Rockcastle Co. will be held on October 6, 2022 at 2:00.

The office in Rockcastle County is located at 105 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Any questions or concerns, contact Kim Stevens at 606-598-5127.

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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
Amending the
Kentucky
Constitution
CA# 1: Providing the
legislature with
flexibility in times of
emergency

Several times over the past few weeks I have had constituents ask about the two constitutional amendments on the ballot in this November's General Election. I thought I might use this space to explain what they would mean for our Commonwealth if voters choose to approve them.

But first, why amend the constitution in the first place? Well, the document itself was adopted in 1791. While it certainly includes provisions that are timeless, there are sections that need to be updated. In fact, Kentucky voters have approved 42 constitutional amendments over the past 133 years. For example, it was amended in 1975 to restructure the court system; in 1992 to reform the executive branch and change the succession order; and in 2002 to create family courts.

You may remember that voters approved an amendment in 2000 that allows the legislature to conduct regular business in odd-years. Prior to that, the constitution limited odd-year sessions to administrative business like electing leadership and assigning committees. Well, experience provides the best education and among the many things we learned from the Covid pandemic and the state's response to it is that the legislature must have more scheduling flexibility.

Proposed constitutional amendment number one (CA #1) would amend the Kentucky Constitution to provide the legislative branch more flexibility to address emergencies. The first thing it accomplishes is removing a requirement that the General Assembly adjourn by March 30 in odd years and April 15 in even years. If approved by voters, it would allow the legislature to use the same number of days currently allowed but move them around to provide time to give proper attention and receive adequate input. If necessary, the session calendar could be extended to finish business if 3/5 of all legislators agree to do so. Also, the amendment would allow the Speaker of the House and the Senate President to convene the General Assembly for up to 12 additional days to deal with emergencies and other timely matters.

The legislature was two thirds into the 2020 Regular Session when the first case of Covid was diagnosed in Kentucky. Immediately the body recessed to begin gathering the information necessary to help Kentuckians and the state prepare for the virus. After several days, the House and Senate reconvened and passed an updated budget, as well as legislation aimed at helping businesses, medical providers, and individuals. However, the state constitution requires the legislature to adjourn by April 15, so that left one

person to determine the state's response. This is clearly not what our founders intended and the result was an entire branch of state government that could not act while another adopted inconsistent, ineffective policies that shut down churches, small business, schools, and medical care. Since the legislature was not in session, lawmakers were limited in what they could do to ensure these policies were necessary and that the state's resources were being used appropriately.

Of course an emergency like the pandemic is rare and the administration's response was the worst case scenario to date. However, in the past year alone our state has faced two major disasters and the nation faces a major recession, threats to our energy supply, and other challenges that require legislative leadership.

I also thought it might be helpful to share some answers to the questions I am asked about this proposed amendment.

Q - Will this allow legislators to call themselves into special session indefinitely?

A - No. The ability to call the legislature into unlimited Extraordinary Sessions would remain with the Governor. This amendment would allow lawmakers to extend session or convene for an additional 12 legislative days in times of emergency.

Q - Will this make it too easy to extend session?

A - The legislature will have the authority to set the end date of a session, much as it does the legislative calendar now. However, 3/5s of the House and Senate must agree to extend that session if it is necessary.

The amendment will appear on the ballot as this question: "Are you in favor of amending the present Constitution of Kentucky to repeal sections 36, 42, and 55 and replace those sections with new sections of the Constitution of Kentucky to allow the General Assembly to meet in regular session for thirty legislative days in odd-numbered years, for sixty legislative days in even-numbered years, and for no more than twelve additional days during any calendar year if convened by a Joint Proclamation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with no session of the General Assembly to extend beyond December 31; and to provide that any act passed by the General Assembly shall become law on July 1 of the year in which it was passed, or ninety days after passage and signature of the Governor, whichever occurs later, or in cases of emergency when approved by the Governor or when it otherwise becomes law under Section 88 of the Constitution?"

You can see that the exact wording of the amendment is long and legalese, but it can all be distilled into one question - do you believe that each branch of government should be independent of the others? Should the three branches strive to hold each other accountable? Do you think the only part of state government constitutionally-

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Karina Zitlaly Ramirez Martinez, 32, Mt. Vernon, teller to Christopher Guy Roberts, 29, Berea, Hitachi. 9/16/22

Sonya Lynn Dyer, 43, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Stevie Wayne Denney, 46, Mt. Vernon, construction, 9/19/22

Amber Lee Vaughn, 22, Mt. Vernon, sales asso, and Curtis Bentley Miller, 24, Mt. Vernon, plant operator. 9/19/22

Deeds Recorded

Paul and Deborah D. May, property on Hwy. 1912, to Cynthia Taylor. Tax \$55

REO Acquisition 1, LLC, property in Quail community, to Ronald Parker. Tax \$22.50

Danny and Betty Jo McKinney, property in Hamm's Subdv., to Nickalos W. and Tanisha Gentry. Tax \$150

Jerry Denny, Jr. and Holly Denny, property on Freedom School Road, to Robert and Diedre Kendall. Tax \$12.50

Ralph A. and Kelly Powell, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Benjamin E. and Candace Elizabeth Scheid-Caldwell. Tax \$54

Fannie Alice and Charlie E. Barron, property on waters of Brush Creek, to Carolyn Faye Peacock. No tax

Lowell Denny and Carol McGuire, property in Rockcastle County, to

Michael P. and Melinda Kay McGuire. Tax \$35

Amanda Burgess, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Candace and Jacob Harrison. Tax \$169

Kellie Bowling and John Bricker and Bobbie and Dewey Bowling, two tracts of Hysinger property plat, to Bobbie and Dewey Bowling. Tax \$27

Debra K. Owens, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael Kenneth Haddix. Tax \$164

District Court

Sept. 12, 2022

Hon. Kathryn G. Stone

Eddie E. Alcorn: theft by deception, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Scotty Hellard: criminal possession forged instrument, operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp. and six other charges, bw issued for fta.

Katelyn Marie Helton: possession of marijuana, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, agreed order entered.

Seth Alton Henry: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle and operating vehicle with expired operators license, agreed order entered.

Brenda Kay Howard: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol and license to be in possession, agreed order entered.

Steven Charles

Howerton: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, agreed order entered.

Delbert W. Leger: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, driving w/o license/negligence in accident, failure to wear seat belts, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting, bw issued/ license suspended.

Gary Phillip Maxie: reckless driving, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, agreed order entered.

Jack McCormick: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, 90 days in jail/pro-

bated 24 months (each charge) on condition, one cost/concurrent; no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, rear license not illuminated, license plate not legible, failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine each charge.

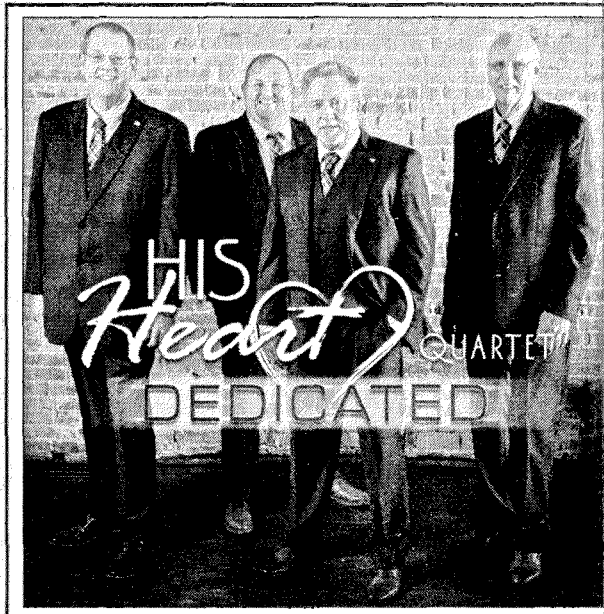
Michael T. Palmer: obstructing a highway and operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances, agreed order entered.

Kenneth G. Stewart: criminal mischief, agreed order entered.

Thomas Stewart: cattle not to run at large, agreed order entered.

Shania N. Vasquez: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, agreed order entered.

James Russell: criminal trespassing, 5 days in jail



Kentucky's favorite southern gospel group, His Heart Quartet, will be singing at Bible Baptist Church Saturday, September 24, at 7 p.m. This is part of the church's homecoming/revival weekend.

Rockcastle County Solid Waste Management Ordinance Summary

The Rockcastle County Solid Waste Management Ordinance pertains to the public health, safety, and welfare regulating storage, collection, transportation, disposal, permitting, rules and regulations, prohibited practices, public nuisances and litter in general, penalties and violations and siting for solid waste in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

Storage includes: storage containers required, solid waste to be stored in a manner prescribed by ordinance, standards for residential storage container, standards for commercial storage containers, yard wastes, air tight containers and storage containers not in compliance.

Collection includes: City responsibility defined, collection of waste outside City limits, collection points, bulky rubbish, collection frequency, ownership of solid waste, collectors responsibility defined, owner/user responsibility defined and prohibited items.

Transportation includes: collection vehicle standards.

Disposal includes: disposal in approved sites, hazardous waste disposal, open burning, open dumping and siting of solid waste management facilities.

Permitting includes: permit requirements, establishment of a permit, granting a permit, fee approval, inspections, permit suspension, injunctive relief, appeal, permit display, reporting requirements and termination of a permit holder.

Rules and Regulations includes: preparation, drainage, and wrapping of garbage, specifications for containers, identification of containers and covers, weight limitations, storage of solid waste containers, sanitation and maintenance and replacement of containers, schedules of routes, collection points for containers, collection and transportation and processing and disposal of solid waste, processing facilities and fees, disposal facilities and fees, records of quantity and types of waste, handling of special wastes, cataloging of customers by haulers and/or transfer stations, reporting by all permitted haulers and facilities and assignment of roads.

Prohibited practices includes: illegally dumping and/or littering on any premises or property, illegally using solid waste container, fail to have solid waste disposed of properly, interfere in any manner with solid waste collection and transportation and/or duties, dispose of dead animals in trash container, owning or operating an illegal dump, dispose of solid waste at any facility not approved by the County and the State, engage in collecting and/or transporting and/or processing and/or disposing of solid waste or recyclable materials without a permit issued by the County, fail to be cataloged by a permit holder and burn solid waste.

Public nuisances and litter in general includes: litter in general, illegal disposal of solid waste, indicia of prior ownership/possession, person responsible for waste thrown or dropped from vehicle, notification and non-compliance.

Penalties and violations includes: fines, notice of violations, citations and repeals.

Siting includes: environmental performance standards, applicability and siting of solid waste facilities/sites.

MVHS Reunion

The Mount Vernon High School Alumni Association held their annual reunion Saturday, September 10th at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

The classes of 1962, 1970, 1971 and 1972 were the honored classes during the event and each classmate from each year was introduced.

Officials say about 150 people attended the event as Danny Ford served as Master of Ceremonies for the entire

program.

New Hall of Fame members selected for 2022 included Sarah Grace Clark Miracle, Carol Cummins Pybas, Mae Mink Renner, and John Maggard Spurlock. Each has served on the planning committee for several years and have "gone above and beyond the call of duty."

The next MVHS reunion is scheduled for September 9, 2023.



A large crowd attended the Mount Vernon High School Reunion honoring the classes of 1962, 1970, 1971 and 1972.



Class of 1967

Members of the Class of 1967 present are shown above, from left: Laverne Chasteen Winstead, Catherine Allen, Sarah Grace Miracle, Lola Richmond Roberts, Brenda Hayes and Glen Vanwinkle.



Class of 1970

Members of the Class of 1970 in attendance were, from left: Judy Reese Maples, Brenda Severance Childress, Danny Ford and Danny Childress.



Class of 1971

Members of the Class of 1971 present are shown above, first row from right: Jerri Lynn Nunnally Smith, Kathy Baker, Gertha Adams Mink, Betty Kirby Bussell. Second row, from right: Jack Chaliff, Pam Ramsay Chaliff, Connie McFerron Childress, Lorena Hurley and Vickie Smith Arnold. Third row, from right: Wesley Williams, Mike Burdette, Maxine Thacker Cain, Edith Faye Anglin, Carol Burton and Henry Dale Coffey. Fourth row, from right: George Powell, Dale Parsons, Ronnie Sears, John Dale Wilson and Gerald Owens.



Class of 1972

Members of the Class of 1972 in attendance are shown above, front row from left: Betty Cameron Frederick, Yvonne Carmack and Anita Hale Todd. Second row from left: Lois McClure Sewell, Kay Burdette Mullins, and Judy Hines Stevens. Back row is Lyndon Smith.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Pines, Spruce, Firs,
Hemlocks and Cedars—
Landscape With
Conifers

Let us have a look at conifers in the landscape. These are cone-bearing, mostly evergreen trees.

Perhaps we'll do a follow-up article soon on junipers and other evergreens to landscape with. Wintertime is often when these trees make us really notice and appreciate them. Wind whistling in the pine needles and snow on the firs are some of the nicest of experiences in the outdoors. I suppose some sounds of rushing water would complete the image—and sounds do travel farther and louder in winter.

Stately evergreen trees look nice both in our yards and out in the forests. This is most obvious in winter when many other trees and shrubs and flowers have gone leafless. Ginkgo trees are classified as conifers, and larch sheds its needles in winter, as does the dawn redwood, but for the most part conifers are evergreen trees.

Pines are a common and useful tree, especially in temperate regions of the planet. They provide us not just lovely trees to enjoy visually, but pines give us lumber, pulpwood, (used in paper making, books, newspaper, school and office, and when you gotta'go), turpentine and other distillates (pine-sol) for antiseptic and cleaning properties. Don't forget pine resin for baseball bats, and pine nuts (seeds) for eating. Pine trees provide a place for wildlife to hide from winter winds or from birds of prey. They also give us shade, work as windbreaks, and the bark makes a great planting medium and mulch, depending on the size of the bark pieces. One more wonderful contribution is "pine straw" or needles for use in mulching landscaping, especially in hot climates.

The world's oldest tree is thought to be the bristlecone pine; although it may be the ginkgo. For

landscape purposes, let's begin with the white pine. It's tall and problematic in its old age, but sure grows fast when planted as a visual barrier in the landscape. Over-used I would say. White pines are native to several eastern and western states.

Other pines that are sometimes used in landscaping include limber pine "Vanderwulf's Pyramid", Austrian pine, Scots pine, Japanese black pine, mugho pine, stone pines of Korea and Italy, and the Virginia pine that pops up along roads and everywhere, but isn't the best tree for landscaping or lumber. There's also the loblolly, Jeffrey's, and many other pines, including one with

colorful flaky bark.

Spruce trees are generally more tolerant to various soil types and climate conditions. From the Colorado blue spruce to the Black Hills Spruce to the Norway spruce; everyone loves a spruce tree in a big yard it seems. Blue spruce frequently doesn't do well except in the western states where soil pH is high and soils aren't waterlogged.

The hemlock is a beautiful tree in the landscape, or in the forest along a mountain stream. They love acid soils and prefer the shady side of a slope. Hemlock lumber is more dense and rot resistant than pines and many other conifers. Unlike the white pine, a hemlock

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 22-CI-00023

Sierra Pacific Mortgage Company, LLC
Plaintiff,

v.

Mary H. Wright, William Wright Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on August 12, 2022 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS AND 86/100 (\$87,822.86) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property and mobile home in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, September 30, 2022
Beginning at the Hour of 10:30 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Parcel A:

Lot No. 32, in the Sunny Side Estates, as shown on plat of record in Plat Book 4, Page 226, in the office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Subject to restrictions as states on the aforementioned plat.

Also conveyed and transferred is a Arlington mobile home (Serial Number BK51986H).

Parcel #018-70-00-032

Property Address: 560 Sunnydale Estates Mount Vernon, KY 40456

Being the same property conveyed to Mary H. Wright and William Wright, wife and husband, by deed dated June 27, 2019, of record in Deed Book 269, Page 379, in the office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.
 2. The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
 3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
 4. The purchaser shall pay the 2022 local, county and state property taxes.
 5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
 6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
 7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
 8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
 9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
- The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Frankfort Update

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authorized to allocate state resources is important to helping deal with emergencies like the pandemic or flooding in Eastern Kentucky? If you do, then you vote yes.

As always, I hope you will feel free to contact me with any questions or issues. I can be reached here at home anytime or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Please feel free to email me at Josh.Bray@LRC.KY.GOV. If you would like more information about interim committees or legislative actions, you can visit the Legislative Research Commission website at legislature.ky.gov.

Re-named Bonnie Sigmon Farmers Feast

Farmers Feast raises \$12K for God's Pantry

By Nita Johnson
The Sentinel Echo

Food insecurity is a problem for thousands of Kentuckians and London residents took a huge step toward ensuring that families in need receive the help they need.

The mood was festive at Farmers Market last week as the Farmers Feast took place. Ticket holders enjoyed a "farmers feast" of sausage, cabbage, potatoes, corn on the cob and sweet potatoes that had been cooked over an open fire in new 30-gallon garbage cans, then served in large troughs where those in attendance used serving tongs to load their plates. Lemonade and sweet tea were the drink offerings while a variety of desserts were available to those wishing to top off the meal with a sweet touch.

Tables were lined with friends and acquaintances — all purchasing their tickets to assist in the fundraising for God's Pantry Food Bank.

The evening was highlighted with a cake auc-

tion that pit several people in a bidding war for a selection of pies, cakes and other desserts. The desserts were walked through the crowd for viewing while the auctioneer brought out roars of laughter as he called out the prices and enticed audience members to bid higher.

And bid they did — ranging from \$30 and up, with the highest bid of \$3,000 coming for a chocolate cake in a glass covered pedestal stand.

But whatever the going price, those attending knew that well balanced meals and delicious desserts are not always the situation for many Kentuckians. So they bid high and bid wholeheartedly to assist those less fortunate in order to supplement their nutritional needs through local food banks. The ticket sales, donations and cake auction brought in approximately \$12,000, according to the Laurel County Extension Office.

The Farmers Feast, sponsored by the Laurel

County Extension Office of the University of Kentucky Agricultural Department, is a tradition for London and Laurel County and utilizes local farmers involved in the Kentucky Proud program to raise the food for the event each year.

The first London-Laurel County Farmer's Feast was held on August 30, 2016, as a joint effort among the London-Laurel County Farmers Market, the Laurel County Extension Office, and the Laurel County Cattlemen's Association.

The purpose was to raise funds for God's Pantry Food Bank and to increase awareness about hunger and food insecurity in our community.

The late Bonnie Sigmon was instrumental in creating the Farmers Feast and worked tirelessly to make it successful by organizing volunteers, collecting donations from local producers, and helping cook and serve the meal. Her family farm has also generously donated corn and

watermelon for the diners, which serve over 200 participants each year.

In both her job as a County Extension agent and in her personal beliefs, Bonnie's mission was to see that people were fed.

Those attending the annual Farmers Feast have learned that there are more than 60,000 people in our community who do not have access to sufficient food supplies, and that even a small donation has an enormous impact in feeding those families. Though COVID restrictions required cancelling the 2020 and 2021 events, the Farmer's Feast has been an annual event since 2016 and has raised \$22,500 for the Food Pantry.

Bonnie was interviewed by a WKYT news reporter following the 2017 Farmers Feast. Her words summed up the goal and the community impact quite clearly, "They are going to be feeding our local families. People who may not have a meal. And of course as farmers, that's what we do, we feed people. Next year, we'll do it again."

In 2022, the annual event was re-named The Bonnie Sigmon Farmer's Feast so our community can continue to honor her commitment to eliminating hunger.

In Kentucky, 575,300 people are facing hunger - and of them 162,100 are children.

1 in 8 people face hunger.

1 in 6 children face hunger.

Average cost of a meal in Kentucky is \$2.79

Yards

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will probably never need to be removed in the lifetime of the person who planted it. The one reservation I have with planting hemlocks is the woolly adelgid insect. This pest has devastated hemlocks in W. North Carolina and E. Tennessee and has spread to other areas as well. If you have a nice hemlock in your yard, check it for these tiny fuzzy little insects that may look like mildew. Without treatment, these insects will suck the life out of a hemlock tree in three to five years.

Fir trees are for mountainous areas and for farther north in general. But, I plant the Canaan fir and the white or Concolor fir with success in Kentucky. I also know of Nordmann fir and Ernest fir being grown for Christmas trees in Lexington/Winchester area. The Frazier firs grow great at elevations of three to five thousand feet in the Appalachian and Blue Ridge Mountains, and are the most common cut trees at holiday time in the Mid-Atlantic states. Douglas fir will grow well in our area, but isn't a true fir.

Cedars make magnificent landscape trees. The blue Atlas cedar, the Cedar of Lebanon and the Deodar cedar.

Many of us refer to "red cedar" that chests are often made from or closets lined with as a cedar tree; but it is in fact a juniper. White cedar is in fact an arborvitae.

Atlas cedars are the most cold hardy. Then Cedar of Lebanon, perhaps to -20F or lower, and the deodar cedar which is safe to a bit below zero. The Deodar or

Himalayan cedar is native to the Himalayan Mountains in Asia.

Cedar of Lebanon in Turkey and the Middle East. Atlas cedar in southern Europe and Atlas Mountains in Africa.

Atlas is also called Atlantic cedar. The cedars of Lebanon are known by some for their Biblical histories.

For those wanting natives, digging up a small tree in the wild and locating it to your yard may be a good way to go. Garden centers have potted or B&B trees, and mail order firms offer bare root trees.

And often it's something 'exotic' somebody wants to try. Many unique and dwarf, twisted, weeping, colorful and otherwise 'different' conifers can be had by those willing to search them out.

Landscaping that includes some large evergreen trees, especially cone bearing ones, seems not to even need a recommendation. Almost all of us enjoy viewing a stately evergreen tree. Kids may love the cones, birds the seeds or the hiding places from predators and bad weather, squirrels will raid the cones for seeds to eat.

Consider a conifer, that is, a cone bearing tree for your yard next time you are thinking of planting a tree.

Consider pines, spruce, fir, larch, cedars, even cypress and redwoods; don't be like the neighbors and plant a Bradford pear or a red maple. If you look out your window and don't see any evergreen trees bearing cones from tiny as in hemlock to large as in some pines, why not plant one!

The author is a landscaper. (606) 416-3911 or rockcassites@gmail.com to contact Max.



From left: Carol Sigmon, Ronnie Roark, LeAnn Garrison, Nancy Sigmon and Kristie Nunn.



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ACROSS

- Dick Tracy's sweetheart
- Arizona city
- Yellow-fleshed fruit
- Movie spoof
- Curier's instrument
- Get hitched hastily
- Great Lakes city
- Long car, for short
- Well- machine
- Bodies in motion possess it
- Boil with rage
- Disney mouse
- Balkan republic (Var.)
- Important part of history
- Not mentally sound, in Seville
- Angle between stem and stalk
- Condition at a garage sale
- Workout activity
- Carnival attraction
- Mighty wind
- BYU state
- Pub serving
- Assets
- Spanish urban quarter
- Cars that aren't gas guzzlers
- Clarinet, in slang
- Acid type
- Antiperspirant's target
- Small case for pins and needles
- Performs, biblically
- Timely blessing
- Remote setting
- Medicine measures
- "If all fails ..."
- Lost no time

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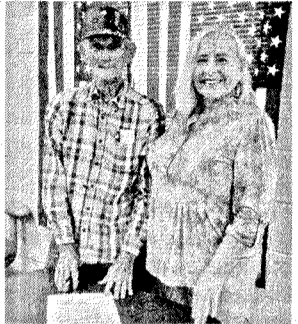
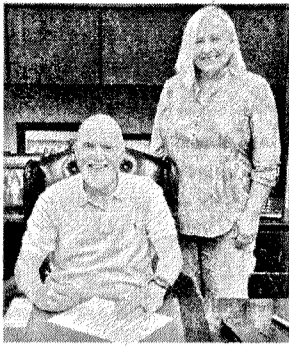
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- Jungle creature
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- Girl in Bizet's "The Pearl Fishers"
- Gurney pushers
- Distance runner Sebastian
- Step into character
- Egyptian, often
- Domed home
- Deceptions
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- Dentist's request
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- Became a smoker
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- Sounds from a pigeon coop
- Do simple math
- Farm sound

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DAR celebrates Constitution Week



Rockcastle Chapter DAR celebrated Constitution Week by having proclamations by the mayors of Rockcastle and all the school principals. DAR members pictured are Jennifer Poynter-Hand and Joan Garrison.

Two graduate from Cumberlands

University of the Cumberlands congratulates all students who received their degrees this August.

The following local students recently received their degree: Kaitlin Kirby of Mount Vernon, who completed their Master of Arts Education in Teacher Leader and Lauren King of Brodhead, who completed their Bachelor of Science in General Studies.

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How To Please God

- The word "please" according to Webster means: To be agreeable to, to give pleasure to, "To satisfy." In his illustration of the use of the word he says, "As to please God or to do his will".
- Some form of the word please is found 106 six times in the Bible. The word, "menpleasers" which will be a part of our lesson occurs twice.
- How does one please God? That is our focus in this lesson.

The Bible Places Great Emphasis on Pleasing God

- This is what being a Christian is all about. (1Thess. 4:1) Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.
- Pleasing God was Christ's ultimate goal and mission. (John 6:29) This is the work of God, that we believe on him whom he hath sent.
- Enoch's life was consumed with "pleasing" God. (Heb. 11:5) Enoch had a testimony, that he pleased God.
- Receiving an answer to a prayer hinge on us pleasing God. (1 John 3:22) And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

We Can Also Please God By Not Doing Those Things That Displease God

- They that are in the flesh cannot please God. (Rom. 8:8) So they that are in the flesh cannot please God. By this the apostle means: "Living to satisfy the flesh".
- The Backslider does not please God. (1Cor. 10:5) But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
- Jesus warned against "Backsliding" (Luke 9:62) No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is not fit for the kingdom of God.

Withholding The Word Of God

- The scribes and Pharisees "shut up the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 23:13) For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.
- A religion designed to please men. (Gal. 1:10) For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet please men, I should not be the servant of Christ.
- Pleasing self: (Rom. 15:1) We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Things That Please God

- Preach the word: (1Cor. 1:21) It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
- Paul told Timothy to preach the word. (2Tim. 4:2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- Increasing in knowledge: (2Tim. 2:15) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Are We Pleasing To God

Thank you for reading this article. We have free Bible correspondence courses, articles to read, videos to watch on our Face Book webpage, (Yellow Banks Church Of Christ). We welcome your comments whether you agree or disagree. (Remember God Loves You). You can contact us at the listing below.

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

PUMPKIN POKE CAKE

This is one of my favorites and so easy to make.
1 box (about 14 ounce) yellow cake mix
1 can (15 ounce) pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie mix)
1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
1 tub (8 ounce). Cool Whip®
1/2 bag Heath Bits®
1/2 cup caramel sundae sauce
Heat oven to 350°. Grease a 9" x 13" baking pan. In a large bowl, mix cake mix and pumpkin puree until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan; bake for 23 to 28 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes. Use the end of a wooden spoon to poke holes all over the top of the cake. Pour the sweetened condensed milk over the cake. This should fill in the holes and soak into the cake. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Remove cake from refrigerator and spread Cool Whip® over top of cake. Sprinkle on

the heath bits, and drizzle caramel over top. Refrigerate for 3 to 4 hours, or overnight
NO BAKE PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE CRUST
1 and 1/2 cups finely crushed gingersnaps
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
5 tablespoons butter, melted
FILLING
1 cup heavy cream
2 blocks (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1 can (15 ounce) pure pumpkin
1 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon Dash of salt
In a medium bowl, com-

bine crushed gingersnaps, sugar, and melted butter until mixture resembles wet sand. Firmly pat into an 8-inch or 9-inch pie plate or dish. In a medium bowl, beat heavy cream to stiff peaks. In a large bowl beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add pumpkin puree and beat until no lumps remain. Add powdered sugar and beat again until no lumps remain. Add vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt and beat until incorporated. Fold in whipped cream until just combined. Pour batter over crust and smooth top with an offset spatula. Refrigerate until set, at least 4 hours. Serve with whipped cream and crushed gingersnaps on top.



God's promises to those that overcome

Revelation 2:7
The one who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the churches. To the one overcomes, I will grant to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. This tree is the same one that Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat of in the Garden of Eden. It is symbolizing the eternal existence of God and that man can be in the presence of God. This is for those who put their trust in God.

Revelation 2:11
The one who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the churches. The one who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death. Death occurs when one is eternally separated from God. The Bible says that those that overcome don't have to fear death because they are going to be eternally united with God. Revelation 20:14-15. And death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. V 15 and whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 2:17
The one who hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the churches. To the one that overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on a stone which no one knows except the one who receives it. Manna was the Heavenly food sent by God to the children of Israel in the wilderness, just as they had to go individually and gather their supply; so the child of God must depend on God for his or her individual spiritual supply. The white stone is a symbol of the eternal forgiveness we acquire through faith in Jesus.

Revelation 2:26-29
The one who overcomes, and the one who keeps my deed until the end, I will give him authority over nations. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessel of the potter are shared, as I have received authority from my Father, and I will give him the morning star. The one who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the churches. Christ will give overcomers a position of leadership and authority and the promise of the morning star which is the promise of Christ himself.

Revelation 3:5-6
The one who overcomes will be clothed the same way, in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and (I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. The one who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the churches. Dressed in white refers to being clothed in righteousness of Christ, and we that overcome have security. Our names will remain in the book of life.

Revelation 3:12-13
The one who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem which comes down out of Heaven from my God, and my new name. The one who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the churches. Pillars speak of stability, which overcomers will have. True believers are identified with Christ by the seal of the name of God, which permits them to have entrance into the city of God.

Revelation 3:21-22
The one who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my father on his throne. The one who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the churches. Overcomers will rule and reign with Christ in his eternal kingdom of Heaven.

I John 5:5
Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Revelation 22:12-16
And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs and sorcerers and whoremongers and murderers and idolaters and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Revelation 2:29
He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches.

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Nationstar Mortgage LLC
d/b/a Mr. Cooper **Plaintiff**

v.
Dakota Smith, Amy Johnson, unknown spouse of Dakota Smith, unknown spouse of Amy Johnson,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action January 28, 2022 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$145,705.50) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, September 30, 2022
Beginning at the Hour of 10:45 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on a found 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in the East right of way of State Highway No. 1250 and corner to Jim Mitchell; thence going with said right of way N 20 45'20" W, 300.00 feet to a found 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in said right of way and corner to William Norton; thence going with the line of William Norton 68 35'33" E, 450.00 feet to a set 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS # 2773; S 20 45'26" E, 300.69 feet to a set 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS # 2773 corner to William Norton and in the line of Jim Mitchell; thence going with the line of Jim Mitchell S 68 40'50" W, 450.00 feet to the point of beginning, Containing 3.10 acres.
Parcel #023-00-010.09
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Being the same property conveyed to Dakota B. Smith, single and Amy Johnson, single by Deed dated August 2, 2019, from Brian Lee Baker, of record in Deed Book 269, Page 575 in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

- The real property shall be sold as a whole.
- The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
- The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2022 local, county and state property taxes.
- Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
- Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
- The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
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Posted

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincaid Ridge Road. 12/22

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 2/16/23

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

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

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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

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Notice is hereby given that Beulah Lockhart, P.O. Box 1066, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix, with will annexed, of the Estate of Ted Pittman on the 13th day of September, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Beulah Lockhart or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before March 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 33x3

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 Michelle Whitehead, 582 KY Hollow Road., London, Ky. 40741, Kasey Newcomb, 114 Maple Grove Rd., Orlando, Ky. 40460 and Maverick Reynolds, 853 Big Cave Rd., Orlando, Ky. 40460 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of timothy Alan Whitehead, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Michelle Whitehead, Kasey Newcomb and Maverick Reynolds or to Hon. William Leger, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before March 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 32x3

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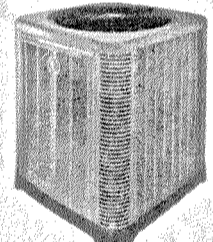
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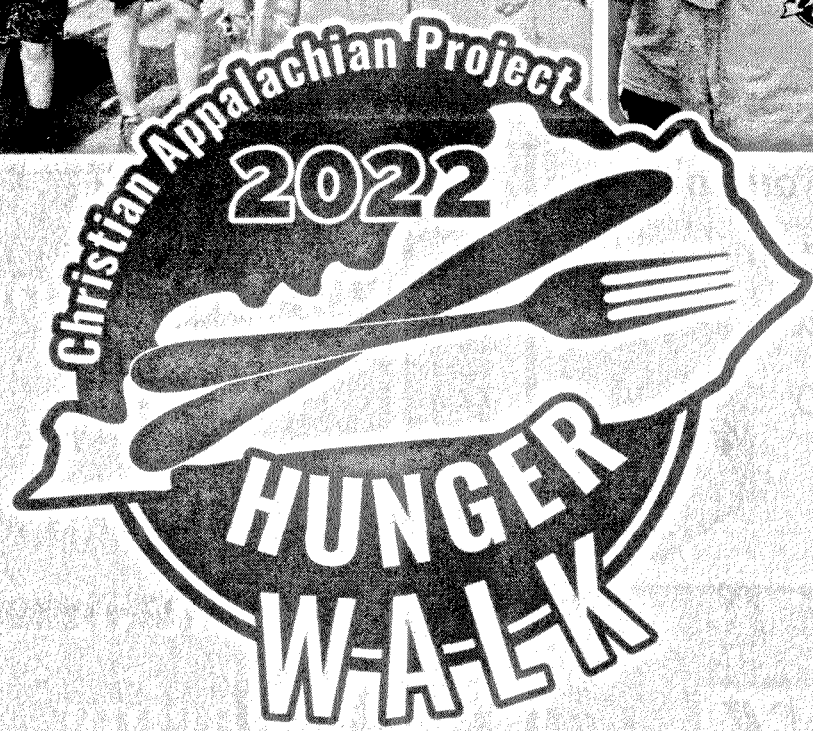
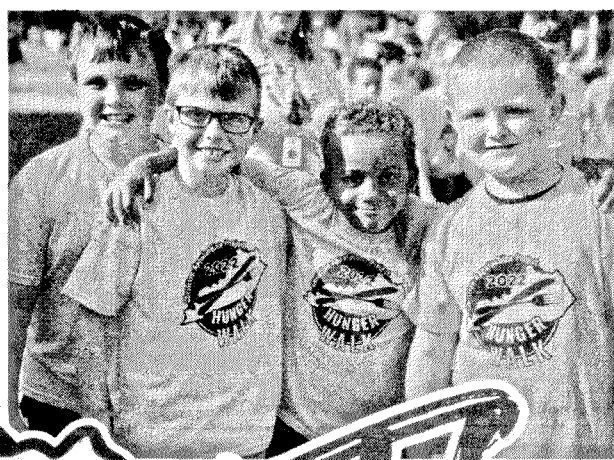
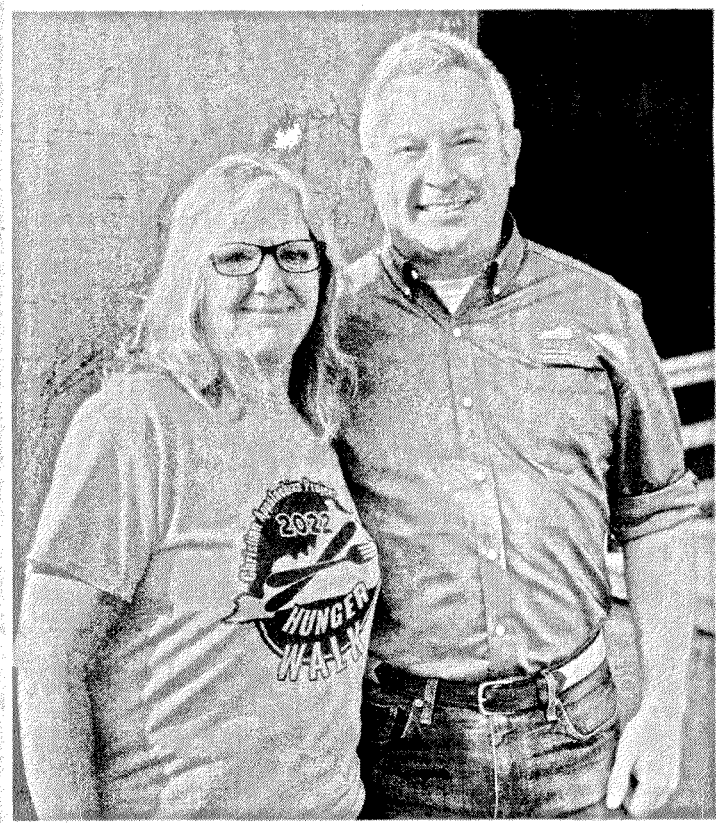
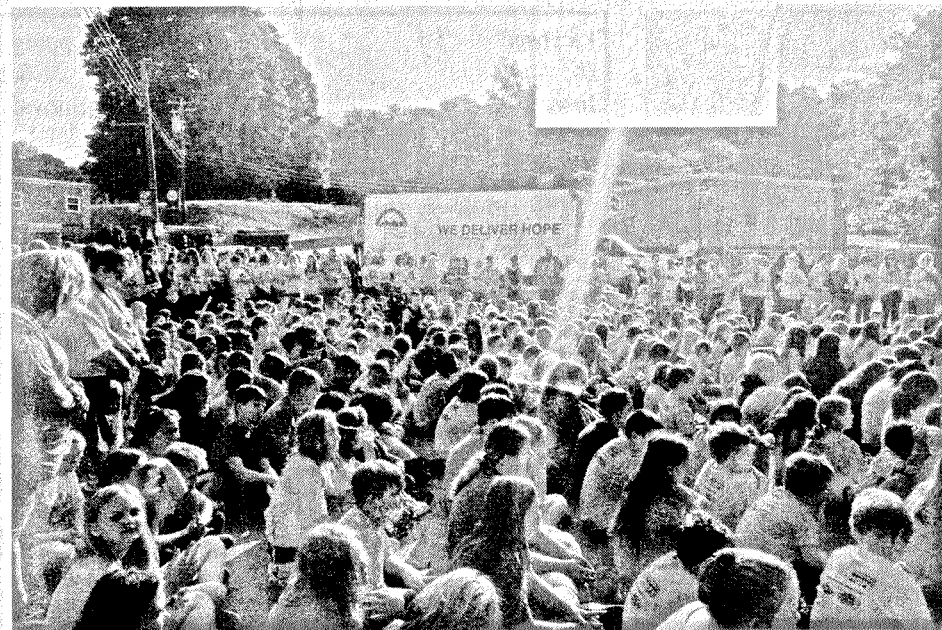
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