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Eight alarm fire blocks Main Street

## Main Street building destroyed by huge fire



Shown above London Fire Department assisted the Mount Vernon Fire Department battling the blaze while (below) the Berea Fire Department joined all local departments attacking the fire from behind the building.



By: Mike French  
Editor

Main Street in Mount Vernon was the center of attention around most of the state for several hours last Tuesday when an historic abandoned building suffered extreme damage from an eight alarm structure fire.

Firefighters began battling the blaze for several hours shortly after noon Tuesday, April 2. The blaze threatened the entire city block on Main Street.

"The coordinated efforts between multiple agencies is what made the difference in losing one building and losing a whole city block," said Mount Vernon Fire Chief Adam Bales.

For about the first 30 minutes of the battle, as firefighters sprayed thousands of gallons of water onto the burning building on Main Street two doors down from its intersection with Richmond Street, the blaze continued to grow. Many times Main Street was filled with brown smoke thick enough to block the view from one

side of the street to the other. High winds and heavy rain interfered with the battle but didn't help extinguish the blaze, according to firefighters on the scene.

By 1 p.m., the Mount Vernon, Brodhead, Brindle Ridge, Climax, Livingston and Western Rockcastle fire departments were

on the scene with the London Fire Department and the Berea Fire Department on their way. "We had a legitimate fear that the strong wind could cause the fire to move its way down Main Street to the entire block," said Brodhead Assistant Fire Chief Brian Bullock.

Also on the scene were local constables, the Mount Vernon Police Department, Emergency Management officials, the Sheriff's Department, Kentucky State Police, the Kentucky Department of Highways, Mount Vernon Public Works and Kentucky Utilities.

The Laurel County

Fire Department and the Lincoln County Fire Department were put on notice that all local fire departments were occupied so that any additional emergency in Rockcastle could have a quick response. The Laurel County department brought a truck and set up a staging area in Rockcastle, in the event of another emergency call, according to local officials.

Two firefighters entered the building to fight the fire from the inside but were forced out of the building due to the failing structure. "In training we learn what to look for that could cause flash burn and once they made it to the second floor, every indicator was found and the risk was extreme," said Bullock. "The structure was weak and we had to get them out of there and take a defensive posture to protect the other buildings."

Bullock said a "flash burn" is a point when the temperature is hot enough that the smoke itself burns.

Local firefighters attacked the blaze from ladder trucks from well above the blaze as well

(See "Fire" on A5)

## City of Brodhead planning growth and development

By: Mike French  
Editor

Lynn Tatum with the Rockcastle County Development Board brought ideas to the Brodhead City Commission during Monday's night's regular meeting.

City Commissioners had planned on some growth and development for their city but the news of the new \$4.4 million sports complex and \$62 million RGL Industrial Park coming to the county, via the 25-26 Kentucky state budget, sparked many new plans for the near future, according to Commissioner Brian Bullock and Mayor Jerry Adams.

Tatum was asked to at-

tend on behalf of the board to express her expertise concerning potential growth, beautification and development in the

city. "The first thing I believe you need is a Master Plan," said Tatum. "You need something on paper that relays your

goals and hopes and ideas. Something all inclusive that deals with parks, sidewalks, roads, recreation, long-term

plans, and how you want to market your city. This way, everyone involved in each project can see exactly what you want and hope for, how that project plays a part in the overall plan and how it relates to what you plan next."

Tatum explained that

the City of Brodhead "needs to be in charge" and not leave anything up to chance by planning for the future. Tatum explained that any project can have a strong effect on how the next project goes and without proper

(See "Plans" on A5)

## Mud slide blocks US-25

A large mudslide blocked US-25 through most of the day last Wednesday.

Due to heavy rains and high winds last week, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet issued several warnings about potential blocked roadways from fallen trees, debris or mudslides. On Wednesday, just such a slide occurred near the City of Livingston.

According to City

Commissioner Sandi Singleton, several tons of mud and rock began to slide towards US-25, just south of the city, causing

broken trees and other debris to block the roadway. "There are hillsides

(See "Slide" on A5)

## City to crack down on ATV riding at night in Livingston

By: Mike French  
Editor

Chris Whicker, Chief of the Livingston Police Department has issued a warning to those who take advantage of the city's willingness to work with off road vehicle operators.

Though KRS 189.515 says "a person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle upon any public highway..." officials in the city of Livingston have been lenient with four-wheelers and side-by-sides, according to officials there. The reason

for the leniency is due to the town's status as a trail town and such activity brings tourists dollars to the city, according to Livingston City Commissioner Sandi Singleton.

Former Police Chief Travis Davis had allowed ATV road traffic to help boost such tourist activity.

However, newly appointed Chief Whicker says some are taking advantage of the leniency of the city in that area. "We aren't going to stop people from running up the road to get gas or just

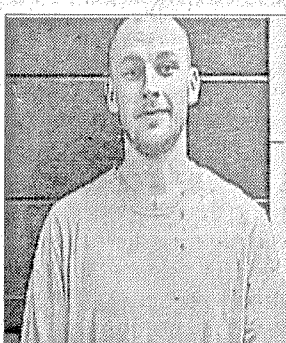
(See "ATVS" on A5)

## Rockcastle man wanted by police

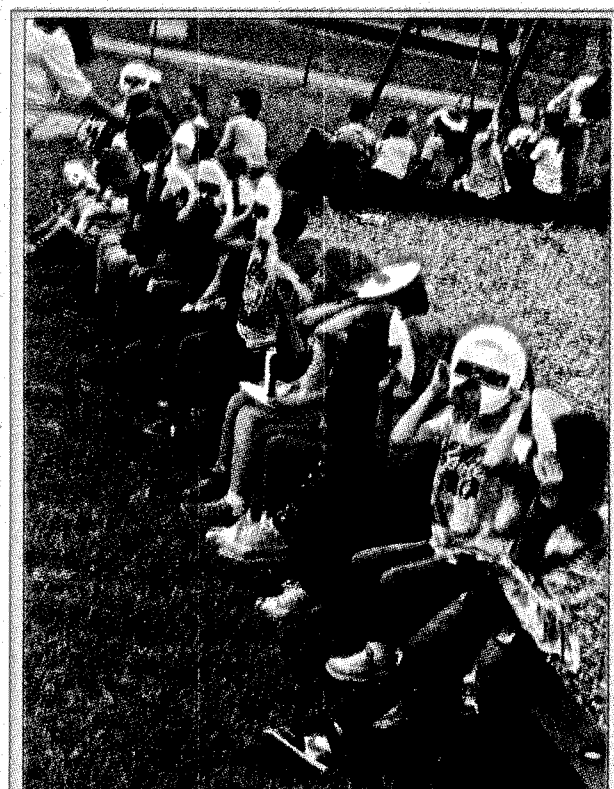
The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department is asking for assistance from the public in locating William Pendry.

Pendry is wanted on several charges, including theft of more than \$10,000 on over 10 counts of misuse of elec-

(See "Wanted" on A5)



William Pendry



Students at Mount Vernon Elementary School waited outside to watch the rare eclipse Monday but the event was not visible due to heavy clouds. Students returned to their classrooms before the actual eclipse passed over Rockcastle County.

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ramblings...  
by; perlina m. anderkin

I was aggravated at myself because I failed to get a pair of glasses that I could use to watch the eclipse Monday. I was told by family members that my sunglasses would not be enough but the day was overcast anyway so there really wasn't much chance to actually see the eclipse.

It seems as if electronic machines in this country have "glitches" at the most inopportune time. You know, when it's a heavily Republican precinct in Arizona, for example, and that is where the machines start switching votes or just quit working altogether, delaying voters until the powers that be in the state finally decide that "sorry, you're just not going to be able to vote this time."

One sharp-eyed citizen has noticed that in the two biggest Powerball drawings ever, there were also "glitches" involved.

In 2022, the over two billion jackpot drawing was delayed over nine hours and then, the winner's name was not announced, because of protections for privacy built into the system. And then, this week, the \$1,326 billion dollar drawing was delayed over three hours because of a "glitch" and, again, the winner's name was not announced because of said privacy rules.

I realize that if I were the lucky winner (which would be impossible because I never play), I would appreciate the privacy rule, no doubt, but honestly? I feel like the name should be given out just to make sure that everything is aboveboard and the winner is drawn fairly, not chosen.

If you are the winner of a \$1,326 billion jackpot, surely there would be enough money left over, after the government's cut (24% federal tax), that you could buy yourself a little anonymity and we would know the winner was drawn and not chosen.

With the latest student loan bailout, decreed solely by pResident Biden (in the face of a ruling saying he didn't have the authority to do so by our Supreme Court), the figure now stands at north of \$144 billion that has been forgiven by one person, Biden, which sorta makes him a dictator, doesn't it?

The least he could have done would have been to forgive the loans on a means basis, you know it it's someone whose loan is being forgiven that is now a surgeon, or even a regular medical doctor or a high-priced lawyer, should

their loan be forgiven the same as a public school teacher when their income is, at least, five to 10 times higher than said teacher?

But, what do I know? I'm the foolish person who always thought that elected officials in our country were subject to a ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States only to learn, in my advanced years, that their rulings do not apply to Democrats.

On Friday, April 5th (the last day of Ramadan), Muslims in Dearborn, Michigan celebrated by holding an Al-Quds Day protest at which they chanted "Death to America" and "Death to Israel."

Al-Quds Day (which means The Holy in Arabic), is an annual, international day held to express support for Palestine and oppose the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. Of course, what protest is complete without a protest, in the United States, against Americans. Notwithstanding the fact that America has given refuge to the said Muslims, and are totally supporting them financially, in many cases. But, you can see where they feel the need to call for "Death to America" since Americans, by and large support Israel's right to exist and protect themselves.

According to Radical Muslim activist Tarek Bazzi who spoke to Muslims in Dearborn on Al-Quds Day, the protests are so anti-American (instead of just focusing on Israel) because it's the United States government that provides the funds for all of the atrocities (in Gaza where Israeli forces are trying to uproot the terrorist group Hamas who killed 1200 Israelis, and took over 200 hostages, in a surprise attack on October 7th).

We are looking at a scenario which will end up seeing us in the minority in our own country, if something isn't done about the influx of Muslims and other unvetted illegal migrants.

Normally, the FBI would be, at least, surveilling this group closely, but they are focused on still targeting pro-life protesters who walked into the US Capitol on January 6th, holding MAGA flags.

Big Tech is reportedly removing videos of Florida's Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd's announcement that, after arresting three illegal migrants (and then 21 more), they learned federal agents are trafficking illegals for prostitution.

All of those arrested had the same story -- that

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There just isn't any limit to how far evil will push the boundaries of good.

Once they get society to accept a little of their evil agenda, they will never, ever stop until all the evil they can muster, is not only acceptable but required.

For 6,000 years, human beings were aware that men being with other men and women being with other women, was an evil, dark, destructive thing. But as soon as liberals found a few bleeding hearts to feel sorry for them, they began a march and didn't stop until LGBTQIAEVL was the central focus of America. As other countries laugh at our lunacy, we celebrate our own destruction.

Our own Whitehouse celebrates and advertises one of the most evil and destructive forces in na-

ture now and focuses on it on Easter Sunday. It isn't enough to force it down the public's throat but this evil President has to do it on the day celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

Our President was elected solely based on misinformation and he now spends all his time promoting misinformation. I call it "lies" but apparently "misinformation" is the politically correct word now.

Everywhere a person looks there is evil propaganda promoting and normalizing that which everyone, everywhere knew was evil just a few years ago.

In less than one generation, evil people have made the greatest country on Earth into a weak and dysfunctional society.

It took Americans 89

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Exciting DAR State Conference

Dear Journal,

A few days ago, I attended the KSDAR state conference held each year, usually in Lexington at the Hilton Hotel downtown. It is the meeting of all eighty-four chapters of the DAR that is spread across our state. The chapters meet with all of the ten state officers, all six district directors and some several, probably fortyish, state chairs and all of the past living state regents in order to talk, plan and organize the chapters and see that they are in accordance with National DAR guidelines and make necessary changes. Every three years there are elections to elect new officers. Directors and chairs are appointed by the state re-

gent. There are around 4,500 DAR daughters in the state in six districts.

In Mount Vernon there is the Rockcastle Chapter. It has several state positions in its membership. We have one state officer, one district director and four state chairs. I serve as one of those state chairs, the American Indian chair with one more year to serve in my three year term. The Rockcastle Chapter has an average of between seventy to seventy-five members at any given time. Our chapter has done very well at the conference. We have brought home twenty-nine state awards for our efforts, some of which are very prestigious.

There are a lot of do-

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Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II  
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00093

Midfirst Bank Plaintiff

V.

Danita Bond, as possible heir to the estate of Christal Day, et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 17, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 23/100 (\$65,498.23) 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 Thursday, April 18, 2024  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Rockcastle County, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows:  
The following described real property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:  
Beginning at a stone in the northern right of way of the Old County Road; thence northerly 210 feet to a stone, a new corner with James Halcomb; thence northwesterly 420 feet to a stone in the right of way of the Old County Road; thence southeasterly 420 feet with the right of way of the Old County Road to the point of beginning, and containing two (2) acres more or less.  
There is excepted from the above described real property the 0.298 acre more or less which was previously conveyed by deed dated August 13, 2003, executed by Lucille McGuire, widow in favor of Billy Cameron, et ux. and recorded in Deed Book 196, Page 30 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.  
Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.  
Parcel No. 060-00-010  
Address: 383 Halcomb East Road, Orlando, KY 40460

Being the same property conveyed to Christal Day, unmarried, by virtue of a deed from Lucille McGuire, widow, dated October 31, 2003, filed November 05, 2003, recorded in Official Records Volume 197, Page 196, County Clerk's Office, Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real 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 (3.75%) 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 2024 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

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II  
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00001

21st Mortgage Corporation f/k/a 21st Century Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff

V.

Unknown Heirs of Mary Batchler Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 5, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 41/100 (\$30,377.41) 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 Thursday, April 18, 2024  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:10 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Located on the waters of Roundstone Creek and on the West side of U.S. Highway 25, North of Conway, in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:  
Beginning at a stake near a pine tree in the South side of a gravel driveway leading to the hereinafter described property, and being approximately 300 feet from the right of way of U.S. Highway 25; thence north 97 feet to a stake; thence Northwest 151 feet to a stake and fence post in the ditch line; thence South a new line with the Grantor, 235 feet, more or less, to the fence near a pine tree, corner to Roy Croucher; thence with Croucher's line East 58 feet to the point of beginning.  
Grantor also grants and conveys to Grantee an easement for ingress and egress for the joint use of Grantor, Grantee, their heirs and assigns, over the existing gravel drive that leads from U.S. Highway 25 to the property described hereinabove, Grantor reserves an easement for ingress and egress over the property described hereinabove to Grantor's remaining property.  
Map No. 041C-00-021.03  
Address: 9963 N. Wilderness Road  
There is also conveyed a 1999 Baycrest Mobile Home, Serial No. CHAL3764AB.

Being the same property conveyed from Jerry Wayne Lebo and wife, Maryellen Lebo to Jack T. Batchelor and wife, Mary E. Batchelor by deed dated 02/20/92 and recorded 02/21/1992 in book 145, page 541 of the public records of Rockcastle County, KY.

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 real 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 (7.75%) 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 2024 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.
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ramblings...  
(Coninuted from A2)

federal agents send them on flights from state to state for the purpose of prostitution.

It's beginning to look like that with the federal agents in this country, who needs gangsters any more?

Sheriff Judd's video has not been removed from X (formerly Twitter). If you get a chance, check it out.

One bit of good news, however, is that the FDA has lost its war on Ivermectin, agreeing to remove all social media posts and consumer directives regarding Ivermectin and COVID, including its most popular tweet in FDA history ("You are not a horse. You are not a cow. Seriously, y'all. Stop it.")

Sad to say, this overreach by the FDA into the doctor-patient relationship, no doubt, cost 10s of thousands of lives.

The next step should be the prosecution for war crimes since thousands of patients died as their physicians were de-

nied the right to prescribe lifesaving ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine.

Sorry, that last bit was all the good news I could come up with this week. Hopefully, things will improve for our country, if we last long enough.

Aces

(Coninuted from A2)

years to realize discrimination was evil. It wasn't until 1865 that it became illegal to discriminate against people because of their skin color.

While 94 other countries still practice slavery today, it was Anglo Saxon Americans who saw the evil in discrimination and put a stop to it.

That is until Obama, and that generation, once again placed skin color as the focus of everyone's attention. And here we are again. Races pitted against each other and the white race being diminished, held back, demonized and discriminated against by law.

Democrats fought the Civil Rights Movement from day one. They simply aren't happy unless races hate each other.

Foul cursing and nude

people are everywhere we look in America now. Since the inception of America, people dressed like civilized, humans and avoided temptation and evil thoughts. But once again, debauchery is back and the less some harlots wear, the more famous they become.

Even children's cartoons are filled with innuendo and sexual suggestions as most every modern show on television is filled with vile cursing and the lies of Darwinism and global warming.

Evil is now everywhere we turn in America. A country founded on Christian principles and honest, hard work, has become a nation of vile and depraved acceptance. Intolerance to any who do not support evil is everywhere we look.

Drug addicts are admired and turned into rock stars while loose and undressed women are made into super models.

But then again, most countries and cities do follow this same path. The fall of the Roman Empire and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah were not lessons to those who refuse to maintain any kind of civility and respect.

In one generation, we have gone from the American Soldier being the hero of all citizens, to cops being put in jail for arresting common street thugs.

And this is the group of people who want to see you unarmed and unable to protect your family. Clearly they are about to do something that they do not want you to be able to defend against.

Our words are censored when true and magnified when they are a lie.

We celebrate debauchery and condemn ethics and moral values.

The America experiment is over in my opinion. Christian ideals and ethical behavior and moral values are things of the past.

If everything goes perfectly, Donald Trump may slow it down for a few years. But society has fully adopted evil as the number one pasttime and it will be back soon.

Once the Devil is invited in the door, he may take a break, but he will never leave. It is our grandchildren who will suffer our choices.

T.J.'s

(Continued from A2)

and don'ts to know. I learn something new almost every year. You may get stopped and corrected by

the "protocol police". I did on my second or third time there, by an honorary state regent, nonetheless. They have rigid guidelines and codes of dress and conduct...that of a genteel lady. The DAR was formed in 1890 by four genteel ladies (one from Kentucky) and that tradition must be carried on by today's daughters. If it is found that your character, principles, and morals aren't up to par and for certain if you have been arrested/convicted of a crime of any kind you will be asked to resign from the DAR or be removed from membership. It isn't anything out of the question, just as one should be living, anyway.

I attended the Friday morning business meeting and stayed for lunch. At the lunch, I was very pleased to present four outstanding awards to individuals who had made handmade quilts for Native American school children. I wore red in honor of the service men and women as all of the daughters were asked to wear. I ordered a new red ladies business suit as I didn't have one and wore a red hat that Stanley bought for me.. I believe I got more compliments on that outfit than anything I own. The parking garage was full, so Stanley parked along Vine Street and pushed me in a wheelchair across three lanes of traffic with no traffic light in a downpour of rain. Then Stanley got to attend a business meeting with about two hundred women and stayed for lunch. He had to go pay the parking meter every forty-five minutes. He was so excited with the whole scenario.

We went back Saturday afternoon and attended the formal banquet that night. We found a parking spot in the garage this time. I wore my new formal gown I got for the occasion. Stanley had to wear his suit. He was excited over that, too. We were having a very nice meal when I had one of my little mini strokes. Stanley got me out of the dining room and tried to get me to the car. (I was already in my wheelchair.) He went to get the car to pick me up but couldn't get out of the parking garage at first. I was waiting about twenty minutes with some DAR girls who had found me by the door to the second floor garage exit door. Stanley finally found me and got me to the car and guess what...he was excited again.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule  
Monday, April 15th: Spiro, Level Green, Ky. Hwy. 3245  
and Bryant Ridge. Tuesday, April 16th: Ottawa and Bee  
Lick.

Rockcastle Retired Teachers

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

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 & Com-  
passionate 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 organiza-  
tion working to improve the lives of children. The pub-  
lic is invited.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets  
once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Lime-  
stone 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 fami-  
lies. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If  
you would like to rent our event hall for special occa-  
sions, 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, informa-  
tion or any need, please contact Post Commander  
Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and/or District Com-  
mander 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 Lime-  
stone 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 Ameri-  
can 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,  
Katheryn 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 - MARRA - 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: Katheryn 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.

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Spring Subsidy Cooling Component FY 2023-2024 Fact Sheet**

Administered by the Department for Community Based Services  
Services Provided by Community Action Agencies

**Purpose:** To assist low-income households with home energy cost through:  
1. Subsidy - provides assistance to all eligible households.

**Operation:** Community Action Kentucky contracts with twenty-three community action agencies to operate both components in all 120 counties. Applications for both components will be taken at local community action agency offices or designated sites in each county.

**Eligibility:** 1. Must be responsible for home electric costs or pay electric costs as an undesignated portion of rent.  
2. Household income must be at or below the following, relative to household size:

Household Size	Gross Mo. Income	Household Size	Gross Mo. Income
1	\$1,883	5	\$4,573
2	\$2,555	6	\$5,245
3	\$3,228	7	\$5,918
4	\$3,900	8	\$6,590

Add \$673 for each additional family member

**Application Period: Spring Subsidy (Cooling):** Applications must be made during the period April 16, 2024 through May 31, 2024, or until funds are expended.

**Designated Representative:** Applicants who are unable to apply for themselves must contact the local community action to make other arrangements. If the designated representative is not the head of household or spouse, the representative must have a signed statement giving authorization to apply for the household. Individuals without a designated representative should contact the local community action agency which may be able to assist them in finding one. Only one per- form from each household should apply.

**Required Documents:**  
Applicants must bring the following:  
• Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.  
• Proof of all household's (all members) income from the prior month.  
• Most current electric bill, statement from your landlord if electric expenses are included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program.  
• The account number and name on the account for main home energy source bill.

**Subsidy Benefits Provided:** The benefit amount that a household receives will be determined by the household's housing category and income level. All eligible households will receive a benefit. Benefits are paid directly to the household's primary electric vendor.

**Client Referral:** Clients requesting additional information regarding the spring component of the FY 2023-2024 LIHEAP program should be referred to their local community action agency or Community Action Kentucky (CAK), toll-free number 1-800-456-3452 (TTY available for the hearing impaired).

**Application Rights:** Each applicant will be informed of their rights should they be denied assistance. Any applicant who wishes to appeal the case should be informed by local community action agency staff of the procedures for filing a complaint. Should the applicant not be satisfied with the local decision, they may further appeal to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

**Rules:** Do NOT give false information or hide information to receive LIHEAP benefits. Use LIHEAP benefits only for your household. If you BREAK these rules, you may be stopped from receiving LIHEAP benefits and you may be prosecuted for fraud. Report any information about fraud or misuse of LIHEAP benefits by calling the Fraud Hotline at 1-800-372-2970.

Community Action Kentucky administers LIHEAP in partnership with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services who receive the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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# Obituaries

## Lillian Marie Renner

Lillian Marie Renner, 85, of Brodhead, died Saturday, April 6, 2023, at Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center. She was born January 27, 1939, in Mt Vernon. Paternal father, John Scott, stepfather, Caleb Sherman McKinney and mother, Marie Kirby. On October 31, 1953, she married Lloyd Elsie Renner. She was of the Pentecostal faith, and she enjoyed all kinds of shopping.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter, Teresa Herbst of Mt. Vernon; seven grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Besides her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by: four children, Alan Renner, Carol Short, Lisa Maillet and Regina Roberto; one sister, Sharon Rose Lovins; and one brother, Jack McKinney.

A graveside service will be Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Blue Ash, Ohio.

Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Deborah Bradley

Deborah "Debbie" Kay Bradley, 66, of Berea, passed away April 8, 2024, at her home. She entered this life on April 15, 1957, in Mt. Vernon.

She was the daughter of the late Charles and Rose (Doyle) Bullock, both of whom preceded her in death.

On July 20, 1974, Debbie began a lifelong journey of love and companionship when she married William Kenneth Bradley. For 49 years, they stood by each other's side, weathering life's challenges and celebrating its joys together. Theirs was a partnership built on mutual respect, laughter, and unwavering support—a love story that will endure for eternity.

She retired from Berea Utilities, but also spent many years working in the medical field as a CMA. Debbie found immense joy in the simple pleasures of life. She will be remembered by her friends and family for her love of church, the beach, reading, thrift shopping, her animals. Her grand-fur-babies, and the unending love and support she gave to her family.

She was a faithful member of Church on the Rock in Berea where she enjoyed her Bible study small group and was a member of Young at Heart.

She will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by her devoted husband, William "Bill" Bradley, her two loving daughters, Breanna Adams and Taryn (Brian) Poole, along with many other family and friends.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 10, from 5-8 p.m. at Marvin E Owens Chapel. Funeral service will be Thursday, April 11, at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E Owens Chapel with Bros. Randal Adams and Mark Sarver officiating.

Pallbearers will be Nathan Coyle, Evan Coyle, Brian Poole, Chris Bradley, Kenney Layne, Jake Layne.

Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Jocelynn Nicley

Miss Jocelynn Chase Nicley, 25, of Mt. Vernon, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. She was born



in Seymour, IN on March 2, 1999. She loved playing with her musical toys, as well as listening to music, especially old-time country and Elvis Presley. She had many nurses and therapists over the years that were very special to her and her family.

She is survived by: her parents, Charles and Judy Sowder Nicley; a sister, Sherri Rowe of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Brian Nicley and wife Natalie of Cicero, IN; and a niece, Sophia Nicley of Cicero, IN.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 5, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Richard West, pastor of Skaggs Creek Baptist Church. Burial followed in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Bruce Nicley, David Nicley, Doug Rowe, Dave Sebastian, and Kent Sowder.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## Billy Biggs, Jr.

Billy Biggs, Jr., 70, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born July 5, 1953 in Leslie County, a son of the late Billy Biggs, Sr. and Helen Asher Biggs.



Billy had been a construction painter who found great joy in riding horses, hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Billy Raymond Biggs of Brodhead and Richard Wayne (Kayla) Biggs of Brodhead; his life long partner, Tonya Hutchison; his sister, Gail Gilinger; as well as host of friends and neighbors.

Graveside services were held Monday, April 1, 2024 in Asher-Jones Cemetery in Leslie County.

## Rodney Frazier

Rodney Frazier, 80, of Mt.Vernon, died Sunday, April 7, 2024 at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born October 19, 1943 in Fayette County,



the son of the late Clinton and Jewell Vanderpol Frazier. He was a retired engineer for IBM, enjoyed fishing, hunting, guns, boating, was a Kentucky Wildcat fan, and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are: his wife, Lillian Cox Frazier; one step-son, Michael Roberts; and one grandchild. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl, David, and Marvin Frazier.

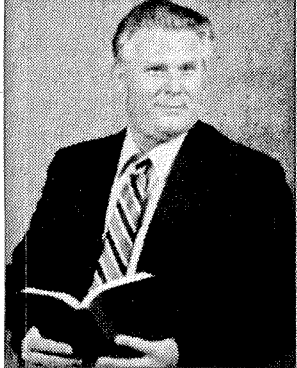
Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Grant Martin officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may visit from 12 p.m. until service time on Friday.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

## Ronald Lanis Carpenter, Sr.

Ronald Carpenter, Sr., 80, husband of Judy Scott Carpenter, died peacefully April 2, 2024 at Berea Health Care Center in Berea. Ronald was born in Rockcastle County to the late Robert and Annie Kirby Carpenter.



Ronald had done many things during his life, he was a minister for the Cleveland Tennessee Church of God, Custodian for Rockcastle County Schools and worked for Allens Flowers in Berea, where he enjoyed working in the greenhouse and gardens for many years.

Ronald was proceeded in death by his parents and his siblings, Norman 'Cotton' Carpenter, David Carpenter, Reece Anderson, Pearl Thomas, Gladys Mink, Nettie Fletcher, and Elizabeth Carpenter.

Ronald is survived by: his loving wife, Judy Carpenter; his children, Ronald (Rhonda) Carpenter, Jr., and Bonita Fleming; his siblings, Jay (Mildred) Carpenter, Faye Miller, and Dessie Himes; his grandchildren, Cassandra Kendrick, Christian Hardesty, and Alvin Lee Carpenter; and two great grandchildren, Elijah and Kyndall Kendrick.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 8, 2024 at Lakes Funeral Home.

## Tommy Renner

Tommy Renner, 67, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at his home. He was born September 16, 1956 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Floyd and Rissie



Denny Renner. He was a machine operator for the Rockcastle County Road Department, enjoyed the outdoors, mowing and woodworking, and was a member of the Christian faith.

Survivors are: one son, Steven Renner of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Allison Renner of Mt. Vernon; four brothers,

Bobby Renner and (Lisa), Larry Renner, Terry Renner and (Debra), and Jimmy Renner and (Freda); and three sisters, Deronia Mink and (Dalmes), Diane Overbay, and Debbie Carpenter and (Alvin). Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Lisa Hayes Renner; and one brother, Frankie Renner.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 4, 2024 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Darren Allen officiating. Burial was in Renner Family Cemetery.

Send condolences to the family at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

## Martha Lynn Hall

Martha Lynn (VanHook) Hall, 65, of Pottstown, PA, died April 2, 2024, at Pottstown Hospital. She was the wife of Gary Watson Hall, with whom she shared 40 years of marriage. Born in Berea on March



31, 1959, Martha was the daughter of Dr. Carol Ann (Riddle) VanHook and the late Dr. Harold Denton VanHook.

Martha earned her Master's of Science Degree in Housing, Interior Design and Resource Management from Virginia Tech, where she met her husband, Gary. They relocated to Pennsylvania in 1984 and have resided there ever since. Martha played an active role

in her daughter's life and served as a dedicated member of the PTA for the Owen J. Roberts School District, including terms as president. She additionally used her multi-faceted organizational skills for her relatives, from compiling family recipes to create cookbooks, to organizing the annual gathering for Christmas. Martha's passion for creativity extended to home remodeling and renovation, where she was the driving force behind projects at their homes in North Coventry and Upper Pottsgrove. She showcased her skills as a seamstress for various dance and theatre productions, and dedicated time to Relay for Life in Pottstown alongside her husband. An avid reader of many genres, Martha always loved a good book. Martha's love for needlework, crafting and renowned peanut butter fudge will be cherished memories for those who knew her.

Martha is lovingly remembered by: her husband, Gary Hall; her mother, Carol Ann VanHook; her daughter, Sarah Beth Hall; her brother, Mark (Sherri) VanHook; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry and Doris Hall; and her siblings-in-law, Patti Small, Steve (Ruthann) Hall, and Karen (David) Gould.

Celebration of Martha's Life will be held at the convenience of the family. Houck & Gofus Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 955 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown, PA 19464, will be handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that contributions be made in Martha's memory to Gift of Life at <https://www.giftoflife.org/contrib>. Martha's final act of kindness was to donate to Gift of Life, providing hope and life to many.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.houckgofusfuneralhome.com](http://www.houckgofusfuneralhome.com)

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- IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE
- VISION EXAM
- INCOME VERIFICATION
- PROOF OF RESIDENCE
- COPY OF LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP (IF NOT BIOLOGICAL PARENT)

**MT. VERNON ELEM.**

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May 17th  
May 20th

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**BRODHEAD ELEM.**

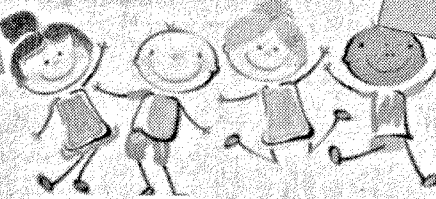
May 3rd  
May 15th  
May 22nd

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(606) 758-8512

**ROUNDSTONE ELEM.**

May 1st  
May 6th

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schedule an appt.  
(606) 256-2235





## Fire

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as from the ground, shooting water into the windows of the building. First responders cut holes into the roof with chainsaws so the water could better reach the fire. Still, the blaze seemed to grow for some time.

About an hour into the battle, the Berea Fire Department and the London Fire Department arrived at the scene and quickly raised their ladders to attack the blaze from above. Main Street was filled with onlookers as firefighters yelled orders across the scene to other firefighters while several hoses sprayed water from several different angles.

It wasn't until 4:30 p.m. that the London Fire

Department began to disengage and roll up hoses while other departments continued to spray water onto the embers that remained.

Concern arose among officials that the building's brick front could collapse, causing huge damage to surrounding buildings and the clay tile system under the roadway. Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts, Police Chief Joe Rush, EMS Director Andrew Pensol and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., among others, held an emergency meeting to discuss the progress of the situation. The decision was made that Mayor Roberts should declare a State of Emergency and remove the upper storefront.

"Main Street is a state highway and we can't block it for weeks or a month while engineers and emergency personnel investigate and decide what to do," said Roberts. "We knew it was an historic building in our community but we absolutely had to put safety first and push that wall in and remove the risk of damage and injury to our citizens."

Tuesday night, Goff Excavating was called to push the upper brick wall store front into the building structure. Also Wednesday morning, some burning embers were located and Main Street was once again closed while more water was used to extinguish those embers from ladder trucks.

During the fighting of

the fire, one firefighter fell to smoke inhalation and was transported to Rockcastle Regional where he was treated and released. Bullock said that firefighter was back at the scene later Tuesday evening.

Investigators are currently looking into what may have caused the fire and officials on the scene said there were several possibilities. There were lightning strikes in the area just as the fire was noticed. But several officials also suspect there may have been squatters in the building who started the fire on purpose or by accident.

"We have run squatters off from that building several times," said Sheriff's Deputy Detective Sam Brock. "The city

has bolted up plywood and sealed entrances many times. But they always find a hole and get back in there. You will never keep them out forever."

What next?

Officials are investigating ownership of the abandoned building in hopes of contacting the owners, according to Bullock.

In the meantime, several officials have said they will be in favor of tearing the building down since the damage is too massive to repair.

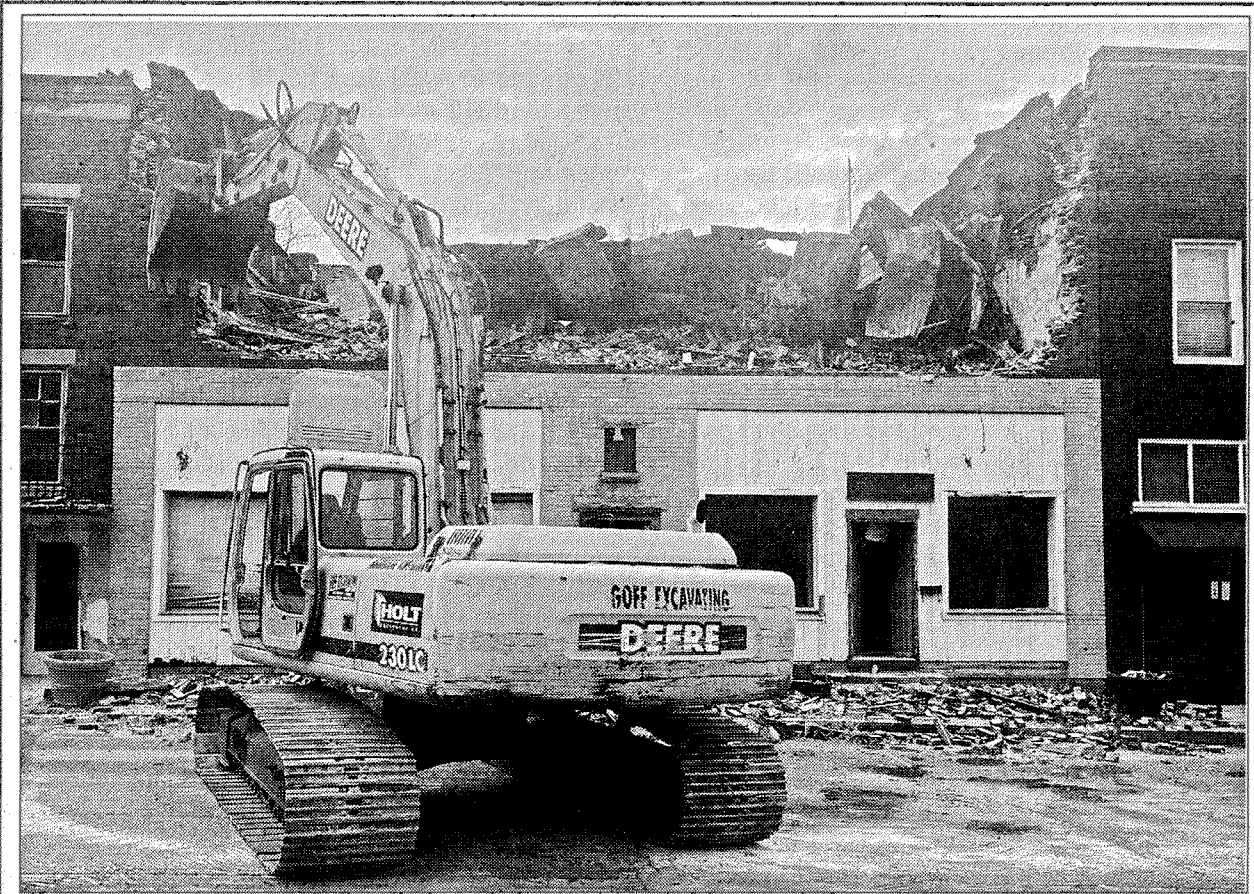
Investigators will first attempt to find the cause of the eight alarm fire and local officials are expected to meet to discuss what should happen to the building. "Mayors have

the authority to sign an Executive Order to have the building demolished," said Bullock. "That may be the best option here."

Mayor Roberts said he will look into that option. "This is really a no win situation for everyone," he said. "We hate to tear it down but if it is unsafe, we don't have a choice. Whatever we do will take some time to get everything cleaned up."

Main Street was closed until Wednesday around noon as crews cleaned streets. The one firefighter was the only reported injury from the event.

Offices of RTEC received damage from this fire. Next week's issue will look into the cleanup and recovery efforts.



Goff Excavating was called to push down the top half of the building Tuesday night due to the risk of falling brick.



Smoke was so thick from the fire on Main Street last Tuesday, that firefighters had difficulty seeing across the street. One firefighter suffered smoke inhalation but was treated and released at the local hospital. No other injuries were reported.

## Plans

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planning, could hinder the next project in a long-term plan.

The Director of the Development Board said she is "extremely impressed" with recent changes in the city including the newly remodeled City Hall and the drive-in theater as well as "an absolutely beautiful Depot Park." Tatum recommended the formation of a planning committee who would meet to organize the Master Plan and then serve to organize projects with the commission and keeping the plan updates as projects move forward.

Commissioner Teddy Rose said such a plan should include dilapidated buildings and clean-up of several areas. Tatum agreed such projects should be included on the Master Plan. "It can be a complex and as inclusive as you desire," she said.

Mayor Adams and Bullock agreed with Tatum's suggestions. "We have a lot to consider as we grow," he said. "We have a new drive-in theater about to open, the new restaurant with more coming, street lights, sidewalks, handicap additions at the Depot Park and so much more."

Bullock said he believes the county should locate the new recreational complex in Brodhead. "The fact is, Brodhead is the best choice," he said. "Livingston is basketball, Mount Vernon needs a swimming pool, Brodhead is baseball. We should spread the love around the county. After all, a new \$62 million industrial park with all its water and sewage is about to go right there," he said as he pointed towards the proposed new RGL park. "And a gas line is about to come right through

Brodhead."

Discussion continued for some time as Adams said the city is currently looking into a 100% grant to relocate City Hall in a new building. "If this goes through, it is 100% funded," he said. "There is still a lot to do, but it is in the works."

Tatum agreed to gather some examples of Master Plans from other entities to bring to the next regular meeting to give the commission a better idea of how to design such a plan and decide how elaborate they want the plan to be. The commission agreed to begin forming the Planning Committee immediately and schedule meetings before the next regular commission meeting.

The conversation continued for some time with all present expressing potential growth and development projects. "There is \$65 million possibly coming to this county over the next two years and Brodhead is a big part of it all," Bullock said. "Mayberry doesn't last forever."

Speaking of developments, Brodhead Fire Chief John Dyehouse told the crowd that the fire department is about to purchase the car wash in Brodhead to be staffed by volunteers. "This will be a fund-raising endeavor," said Dyehouse. "We learned from COVID that we can't have all our eggs in one basket. We are too dependent upon the Little World's Fair and when we couldn't have it, it was devastating. We are diversifying our fundraising efforts with this car wash." The project is expected to move forward soon.

Police Chief Gary Alcorn also provided his monthly report to the commission showing 20 complaints answered, seven of which were out-

side the city. The chief also said he is in need of a new repeater which is a device to greatly improve radio contact throughout the county among first responders. The commission agreed to actively seek finding a way to install a new, improved device.

Dyehouse also reported 73 runs for the fire department in the first quarter of the fiscal year which he says in "on par" with last year's average.

Commissioners and firefighters also discussed water and sewer issues being repaired under the leadership of Shannon Cash.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular

meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13. Tatum and the planning committee is expected to be present. The public is invited to attend.

## ATVS

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riding up the road," he said. "But those who are zipping up and down the road in the middle of the night are going to have to stop."

Whicker says he will begin ticketing ATV riders after dark except for the trips to the gas station. "It is a safety issue. There are children with no helmets and the noise is a nuisance to some residents trying to sleep," he said. "Some four wheel-

ers are very hard to see at night. Night time traveling on a state highway or going the wrong way up a one-way street has to stop."

Singleton agrees. "We can't tell our citizens they can't go for fuel or go to Horse Lick to ride," she said. "It is just those running at night and causing chaos and partying that we are going to stop."

Whicker says campers often use ORVs (off road vehicles) to travel in the area and that is still acceptable. "But other than getting gas at the local Marathon, or other common need for tourists, there is no reason to be on the city streets making noise at night," he said.

## Wanted

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tronic information during fund transfers, according to officials at office.

Pendry is also wanted by the Kentucky State Police on a charge of Burglary in the first degree and by the Madison County Sheriff's Department on a charge of reckless driving and fleeing or evading police.

According to police, more charges are pending when Pendry is captured.

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of Pendry, is urged to call the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office at 606-256-2121 or the Kentucky State Police at 606-878-6622.

## Slide

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next to the road there and a slide caused mud and trees and debris to slide into the roadway, blocking all traffic," she said. "The worst part is, engineers are telling us that

the entire hillside could slowly come down and that would be a major problem lasting much longer."

Singleton said crews are watching the slide area and officials say the sudden drastic temperature changes along with the recent rains have

loosened the ground on the mountain side next to the roadway.

"There are some ways around the blocked highway," said Singleton. "It really isn't affecting Livingston residents who head north. But to go to London, everyone will have to take other roads

around the mudslide."

The state highway was closed most of the day while crews worked to remove the mud and debris but the fear that more may slide onto the road lingers, according to several officials. "We are watching closely," said Singleton.



US-25 was blocked by mud, rock and debris last week, south of Livingston, due to heavy rain and changing temperatures. Officials are watching closely as some fear more of the hillside may break free causing more blockage and danger to motorists.



# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Deeds Recorded

Regina Halcomb, property in Rockcastle County, to Bobby L. Halcomb. No tax

Bobby Halcomb, Billy Ray Halcomb, Cynthia and Jesse Clouse and Danny and Melissa Halcomb, property in Rockcastle County, to Danny and Melissa Halcomb. Tax 50c

Danny and Melissa Halcomb, property in Rockcastle County to Bobby Halcomb. Tax \$45

Keith and Tina Broyles, property on the waters of Sinking Valley, to Larry F. Sword and Elizabeth K. Broyles. Tax \$125

Jacob Burdette, property in Holbrook Estates, to Rodney Cameron. Tax \$160

Clinton Graves, property in Skaggs Creek Addition to Skaggs Creek Cemetery, to Sandra Graves Burke. Tax 50c

Clinton Graves, property in Skaggs Creek Addition to Skaggs Creek Cemetery, to Katrina Louise Graves. Tax 50c

Roy and Sue Davis, property on KY 1249, to Kevin Ray Whitaker. Tax \$3.50

William E. and Lisa Ann Blanton Swinney and Haley and Vance Monnett, property on Owens St., to William E. and Lisa Ann Blanton Swinney. Tax \$25

James Noe, property in SunnySide Estates, to Ernest and Kelly Ann Mobley. Tax \$33

**M a s t e r**  
Commissioner's deed, for property on Hubert Vanzant Road, to Mid South Capital Partners LPPO. No tax

Carolyn Peacock, Executor, property on Level Green Road, to Mary Ruth Strunk. Tax \$9

Estate of Hazel Fern Stewart, property on Cove Branch Road, to Kenneth James Terry Wilder. Tax \$90

Anita Adams, property on Paul Street, to Sarah and Coty Baker. Tax \$4

Rose Marie Phillips Revocable Trust, property in Rockcastle County, to Robert Shirley III and

Caroline Shirley. Tax \$24  
William H. and Wanda Mullins, Rose Marie Phillips Revocable Trust property to Robert Shirley III and Caroline Shirley. Tax 50c

Jason and Amy Deer, property on Limestone Hollow Road, to Jon Luke Bledsoe. Tax \$32

Tammy J. Begley, property in Rockcastle County, to Greg Carpenter. Tax \$26

Rose Marie Phillips Revocable Trust, Rose Marie Phillips Revocable Trust property, to Ryan and Crystal Marie Mekeland Jordan. Tax \$45

DGS Development Ltd, Lot 6 Shady Grove Farms, to Christopher A. Helton. Tax \$38.50

DGS Development :td, Lot 8, Shady Grove Farms, to James R. and Mary Phillips. Tax \$33.50

Linda Redmon, property on waters of Roundstone Creek, to Timothy Wayne McIntosh. Tax \$20

Lonnie and Jean McGuire, property on Rt. 132 near Brodhead, to Jason and Pamela McGuire. No tax

John Henry and Edith Cope, property on Lambert Road, to BCB Properties LLC. Tax \$335

BCB Properties LLC, property on Lambert Road, to TMR Ventures LLC. Tax \$335

Robert E. Scott, Executor, property on Mt. Vernon/Somerset Road, to Barry and Lisa Brock. Tax \$115

John W. Burke, Jr. and Kristine Burke, Susie Horn, Nona B. and Connie Taylor, Alice M. Hill, Shawnee and Heather Burchett and Yancee and Elizabeth Burchett, John W. Burke, et al property, to David Lawson and Jennifer Whitt. Tax \$30

Keenan R. and Janet L. Lotz, property in Rockcastle County, to Jennifer Missey. No tax

Robert and Lenora Ann Alexander, property on Honeycomb Rd., to Achae and Justin Hensley. Tax \$4

Michelle Parkerson, property on Williams St., to Sue Ford Rentals, LLC. Tax \$60

DGS Dev., Ltd, Lot 5 Shady Grove Farms, to Vanessa L. Thompson. Tax \$32.50

## District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Kristie L. Coffey, \$787 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Charity Falk, \$840 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Lorrie Santo, \$614 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Destiny Niece, \$927 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Jaimee Ruth, \$548 plus claimed due.

Belmont Finance, LLC v. Raymond Bauer, et al, \$4,172 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Bobby Hensley, \$907 plus claimed due. C-00073

## Marriage Licenses

Stacey Marguete Evans, 29, Lexington, caregiver, and Trevor Joseph Marsh, 34, Lexington, self-employed. 3/22/24

Tammy Sue Kirby, 55, Mt. Vernon, Walmart Team Leader and Scott Patrick Harper, 56, Mt. Vernon, tool maker. 3/28/24

Amanda Mae Taylor, 41, Brodhead, instructional assistant and Joseph Lee Renfro, 42, Brodhead, CDL driver. 4/2/24

Sheila Breanna Faith Schutle, 18, Livingston, unemployed and Zackory Trace Johnson, 20, Livingston, unemployed. 4/2/24

## Circuit Civil Suits

Christian Coffey v. Angelina Weaver, petition for custody and parenting time.

Capital One v. Amber C. Kemp, \$11,452 plus claimed due.

Delta Natural Gas Co., Inc. v. Donna Gail Haarman, petition for Eminent Domain Right.

Birdie Albright v. Jeffrey L. Albright, demand for damages.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Angela McClure, complaint for medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Donnie Hammons, complaint for child support and medical support.

Bank of America v. Westley Jamison Theis, \$6,046 plus claimed due.

Alexis Stewart v. Jacob Lawrence, verified petition for custody.

JP Morgan Chase Bank v. Joann Smith, \$13,505 plus claimed due.

Anna Reams v. Signature Healthcare, LLC et al, claim for violations of Kentucky Residents Rights Statute

DOT Capital Investments LLC v. Brooke Elizabeth E. Hembree, et al, complaint for master commissioners sale. CI-00089

## District Court

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone  
3/25-27, 20/24

Logan Allen: speeding and no operators/moped license, license suspended

for failure to appear (fta)  
Failure to wear seatbelts: Robert Lee Bingham, issue court notice;

Dustin S. Blevins: failure to wear seatbelts and overweight on AAA Highway, license suspended for fta.

Adam G. Collins: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of motor vehicle and improper use of primary forest products plate, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta.

Dillard Wayne Cotton: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 10 days in jail/to serve w/credit for any days served/costs merged.

Anthony P. Datillo: operating vehicle w/expired operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp, failure to wear seat belts, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Miguel Delgado Rodriguez: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Joey Goff: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Trevor Wayne Helton: no semi-trailer plate and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, bw issued for fta.

Jessica Jane Johnson: failure to notify address change to Dept. of

Transp., \$25 fine plus costs, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$25 fine.

Joseph Miller: no/expired registration plates-receipt, bw issued for fta.

Wesley C. Miller: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Lucas Dewayne Osborne: Viol Part 390 Federal Safety Regs - \$25 fine; Pt 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance, \$25 fine; Unified Carrier Registration Act Violations, \$25 fine plus costs.

Jerome Pettiford: Driving motor vehicle using hand-held mobile telephone, license suspended for fta.

Adolfo Rojas Flores: Pt 396 Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance, \$25 fine plus costs.

Speeding: Frankie Torres Lopez, \$20 fine plus costs; Ricky Shawn Hoskins, Kelly Annmarie Tramontano, license suspended for fta; Kasie R. Hall, \$26 fine plus costs;

Julia Kirby: fines/fees due (\$273), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Kortnei F. Lofties: improper lane usage/vehicles keep to right except to pass, no operators/moped license, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

Darwin McGuire: public intoxication controlled substance. 90 days/pro-

bated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Ashley VanWinkle: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Kacey D. Neeley: public intoxication controlled substance, two days in jail/credit time served/costs merged.

Amanda M.S. Shafer: Viol {art 392 Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle (four counts), bw issued for fta.

Cristian Geovanni Soto Vargas: No operators/moped license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Michael Wood: no/expired registration plates - receipt, license to be in possession, license suspended for fta.

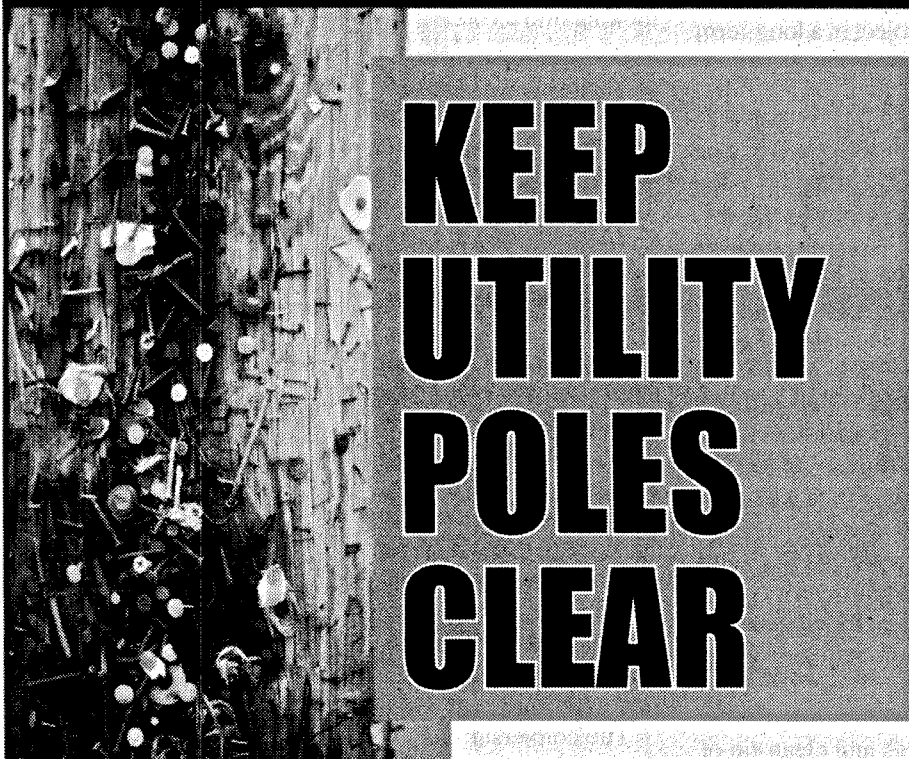
Gentry Keaton Young: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Gupreet S. Heer: Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts needed for safe operation, bw issued for fta

April P. Ehrman: Disorderly conduct, 10 days/to serve/concurrent; criminal mischief, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition /costs merged; public intoxication controlled substance, 10 days in jail/concurrent.

John McCoy: operating on suspended/revoked operators license (two counts), 10 days in jail/concurrent/costs merged

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Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage.

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Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.



Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.



Brodhead High School Alumni

The Brodhead High School Alumni Banquet was held on April 6, 2024. Classes honored were 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969. The 1969 photo is not available but those in attendance were Cecil Houk, Wayne Taylor and Charles Broughton.



Class of 1954  
Front row from left: Alice Kelly Kougios, Mike Thomas, William (Billy) Houston, Juanita Sanders Jackson and back row, Betty Adams Baker.



Class of 1959  
From left are Louanna Norton Purcell, Leroy Houk, Buford Parkerson and Carl Blevins.



Class of 1964  
Front row from left: Virginia Rose Payne Decker, Judy Maynus Mink, Rosella Wallin, Bonnie Cash Rose, Violet Adams Cash. Second row from left: Kermit Bowling, Ronnie Burdette, Billy McKinney, Martha Bullock Whitson, Wendell Lawrence, Russell Houk and back row from left: Glen Thompson and Charles Norris.

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ACROSS

- 1) Milky-white gem
- 5) Current measures
- 9) Abnormal breathing sounds
- 14) Baby doll's word
- 15) Empty truck's weight
- 16) Leave out in pronunciation
- 17) Skillet material
- 18) "Put a lid \_\_\_\_!"
- 19) Icy forecast
- 20) Consider carefully
- 23) Pricey
- 24) Unconscious
- 25) Tries to buy time
- 29) Brown brew
- 30) Speed, to a DJ
- 33) Attractive one
- 34) Agra garment
- 36) Like desert growth
- 37) Makeup swab
- 40) Ball-\_\_\_\_ hammer
- 41) They may be wild or sown
- 42) Had the nerve
- 43) Stat that concerns pitchers
- 44) Shipboard direction
- 45) Old computer accessories
- 46) Keebler character
- 47) College exam type
- 49) Have birthdays pile up
- 57) Insect's final stage
- 58) Casa kitchen crock
- 59) Oratorio piece
- 60) Stable female
- 61) Flow gradually through cracks
- 62) Honeycomb compartment
- 63) Classic Kilmer poem
- 64) "In \_\_\_\_" (actually)
- 65) Visibly healthy

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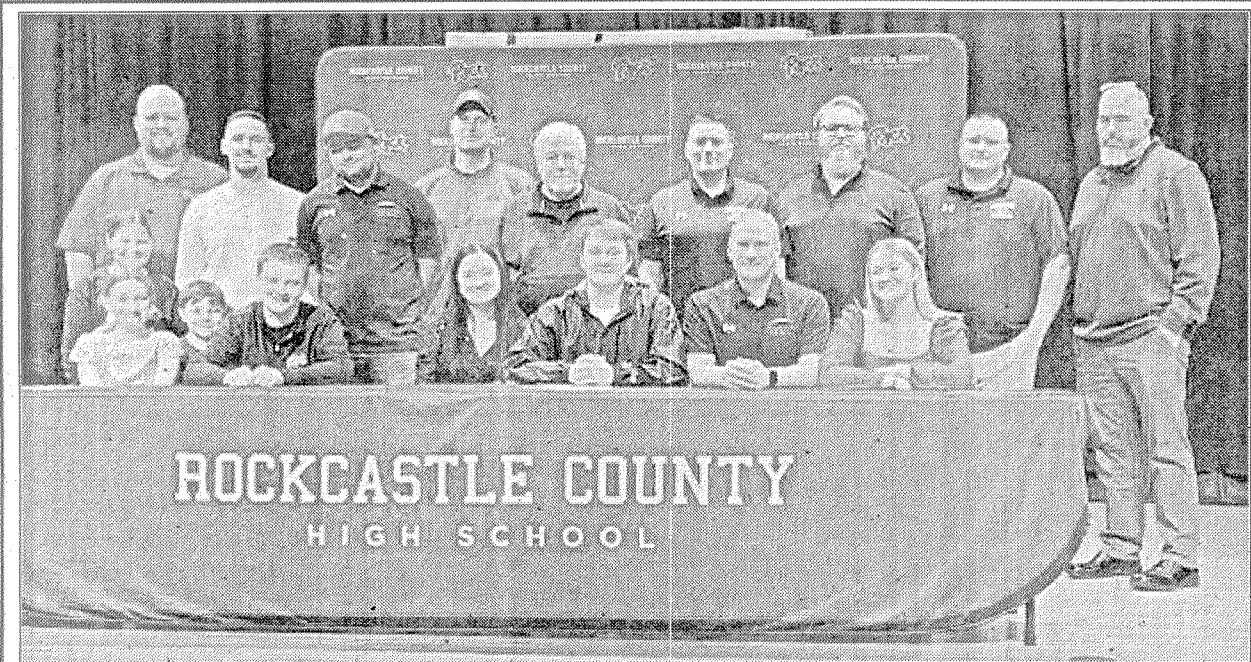
- 1) Give off
- 2) Introduction to psychology?
- 3) Crazy way to run
- 4) Country road
- 5) Redeems wrongs
- 6) Tropical ray
- 7) Earlier in time (with "to")
- 8) Words before fire or price
- 9) Come to one's aid
- 10) Divvy up
- 11) In \_\_\_\_ of (replacing)
- 12) Paradise lost
- 13) Paving block
- 21) Good-for-nothing
- 22) Baby's complaint
- 25) "Land" or "sea" ending
- 26) Edible root
- 27) Not docked
- 28) MGM mascot
- 29) Fine and liberal things
- 30) Vintage
- 31) Introduction or preface
- 32) Uses a darning egg
- 34) Airline availability
- 35) Aardvark's quarry
- 36) Galaxy component
- 38) Variety headline
- 39) In an unconventional manner
- 44) Metallic mixtures
- 45) Cheese on a cracker
- 46) Aerie inhabitant
- 47) Gawks at
- 48) Makes angry
- 49) Package under the Christmas tree
- 50) Arabian chieftain
- 51) Account of incidents
- 52) Victory margin, at times
- 53) Made for \_\_\_\_ other
- 54) Vicinity
- 55) Junior brook
- 56) Store event

Easter Word Search

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BUNNY  
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DRESS  
CHOCOLATE  
DAFFODIL  
CHICKS  
BASKET  
LILY  
HAM  
GRASS  
TREATS





RCHS senior Christian Larkey recently signed his letter-of-intent to continue his football career at Eastern Kentucky University. Christian is shown above with his parents, Chris and Leslie Larkey, other family members as well as the football coaching staff.



RCHS senior Tucker Warren recently signed his letter-of-intent to continue his football career at Mount St. Joseph's in Ohio. Tucker is shown above with his parents, PJ and Beth Warren, other family members as well as the football coaching staff.

**Rockcastle County awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program**

Rockcastle Co. has been chosen to receive funds for Phase 41 in the amount of \$6,160.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to Rockcastle County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Rockcastle Co. has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Grateful Breads, Feeding the Flock Food Pantry and Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Natasha Hubbard at Daniel Boone Community Agency, Inc. at (606) 256-5315. **The deadline for application to be received within 10 days of advertisement.**

• Church News •

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

**Monthly Singing**  
 Philadelphia Baptist Church in Brodhead will hold their monthly singing April 28th at 3 p.m. with Mt. View Bluegrass

**Gospel Singers. Revival**  
 Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church will be in Revival April 14th - 17th with Bro. Billy Conn. Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. Everyone invited.

Moment of Prayer

We would like to invite everyone out to join us for a moment of prayer.

Lake Cumberland Recovery's newest treatment facility will be opening soon.

This facility will be named Promises of Grace. Promises of Grace is a male facility located in Mount Vernon.

Along with all other Lake Cumberland Recovery facilities, Promises of Grace will love people back to life through God's grace.

On May 17, 2024 at 6 p.m. we will be joining at 211 Industrial Drive, Mount Vernon, to pray over each and every soul that will enter this facility, in the name of Jesus.

Psalms 107:28, "Then they cried unto the Lord

in their trouble and he bringeth them out of their distress."

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# Rockcastle Historical Haven

Presented by  
Rockcastle Historical  
Society

By: Markita Proctor

The Rockcastle County Historical Society has recently been revitalized. In the past year a lot has happened in the history of the Historical Society.

The First Rockcastle County Historical Society was established in 1964, according to an article published in the August 27th issue of the Mt Vernon Signal of that same year. As the article details the group was first organized in Renfro Valley.

## Mikey Howard named Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church

Mikey Howard spent more than 20 years as the lead singer of a popular Christian music band, never thinking he would be called to work in a church. But that all changed in the past few weeks after he was voted overwhelmingly to be associate pastor at First Baptist Church.

Howard, who grew up in Mount Vernon, was saved and baptized as a youth. When he was in high school, he formed a band — and that led to him performing across the country and his band, 7eventh Time Down, having several No. 1 songs on the radio, including “God is on the Move,” which stayed at No. 1 for five weeks and was the No. 5 song of 2016. The single, “Just Say Jesus,” remained on the charts for 52 consecutive weeks and was the No. 16 song of 2014.

“It’s been awesome — an incredible journey,” Howard said.

During that success, Howard and his wife, Vanessa, talked and prayed as they pondered the strain of him being on the road much of the year, leading him to return to his hometown.

“I never felt called to work in a church — it was not on my radar. I started working with the elementary school here in August. I had no desire to work at the school, but I felt the Lord wanted me to take the job. I’ve always operated that you need to be obedient. I felt strongly about (going to the) school — I didn’t know why, but you don’t need to know.”

Soon afterwards he got a call from his record label, BEC Recordings, asking if he would consider doing a worship album. After saying he would pray about it, he opined that perhaps the Lord was working in this matter and that he should consider it. He agreed to do it, and found himself extremely busy — working in school, doing shows with his band on the weekend and now working on a worship album.

Then came a pivotal phone call. A church in Danville called him to ask regarding a reference from a man who was being considered for a position in that church. In answering their questions, Howard said he felt the Lord speaking to him with the thought that it was time for him to work in a church.

“I was super aware of

This is fitting considering the contributions that John Lair made to the promotion and preservation of the history of Rockcastle County. That first group of historians had big plans. “One of the first projects to be tackled by the organization [in 1964] is to list names and dates on all the gravestones in the cemeteries in the County.” That may not seem like too much of a daunting task, but when one considers that there are more than four hundred cemeteries in the county and not all are maintained this task in itself is impressive. The group had seen that people were becoming more and more interested in researching their family history and they wanted to help. They also began work on compiling a list of former residents. In 1964 they had a list of all resident taxpayers from 1814. The group also began researching and gathering data from the Civil War, The Indian Wars, and the War of 1812. Clearly, this early group was serious about history. These historians had already boosted a collection of historical accounts from 1886, notes from Ralph Griffin that included information that had been recorded for twenty-five years. They also began work on collecting oral histories from the county’s local elderly citizens. Mrs. Ransom Coffey who, as stated in the Signal, “made a lifetime study of the genealogy of the area and [had] kept a voluminous file of all her findings...” was the chairman of the committee which included Harry Chasteen, Judge S.F. Bowman, and Aunt Em Mullins.

This work continued

God’s presence. I got off the phone and told my wife, ‘The Lord has used this school job and this worship album to soften my heart. I’m doing things I never thought I would do.’ The Lord put on my heart that I was ready to work in a church.”

He looked on Google to see if there were any church jobs in Mount Vernon. One job popped up — associate pastor at a church one mile from his house.

“I knew one person who sang there — my teacher when I was a kid in elementary school. I found out that the guy they were interviewing for that position had pulled out in the past week.”

Howard relayed to the church that he was interested in talking about the position, and two days later he met with Pastor Dennis Wilder and the Personnel Committee chairman. “Over the next few weeks, I met with the Personnel Committee and we started going to church there — the church was so welcoming and our kids loved it.”

On March 3, he shared his testimony, then the church voted 103-1 to call him as associate pastor.

“It’s a God story, without a doubt,” Wilder noted. “Mikey is excited and humbled to hopefully continue kingdom building right here in Mount Vernon at FBC. He is genuinely excited about the spiritual journey unfolding within his own family and town. Jesus used his youth group to change the trajectory of his life. For him to have an opportunity to play a small role in God’s big plan for the lives of students in Mount Vernon is humbling and exciting. He believes in a ministry centered on Jesus and loving people in grace and truth. He is eager to bring this passion to the role of associate pastor and to share the genuine love and grace of Jesus that has shaped his own journey in life.”

Howard and his wife have been married for 15 and a half years, and have three daughters: Azlyn, an eighth grader; Penelope, a third grader, and Juniper, a preschooler.

In addition to his ministerial duties, Howard is scheduled to perform in nine shows over a 14-day period. He also has a new single, “Faithful Still,” scheduled to be released soon.

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over the years and the goal of organizing a list of gravestones was realized in 1985 with the publication of first the collection of cemeteries, titled Inventory of Cemeteries. By 1985 Changes had come in the County and for the Rockcastle County Historical Society. Mrs. Shirley Cummins was the standing President of the Historical Society and the focus seemed to have shifted into publication. The March 7, 1985 publication of the Mt. Vernon Signal included a report of the work that had been accomplished. The purpose of the Rockcastle Historical Society was to preserve the history of Rockcastle County, both topographically and genealogically. The paper published this statement, “We believe that a knowledge of the history of Rockcastle County helps us to appreciate our heritage. The major function of our society will be (1) to accumulate material relative to the history of our county, the exploration of early settlers, government, and industries. (2) to collect artifacts as a souvenir of our ancestors. To create a museum for the community and tourists. (3) to have noted the historic value of buildings

and areas in Rockcastle County. (4) to mark the historic sites of Rockcastle County. (5) to share with the Kentucky Historical Society through publications and programs the knowledge that we gain. (6) to compile court records, family records, and old church, school, and business records. To transcribe census, marriage records, and vital statistics as genealogical aides. The Signal article described several publications supported and/or produced by the Rockcastle Historical Society. These included “Tradition and Progress, A History of Hummel Industries Incorporated.” by Nancy Disher Baird and the “Elmwood Cemetery Inventory”. History was building a bridge between the past and the present. At the time this group was meeting at the public library in Mt. Vernon but would eventually move to some back offices that were graciously provided by RTEC. The group still longed for a place to call home. A place where people could come to do research and history lovers could come to get a deep view of the history of our county.

Jump ahead nearly forty years and Mrs. Debra J. White Brown of Brodhead is the standing President of the newly named Rockcastle Historical Society and Museum as well as president of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Cemetery Board. Again those who followed continued to reach the goals of their predecessors. The Society has been gifted a building and the vision of a home base for the society is coming closer to fruition. This home is historical in its own right, the second oldest building in Mt. Vernon, built in 1899 and opened in 1900 as the Bank of Mt. Vernon. The new dream is for the citizens of Rockcastle County to see the Museum as a central historical center of the county. A place where families could donate state and county, artifacts, including pictures, books, and other memorabilia. The museum would showcase the collections that would be of interest to those who value preserving the history of Rockcastle County. Along with showcasing the historical aspects of the county, the society has a new vision of being a liaison between the past and the future with a new dedication to the students of Rockcastle County. Mrs. Brown hopes to see the Museum as an educational hub with classes, reenactments, and other elements that would be of interest to students. The biggest obstacle now is renovation. The Society is looking at a major overhaul of the property to raise at least one hundred thousand dollars to make this dream a reality. Just like historians of the past, the current Rockcastle County Historical Society is still invested in preserving the cemetery records of the county. Work on Volume II began in 2019 and that collection is expected to be released soon. With new publications in the works. Mrs. Brown also expressed a desire to increase membership. Members would have first-hand access to resources that will not be available anywhere else and those resources would be vetted by historians who are dedicated to authenticating any information available through the society.

Ultimately, the Rockcastle Historical Society and Museum is steeped in tradition and a wholehearted dedication to preserving the history of our hometown. If you are interested in membership and access to a wealth of resources complete a membership application soon.



Patricia Heylmann Hiatt, seated  
Jeanne Snodgrass Bonham, standing

### Kindness

Have you ever prayed for people in the world to show more kindness and be less of a “me” generation? The act of kindness will never fade from the lives we touch.

The definition of kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

How can we apply this to spiritual kindness? God is a God of loving kindness.

Jeremiah 9:24 tells us, but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. Being like Christ is something we should strive to mimic. Christian kindness will impact our future generations.

Christian kindness describes our Christian character. Christian kindness is tenderhearted. Christian kindness shows the real value in people from God’s perspective.

We should practice putting on kindness everyday of our lives as we read in

Colossians 3:12, Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. When you show kindness, it will never disappear.

Always remember these few key points:

When you touch lives with your kindness, your works will never go unnoticed.

When you do something good it takes you a long way.

When you practice an act of kindness, it doesn’t just take you a long way, but that kindness will be reciprocated to your loved ones when you are long gone.

When you show others kindness, that kindness will always be remembered by God.

The kindness you show to others will never escape the eyes of God.

Let us praise God for showing us what true kindness that endureth forever as we read in Psalms 117: O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

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There would have been no atonement. (Rom.5:11) And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

There would have been no redeeming gospel. (2Thes.1:8) In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There would have been no universal invitation. (Rev.3:20) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man will hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

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There would have been no place prepared for us in heaven. (Jon.14:3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

There would have been no gain in death. (Phil.1:21) For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

I pray we all understand how much there is to gain by living the Christian life, the very best life one can ever live; its rewards are out of this world. “Don’t take it for granted.”

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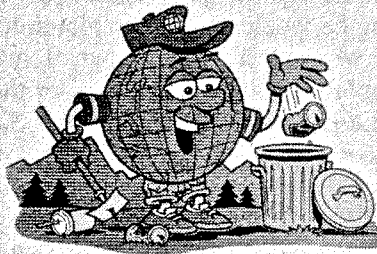
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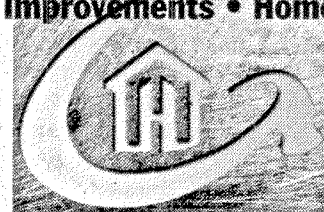
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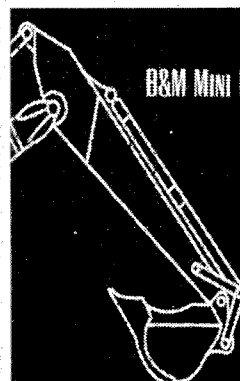
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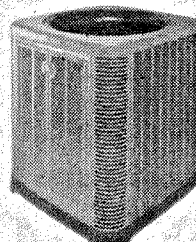
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# Livingston cop wants to get to know residents of his city

By: Mike French  
Editor

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sit and chat with a police officer and be able to tell the Chief of Police your opinions? Residents of Livingston will have to wonder no more as Livingston Police Chief Chris Whicker is ready to listen.

Chief Whicker is planning several local events, with the sole purpose of sitting down with residents in the community and giving everyone a chance to get to know their police chief better. "I just want to hear everyone's concerns or ideas about their police department," he said. "Even though I am just a lone wolf down here in Livingston, I believe the people of Livingston deserve a police department that has their hopes and goals in mind."

Whicker said the best way to get to know someone is to spend a little time with them and that is exactly what he has planned with anyone who wants to attend one or more of the events he has planned.

First, Whicker is planning a "Coffee with a Cop" event. "We will just sit and have coffee and

talk about our town and discuss anything that people want to talk about," he said. "We may just talk about the weather or share pictures of children. It doesn't matter. We can talk about anything anyone wants to talk about."

Whicker is also planning a "Board Games with a Cop" event. "We can play some Checkers or whatever they want to play and we can talk about our city while we play," he said.

There is also a lot to learn about people when involved in an activity, said the chief. "I am working out details for a 'Basketball Shoot Around with a Cop' and we can shoot a few hoops while we get to know each other."

Whicker said he was involved in some similar events while he was a police officer in Madison County. "It worked out very well in Madison County and I want to get to know the people of Livingston that well."

Whicker has several personal areas of focus in his position as police chief, including fighting drugs in the city and creating a safer environment for everyone. But one of his top priorities is his effort to get to know the people of Livingston and create an environment where everyone feels comfortable approaching him with any issues. "I want everyone in our community to feel perfectly comfortable with coming up to me on the street and talking about anything on their mind," he said.

Whicker became the Chief of Police in Livingston when former chief Travis Davis left the position just a few months ago. He is the second officer to work under the current administration.

The first date planned

for citizens to have coffee with a cop is scheduled for the first Saturday in May (May 4) from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be

held in the old Livingston school cafeteria. Everyone is invited. "I am looking forward to it," Wicker said.

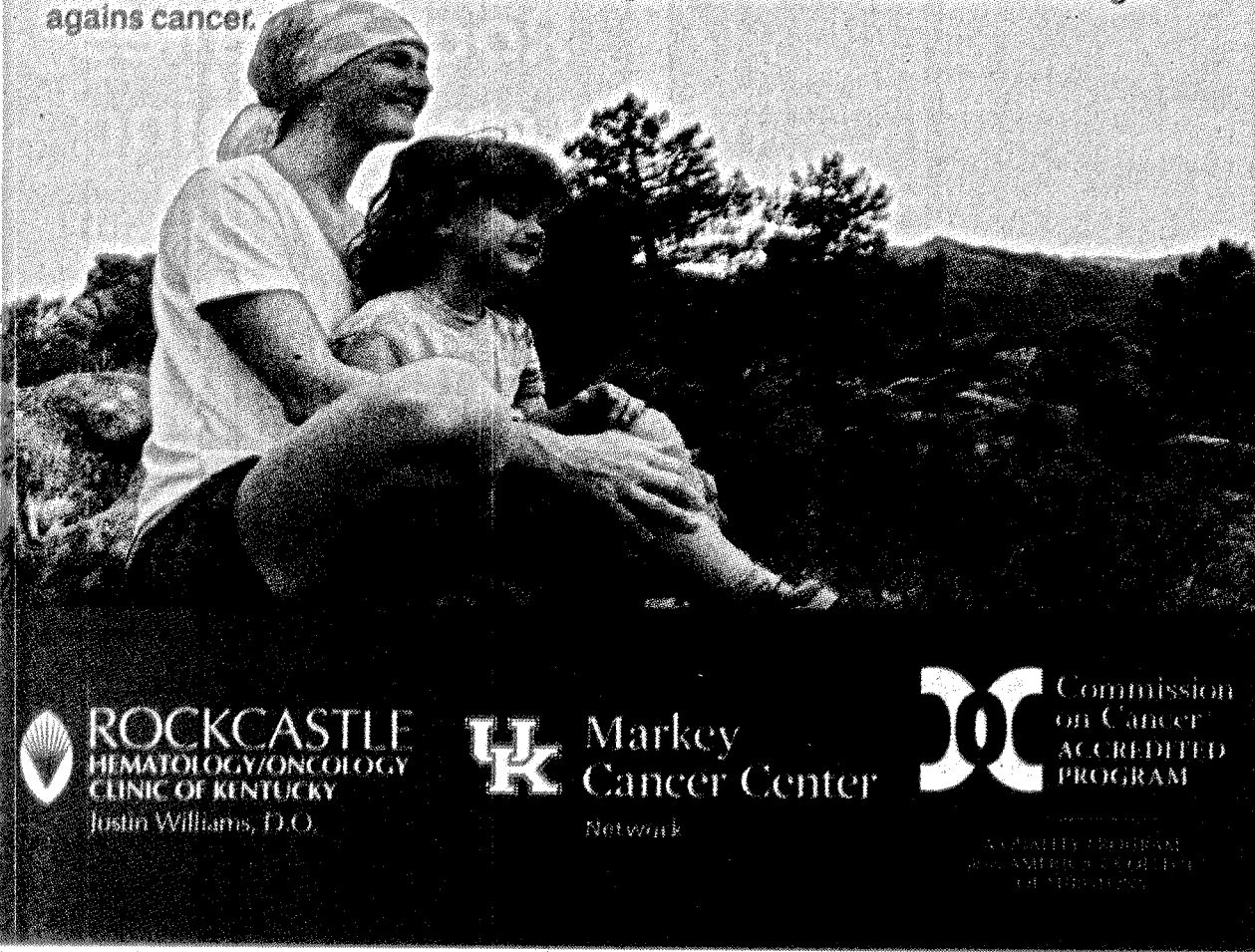
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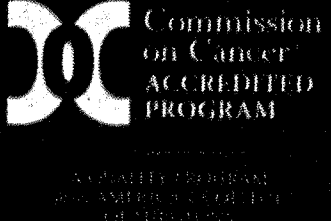




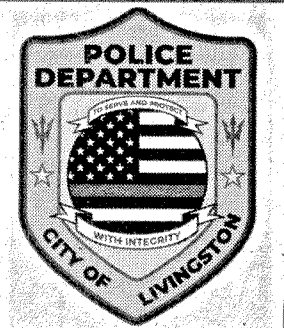
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