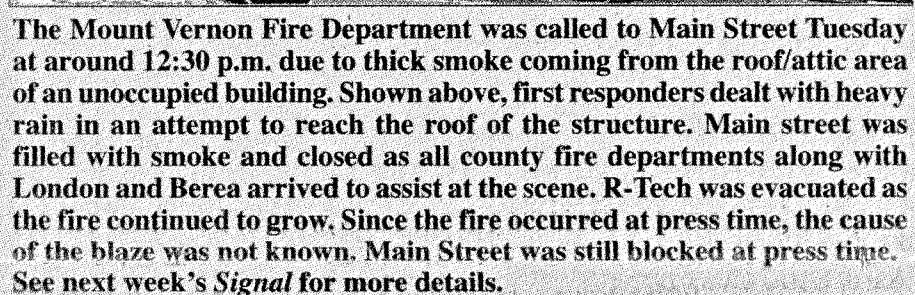


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ramblings...
by; perlina m. anderkin

There was outrage across the country when pResident Biden proclaimed Easter Sunday as "Trans Day of Visibility." Meanwhile the White House banned children from submitting religious-themed Easter Egg designs at annual event for military families. When asked by a reporter Monday about signing the proclamation, Biden said "I didn't do that," which means either he actually didn't someone on his staff did or he did it and doesn't remember it -- after all he is an "elderly gentleman with a poor memory."

Democrat New York Governor Kathy Houchul also issued a proclamation Saturday declaring March 31st, Easter Sunday, to be Transgender Visibility Day. She ordered state landmarks, including One World Trade Center in New York City and Niagara Falls to be illuminated in the colors of the transgender flag.

Transgender Day of Visibility was started in 2009 by an activist who chose the date of March 31. It is not a federally-mandated day of observance, such as Vietnam Veterans Day.

Biden, and Democrat officials, decided to go ahead with observing the day on Easter Sunday this year, rather than push it off for a day out of respect for Christians who consider Easter the holiest day of the year.

I guess Democrats don't feel that those 10,000,000 (and counting) extra voters that have been welcomed illegally into our country

since January of 2021 (and who can obtain drivers licenses in many states which can then be used as ID to illegally vote in our elections), are enough to guarantee his reelection this November so they are courting the approximately 1.03% of the nation's adult population (according to USA Facts), that identify as transgender.

Of course, the main reason for Biden's invitation to the world to invade our country, is that non-citizens are counted in our census and this will give primarily Democrat states (with sanctuary cities) more seats in the House of Representatives and enable them to hold power more easily.

House Speaker Mike Johnson has reportedly sat on a \$95 billion funding package for Ukraine and Israel (although Israel's share is a much smaller amount than Ukraine) for several months now but is reportedly going to attempt to get it through the House when they return this month.

The \$95B aid package has already passed the Senate and Johnson is reportedly getting heavy pressure from an old guard of Republican defense hawks to advance an aid package in some form.

Of course, the vast majority of Democrats in the House have indicated support for the senate-passed legislation but a growing number of Democrats have also

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



To all the youngsters out there who think about things like I did, I have a secret for you.

I always thought, "when I get older and bigger and tougher, things won't be as scary and I will take pain better." I got that notion from watching my dad who was the toughest man I ever knew.

Dad was a hard, hard worker. So, of course, he very often had a wrench slip or a board break or a ladder fall. But each time, I would witness the massive slice into his hand or finger and I would leap to my feet ready to call 911, or even the coroner. But instead, dad would shake his hand once and go back to work as blood was covering whatever he was working on. I've seen blood run down his arm and drip off his elbow and he just kept working.

As I felt my head swimming and was about to pass out, I could usually muster the quivery words, "are you okay Pop?" He would usually answer with "yeah I'm fine. Why?" He didn't even think it was important.

When I mentioned it, he would at least usually take the time to raise up his arm and look to see how much blood he was losing. If I hadn't said something, he wouldn't even have slowed down his

job. "Oh that. Yeah, it stings a little but it's too far from my heart to kill me." And back to work he would go.

So in my mind, I thought, it must be his age. Maybe 40 year-old men don't feel pain. Perhaps you go numb at 35 or so. I never once saw him do my "leaping up and down, hand slinging, scream" that ended in the fetal position. The more I could roll on the ground and flop around like a fish out of water, the more it seemed to help when I got hurt. And quitting work for the rest of the day went without saying. If I got hurt, my day ended right there.

Yet dad would slice his hand open and unless I pointed it out, it didn't seem to interrupt his day at all. I thought to myself that I couldn't wait to reach 35 or 40 years old so that things would stop hurting or I would be tougher.

Here is the big secret information, it wasn't age, it was dad's childhood and life experiences. I am well past 35 and everything still hurts just as much as it used to. You don't grow out of it.

As it turns out, my dad (as most of that generation) was just plain tougher than I am. As for my generation, I am ranked pretty

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Remembering the Easters of Yesterday Dear Journal,

Yesterday was Easter and as I usually do, my thoughts turn to past holidays of long ago. I guess that is the same with people of my age. We remember just how good our childhoods were. I don't think that most of us really were wise enough to appreciate just what we had back then. We always think of our dear ones that are no longer with us and wish so much that they were.

Stanley and I went to church and took our friend, Harold. There was lunch following the service and while Stanley and Harold were finishing eating, I went outside. I got a little sick and needed fresh air more than food. I was sitting with some of the men who had been hiding eggs for the children to hunt. These men were of my age as well. Before long it started with our various remembrances of our Easters as children growing up back in the good old days. One man, Mike, remembered how he and his brothers dyed their eggs on the Saturday before Easter as they sat around their kitchen table. Of course, back then it was real eggs. Mike just knew that those colored eggs tasted better than any other eggs that were served any other time of the year.

I was telling him that Mom and I colored eggs that Saturday, too. She used her set of Fiesta ware dishes. They were those dishes that everybody had

in which every place setting had a different color. She would put the blue dye in the blue cup, etc. You had a little tablet of dye that you placed in a cup and then added a teaspoon of vinegar to the cup and then hot water. You let the eggs soak for about three minutes each and then scooped them out with a little wire scoop that was included in the Paas egg coloring kit

On Easter Sunday morning, I could always look forward to getting an Easter basket that the Easter bunny had left during the night. He and Santa always seemed to work at night. I always picked Mom and Grandma some Easter daffodils that grew in the yard to put on the dinner table for our Easter dinner. The Easter dinner was always sooo good. We usually had a good old ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn and deviled eggs. For dessert, Mom always made her special Easter cake. It was a white cake with her boiled divinity icing. Then she would decorate it with yellow Peeps and jelly beans in a nest of coconut dyed green to look like grass. This grass was all over the cake, too.

This meal was eaten when we got back from church. I always got a new little Easter dress and hat from my grandma to wear that day. After the meal, I got to hunt the eggs. Mom always hid them and boy did she hide them well. There may still be some of them out there in our yard.

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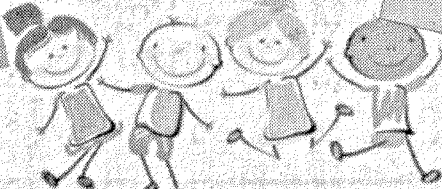
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Featured in travel series

Kentucky State Parks celebrate 100th anniversary

As Kentucky State Parks celebrates its 100th anniversary, Greenbo Lake, Carter Caves and Grayson Lake State Park will be featured in the upcoming season of the widely acclaimed recreational travel series "RV There Yet?" on Saturday, May 18.

"Here in the commonwealth, it's no secret that our state parks are some of our best tourist attractions, providing unforgettable experiences and showcasing our state's natural beauty," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our state parks, this platform will allow a nationwide audience to catch a glimpse of what makes our parks so special and why they are must-visit destinations."

In season three, viewers will discover the great outdoors as they follow the series hosts Patrice and Kevin McCabe on a road trip to destinations throughout the United States, including Tennessee, Nebraska, Montana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Florida and Alabama. While in Kentucky, the hosts experienced park amenities and attractions, including paddleboat fishing, hiking and golf.

"RV There Yet?" will highlight some of the exciting features of our state parks, showing why Kentucky is an incredible road trip and adventure site," said Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Lindy Casebier. "We are thrilled for our state parks to be in the spotlight and to receive well-deserved recognition through this show on the Discovery Channel."

"We are excited to have three state parks featured on the Discovery Channel's 'RV There Yet?' series. Kentucky is home to some of the most

brehtaking landscapes in the country, and we are thrilled to highlight them through this television

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raised concerns about Israel's campaign in Gaza. A significant number of them are expected to oppose any funding for offensive weaponry for Israel which would necessitate the \$95 aid package bill being re-written to exclude aid to Israel, if they prevail.

It's a quandry for Johnson who has indicated he will attempt to push for approval of tens of billions in wartime funding for Ukraine, as well as Israel, even though, before becoming Speaker, he was deeply skeptical of approving funding for Ukraine and voted repeatedly against it.

The very best outcome to the Ukraine-Russia conflict is what Russia has reportedly always wanted, the assurance that Ukraine will not become a member of NATO. Putin and Zelensky had reportedly worked out a peace treaty in April of 2022 (which turned Ukraine into a "permanently neutral state that doesn't participate in military blocs,") that sources report the UK and America nixed because they wanted to keep the proxy war with Russia going.

As a result, Ukraine has lost approximately 70,000 soldiers and as many as 120,000 injured. Ukraine's Zelensky says that 180,000 Russian soldiers have been killed and tens of thousands more injured. This is all besides the well over \$100 billion the US has already invested in the

program," said Kentucky State Parks Commissioner Russ Meyer, "With this partnership, we hope to

inspire more people to visit our state parks and experience all the amazing things they have

to offer."

"We are thrilled to share Season 3 with the Discovery audience. We produce the series independently from our studio based in Tampa, Florida, and we are immensely proud of this season's episodes," said Kevin McCabe, host and executive producer.

Viewers can watch the new season of "RV There Yet?" at 8:30 a.m. on the Discovery Channel and can tune in on May 18 at 8:30 a.m. EDT for the 30-minute Kentucky State Parks episode. All episodes will be available online afterward. Learn more at RVThereYetTV.com.

war in money and munitions (much to the glee of the war hawk politicians heavily embedded in the government of our country). They think it is a selling point to American citizens that 40% of the money from this proposed aid package to Ukraine will reportedly be spent in America manufacturing weapons to be given to Ukraine and further enriching those politicians heavily invested in those industries.

Some half a million workers in California got a big bump in pay Monday. The state's minimum wage for fast food employees jumped to \$20 an hour, giving many a 25% raise from just last week. The law affects chains such as McDonald's, Pizza Hut, KFC, Subway, Starbucks and local franchisees have raised alarms about the increase in labor costs.

This will, of course, have a snowball effect in other industries who will demand \$30, \$40 even \$50 an hour 'if fast food workers are making \$20 an hour' not to mention the upper echelon of workers in these places who will have to be bumped up to stay ahead of the lowest tier of workers.

Another victory for Gavin Newsom who is hell-bent on destroying California completely before he attempts to move onto the national level of politics.

Aces

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high. I have a very high pain tolerance. But only compared to others of my generation and younger. NOT compared to my dad's generation.

My dentist recently told me I was his toughest patient. However, I can tell you, it hurt! I can't help but wonder if it would have hurt my dad. I haven't figured out if

dad felt less pain, or simply ignored it completely.

It has crossed my mind that his military time in Korea could have played a part. I guess when you live like that for two years, a needle in the mouth must seem pretty minor. Or perhaps it was his upbringing. The tough, hard work that he grew up doing every day may have simply toughened him up all over. Perhaps being a product of the depression affected him. The hard times he lived through, with no such thing as air conditioning or central heat and no flooring could have played a role. The lack of processed foods that insects won't even eat could have made him tougher than my generation. Or maybe a combination of all the above.

Either way, we now live in a world that can't even handle a hurt feeling.

Either way, whatever it was, my dad took pain on a weekly basis that would have caused my mental demise and, when I got old, it didn't get better.

My fear is, if this is a generational thing and Americans are getting softer in general, then during flu season, the world will panic and schools will close and people will look like idiots wearing masks everywhere and standing in line for poisonous vaccines...Oh, wait!

Anyway, perhaps 100 years from now, a hang nail will be cause for a 911 call. Good luck to the paramedics of 2124. Here's hoping something doesn't happen that causes us all to toughen up again. I hope the next generation never has to see the kind of times my dad grew up in. Then again, unless Trump is elected, I'd say it is a sure thing. Pain is coming. Someone may even get their feelings hurt.

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Monday, April 8th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston.

Tuesday, April 9th: Maple Grove, Climax.

Rockcastle Retired Teachers Meeting

Rockcastle Retired Teachers' Association will meet at Limestone Grille April 17th at 11:30 a.m.

BHS Alumni Banquet

Brodhead High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024. Honored classes this year will be: 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969. You should have received a letter. All graduates are invited to attend. The meal is \$20 per person. Questions? Call Judy King at 606-510-3759 or Susan Daugherty 859-200-9230.

Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

Vietnam Era Veterans, that graduated from Livingston High School, are asked to meet the last Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., for breakfast and conversation, at Limestone Grille.

Weekly Grief Support Group

There is a Weekly Grief Support Group which meets each Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hospice Care Plus & Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond. Please pre-register at hospicecareplus.org or by calling 859-986-1500. Open to anyone whose loved one was cared for by Hospice Care Plus. If travel is an obstacle, contact Abby at the number above to request alternative grief support options.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

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 military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. 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 Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

The Rockcastle County Historical Society & Museum meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at RTEC garage/training room.

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.

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

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.

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

Tuesday - MARA - Medicated Assisted Recovery Anonymous - Mt. Vernon: 2 p.m., 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon. Contact: 606-308-8900 for info

Wednesday-Air-All In Recovery-Mt. Vernon: 12 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY. Contact: 606-308-8900 for more info.

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 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous-Brodhead: 7 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: 606-308-8900. Please park in the Coffey & Ford parking lot

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

Pamela Kaye Newcomb

Pamela Kaye Newcomb, 56, of East Bernstadt, died March 27, 2024, at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Pam was born September 28, 1967, in Berea, to Hubert and Gracie (Skinner) Anglin.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Robert Earl Newcomb; her children, Rachel Clos (Scott), Melinda Grayson (Justin), and Tiffany Land (Tony), all of Berea; step-children, Robert Newcomb Jr (Debbie) of Berea, and Christy Newcomb of Red Hill; eight grandchildren, Cameron, Connor, and Katelyn Hollaway, Bentley Grayson, Elaina Yeatter, and Dakota, Madison, and Mackenzie Land; one brother, Wayne Anglin of Mississippi.

Pam was preceded in death by: her parents, Hubert and Gracie (Skinner) Anglin; two grandchildren, Aiden and Alexander Grayson; and one sister, Loretta Anglin.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 30, 2024 at Calloway Holiness Church with Bros. Jason Medley and Phillip Doan officiating. Burial was at Pilot Knob Cemetery in Berea.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pilot Knob Cemetery.

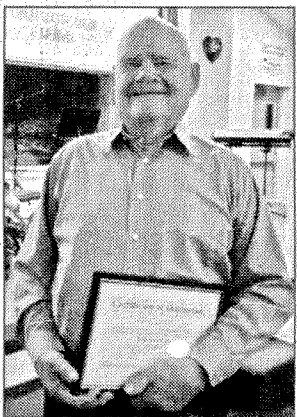


Ray Powell

Ray Powell, 86, of Lexington, went home to be with the Lord, on Wednesday March 27, 2024. Ray was born in Rockcastle County on August 3, 1937, to the late Mary and Alex Powell. He worked and retired from the University of Kentucky and was a member of Zion Baptist Church where he served as Deacon. He was loved by his wife, Sarah Powell of 68 years. He loved his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was devoted to serving the Lord.

He is survived by: his wife, Sarah Powell; daughters, Brenda (Sonny) Crawford and Patty Bruner; and son, Mike (Lisa) Powell. Ray is also survived by four grandchildren, Michael Powell, Alise Powell, Ellen Earlywine, and Alex Powell, and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Kerr Brothers-Main Street. Burial followed in Powell Cemetery in Rockcastle County.



David Clinton Taylor

David Clinton Taylor, 55, of Bee Lick, died March 25, 2024, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. He was born July 20, 1968, in Lancaster, to the late Johnny Taylor and Beverly (Brown) Taylor. He was an active member of Fairview Church of Christ. David enjoyed Kentucky basketball, reading the Bible, and listening to country music.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his mother, Beverly (Brown) Taylor; sister, Diane Helton (Vick) of Brodhead; nephew, Eric Helton (Nicole) of Richmond; great nephews, Noah and Matthias Helton; one uncle, Kenneth Taylor (Janet) of Crab Orchard; two aunts, Peggy Jordan of Texas, and Clara Cox of Brodhead; as well as a host of cousins, family, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Johnny Taylor. Funeral services were held Friday, March 29, 2024, at Fairview Church of Christ in Willailla with Bro. Johnathan Barnett officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.



Barbara McFerron

Barbara Gail Smith McFerron, 71, of Mt. Vernon, went home to our Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Brodhead on April 19, 1952, the daughter of Earl and Pauline Bradley Smith. She was a retired cook for Berea Hospital and was an active member of Sand Springs Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking and gardening, and was a mother to all.

She is survived by: her loving husband of 36 years, Daryl McFerron; her children, Billy Adams and wife Kim of Copper Creek, Becky Renner and husband Paul of Sand Springs, Shandra Singleton of Eubank, and Krystal Thompson and husband Tony of Stanford; her brothers, Roger Smith of Mt. Vernon, Donnie Smith of Louisville, and Eugene Smith of Ohio; and her sister, Linda Fischer of Ohio. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and church family. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: three brothers, Jeffery, Harold, and Larry Smith; and two sisters, Carolyn Damrell and Lisa Reams.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, April 3, 2024 in Ottawa Cemetery by Bros. Eugene Gentry and Denzil Jones.

Pallbearers were: Billy Adams, Jordan Renner, Paul Renner, Dolton Singleton, Jacob Singleton, and Tony Thompson.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Joe Coffey

Joe Coffey, 63, of Livingston, died Sunday, March 31, 2024 at his home. He was born in Mt. Vernon on April 7, 1960, the son of Charlie and Norma Fish Coffey.

He was a retired forklift operator for Mt. Vernon Plastics and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 30 years, Fay McKinney Coffey; his daughters, Tammy Satterfield of Livingston, and April Love and husband Gary of Lily; three brothers, Scottie Coffey and wife Wanda of Mt. Vernon, Kenny Coffey of Calloway, and Lynn Coffey; a sister, Debbie Robinson and husband Howard of Mt. Vernon; and six grandchildren, Ali, Jocelyn, Gage, Harley, Cooper, and Raven. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Family chose cremation with no services. Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Dora Mae Gant Gentry

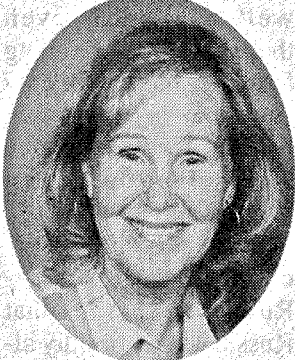
Dora Mae Gant Gentry, 74, of Eubank, died Friday, March 29, at Somerset. She was born in Elkton, to John and Carrie Gant. She was united in marriage to David Gentry on March 18, 1994. She had previously worked at Cumberland Nursing and Rehabilitation center. She was loved by friends and family dearly. She enjoyed spending time with her family, loved being outside, gardening and always talking with people at the Farmers Market.

Survivors include: her husband, David Gentry of Eubank; four sons, Douglas (Teri) Latham, Jr. of Cadiz, Ronald (Lisa) Latham of Clarksville, TN, Tim (Joel) Garofalo of Clarksville, TN, and Steven (Jessica) Latham of Fort Meade, FL; two stepdaughters, Stacie (Tim) Smith of Crab Orchard, and Shelley (Dick) Gribbins of Bradfordsville; four brothers, Jack Gant of Alleghre, Lucian Gant of Hopkinsville, and Johnny, and Norris Gant, both of Elkton; a sister, Mary (Helen) Duke of Elkton; 11 grandchildren, Kristina Walsh, and Tiffani Champion, Lucas and Sarah Smith, and Stephanie, Trent, Logan, Jamison, Katie, Colton and Douglas Latham III; nine great grandchildren, Zackary Eadens, Rudy Brashears, Christopher Walsh, Deckard Childress, Axell Bryant, Bentley, Mia, and Isaac Latham and Evelyn Champion; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by six sisters Claire Owens, Lucille, Nancy and Thelma Latham, Margie England, and Grace Weakley.

A celebration of life was held Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home with Bro. Darrell Gentry officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were: Arlis Taylor, Gordon Gentry, Jesse Gentry, Lucas Smith, Trent Latham, Douglas Latham III.



"Many Years Ago"



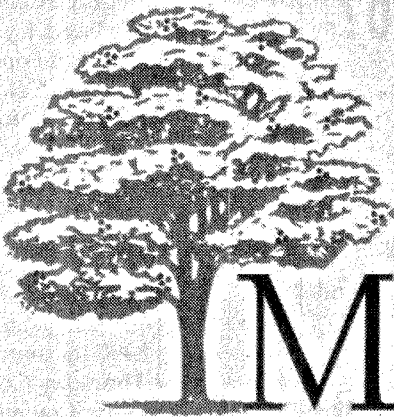
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Budget

(Continued from front) Board and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., and others, brought the idea for the mega-site located on US-150 and Spiro Road, to Frankfort officials.

Bray, who served as Mount Vernon City Administrator for several years, was elected as Kentucky State Representative in 2021 and has concentrated his efforts on providing funding for projects and growth in his district, said several local officials. Bray and Meade have now lobbied for and successfully included \$62 million in line item 177 of House Bill 1 "to the economic development budget unit to be distributed to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority for the purchase of real property."

If passed, the State of Kentucky would provide the funds to purchase over 1,400 acres near Spiro Road in Rockcastle County, to become part of the new RGL Industrial Park. The 160 acre regional industrial park is set aside for regional industrial development purposes and the additional

1,400 acres would be under the same RGL Board's authority as well. The line item continues on to say "the land shall be used only for purposes approved by the Cabinet for Economic Development and the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority."

Also included in the same budget, is line item 76 which includes \$4,667,000 over two years "to the Department of Local Government Budget unit to be distributed to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court to support a recreational complex." Bray sponsored the bill and carried it on the floor saying, "this is an historic investment in the Commonwealth." Bray said the Spiro Road site has been noted as one of the top five sites in the country and its industrial development will be transformational for Rockcastle County and the region. "This is a big deal and we have to stay smart and make good decisions throughout the projects," he said.

Holbrook said he is proud to see the opportunity in the area. "David Meade and Josh Bray have been amazing assets

for Rockcastle County and the region," he said. "We don't know who will take advantage of the mega-site yet but we know it is one of the best sites in the country and big things will happen from here," he said.

As for the recreational project, Holbrook and VanHook said if the bill is passed into law, officials will begin immediately with discussions concerning location of the complex and what type of recreational complex to build. "We have to think of the future," said Holbrook. "We have to consider upkeep and maintenance and more. That \$4.6 million won't be there when it comes time to pay the monthly bills. You can't use the money to build something that you can't afford to keep up. There are a lot of conversations coming soon."

Though Rockcastle County will receive the \$62 million for land purchase and \$4.66 million for a recreational complex if the bill is made into law, there was much more in the budget for Rockcastle County as well.

A long awaited goal of the local school board has

been to have the state fund school transportation. Finance Director Jenny Sweet has mentioned the desire at several school board meetings. This bill includes funding transportation after two years, Bray said.

The bill also answers a big complaint of all schools in Kentucky after the unfunded mandate to have an SRO (School Resource Officer) at each school campus. "The bill would provide \$20,000 for each SRO," Bray said.

The bill also includes SEEK funding increases from \$4,100 to \$4,326 per student in 2025 and \$4,586 per student in 2026.

To the relief of many who were hoping for a new Rockcastle County Middle School, the bill also provides an additional \$13 million for the construction of the new RCMS.

The board had fought to start a new RCMS project last year by acquiring grants and gathering funding for the project. However, bids were about \$4 million higher than expected and the project

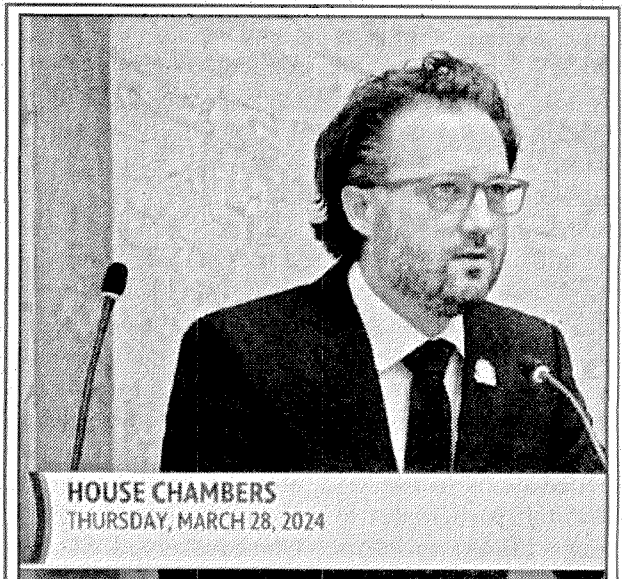
was tabled late last year. However, the additional \$13 million is expected to allow the board to begin the project. "This is even more than they need to build the new middle school," said Bray. "This was a real need for the Rockcastle County School District."

The bill also provides \$150,000 for the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame for new displays.

"This is a good budget that does a lot of good

for the commonwealth," Bray said.

"This project and partnership will make a huge difference for Rockcastle, Lincoln and Garrard Counties, as well as our entire region. The investment lays a foundation for future economic development and job growth down the line," said Speaker Pro Tempore Meade. "I appreciate the hard work of Vice Chair Bray and our colleagues."



Shown above is Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray presenting the bill to the House that will provide \$62 million for additional land in Rockcastle County and \$4.66 million to the Fiscal Court for a recreational complex. The bill also provides \$13 million to the Rockcastle County School Board.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month

By: Mike French
Editor

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and local officials are doing their part to participate in the observance.

Last week, Mount Vernon City Mayor Tim Roberts and Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook signed two proclamations designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Rockcastle County and in the City of Mount Vernon.

The proclamations were signed during an event hosted by Lynn Tatum, in collaboration

with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), at the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce office.

Child Abuse Prevention Month was established during President Ronald Reagan's tenure in office in 1983 and was established in an effort to serve as a guardian for children who have experienced abuse or neglect, according to the CASA website.

A full house was present during the proclamation signing event. "Kids are the future. It is both a privilege and an honor to support and pro-

mote child abuse awareness. We were proud to proclaim April as Child Abuse Awareness Month in the City of Mount Vernon," said Mt. Vernon Mayor Roberts.

Holbrook agreed. "Anything we can do to focus attention on the abuse or neglect that some children may experience in life, is well worth the effort. The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court proudly supports any group or organization whose goal is the prevention of the abuse of our children and I can't say enough good things about them."



On Tuesday, March 26th, a group assembled at the Chamber office to kick off Child Abuse Month. The ceremony was planned to take place in the History Garden but, due to rain, it was moved inside the chamber office. County Judge Howell Holbrook, Jr. and Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts read a proclamation to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Amber Scott with CASA of Southern KY, Inc. will return soon to install 60 pinwheels that represent 60 foster kids in Rockcastle. Shown above are Mayor Roberts, Judge Holbrook, City Administrator Jim Bowman and several others who took part in the proclamation ceremony.

Repaving project about to begin in City of Livingston

By: Mike French
Editor

Some of the city streets in Livingston are about to be repaved, according to City Clerk Samantha Smoker.

A FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) project that had been approved several years ago, was not completed when the past administration left office, she said. But efforts to restart the project stalled due to the lack of a local FEMA Project Coordina-

tor.

A special meeting was called last week for officials to appoint Smoker as the new coordinator so that FEMA could fund the project. "FEMA requires a project coordinator to communicate with during the project," said Smoker.

Several streets are included in the project and Hellards Construction of Mount Vernon was the winning bidder on the project. Work is expected to begin soon.

Evict

(Continued from front)

by the fiscal court and administered by RCIDA.

According to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., the county holds a lien on the equipment in the building until the CBDG is repaid.

Officials say a portion of the CDBG has been repaid and there is still about four years left in the contract for Crase to repay the full amounts.

According to the notice, an eviction hearing is set for April 10th at 11 a.m. in the District Court Room of the courthouse annex, to determine if the owner will be evicted.

The notice was served by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office on March 8.

Eclipse

(Continued from front)

they do not want their child to participate in the viewing of the eclipse.

District officials say other activities will be planned for those students whose parents or guardians do not want their child to participate.

The last solar eclipse visible in Kentucky was in 2017 and students also observed that event. However, before 2017, the last solar eclipse in Kentucky was in 1869. The next visible solar eclipse is expected in 2044 but will not be a total eclipse in Kentucky.

However, the next eclipse that will follow

the same path as this eclipse will be in the year 2424, 400 years from this month.

Court

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ing funds. "The \$60,000 grant just wasn't enough because we couldn't afford to pay for the rest of the project," he said.

However, recently, a new bid from different companies dropped to about \$260,000. "I have talked with the governor's office and they are pretty sure they can come up with the rest of the money for the project. If they don't we are not obligated to the project," he said.

Unless Holbrook signs the grant, the county will lose the \$60,000 grant. "I recommend we go ahead and sign the grant and try to get the rest of the project funded," he said. The request passed unanimously.

The court also realized that it had missed the last two quarters of program support to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) of \$25,000 per quarter. "Somehow it slipped through the cracks," said Holbrook. The court had agreed to pay \$100,000 per year to the RCIDA. The City of Mount Vernon provides \$12,000 per year to RCIDA for program support and they, too, were well behind but have now caught up, according to officials.

The court voted unanimously to pay the

\$50,000 for the two missed quarters.

The court also agreed to pay claims totaling \$276,708, which were received since the last regular meeting. The total includes the \$197,314 for the Goochland Cave Road project.

County Treasurer Vickie Miller requested a transfer of \$50,000 from the Occupational Tax fund to the General Fund. The request was approved unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

First FFA Garden Festival planned

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County High School will host the first ever Rockcastle FFA Garden Festival on the first Saturday in May.

The event will have several vendors, including RCHS FCCLA baked goods, RCHS Pre-Engineering with laser engraved items, RCHS Ag Mechanics CNC items, Scott Adams Woodworking and

the RCHS Greenhouse will be open for the event.

Everyone is invited to the First Annual Rockcastle FFA Garden Festival on May 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school.

Officials are still accepting vendors. Anyone interested in having a booth at the festival should contact Matt Whittaker at the high school as soon as possible to be included.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Bailey (left) the 12-week old female Lab/Boxer mix that is a little shy until she gets to know you and then she becomes very friendly, and Homer, the 12-week old Great Pyrenees mix that is very friendly and playful. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

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Karen Adams receives DAR Service to Veterans Award

The Outstanding DAR Service to Veterans Award is presented annually to a DAR member in recognition of outstanding care given to veterans. The NSDAR volunteer has to have given more than her time. She has to have made meaningful contributions to veterans through creative and resourceful outreach.

This year's award recipient is Karen Hamm Adams, Regent of the Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR. She has worked for eleven years on projects for her chapter for the benefit of veterans, both living and deceased. She participates annually as the chapter coordinator for the Valentines for Veterans project for the VA Hospital in Lexington; sends birthday cards to surviving WWII veterans; donates needed items to the VA Hospital; participates in Honor Flight; sponsors and lays wreaths

for Wreaths Across America at Camp Nelson National Cemetery and places hundreds of flags on veterans graves during Memorial Day. During the celebration in November that commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war, she served as the master of ceremony during the DAR sponsored luncheon and presented certificates, pins and bibles to the veterans or their family members. She personally mailed 454 certificates of appreciation to the veterans or family members that could not attend the event.

Mrs. Adams also works to help keep the memory of those veterans who have passed alive through various projects. Through hundreds of hours of research, she has been instrumental in preserving Rockcastle County's history of those who have served. She has compiled historic infor-

mation on the county servicemen for the American Revolution, World War I, World War II and Vietnam. Through her research, missing names of servicemen were located and added to the local war memorial. She has also added 1690 names of World War II servicemen to the national database in Washington D.C. Mrs. Adams obtained three military headstones for American Revolutionary war patriots and was the researcher for the DAR patriot monument located at the courthouse.

Kentucky State Regent, Mrs. Linda Conrad and State Service to Veterans Committee Chair, Kathy Bobo presented Mrs. Adams with her award at the KSDAR 127th State Conference on March 23, 2024 in Lexington, KY. Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR is proud to have sponsored Mrs. Adams for this award.



Karen Adams receives DAR Service to Veterans Award. Pictured from left are: Karen Adams, KSDAR State Regent Linda Conrad and DAR Service to Veterans Chair, Kathy Bobo.

Social Security News

The Social Security Administration announced it will decrease the default overpayment withholding rate for Social Security beneficiaries to ten percent (or \$10, whichever is greater) from 100 percent, significantly reducing financial hardship on people with overpayments.

"Social Security is taking a critically important step towards our goal of ensuring our overpayment policies are fair, equitable, and do not unduly harm anyone," said Martin O'Malley, Commissioner of Social Security. "It's unconscionable that someone would find themselves facing homelessness or unable to pay bills, because Social Security withheld their entire payment for recovery of an overpayment."

The agency works to pay the right people the right amounts at the right time, and Social Security issues correct payments in most cases. However, there is room to improve, as people count on the agency to prevent overpayments from happening and make it easier to navigate the recovery and waiver processes when they occur.

When a person has been overpaid, the law requires the agency to seek repayment, which can create financial difficul-

ties for beneficiaries. As of March 25, 2024, the agency will collect ten percent (or \$10, whichever is greater) of the total monthly Social Security benefit to recover an overpayment, rather than collecting 100 percent as was previous procedure. There will be limited exceptions to this change, such as when an overpayment resulted from fraud.

There will be a short transition period where people will continue to experience the older policy. People placed in 100 percent withholding during this transition period should call Social Security's National 800 Number at 1-800-772-1213 to lower their withholding rate.

The change applies to new overpayments. If beneficiaries already have an overpayment with a withholding rate greater than ten percent and would like a lower recovery rate, they too should call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or their local Social Security office to speak with a representative. If a beneficiary requests a rate lower than ten percent, a representative will approve the request if it allows recovery of the overpayment within 60 months – a recent increase to improve how the agency serves its customers from the previ-

ous policy of only 36 months. If the beneficiary's proposed rate would extend recovery of the overpayment beyond 60 months, the Social Security representative will gather income, resource, and expense information from the beneficiary to make a determination.

The agency also is working to reduce wage-related improper payments by establishing information exchanges with payroll data providers that will significantly reduce the number of improper payments, once implemented (See Press Release | Press Office | SSA for more information). The agency will continue examining programmatic policy and making regulatory and sub-regulatory changes to improve the overpayment process.

Additionally, people have the right to appeal the overpayment decision or the amount. They can ask Social Security to waive collection of the overpayment, if they believe it was not their fault and can't afford to pay it back. The agency does not pursue recoveries while an initial appeal or waiver is pending. Even if people do not want to appeal or request a waiver, they should contact the agency

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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Kenny Allen, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9
Wednesday
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.
Time Warner Cable
Tues., Thurs., Sun.
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Ottawa Baptist Church
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Pastor: Bro. John McPherson
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
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Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.

Father Alfredo Basulto, Pastor
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
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Philadelphia United Baptist
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Thursday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.
Children's Church 7 pm Thurs.

Pastor Ashley Noe
Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
859-986-1579
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting monthly every
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
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Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
James Hayes, Interim Pastor
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Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor Tommy Miller

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Denzel Jones

Scaffold Cane Baptist
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. James Hardin

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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Clyde Hodge

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Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Walter Bowling
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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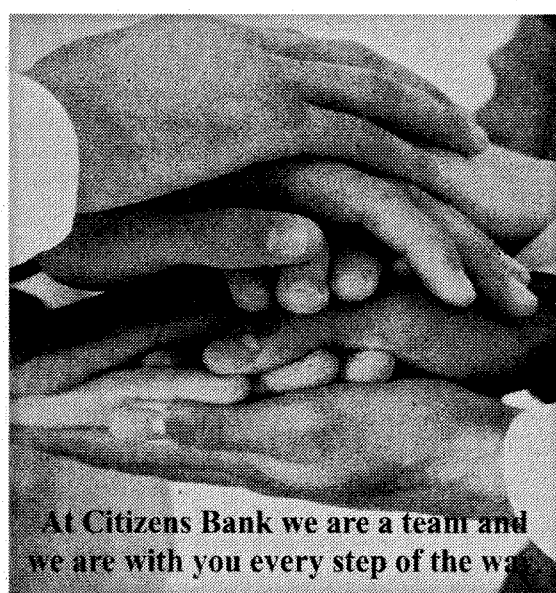
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SPORTS



The RCHS Archery Team competed in the Kentucky NASP State Championship last Friday in Louisville and qualified for nationals with a team score of 3,165. Members of the team are shown above, front row from left: Jasmine Schooley, Riley Miller, Adrianna Graves, Hadley Bray, Alivia Kirby, Caitlyn Kirby, JaNaye Burton and head coach Neil Bray. Back row from left: coach Shane Willis, Jordan Albright, Wyatt Rigsby, Lucas Saylor, Wyatt Martin, Jaden Cameron, Marcos Bengé, Sean Taylor and Gavin Betsworth.

Hot Rod sign-ups set for April 6th

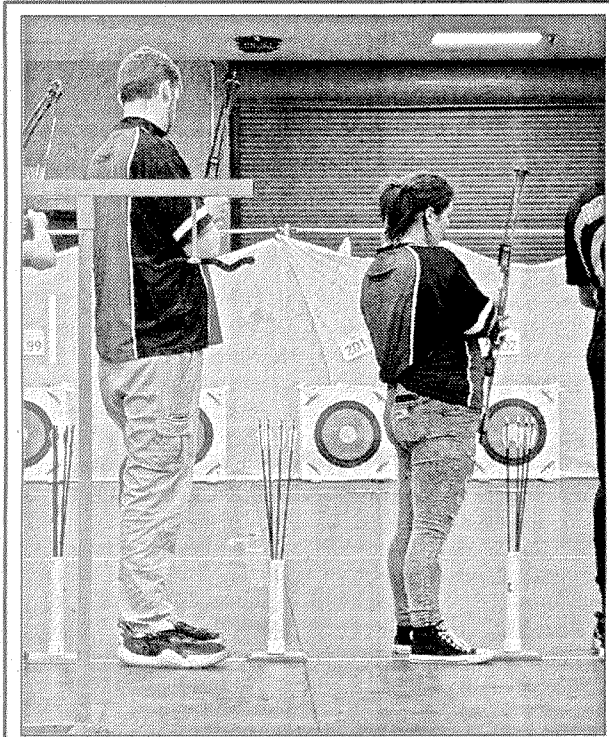
It is once again time for Hot Rods T-Ball action. The 38th season of Rockcastle County's Hot Rods T-Ball will begin with registration at the Memorial VFW Post 5908 on the back side of Lake Linville, on April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again on April 13 at the same times.

The cost for the 2024 season will be \$40 which includes a hat and t-shirt. Parent's shirts are also available for order.

Organizers say Hot Rods T-Ball teaches the fundamentals and lessons that will help each child throughout their life. "We help them to build their skills in batting, throwing, catching and most importantly, team work," said one spokesman.

Field preparations will be held on April 20 and any parent or guardian who would like to help get the field ready for the season is encouraged to attend.

Games are held on Saturdays at the ballpark beginning April 27. Anyone with questions concerning Hot Rods T-Ball should contact one of the coaching staff. They are; Head Coach Doug Proctor, 606-308-5319, Assistant Coach Jason Proctor, 606-308-5717, Assistant Coach Travis Powell, Assistant Coach Perry Mason, Jr., 606-308-5450 and Assistant Coach Chris Bengé, 606-308-1892.



Jaden Cameron and Adrianna Graves prepare to shoot during the state archery tournament last Friday. Graves led her team with a 281, Cameron shot a 247 for his team.



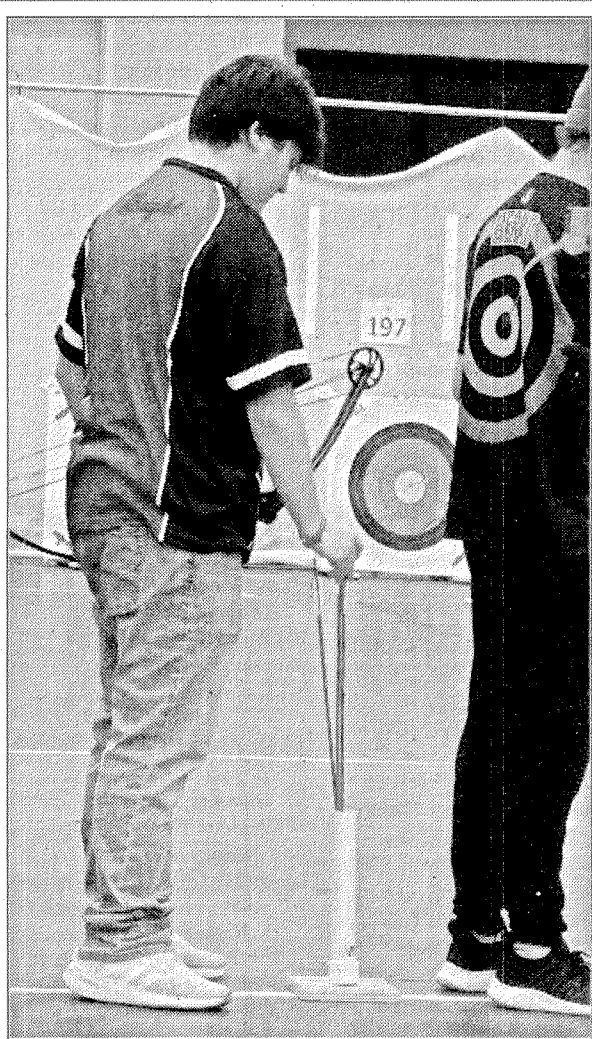
Wyatt Martin and Rylee Miller prepare to shoot during the state archery tournament last Friday. Martin shot a 242 and Miller shot a 264 for the Rockets.



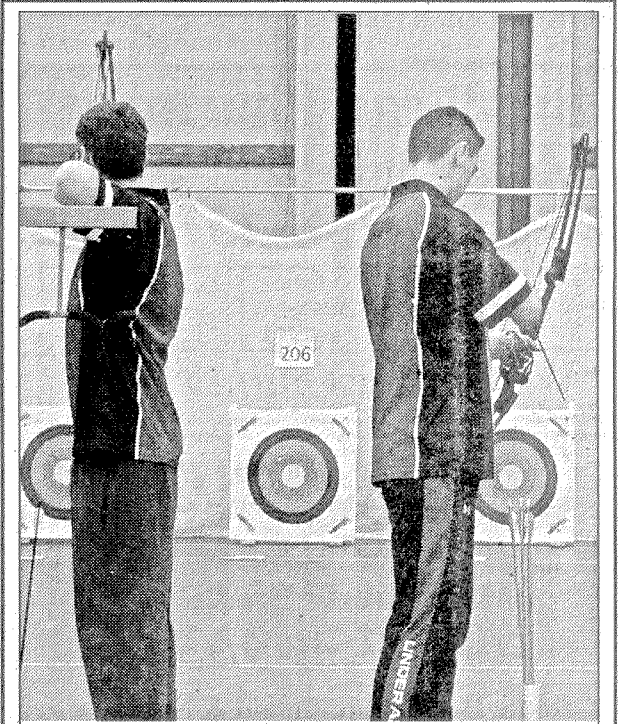
Marcos Bengé and Gavin Betsworth shoot during the state archery tournament last Friday. Bengé shot a 244 and Betsworth added a 271 for his team.



Alivia Kirby and Caitlyn Kirby shoot during the state archery tournament last Friday. Caitlyn shot a 277 and Alivia shot a 252.



Jordan Albright gets an arrow from his quiver during the state archery tournament last Friday. Albright shot a 259 for his team.



Wyatt Rigsby and Lucas Saylor shoot during the state archery tournament last Friday. Rigsby shot a 254 and Saylor shot a 239.



Hadley Bray and JaNaye Burton shoot during the state archery tournament last Friday. Bray shot a 240 and Burton added 267 for her team.



Jasmine Schooley, left, Sean Taylor, second from left and Luke Willis, far right, shoot for the Rockets during the state archery tournament. Schooley shot 266, Taylor shot 262 and Willis shot 266 for their team.

Signal office closed Wednesdays

RCMS Honor Roll

Enterprisers- Kaylea Abrams, Kyleigh Abrams, Sadie Adams, Gus Akin, Torrie Anglin, Aniya Barnett, Noah Barricks-Ketchum, Buddy Barron, Chloe Barron, Bradley Bauer, Xian Berger, Lillian Bowman, Lucinda Brown, Casen Burdett, David Burgess, Aaliyah Caldwell, Jayden Caldwell, Kynlee Calico, Parker Cash, Makenzie Clark, Nikolas Couch, Ava Craig, Carlee Davidson, Reed Day, Noah Denny, Brycen Dollins, Eliza Evans, Isabella Flannery, Emily Frazier, London Freson, Eli Graves, Kassidy Graves, Jaylen Hager, Keileigh Hall, Taylin Hembree, Alia Hensley, Brylee Hiatt, Bryce Hunt, Astrid Isaacs, Daniel Jackson, Kaydence Johnson, Hazelyn Jones, Hailey Kirby, Kaleb Lamb, Madden Leger, Bryson Maggard, Bella McClure, Wesley Maupin, Londyn McHone, Bryson Miller, Ember Miracle, Lexi Morgan, Ayden Nolan, Emerson Northern, Lauren Overbay, Gracie Parker, Hunter Patterson, Chase Prewitt, Katie Renner, Kylee Robinson, Logan Rogers, Eddie Santiago, Mia Scaff, William Schulz, Vivie Short, Brylee Silcox, Raidyn Singleton, Dessie Thomason, Wesley Thompson, Charlie Vance, Nathaniel Vandusen, Brooklyn Wren.

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Ward, Molly Willis, Aubree Winkler, Spencer Woods.

Adventurers Ñ Bailey Baker, Emberly Bishop, Darius Bubulici, Eyan Bussell, Madyson Cain, Sawyer Cash, Hagyn Coleman, Wyatt Craig, Audrey Cromer, Jaxon Cromer, Ava Deatherage, Arianna French, Josie Hall, Grace Lambert, Laurel Lyons, Jacob McClure, Khloe McFerron, Mason McKee, Cory Messinger, Lucas Millett, Carson Neeley, Aubrey Neikirk, Serenity Owens, Stryder Owens, Lacey Prewitt, Abby Ramey, Zayden Riddle, Josiah Rodriguez, Patience Rohrer, Zaydon Scalf, Caleb Smith, Chrislynn Sprinkles, Ethan Stallsworth, Sydney Tracy, Kevin Valle.

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Lexi Burkhardt, Adeline Bussell, Jamie Carpenter, Peyton Cartern, Clay Cash, Samuel Cornelius, Kortney Coy, Sarah Davis, Noah Dulaney, Conner Ford, Allie Frazier, Katelyn Hagen, Sydney Hall, Brooklyn Hebson, Lauren Hensley, Lillian Howard, G Isaacs, Charles Johnson, Hailee

Jordan, Leah Kirby, Camden Larkey, Zakkary Lawrence, Grace Lofton-Ringrose, Kiyler Mahffey, Drake Martin, Matthew Moore, Travenna Neal, Kaiya Njie, Jessalyn Pennington, Jalie Peterson, Ethan Phillips, Alexis Ramsey, Gabe Ray, Jasper Rogers, Kambri Saylor, Clara

Shaffer, Brailyn Skinner, Sophia Smalling, Brayden Thacker, Brook Thompson, Abigail Todd, Marley Wallin, Ella Williams, Taylor Williams.

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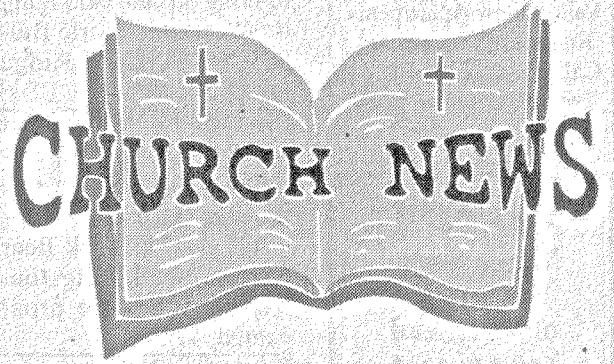
Comets- Aaliyah Abney, Katie Adams, Derrick Arthur, Bevin Baker, Nelson Baker, Samantha Bengel, Chloe Burke, Abby Bussell, Jacob Camel, Lilly Cameron, Caylee Cash, Jacob Catron, James Coldiron, Trey Cundiff, Jaden Davidson, Jacob Dobbs, Drew Dyehouse, Ethan Fields, Madison Grant, Evan Hayes, Lacey Hayes, Marrick Hester, Azzy Howard, Avery Ingram, Taylor Jones, Aidann Lear, Amber McClure, Jaycee McIntosh, Leighton McKinney, Abbey Miller, Landon Napier, Landon Navarre, Landon Paquette, Madelynn Parsons, Sophia Pendrey, Zoe Phelps, Cal Rader, Courtlyn Rice, Beatrice Robinson, Emilee Robinson, Chase Sandusky, Kinley

Chamber Business Training Class

The Rockcastle Chamber has partnered with SKED to offer free instruction classes to all Rockcastle residents. Join us at the Chamber office located at 100 Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon from 4 to 5 p.m.

Amanda Kelley, Small Business Training Instructor for SKED, will return to offer Class 2 – How to Start a New Business.

Please contact Amanda Kelley @ 606-416-2008 or Lynn Tatum @ 606-308-4646 to register or online at https://skedcorp.com/events/rockcastle_April_2024/.



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

Special Speaker
Bro. K.W. Cathers from London will be speaking at the Buffalo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, April

7th. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m. Church is located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd). Pastor Bro. Bill Mink and church invites everyone to come out and worship with us. Everyone is welcome.

What Crucified Christ?

Ignorance. (Acts 3:17) And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. This crucifies Him afresh. God no longer winks at ignorance. (Acts 17:30) And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.

We must know the truth. (John 8:32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (2Thes.2:10,12) We must love and obey the truth.

Hatred. (John.7:7) The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. They hated Christ because their works were evil. (Rom.1:18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.

Betrayal. (Matt.26:24,50) Judas betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver. There are Judases today that betray Christ for various things.

Religious envy. (Matt.27:18) For envy they had delivered Him. Religious envy hindered the spread of Christianity in the days of the Apostles. (Acts 13:45) But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. This continues to crucify Christ afresh. Many have loyalty and creed rather than to Christ.

False testimony. (Matt.26:59,60) Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put Him to death. But found none: yea, though many false witness came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses. The Lord had His false witnesses, while walking upon this earth, and there are false witnesses today who are crucifying Him again. Such will not endure sound doctrine. (Matt.15:9) But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. Such worship is in vain.

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch and articles to read. On our YouTube channel Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. The worship time is 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning morning and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. We offer free Bible correspondence course. If you would like to contact someone from the church you can either call or text this number (606-224-1480)

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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ was a transformation that changed our lives, our faith and our behavior. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ brings us hope and has the power to free believers from the fear of death.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:1-19 the importance of the resurrection:

Paul is explicit in stressing that if the resurrection did not occur, then the entire faith is in vain. It signals the importance of the resurrection as the cornerstone of Christian belief. The fact that Jesus conquered death gives believers hope for eternal life.

We should never doubt the resurrection because there were Witnesses and evidence of it as Paul talks about various individuals to whom the risen Jesus appeared. This underlines the historical basis of Christian faith. It tells believers that their faith isn't baseless or grounded in myth, but in events witnessed and attested to by trustworthy individuals. Paul also speaks of his own grace and transformation. Paul's own story of transformation from a persecutor of the church to an apostle is a reminder of the power of God's grace. It shows believers that change is possible, no matter what their past has been. Paul's life itself serves as a testimony to the transformative power of the Gospel.

The message preached by Paul and the other apostles is with truth and is always consistent. This consistency in the message of the Gospel provides a sense of confidence and trust in the authenticity of the Christian faith.

There is truth in the Gospel and it reminds believers that the Gospel—the story of Christ's life, death, and resurrection—is the essential truth of Christian faith. It is upon this message that believers rest their faith. It reminds believers of the primary message they have received and believed in.

Don't Take for Granted the Power and Blessings of Jesus' Resurrection

- The resurrection of Jesus Christ has brought so many blessings to the Church today.
- The resurrection is the power of the Church.
- The resurrection is the strength of our faith.

Believers have:

- A Savior that has conquered sin, satan, death and the grave,
- A Savior who lives forever beyond the grave
- A Savior who has power in heaven and earth
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I ask you today, are you ready today to meet the Lord, upon that glorious resurrection, when the Lord comes back, to take us home, to live with him forever and ever?

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Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 39x24

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Notices

Notice of Sale: The contents of storage units 5 and 39 will be auctioned off Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 10 a.m. at Maple Street Storage, 51 Maple Street, Brodhead, Ky. Contents must be moved within 24 hours. 6x2

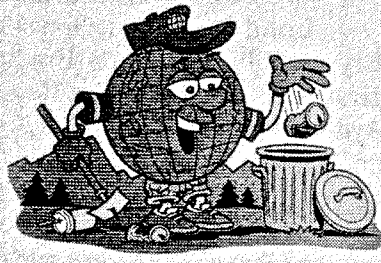
Notice is hereby given that Shannon Hasty, 357 North Upper River Road, Livingston, Ky. 40445 and Connie Kincer, 7637 Sand Springs Road, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Jearl E. Hasty, deceased, on the 15th day of March 2024. Any person having claims against said estateshall present them, according to law, to the said Shannon Hasty and Connie Kincer or Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, P/O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before September 16, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Kathie Sue Rhodes,

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Notice is hereby given that Michael Carpenter, 180 Elm Street, Crab Orchard, KY 40419 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Shirley Carpenter, deceased, on the 25th day of March 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Michael Carpenter or Hon. William A. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 25th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

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Suicide Warning Signs for Youth

It's time to take action if you notice these signs in family or friends:

1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
3. Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
4. Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:
 - Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations.
 - Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
 - Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context.
 - Recent increased agitation or irritability.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org, or reach out to a mental health professional.

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Suicide Warning Signs for Adults

Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased, and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

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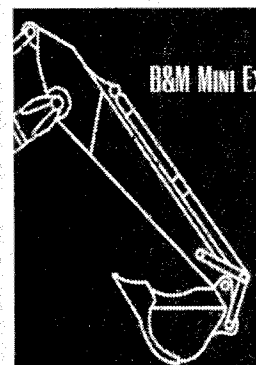
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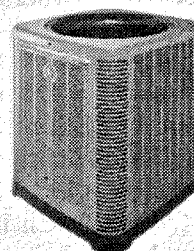
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Guest Column

By: Jerry Hopkins

“Church Importance”

Church is an important part of life for many of us. In the experience of “church” we are linked to a long and solemn tradition of witness, work and worship. My thoughts on this subject came from a couple of disconnected experiences—one was reading Chris Watlington’s article in Center’s Light and Champion newspaper around the year of 2012 on the salvation of his son on Good Friday and his baptism on Easter Sunday. That wonderful story raised many fond memories of my own personal salvation and baptism many years ago, April 24, 1959, in First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. While that seems like “ancient history” now, it wasn’t that long ago in the course of Christian history. The second important experience that triggered my thinking about “church” was historical. I was preparing to teach “Church History” during May Term in 2012 at East Texas Baptist University. I had been thinking about the discussion we always had about defining “church” and how it came into being. An important part of that discussion has to do with institution and organization across history and in the present.

This obviously has to do with the question of “what is church?” Is the church an institution? Is

it an organization? Is it both? How does this relate to the collection of documents that we call “the New Testament?” When the church came into being during Jesus’ ministry those many years ago there was no such thing as a “New Testament.” Jesus and His disciples obviously had a “Bible,” the documents we know today as “the Old Testament.” Jesus knew and used the books that would ultimately be collected and arranged in the Old Testament. He quoted the Psalms, the Prophets and many of the other Old Testament books. He read and quoted from the writings of Moses. There are volumes about Jesus’ life and witness, His quoting and referring to many of these ancient documents contained in the Old Testament. Jesus founded His church and He is still building it. The church is more than just a human organization or institution. It is an institution of sorts, but it is far more than just a formal, duly-constituted, registered institution.

Church must also be considered as an organization. The very term “organization” obviously leans toward structure, authority, association, relationship. To some extent the church as an organization demands some kind of formal and ordered association. Institutions and organiza-

tions are human creations. The church is far more than what human beings can create and sustain institutionally or organizationally. Jesus said to Peter, “You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Jesus recognized Simon Peter, his personal confession of faith in the Christ and the revelation that the Father had given to him. It was this personal confession and faith that Jesus was referring to as being the foundation of His church, not the individual human being Simon Peter. The church is made up of living stones, individuals confessing the reality of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The church is not just one person. The church is not just a human institution or organization. The church is a living body, an organic entity, manifesting the presence and power of the Living God through the living individuals who make up its being. This is how Paul expressed this fact to believers at Rome, “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. We have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we being many are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another” (Romans 12:1,4-5). Many years ago I wrote in the margin of this passage in Romans these words, “Many living sacrifices make one living body.” The church is a “living body” bringing together many individuals, gifted and contributing, unselfishly sacrific-

ing.

It is unfortunate that many refuse to make this “living sacrifice” in order to maintain the one living body that honors Jesus Christ. Hence we have so many human creations in churchly institutions and organizations. Of course, each of these creations think of themselves as “the church of God,” “the church of Christ,” “the assembly of God,” “the Baptist Church,” “the Christian Church.”

There are many who identify the church with buildings and physical locations. The church is not just a physical location or facility. It is a living body made up of individuals who sacrificially join together to bear witness to the living Christ.

It is at this point that other questions should be raised—what is the church for? Why is the church important? What is the purpose of the church? When you drive around and look at church signs and properties you can determine a great deal by looking at

what you see physically and reading the signs. As you drive around East Texas you will often find in the church yard volleyball nets, playground equipment, fellowship halls, gymnasiums and other kinds of activity buildings. These kinds of items suggest that the church involves more than just spiritual, educational, worship kinds of things. In all too many cases the church is more “a social club” than it is a living, spiritual body.

In such cases the church has become more an entertainment, a recreation, an exercise, a social center than it is a worship or witness center. Thus people come, not to experience worship or witness, as much as to enjoy the music, perform or socialize. For many it is not what is believed, but what is enjoyed or experienced. The church is more like a social club, an entertainment center, a friendship experience or a place to perform for those who sing and play. This certainly isn’t what one finds in the New Testa-

ment or what one finds historically in the records of the “primitive church.” So much that we do today has nothing to do with what Jesus started during his ministry, even when we claim that what we are doing is what He would have us do.

There is so much more than can be said and shared about “church.” I would be interested to know what you think about “church” and what it is. What do we say to the world in the facilities, the signs, the physical properties and the publications we distribute about our churches? Read Acts, 1 and 2 Corinthians, 1 and 2 Peter, and Colossians to gain more insight into what has been said here. Take some time to think about and respond to this column. Let me know what you think. You can send your thoughts to drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com, or by snail mail to Dr. Jerry Hopkins, P. O. Box 1363, Marshall, Texas 75671.

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- Scoundrels, in British slang
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- Line... veto
- Other nations, to Israelis
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