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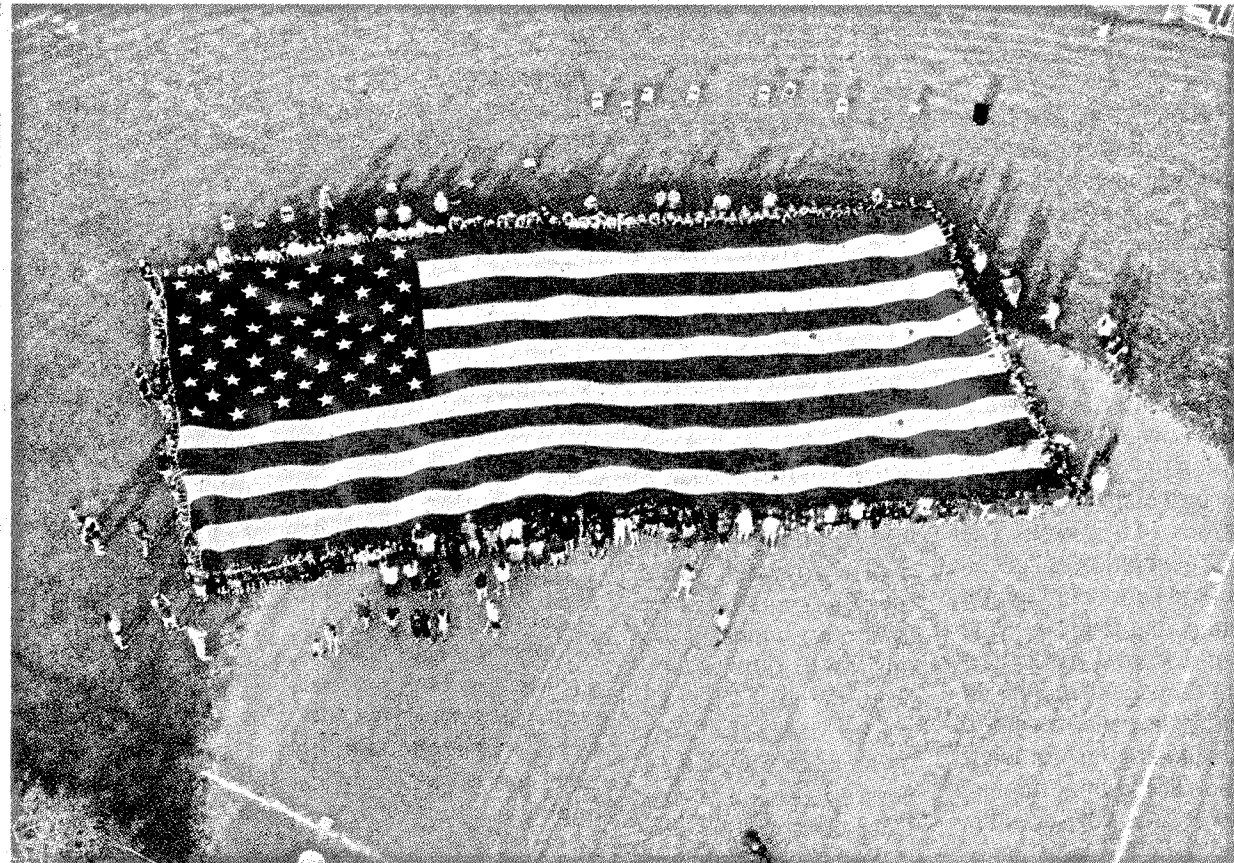
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Batters-up



Rockcastle Little League Opening Day was held Monday after being postponed due to rain. The flag was displayed at Thacker Field to begin the event which included food trucks, inflatables, vendor booths, and equipment swap and more. The traditional Parade of Teams included all little league players marching to the field for the first time in the 24-25 season. Those visiting enjoyed the movie Sandlot in the outfield to end the evening of celebration. Organizers invite everyone to attend the games this year and support the local youth.

Graduation Day set

School board ready to hear tentative budget in May

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board held a short regular monthly meeting last Tuesday at the Teaching and Learning Center in Mount Vernon.

The meeting began with the monthly staff recognitions, since the monthly guest school presentation had postponed their appearance until next month's meeting.

There were no public comments from the small crowd in attendance.

After the approval of Operations and Actions for the month, the board heard from Finance

Director Jenny Sweet. Sweet explained that the general fund showed a bigger balance than usual as the district is preparing for three payroll periods in June which will add up to over \$4.2 million. Teachers may elect to take their June, July and August checks in the June pay period.

Sweet also said she expects to present the next school year's tentative budget at next month's regular meeting.

Calendar Committee Chairman Marcus Reppert asked the board to approve adding Friday, May 24 to the calendar year since classes were cancelled one day this school year due to weather. Reppert said May 24 will now be the last day of school and classes will be dismissed at 11 a.m. on that day. The request was approved and will now be submitted to the state.

Sweet also informed the board that she, and Technology Director Brandon Reynolds, are applying for the third USDA technology grant of close to \$1 million. The district previously received the first two grants, which were used for technology improvements in the district. The third grant, if approved by the USDA, will support all county elementary school technology.

The grant has a \$150,000 match but Sweet says she is organizing efforts to use other state funding for the match. Reynolds

(See "School" on A5)

Livingston officials planning repaving projects in city

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Livingston City Commission held their regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening.

The floor was opened to guests to begin the meeting. Resident Melissa Hahn asked Mayor Larry Davidson about Commissioner David Mahaffey's status as commissioner, saying that the official had sold his home in the city. "As you know, a commissioner's primary residence has to be inside the city limits for them to serve on the commission," she said.

Commissioner Mahaffey was not present at the meeting and Davidson said he was not familiar with the situation. "This is the first I have heard of this," he said.

However, in a later in-

terview with Mahaffey, he said he is still commissioner and plans to remain. "I did sell my house but have rented another home in the city limits,"

Fiscal Court hears reports and pays bills

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting with a full agenda.

After monthly house-keeping items were taken care of, the court heard that there had been no Livingston Trail Town report submitted for March. The court did approve \$1,140 in program support for the Rockcastle Development Board and heard the RCIDA monthly report.

he said. "If I were leaving, I would give a 30-day notice. I was working out of state during last night's meeting or I would have

Change landscaping contracts

been there. But I assure you that I am still a city commissioner in the City of Livingston and I plan to stay in that capacity."

Hahn also asked about stories concerning a new crackdown on ATVs in the area. Chief Chris

Whicker explained that the crackdown will not limit those traveling to the store or getting gas or going on a public ride. "We are only cracking down on people who are taking

(See "Projects" on A5)

Agreement may be coming in local eviction notice

By: Mike French
Editor

According to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Karl Crase of the Microfoodery plant is working with the owners of the building to avoid eviction.

Crase received a notice of a hearing of eviction which alleged the tenant (Crase) owed over \$400,000 in lease fees and penalties. However,

Rowe says Crase is working closely with owners to strike an agreement that will avoid eviction.

Rowe says the case was not dismissed in the event no such agreement is reached. However, Crase and the building's owners are attempting to work out an out-of-court agreement that would allow Crase's Microfoodery plant to remain at the location.

House overrides Governor's vetoes, reinstates wording

By: Mike French
Editor

As the *Signal* reported last week, about \$80 million is expected to come to Rockcastle County, as part of the 2025-26 budget passed by the state legislature recently.

The budget appropriations bill was carried onto the House floor by Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray with the help, support and assistance of Kentucky Senator Brandon Storm. The duo put together a budget that funds many projects in Rockcastle County and has caused local officials to scramble into a more specific planning mode

over the past two weeks.

Governor Andy Beshear vetoed several line items in the budget, including changing the wording in the line that guaranteed Rockcastle County \$62 million for the RGL Industrial Park.

"The changing of the wording, changed the entire purpose of the mega-site," said RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook. "When the governor changed the wording, it was not the intent of the project at

all. We didn't just happen to find 1,400 acres sitting there. It took tremendous planning and long discussions many times with 60 different families and countless representatives. What they all

agreed to was not what the new wording was offering."

According to VanHook, the new wording would have allowed small sites to be purchased individually. "Many of these families

were not willing to include their place unless they could be part of something generational and transformational. They agreed to be a part of something that would change the region as well as the state," VanHook said. "The new wording had to be overridden."

The second legislative session began last Friday and ran through Saturday and, by the end, the veto had indeed been overridden and the original intent replaced, VanHook said.

"Now we can move forward. We deserve this. It is time Rockcastle stopped

(See "Budget" on A5)

Bray visits Fiscal Court to discuss budget

Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray spoke at the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting last week.

Bray, who is Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, along with Senator Brandon Storm, sponsored and presented the budget to the House recently which included about \$80 million in line items involving Rockcastle County growth and development, including \$13 million to complete the funding for a new Rockcastle County Middle School.

Over \$62 million will purchase the 1,400+ acre industrial park mega-site on US-150 at Spiro Lane and \$4.67 million will be given to the fiscal court to

build a sports complex inside the county.

The budget had some line items vetoed by Governor Andy Beshear but local projects that were vetoed were later overridden. In the budget, \$4.67 million will be distributed to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court to be used for a recreational complex of the court's choosing. "This is money the court can use as you see fit," Bray said. "The people of Rockcastle County have talked and wished for a sports complex for a minimum of 15 years and now I believe that, when combined with the funds the county already has available, this complex is a once in a generation op-

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ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

Things that show up on my news feed that make me go Hmmm...

A \$24 billion homelessness fund in California has vanished with no discernible improvement in the plight of the "unhoused" and no paper trail as to how the funds were spent.

The \$24B vanished over a five year period and no one is being held accountable for the lack of results shown for its expenditure....

Yesterday, there were coordinated protests held across our country by Pro-Palestinian protestors. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco was shut down for five hours, the main road into O'Hara Airport in Chicago was shut down, with airline passengers having to walk to the airport and the same at Seattle's Sea-Tac Airport. The Brooklyn Bridge in New York was also targeted for hours and protestors in New York were burning the American Flag and shouting "Death To America." There were also protests in Texas, Illinois, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida. (I wonder if some of these Pro-Palestinians may have made it here to protest their very generous host country across our wide open Southern Border - compliments of pResident Biden's invitation).

At one point, in New York, policemen were seen forming a line in front of the protestors in the road, in an apparent effort to protect them from irate motorists.

Dozens of protestors were finally arrested for blocking the Golden Gate Bridge and in Seattle for blocking the road to the airport and to the port but, never fear, the ACTBLUE Democrat organization immediately starting providing funds to bail out those arrested.

The only state where I saw the protestors being handled properly was in Florida where policemen immediately began dragging protestors out of the road, issuing citations and clearing the scene in 15 minutes.

I'm not going into a diatribe about what I would do if I were inconvenienced like this because, truth is, I probably wouldn't do anything. At 82, I'm not exactly in fighting shape but someone--maybe public safety officers, you know, like policemen? should do something to stop this!!

This is all in addition to a large group of Muslims in Philadelphia who blocked traffic yesterday because they decided to pray in the middle of the road. I'm not sure why they feel this is necessary. But, I wonder if this were a bunch of Christians if they would be treated the same.

Today, there are hundreds of illegal aliens attempting to take over New York City's City Hall in order to strong arm officials into allowing them to use luxury

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Even "fact checkers," who spin and twist every word spoken by conservatives and by Christians, and call it "misinformation," can't deny this fact--money makes decisions!

Well, in all honesty, if it looks bad for Democrats, then yes, they will deny it no matter how obvious the truth is because liberals will fall for anything.

Nonetheless, the truth is, whomever has the money makes the decisions. In every case, every where, every time, the person paying the bills, will make the call.

Knowing this, everyone should be aware that Communist countries have now given over \$43 billion to America's leading universities and institutions of learning. The next generation of American kids are being taught things that the rest of the world knows to be lies. But they are being taught with vigor and dissent to this ideology is not tolerated. The young, impressionable ears of our future are being fed racist, anti-American, anti-Constitution, hate propaganda and being trained that those who disagree are the intolerant ones.

After 200 years of believing the Bible in a Christian country and knowing the value of Israel, suddenly there are protestors against Israel. Wonder who taught them to feel that way?

Suddenly the LGBTQIAEVIL movement is everywhere we look. Promoted on nearly every television show and supported by most every politician. Wonder who taught them to feel such a lifestyle is acceptable?

After 200 years of protecting ourselves and our families, millions of Americans suddenly think guns are mean, old bad things and free American citizens should not have any and the Constitution is wrong. Wonder where they got that idea?

There is suddenly a full time attack on the First, Second, Fourth,

Fifth and Tenth Amendments in America. I wonder who taught this generation to hate America and our history?

Racial differences had become practically nonexistent. Everyone was equal in the eyes of the law. Suddenly, white people are evil and owe black and brown people a free ride on whatever ride they want. I wonder where this generation was when they started to hear how people should hate each other?

Just for reference, a Communist government (China) also owns 384,000 acres of prime real estate in America.

By the way, China owns AMC which shows movies of their choice to our youth. China owns GE Appliances. China owns Motorola. China owns Legendary Entertainment, which shows our youth movies with content only they approve. In fact, China owns over 5,000 businesses in America as of December of 2023.

Surely all of us wonder how the average net worth of Senators, who earn \$174,000 annually, is \$1 million. Either they spend a lot of hours working on something that has nothing to do with what they were

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



A Coach, a Coach, My Kingdom for a Coach Dear Journal,

For the last several days there has only been one question on people's minds: Who will be the new coach for the Wilddcats? It seems that everybody had an opinion. Some were glad to see John Calipari leave, others weren't. The new coach had to be someone reputable with almost a certain guarantee that the Cats would win a championship the first or second year of his term as coach. Who could it be?

I'm personally sad to see Coach Cal leave. Yes, Kentucky had to endure the embarrassing losses to two unheard of teams back to back, nonetheless, in the NCAA Tournament. I believe he was just in a rut and needed time to get out but nobody wanted to give him a chance and wait one more year. How quickly we forget all that he has done for the Cat's basketball program.

After what I heard, it may not have been altogether Coach Cal's fault that he left. I heard that Cal went to Mitch Barnhart, the UK athletic director, asking for a new practice facility since the football Cats got one. He claimed basically that Mitch had gone hog wild

and pig crazy since the football Cats had won some bowl games recently and they were the new darlings of UK sports. Mitch wanted to treat the basketball Cats like red headed step children, so to speak. Now, Cal didn't go empty handed to ask. He had major pledges from former Cats in the NBA, now millionaires, who were willing to help get a new facility. It hasn't been that long since I could drive through Lexington near Commonwealth Stadium on game day and there would be vendors along the street selling T-shirts that read, "Lexington, KY, a drinking town with a football problem." It was a true statement although embarrassing.

I don't think Mitch will be able to find anybody to fill Cal's shoes for a long time. He found poor old Mark Pope from BYU as he grasped for straws, to come and bail him out. Basketball season isn't that long away and no coach? What to do?

I really sincerely hope the Cats and Coach Pope do well...outstanding really, but I'm not expecting very much for years down the way if ever

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hotels instead of the shelters the city has been generous enough to provide them with. Can you say you're greedy so-and-sos?

There is a bill in the Senate called the Safe and Open Streets Act which would establish a criminal penalty for interfering with commerce by blocking public roads. Tennessee Senator Marsha Blackburn said besides a fine, convicted protestors could receive up to five years in prison.

The bill will not be able to garner enough votes in the Senate to pass, since Republicans do not have a majority there and if, by some chance, it should, President Biden would undoubtedly veto it.

Ironically, J6 protestors, who were invited into the building by capitol police, are still rotting in jail while well-funded terrorists groups all over the country are screaming "Death to America." Go figure.

Non-Government Organizations in Mexico are now distributing flyers encouraging illegals to vote for President Biden.

The flyers read: "Reminder to vote for President Biden when you are in the United States. We need another four years of his term to stay open."

As of July 1, 2022, 18 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico issue driver's licenses or permits to some or all of the population residing, without inspection, in the United States.

These licenses, which include a photo, can be used as ID to vote in those states. Besides this perk, since illegals are now counted in the census, the 2030 census will see a big increase in the number of Representatives for many states (mostly blue states).

There is also bill pending in the House to require proof of citizenship to vote but that has outraged House Dems because

Americans would have to show "papers" to vote. Of course, this is just another Republican effort to make it harder to vote, according to Dem Representative and Squad Member Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts.

But, we have safe and secure elections my foot.

We are spiraling into a third world country so quickly, it's making me dizzy.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, given the gavel when Speaker Kevin McCarthy was ousted for giving the Democrats everything they asked for, in spite of Republicans having a narrow margin of the 435 seats, needs to also be ousted for doing the same thing.

Do Democrats have some magic fairy dust they sprinkle on Republican House Speakers to bend them to their will or do Republicans just have a habit of electing lily-livered speakers?

Johnson went into office proclaiming what he was going to do, such as cutting spending, getting the border wall finished, releasing the J6 tapes to the public, etc. and, thus far, he has done none of those things but only what Democrats want him to do, with the help of some RINOs, usually including our own Harold Rogers.

The latest outrage is the House passed an extension of FISA (the warrantless spying on Americans by the FBI) with 86 Republicans voting aye (including Rogers).

Georgia Republican Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene filed a motion for Johnson to vacate his office and Kentucky Representative Thomas Massie has announced he will cosponsor the motion. Massie feels that Johnson should pre-announce his resignation so a new Speaker can be picked without the House ever being without a GOP Speaker.

Meanwhile, maybe we all need to ponder this verse from Proverbs

29:16. It seems particularly applicable to our current quandry. "When the wicked are in authority, sin flourishes, but the Godly will live to see their downfall."

Aces

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elected for, or they have used their position to gain a fortune. The only remaining option is that some of these same Communist countries (China) are donating to them as well. In this case, China owns our national debt.

China influences our educational system encouraging Americans to be unarmed and hate each other and hate our own history and China owns our lawmakers. China owns enough land to shut us down agriculturally if they decide to and China owns companies that support and promote the propaganda of America-hating.

Now consider that a presidential candidate, who pointed some of this out, was ridiculed, laughed at, indicted, impeached, charged with felonies and found guilty in cases where no crime was committed. And Democrats are very happy with all this.

We are now a country that has completely abandoned our moral values and our patriotic concerns, just in this generation. This is the generation that China and other Communist countries have influenced and their goal is our destruction.

Through education, television, political trends, social propaganda and other avenues, they have turned us against ourselves and it was all made possible because of money.

Our money, which clearly states "In God We Trust," has become the center of all goals. Everything centers around it. And as long as a Communist country will give it to us, we are letting them do anything they wish. What we need to remember is, their wish is that we die.

T.J.'s

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again. The Cats will have to basically rebuild from the ground up. When Cal left, he took all of his staff except for one and several players have jumped ship as well. I say the football Cats will fail expectations before too long and the old reliable bread and butter basketball Cats have been thrown out like a baby with the bathwater. Everybody knows that Kentucky is a basketball school and always has been. Cal will be missed so much in the years ahead and I'll be personally blaming Mitch Barnhardt for this whole fiasco and embarrassment that is to follow.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CABBAGE POTATO SOUP

2 pounds lean ground beef
1 large yellow onion; chopped
4 cups chicken broth
1 head of green cabbage; chopped
about 5 large red potatoes (peeled or semi peeled)
3 fresh, long carrots; chopped thin
About a cup of water
1 stick of unsalted butter
1 teaspoon salt (or more depending on your taste)

In a large pot, brown ground beef and onion. Add chicken broth, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and salt. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then turn on low-medium heat and cover. Make sure there is enough broth to cover by about an inch over the cabbage and vegetables! If not, add some water! Cook about 45 minutes. Add butter and salt (or more depending on your taste) and cover back up! Cook this on LOW for about 2 hours, covered.

CABBAGE KIDNEY BEAN SOUP

2 pounds lean ground beef
One onion, chopped
1 beef bouillon cube
4 cups beef broth
1 head of cabbage, chopped
2 cans (14 ounces each) kidney beans, drained
1 teaspoon minced garlic or garlic powder
1 teaspoon salt

In a large pot, brown ground beef and onion. Add bouillon cube, beef broth, cabbage, kidney beans, garlic, and salt. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then turn on low-medium heat and cover. Make sure there is enough broth to cover by about an inch over the cabbage and vegetables! If not, add some water! Cook about 45 minutes.

BROCCOLI CHEDDAR SOUP

1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 and 1/3 cups 2% milk
3/4 cup chicken broth
1 cup chopped fresh or frozen broccoli
1/2 cup shredded

cheddar cheese

Sauté onion in butter until tender. Stir in the flour, salt, and pepper until blended; gradually add milk and broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir un-

til thickened, about 2 minutes. Add broccoli. Cook and stir until heated through. Remove from heat; stir in cheese until melted.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, April 22nd: Brodhead and Copper Creek.
Tuesday, April 23rd: Green Hill, Fairview and Brindle Ridge.
Wednesday, April 24th: Senior Citizens/Adult Day Health and Wayne Stewart Center.

RCHS Greenhouse Open

The Rockcastle County High School Greenhouse's first day open is Wednesday, April 24th and will then be open Tuesday through Friday each week from 3 to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 10th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Closed Thursday, April 25th for the FFA Banquet.

DBCAA Directors Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will have a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road., Manchester. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

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

Weekly Grief Support Group

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

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.

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

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

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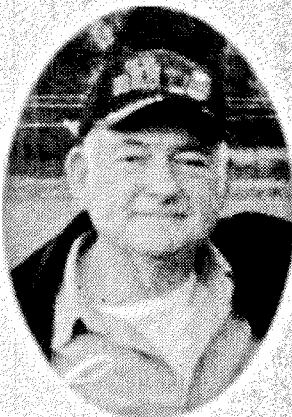


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Obituaries

James Daniel Hacker, Sr.

James Daniel Hacker, Sr., husband of Neville Burton Hacker, died at University of Kentucky Hospital April 9, 2024. James was born December 17, 1942, in



Brodhead, to the late Daniel Hacker and Kelsie Holcomb Hacker. James served his country in the United States Navy from December 21, 1961, to December 20, 1967. After leaving the Navy he married the love of his life Neville Burton on December 30, 1967, and from that marriage came six children.

James was a member of the Watts Chapel Baptist Church in Crab Orchard. He worked for over 31 years at Bluegrass Army Depot. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, cookouts, sport shooting, tinkering, and spending time with family. He was a member of Sportsman's Club of Ceder Creek, a long-time employee at Hamm Auto Sales, he was a Kentucky Colonel, and member of the Lincoln County VFW post 345.

James is survived by: his wife, Neville Hacker; five children, Wanda Gail Messer (Scott) of Brodhead, Lisa Lenora Rogers of Crab Orchard, James Daniel Hacker, Jr. (Stephanie) of Crab Orchard, Kelly Elizabeth Denney of Brodhead, and Christina Eyvonne Pavon (Miguel) of Brodhead; 11 grandchildren, Rusty Benge, Sara Barrett, Chris Benge, Josh Benge, John York, Nikki Cromer, James Douglas Hacker, Jessie Daniel Hacker, Jakob Ethan Mink, Kayliegh Arabella Mink, and Aiden Michael Pavon; and 17 great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by: a child, Arther Wayne Benge; three grandchildren, Jeffrey Shivel, Rachel Shivel, and Elizabeth Sinner; three sisters, Loretta Lynn Hacker, Eyvonne Walton, and Geneva Hacker; and one son-in-law, Dwayne Denney.

Services were held Saturday, April 13 at Marvin E. Owens Chapel with Bros, Dan Gutenson and Danny England officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery with military honors. A fellowship meal was held at Watts Chapel in Crab Orchard.

Benny Miller

Benny Miller, 77, died peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Benny was a true and faithful servant to the Lord. He lived



his life helping others. Benny was a pastor and member of First Church of Jesus Christ.

Benny was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many.

Benny was born May 18, 1946, in Mt. Vernon. He was a retired truck driver and farmer. He was

a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian Overbay Miller, who he married Sept. 11, 1965. He is also survived by: five children, Connie (Tim) Williams, Floyd (Desiree) Miller, Carolyn (Kenny) Barger, Joe (Crissy) Miller and Jeff (Tabitha) Miller; 19 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. Also surviving are: three brothers, James Miller, Carl Miller and Kenneth Miller; and five sisters, Jenny Martin, Betty Miller, Nevada Doan, Mary Woodall and Geneva Owens.

Benny was preceded in death by: an infant son, Raymond Miller; his parents, Robert and Edna Miller; and a brother, Billy Miller.

Public visitation will be Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 12 noon - 2 p.m. at Owens Chapel in Brodhead, with burial following at McKinney Blue Springs Cemetery. Services will be officiated by Marvin Cromer.

Pallbearers are: Floyd Miller, Joe Miller, Jeff Miller, Tim Williams, Matthew Poynter, Brian Miller, Ethan Mille and Kenny Barger.

Terry (Bo) Childress

Terry (Bo) Childress, 63, of Mt Vernon, died April, 12, 2024, at Baptist Health in Lexington. Terry was born December 27, 1960, in Mt Vernon, to Jesse and Rissie (Hansel) Childress. On October 30, 2017, he married Nannie (Cotton) Childress, and they enjoyed 14 years together.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Nannie (Cotton) Childress; his children, Jamie Bryant of Mt Vernon, and Justin Childress of Mt Vernon; grandchildren, Ryleigh, Kayden, Jameson, Liam,

and Terry; brothers, Benny Childress (Judy) of Mt Vernon, Danny Childress (Connie) of Brodhead, Jerry Childress (Rhonda) of Brodhead, Donnie Childress of Brodhead, Kenny Childress of Mt Vernon, and Jesse Childress of Mt Vernon; and one sister, Kaye (Terry) Neal of Mt Vernon.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Jesse and Rissie Childress; one brother, Ricky Childress; and two infant twins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at Marvin Owens Chapel with Bro. Jason Medley officiating. Burial was at Red Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Red Hill Cemetery.

Lucille Beatrice Cash

Lucille Beatrice Measel Cash, 90, of Crab Orchard, died Monday, April 15, 2024 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was the widow

of William Clay Cash, who preceded her in 2001. Born May 14, 1933, in Eubank, she was the daughter of the late Chester and Clarice Osborne Measel. She had been a member of Good Hope Baptist Church in Pulaski County since the age of 13. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and homemaker who enjoyed the farm life and being the wife of a farmer. She and Clay enjoyed many wonderful years together on the family farm prior to his passing. Additionally, she enjoyed raising a garden, making pottery and ceramics, crossword puzzles, sewing and watching UK basketball games.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by: one grandson, Ryan Bradley and a sister, Juanita Hill.

Survivors include: three sons, Dean Cash and friend, Pam Sturgill, Richard (Regina) Cash, and Vincent (Jennifer) Cash; seven grandchildren, Adam Woodall, Rylie (Jordan) Cash, Zack (Raven) Cash, Tyler Carrier, Taylor (Portia) Muse, and Samantha (Mitchell) Marshall; eight great grandchildren; one brother, Bob (Sharon) Measel; and five sisters, Mildred (Brad) Denney, Joyce Todd, Wilma Petrey, Mary (Reed) Whitaker, and Linda (Don) Day.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with visitation beforehand from 11 a.m. until time of service with Minister, Bro. Mike Measel officiating.

Burial will follow at Ottawa Cemetery.

Pallbearers include: Jack Chaliff, Curt Brown, Curtis Cash, Dylan Madden, Taylor Muse, and Jameson Burdine. Honorary pallbearers are: Zack Cash, Rylie Cash, Reed Whitaker, Brad Denney, Bill Hill, Mark Hill and Chris Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions suggested to Ottawa Cemetery Mowing Fund c/o 1683 Willallia Road, Brodhead, KY 40409.

An online guestbook is available at www.mcknightfuneralhome.com

Dylan Nicely

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Dylan Nicely who was born on July 5, 1995, and left us on March 23, 2024. Dylan was a beacon of

strength and an embodiment of wit, kindness and compassion. His empathy for others was boundless, his loving spirit all-consuming and his high spirits were contagious.

Dylan graduated from Rockcastle County High School in 2013 and was an active congregant of the Christian Church of God. His giving nature further led him to volunteer at Elderly Care, a testament to his selfless service and inherent goodness.

A lover of the outdoors, Dylan found joy in hunting and fishing. His adventurous spirit took him on numerous hunting trips with his grandfather Gary and friend James Barron. His zest for life, his courage, and his faith were inspirational to all.

Despite being sent home on hospice seven years ago with a prognosis of merely a week to live, Dylan defied the odds and lived seven years. His bravery, resilience, and stubborn optimism was his greatest accomplishment. Dylan's legacy as a survivor is a testament to his indomitable spirit and a walking, talking testimony for God.

Dylan's life was a lesson in courage and unyielding faith. He taught us to live every day as if it's our last, to shower love on our dear ones unabashedly, and to place unwavering faith in God's plan. Dylan's optimism, even in the face of adversity, was unparalleled and he believed himself to be healed, irrespective of the doctor's prognosis.

May his soul rest in peace. Dylan will live on in our hearts, his spirit forever etched in our memories. He was an overcomer, a survivor, and an inspiration to us all.

Survived by: his loving mother, Angelia Perkins; his father, Randy Perkins; his grandparents, Gary Langford and Colleen Langford; his Aunt Anna Rose; and cousins, Kira Owens, Matthew Chasteen and family members Chris Hoffmann and Tammy Hoffmann. Dylan's passing leaves a void that can never be filled. He was predeceased by his dear cousin, Maggie Rose. Every person Dylan touched will miss him deeply, but his mother Angelia will feel his absence most profound. For seven years, she stood by his side as his unwavering pillar of support, and their bond was truly extraordinary.

Funeral services were held at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: James Barron, Joe Barron, Matthew Chasteen, Chris Hoffman, Gary Langford, and Dean Wilson.

In Dylan's memory, contributions are requested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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



Bill Belcher

Bill Belcher (William R. Belcher), 66, died peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, April 13, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. Bill was a Christian (a member of Brodhead Baptist Church), a devoted husband,



and a much-loved brother and uncle to those he held dear.

Bill was born January 4, 1958, in Stanford. He grew up in Brodhead on West Street. He attended Brodhead Grade and High School, played basketball as a Brodhead Tiger, and graduated from Rockcastle County High School where he played basketball as a Rockcastle County Rocket. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University. He was employed by the Interstate Coal Company, T.M. Reagan Consultants of Lexington, and retired from the State of Kentucky as an Inspector for the Department of Environmental Protection and served on the State Environment Response Team.

Bill is survived by: his wife, Molly Hamm Belcher; sisters, Mary Lynn (Kenneth) Stevens, and Karen Reynolds; a beloved nephew, Greg Reynolds and wife Elizabeth, along with nephews, Scotty Stevens and Chad Brock; and nieces, Sharon Stevens and Stephanie Reynolds. Bill is also survived by his in-law family who loved and respected him; his sisters-in-law, Betty Lou Adams and Lois Hamm; and nephews, Shawn, Kevin, Greg, John, Steve, and Courtney. He will be missed by these along with friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Denver and Lucille (Owens) Belcher; a sister, Joan Belcher Brock; and brother-in-law, Gene Reynolds.

Bill has chosen cremation. A public Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Maretburg Baptist Church with Bro. Tony Smith and John McQueary officiating, a meal is to follow. Memorial donations to be made to the Shelby Reynolds Ministry Scholarship.

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

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

Plaintiff
v.
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

School

(Continued from front) said the funds will purchase 75-inch screens among other devices for the elementary schools. "We are excited about the possibility of another \$1 million grant," Reynolds said.

Sweet also presented the low bidder for school photos next year. Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger said previous school photographers did not have packages that were affordable to some families. "There were families that could not buy their child's photos. But this company offers a \$5 sheet so that everyone can afford pictures of their child," she said. Sweet agreed. "The district's goal is to offer quality, affordable photography options to families," Sweet said.

The contract, awarded to Josten's Photography, will be based on a one-year basis until the quality of the work is agreed upon at the end of the year," Sweet said.

The board also discussed the upcoming paving projects. Officials assured the board that work is planned for the summer break to minimize interruption.

Ballinger said she expects ACT averages and school comparisons will be ready to present to the board at next month's regular meeting.

Ballinger also said Graduation Day has been set for Thursday, May 23 at the football field at 7 p.m. Parents will not need a ticket this year, according to Ballinger. In case of rain, the event will be held on May 25 at the same time.

Ballinger also commented on the recent legislative sessions, saying she is pleased with the proposals. "Nothing is set in stone and will not be 100% final until it is signed by the governor. But legislatures can override vetos from the governor so we are 99.99% sure that we will receive the \$13 million towards our middle school project," she said.

Ballinger said school officials have already started meetings with contractors and designers to stay ahead with planning. "We are ready to go as soon as it becomes final," she said. (Two days later the governor's vetoes were overridden and the budget was passed.)

Ballinger said she will begin "breaking down the numbers in the increase in SEEK funding and the transportation budget at the May meeting, once the budget is finalized."

Ballinger also said the budget is to provide \$20,000 in funding for SROs at local school campuses. "This won't cover the total amount but it will definitely help our SROs and our district," she said.

Sweet said she was pleased with the budget. "It is a good budget for educators," she said. Board member Matt Chaliff publicly thanked "Dr. Ballinger, Josh Bray and Brandon Storm for their commitment and work towards getting these funds for the district."

After the budget was passed on Friday, Ballinger said in a separate interview, "Rockcastle County Schools is very appreciative of the support and advocacy of Senator Storm and Representative Josh Bray in securing a \$13 million line item for the

building of the Rockcastle County Middle School. Their support of this project will allow us to move forward in building a state of the art facility to meet the educational needs of our students. As a district, we are both appreciative and thankful for their support in this endeavor as this project will positively impact generations of Rockcastle students."

Ballinger also presented the Personnel Action Report. It is as follows:

Full time certified employees hired
Michael McDaniel, Itinerant LBD teacher at MVES.

Full time classified employees hired
Morgan Durham, instructional assistant at BES.

Resignations
Adam Poynter, part time custodian and lawn care employee; Jameson Mink, first shift custodian.

Certified substitutes
Ken Mattingly and Logan Taylor as substitute teachers.

Classified substitutes
Annie Johnson, Jenna Loudermilk, Jessica Barron and Olivia Albright, substitute instructional assistants; Austin Allen, substitute vehicle mechanic I; Brian Presley, substitute bus driver; Brianna McClure and Candace Gibson, substitute cooks/bakers; Jameson Mink, substitute custodian and lawn care employee.

Classified staff updates
Amy McKinney, program assistant at RCHS; Kathy Owens and Tammy Jamison, first shift custodians at RCHS; Susan Davis, cook/baker at RES from 6 hours to 7.5 hours.

Volunteers
Amy Bray, archery team. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

Budget

(Continued from front) sending our people to other big projects and we start bringing people from other communities to Rockcastle," VanHook said. "Josh Bray, David Meade and Brandon Storm are true examples of leaders with vision. This is the type of leadership that changes communities into thriving, successful communities. These are the leaders that create opportunity for the people of their district."

Money coming to Rockcastle:

The biggest of the lump sum, \$62 million, will be used for the newest RGL (Rockcastle, Garrard, Lincoln) Industrial Park mega-site on US-150 at Spiro Road. The site is currently being marketed worldwide.

Other allocations include:

\$4.67 million for the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court to build a sports complex of their choosing.

\$150,000 for new displays at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

\$13 million for the Rockcastle County School system's special assistance fund to complete the needed funding for a new middle school. School officials have now restarted the planning process.

\$21 million for plans,

design, right-of-ways, utility and construction of various road projects.

\$9 million to improve KY-461 from US-150 to the four-lane section of US-25.

\$3.2 million to address safety, mobility and congestion along Richmond Street to the KY-461 intersection.

\$2.2 million for repaving projects in Rockcastle.

\$2.3 million to be used for bridge repair and upgrades in the county.

An additional \$1.6 million for repair of the paving on US-150 from Pulaski to Rockcastle's county line.

Slightly over \$1 million to deal with safety and access issues along KY-461 from KY-1250 to US-150.

\$1 million will be used for corridor improvement on KY-461 to US-25 in Mount Vernon.

\$300,000 was designated for planning and study of economic development along US-25 from mm17.3 to I-75 at exit 62.

\$250,000 was allocated to study future development in Mount Vernon between exit 62 and exit 59.

Other state funding that affects Rockcastle County includes the funding of school transportation, saving Kentucky school districts millions of dollars.

Other road projects are also included in the budget.

The budget also provides up to \$20,000 to fund SROs (School Resource Officers) that were mandated at each school campus a few years ago.

Bray and Storm worked closely on the massive budget, which passed the House two weeks ago, and local leaders have praised their efforts since the budget was released. "Other leaders in Frankfort or wherever, we have to look them up and chase them when we have a need. There is nothing wrong with that. I understand it. But not Josh Bray," said VanHook. "He is in constant contact with us, with the school, with mayors and judges. He is asking what he can do to help his community every day. And this is proof of his dedication."

VanHook also said Senator Storm played a huge role in the success of the budget from a Rockcastle County point of view.

"I am very excited to see these improvements come to Rockcastle County and I am excited to see local families get to enjoy the proposed recreational complex," said Storm. "People from around the state continue to enjoy the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and I am especially grateful for the support to help address the need for a new middle school."

The senator also said he is excited about the new mega site. "The funding to improve the local roads will play a big role in safer travel and commutes and will improve the flow of commerce," he said. "With \$62 million aiming to foster economic growth, we will need our infrastructure to be prepared to support it."

Court

(Continued from front) funds from the Opioid Settlement, paid to the county last year is approved for the use of education in the fight against opioid abuse.

The court also voted to provide \$500 to the Pulaski County Fiscal Court in support of a regional technology showcase planned for October. Holbrook said Rockcastle County residents, students and teachers will participate in the event.

The court also heard the monthly Rockcastle County Animal Shelter report which showed 81 dogs received and 19 dogs brought in by shelter workers. The report says 84 dogs and 21 cats were disposed of and at the end of March, there are 20 dogs at the shelter.

The March Livingston Gym report showed \$800 in rental fees.

The court also heard the county treasurer's report, as related to all county funds. The April 1 report shows a balance of \$23,012 in the general fund, \$545,470 in the road fund, \$324,323 in the detention center fund, \$36,214 in the LGEA fund, \$1990 in the forestry fund, \$207,786 in the federal fund, \$27,279 in the 911 fund, \$26,783 in the CSEPP fund, \$2,209 in the fairground fund, \$1,098,561 in the occupational tax fund, \$887,342 in the US Bank fund, \$7,071 in the Rockcastle parks and rec board, \$2,039,523 in the economic development fund, \$6,761 in the Farmers Market fund, \$31,036 in the county clerk storage fund, \$234,123 in the opioid settlement fund and \$2,153,292 in the special (Covid) fund.

Magistrates also received a copy of the third quarter financial report. "The county is in really good shape right now," said Holbrook.

County Treasurer Vickie Miller also asked the court to approve a transfer of \$116,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and \$35,000 from the general fund to the 911 fund and \$1,000 from the general fund to the forest fund. The request passed unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 at 4 p.m. in the conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Bray

(Continued from front) portunity."

Bray said this is also an opportunity to work with partners. "This is a great opportunity for the county to work with the City of Mount Vernon and make something really good happen. It is our turn now."

Bray said that the new industrial park (located off 150 on Spiro Lane) is ranked, by several sources and the site selectors he is in touch, as the best mega-site in the state, and one of the top sites in the nation. "With the funds in the budget for all the road projects - I-75 exits, the gas line now under construction, the railroad (spur), the best industrial site in the state and the sports complex the court chooses, this is an opportunity like this county has never seen before," he said. "This court can decide what kind of complex and where to put it. I'm confident you will make the right choices for the county in the long run and this is a multigenerational goal that has now been reached."

The \$4.67 million for the sports complex will

come in two payments, according to Bray. "The first \$2.36 million will come a few months after July and the remaining funds will come in July of 2026. This will give you time to put the funds in an interest bearing account and provide time to give the project thought and planning and work with the city on any ideas."

Several magistrates spoke up saying they are thankful for Bray's hard work to include Rockcastle County in the budget in such a historic way, they said. "It is clear that you have the best interests of Rockcastle County at heart," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

Bray said he was proud to represent the district and Rockcastle County and would continue to work every day for the betterment, growth and developments of the county and the district. "It is my pleasure and it is time for our county now. It is our turn and this is our opportunity."

Projects

(Continued from front)

advantage of the leniency that we give to ATVs since we are a trail town," he said. "Just the noisy or dangerous ones after midnight interest me."

Davidson told the crowd he expects several Livingston road projects to begin this week. "The FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funds were designated for several paving projects in our city. We were waiting for warmer weather and waiting for the asphalt company to have the materials we needed. The work should begin soon." According to Commissioner Troy Goforth, the roads to be repaved include Hill Street, Mahaffey Street, McClure Street, School Street and Black Street. "There is a lot of repaving going on in our city and we will have much better roads very soon," said Goforth.

Davidson also said the city is still "crunching numbers" to determine how much the water and sewer rates will increase. Officials say the rate increase is needed since the city charges it's customers practically the same rate per gallon that the city pays their supplier for

the water.

In other action, the commissioners heard from Eric Hubbard, organizer of the Boone Forest Rally, seeking support for an upcoming event to include Lee, Jackson and Rockcastle County, including some of the roads in the City of Livingston. In fact, Hubbard proposed a Rally Car Expo to be held in the city of Livingston after the two race events on May 27.

Though only two commissioners were present, besides the mayor, the vote to support the rally was unanimous. "I believe this is a wonderful opportunity for the City of Livingston," said Davidson. (See related story for more details.)

In a slight disagreement between commissioners, Davidson asked how the commissioners handled the city's lawn care needs in his absence from the March meeting. Commissioner Sandi Singleton said the city elected to hire local services only for upkeep of the lawns and landscaping in the city.

However, Davidson expressed concern about liability that may fall on the city. "What if his mower throws a rock through someone's window or hurts someone," he asked. Singleton and Goforth said local workers must sign a waiver taking responsibility for any damage they may cause. Davidsons said he does not trust such a contract. "Did an attorney draft this contract? For the protection of the city, we need a licensed and insured contractor," Davidson said.

The mayor then read over the minutes from last month and said he does not see a vote to eliminate the existing contractor.

The commission then entertained a motion to discontinue the use of all previous out-of-town lawn care services and only hire local residents, who will receive a 1099 form for services. The motion passed two to one with Singleton and Goforth voting in favor while Davidson voted against the motion.

The commission then entered into closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at 4 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Rockcastle County Recycling Center

open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) beside the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and computer accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

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

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

Brodhead (behind City Hall)
Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

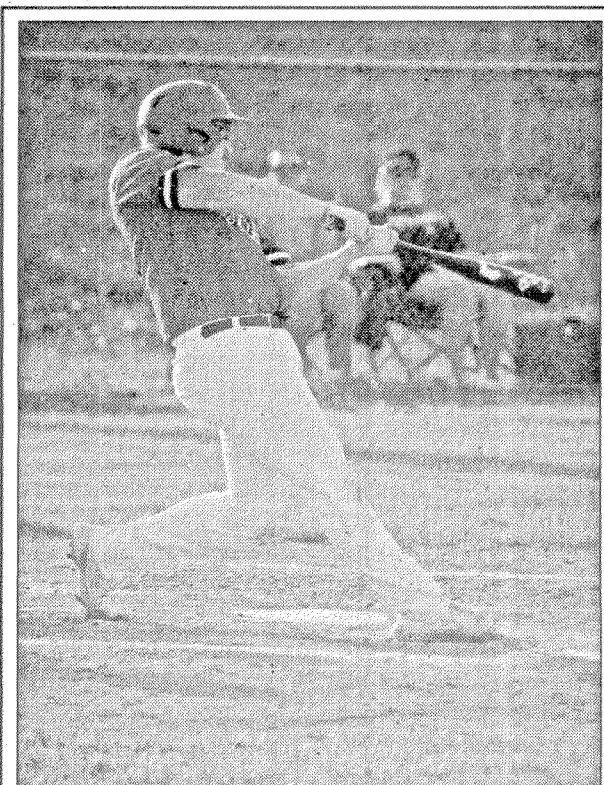
Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

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

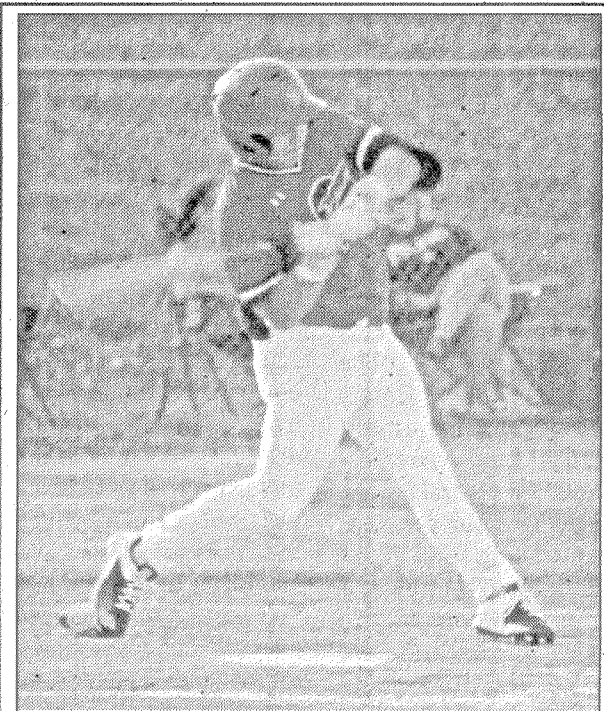
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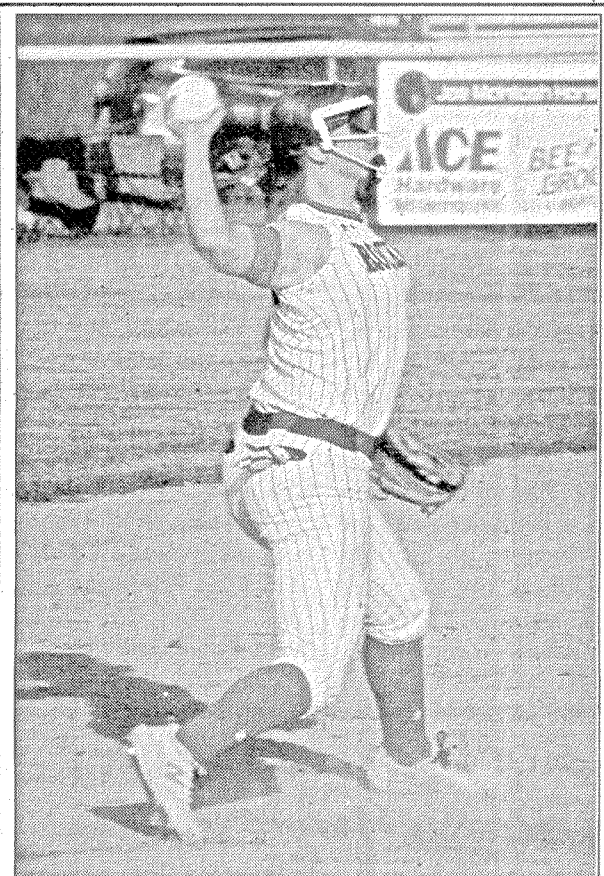
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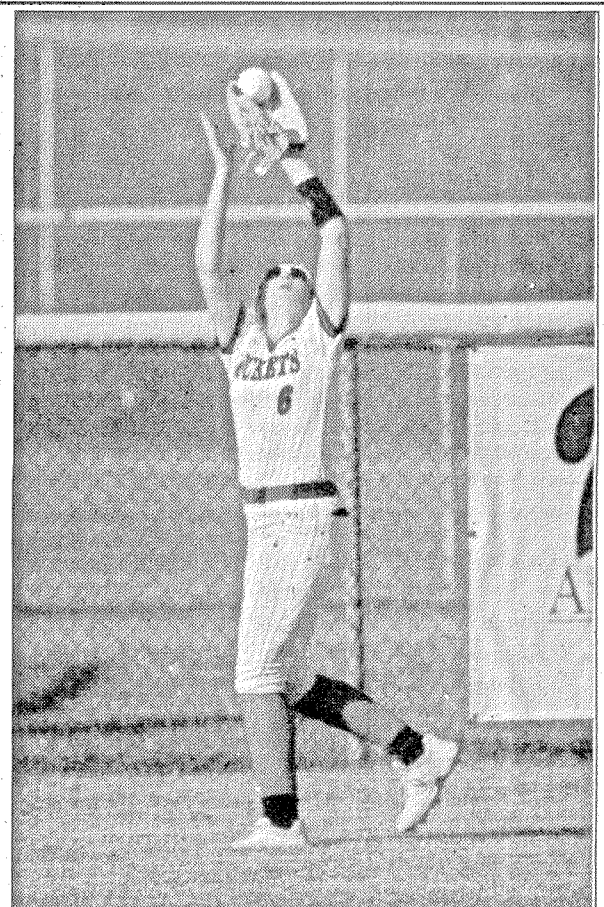
Andrew Powell goes for a hit during the Rockets' district game with Pulaski County Monday night. The Rockets lost 11-3.



Phoenix Pittman gets a double on this swing during the Rockets' loss to Pulaski Monday.



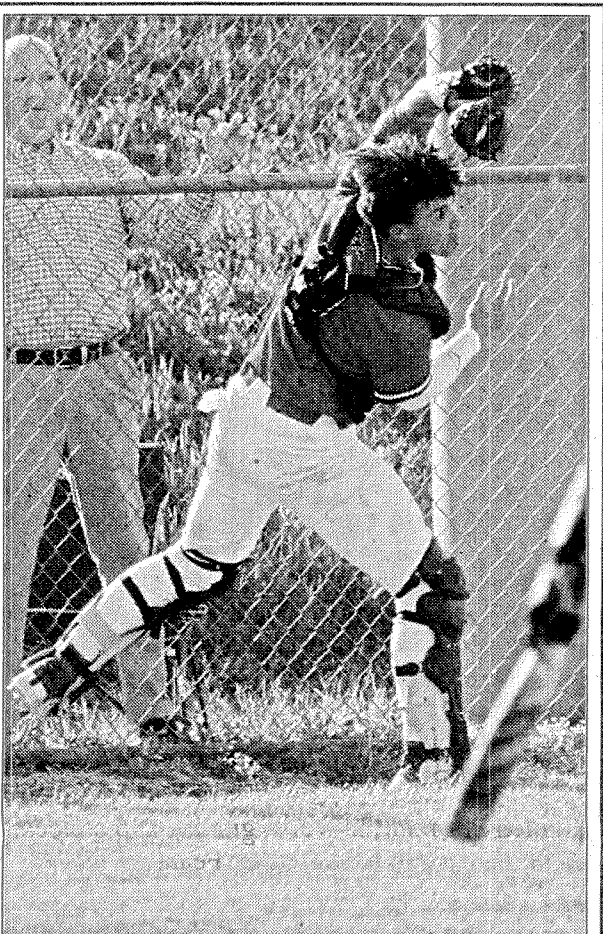
Adysinne Lovell makes a play from shortstop during the Rockets' 11-1 loss to Pulaski Monday.



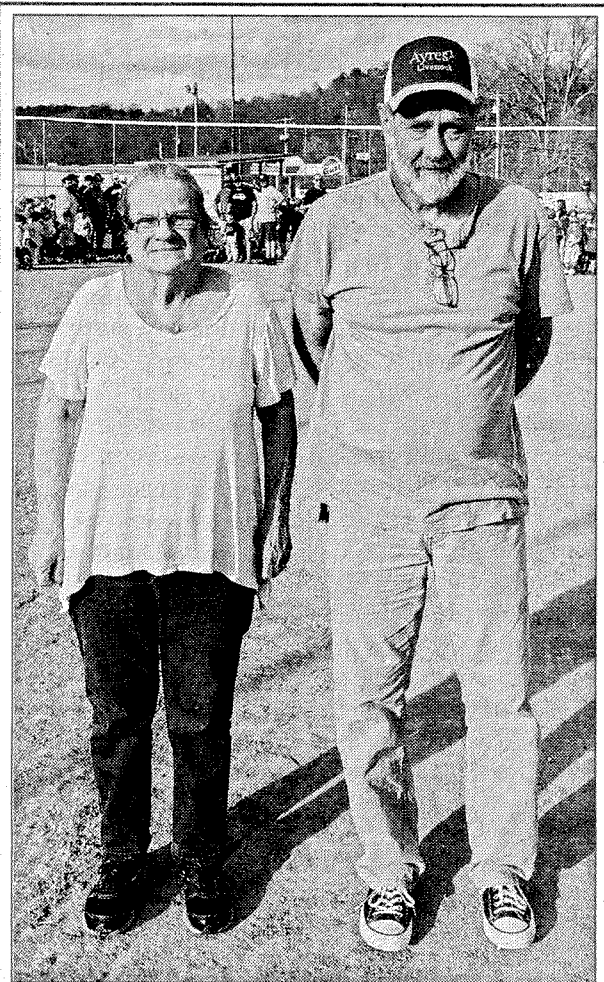
Kiley Dunaway makes a play in the outfield during Monday's loss to Pulaski County.



Rockcastle Little League Opening Day was held Monday night at Thacker Field. The event included food trucks, inflatables, vendor booths, equipment swap and more.

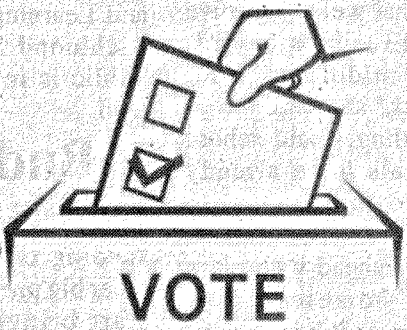


Carson Carrera chases down a foul ball during the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Monday night. The Rockets host South Laurel Friday night at 6 p.m.



Coy and Linda Taylor threw out the first pitch to kick-off the 2024 Little League season.

How to-When to-Where to And other Important Election Info



Online Absentee Portal opens April 6, 2024
Available to those who qualify per KRS 117.085 (1)(F) at govoteky.com
Official Ballot DROP BOX: Located at the US25S Entrance to the Rockcastle County Courthouse @ 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 (KRS117.086 (2)(a) or you may return via USPS.

Accuracy Board Testing April 16th, 2024 @ 2p.m.
Board Inspection/Seal Check of Election Equipment, May 14th, 2024 3:30pm
Rockcastle County Courthouse, KRS 117.162 (1) &(2)

May 4 @ 10AM or May 6, 2024 @ 6PM
Precinct Election Officer Training, Rockcastle County Courthouse
Ballot Processing may begin this day and runs through Election Day @ 6pm

May 8-10 & 13-15, 2024 (Excused voting) during regular office hours
Rockcastle Co. Clerk's Office, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Must have a designated reason to vote during this period (KRS 117.076 (2)

May 16-18, 2024 (NO EXCUSE) Early In-Person (ID required)
Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 for ALL registered voters, regardless of precinct.
• Thursday: May 16, 2024; 10AM - 6PM
• Friday : May 17, 2024 : 6AM - 2PM
• Saturday : May 18, 2024: 8AM - 4PM

ELECTION DAY – May 21, 2024 (ID required)
Rockcastle County will have four centralized voting centers, meaning ALL precinct ballots will be available at each location, on Election Day from 6AM-6PM. Rockcastle County voters may use whichever location works best for them. Locations are as follows:
1. Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
2. Roundstone Elementary School, 6701 N Wilderness Rd, Mt Vernon, KY 40456
3. Brodhead Elementary School, 27 School Street, Brodhead, KY 40409
4. Livingston Volunteer Fire Department, 9254 Main Street, Livingston, KY 40445

Agricultural News

By: Lindsey New, FSA Director

USDA Reminds Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports for Crops, Grazing, Hay

Agricultural producers are reminded of the importance of reporting their perennial crops (such as hay and pasture) or annual crops (after spring planting). Producers may call for an appointment with the Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency (FSA) or stop by the USDA Service Center at 151 Andover Ln., Mount Vernon, KY, before the July 15th deadline for most crops.

"In order to comply with USDA program eligibility requirements, all producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by July 15th for most crops," said Lindsey New, FSA's Acting County Executive Director in Rockcastle County. "Our FSA staff is available to assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps."

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits.

For example, livestock producers must have a timely-filed acreage report for their grazing acres to qualify for financial assistance if there is an eligible drought this year that triggers sign-up for the Livestock Forage Program.

As a general rule, all farmers in the county should visit FSA each year to report their use of land on the acreage report, so that they may qualify for the most assistance available thru USDA. Also, that visit is a great time to learn about new programs FSA has to offer!

How to File a Report

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Pulaski/McCreary County:

July 15, 2024 - most crops (with some exceptions such as fall-seeded small grains)

Contact the Rockcastle County FSA office to set up an in-person or phone appointment.

To file a crop acreage report, you will need to provide:

Crop and crop type or variety.

Intended use of the crop.

Number of acres of the crop.

Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.

Planting date(s).

Planting pattern, when applicable.

Producer shares.

Irrigation practice(s).

Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable.

Other information as required.

Acreage Reporting Details

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then

the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to plant. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions, please contact the Rockcastle

County FSA office at (606) 256-2525 or online at www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/crop-acreage-reports.

Committee Meeting Date: May 1st 2024 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating

Loans-Direct = 5.125%

Farm Ownership

Loans-Direct= 5.375%

Limited Resource

Loans= 5.00%

Farm Ownership

Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%

Emergency Loans=

3.750%

Farm Storage Loans=

3 yrs. =4.375%; 5 yrs.

=4.250%; 7 yrs.

=4.250%; 10 yrs.

=4.250%; 12 yrs. =

4.250% Commodity

Loans= 6.000%.

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Let the Bible Speak

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

Special Revival

Creekside Baptist Church is hosting a Special Revival beginning Sunday morning, April 21st at 11 o'clock, Sunday night service at 6 o'clock and then continuing through Wednesday, April 24th at 7 o'clock each evening. Come and join us for a series of inspiring messages and uplifting music.

Evangelist will be Bro. Gordon Mink. Pastor is Bro. Jack Stallworth.

The church is located at 2261 Copper Creek Road.

Special Singing

Buffalo Baptist Church will have a Special Singing Sunday evening, April 21st, beginning at 6 o'clock.

Featured singers will be the Buffalo Youth Group and Mitch and Zella Drew and Friends from New Hope Baptist Church at Climax.

If you're needing a blessing, Pastor Bill Mink and the congregation invite everyone to come out and worship with us in song and praise.

"O Come, let us sing unto the Lord. Let us make a Joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation." Psalms 95:1

The church is located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Road).

"It Is Finished"

John 19:30

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the Ghost. (Matt.16:21) From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Christ left us an example how we should live. (1Pet.2:21) For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps. The prophecies which He had fulfilled. (Isa.7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. The law which He came to abolish. (Col.2:14) Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross; The will of God which He came to obey. (Jon.5:30) I can of my own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not My own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me.

Human redemption for which He came to shed His blood. (Eph.1:7) In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

The separation from His Father. (Mk.15:37) And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the Ghost. He came from the Father and would soon return unto Him. (Acts1:11) Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven. When Jesus could give no more He gave His life, that we might have eternal life.

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

We also have a TV program that airs every Sunday morning at 6:30 A.M. on FOX channel 56 "With Let The Bible Speak" (With Brother Brett Hickey)

REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU AND WE LOVE YOU TOO

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome

Bro. Ora Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021

Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

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."

The Friday Night Gospel Singing Proudly Presents!

Lonnie & Edith

Free Admission
April 19th at 6pm
9174 Livingston Ky 40445

The Wonders of God

With the recent eclipse it made me think of the wonders of God, that he has created. We can read about the creator of wonders in Psalms 77:14, Thou art the God that doest wonders thou hast declared they strength among the people.

What does wonder mean?

It means amazement, awe, marvel, astonishing, surprise, we look but cannot believe our eyes.

What does wonders of God mean? God's wonders are supernatural acts that go beyond human understanding. They reveal the limitless power, inescapable presence, divine protection and sovereign purpose of the one true God.

What were some of the wonder of God? Here are just a few:

1. In the beginning God - the wonders of creation, Gen 1
- 2) The miracle of the parting of the Red Sea. Ex. 14
- 3) The rainbow. Gen. 9
- 4) God delivered the Israelites from Egyptians through supernatural signs and wonders. Deu. 7
- 5) The mighty walls of Jericho crumbling to the ground. Joshua 6
- 6) Elijah being carried away to Heaven. II Kings 2
- 7) Jesus' death and burial and resurrection. In the Gospels.

This list could be endless God is so amazing at what he has given us to enjoy. The sunrise, the sunsets, the birth of a child, the answering of prayers.

We should always give thanks to God's wonders and give thanks unto him for his mercy endureth forever as we read in Psalms 136:1-9

0 give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good' for his mercy endureth forever.

2 O give thanks unto God of gods; for his mercy endureth forever

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords for his mercy endureth forever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders. For his mercy endureth forever.

5 To him that by wisdom made the Heavens. For his mercy endureth forever.

6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters. For his mercy endureth forever.

7 To him that made great lights. For his mercy endureth forever.

8 The sun to rule by day. For his mercy endureth forever.

9 The moon and stars to rule the night. For his mercy endureth forever.

For us to experience God's wonders, we must sanctify ourselves! This can be found in Joshua 3:5 as it reads, And Joshua said to the people, sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you. What a blessing we have, that we are so blessed with the wonders of God. Let us never take them for granted.

Everyone Welcome

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109 Providence Cemetery Rd. • Brodhead

Providence CHURCH of CHRIST

Come Worship With Us! Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

JOIN US FOR...

Prayer Night

PSALM 107:28

"Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and he bringeth them out of their distress"

05.17.24 | 6 PM

@ 211 Industrial Drive
Mount Vernon, Ky 40456

WE PLAN TO PRAY OVER EACH AND EVERY SOUL THAT ENTERS OR EXITS THIS TREATMENT FACILITY IN THE NAME OF JESUS



VFW and Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church helped the JROTC with their recent fundraiser event, The Rocket 10-Miler. On Thursday, April 11th, both entities helped support the event by preparing and serving the kids food, as they ran to raise money for their program. The cadets ran 1 mile for every \$10 raised up to 10 miles. The program has fallen short on funding as the Department of the Army has not yet reimbursed them for expenses they incur yearly for Raider Team, Rifle Team, and Drill and Ceremony Team. Because of this short fall in funds, the program had to cancel attending such competitions. They are reaching out to the community asking for any monetary assistance people would be willing to give. If you would like to help the JROTC feel free to contact the Rockcastle County High School at (606) 256-4816.

Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
Session's end approaches as lawmakers override vetoes

The journey to make a new law is a long one, with multiple steps aimed at ensuring the best possible product. It begins with an idea and research, evolves into a bill or resolution, then undergoes scrutiny, debate, and revision. Through committee hearings, floor debates, and votes, the bill navigates the legislative process, where it may face amendments, committee substitutes, and opposition. Finally, if approved by the legislature and signed by the governor, the bill becomes law, shaping the legal landscape and impacting society. Ultimately, to borrow from Proverbs, the idea is that "iron sharpens iron," leading to a better end product that will benefit generations.

However, Kentucky governors do not have to sign every bill into law. He or she also has the option of allowing it to become law without their signature, or vetoing the bill or resolution. Spending bills provide an alternative, the line-item veto. And, our constitution sets aside ten days (not including Sundays or holidays) to allow a governor to consider their choices. Of course, to balance the veto power, the constitution also provides the legislature with the opportunity to override the veto and allow the legislation to become law. The veto override is a crucial aspect of the system of checks and balances in many democratic governments, ensuring that no single branch of government holds unchecked power.

To be frank, the veto override process is probably the most open direct confrontation between the legislative and executive

branches of government. Essentially, the branches openly disagree when most want us to work together. However, it is a necessary function of the legislative process because, at the end of the day, the legislative branch is responsible for making laws and is the closest to the actual people of Kentucky since legislative districts are much smaller than the state as a whole.

Several of the line item vetoes that we overrode required the legislature to approve projects for funding, while others limited the amount of discretionary funds provided without legislative approval. Since we are only in session 60-days in even years and 30-days in odd years, we recognize that a governor needs access to funds to respond to emergencies and address short term issues that can be fully addressed when the legislature comes back into session. However, as stewards of taxpayer resources, we also must make sure that we can account for every dollar spent and how it has benefited the state. Unfortunately, discretionary spending makes that difficult and at times virtually impossible.

Other legislation that was vetoed and overridden includes:

The Safer Kentucky Act: HB 5 toughens the state's approach to crime, and includes increasing penalties for violent offenders, changing the parole board; creating a carjacking statute; and destroying firearms used in murders.

Protecting Election Integrity: HB 44 requires circuit court clerks to provide a list of those excused from jury duty because they are

not a U.S. citizen.

Ensuring Access to Motor Vehicle Fuel: HB 581 prevents local governments from banning or limiting traditional gas stations from locating in business area that would otherwise be available to them while favoring electric vehicle chargers.

Taking Advantage of Federal and Private Funding Opportunities: HB 723 makes changes to the GRANT program we enacted during the 2023 Regular Session. This program provides grant opportunities to local communities and organizations who need matching funds to access large federal and private sector grants. HB 723 moves the program to the Cabinet for Economic Development, where it should be administered with greater efficiency and effectiveness since it fits with the cabinet's mission.

These are just a handful of the 24 bills and resolutions overridden in full and part. Overall, the Governor has vetoed a historic number of measures during his tenure, and we have carefully considered each veto and overridden almost all of them.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181.

Golden Reunion news

AGENDA:

Date: Friday, April 26, 2024, family who can, please help in putting up the tent. Meet at the cemetery 10:00 AM. Whitley County Historical & Genealogy Society & Museum has agreed to open their doors for our reunion attendees from 2-4:00 PM located at 529 Main Street in Williamsburg. Stop by and do some research while you are in town. Later we will be at the Williamsburg Tourism & Convention Center, located at 650 S. 10th Street (across the street from Cumberland Inn), Williamsburg, KY 40769, meeting from 5:00 -9:30 PM. Plan to arrive on schedule. Food can be brought into meeting rooms. Bring your supper and I'll bring something for dessert. A beverage service will be set up including coffee, tea, water and sodas. A copy machine will be available to share copies of your history with others. Bring your family history, pictures, stories and plan to have some fun with your BIG Family! Music is always welcome too. We have the room until 9:30PM.

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024, beginning at 8:30 AM and continuing until the last person leaves, plan to come, (Rain or Shine) and spend the day at the actual Stephen

Golden first settlement site and his resting place on Golden Creek. Please arrive by 11:00 AM to allow time for our annual group photograph and so the prayer is not interrupted just before our meal. Then we can begin our potluck meal together at

12:00 Noon.

Be sure and bring a food dish to share and your lawn chair for this outing. Also, bring your voice and music instrument and plan to play and sing the afternoon away after we dine! See note under news regarding HELP NEEDED A potty and tents for shelter will be in place. Anyone who lives nearby your help is needed! Donations are welcome and any money collected at the auction will go towards taking care of the cost for the Friday night event, cemetery upkeep and the cost to print newsletter and stamps for the newsletters mailing.

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2024, the breakfast buffet for everyone spending the night at the Hampton Inn is from 6-10:00 AM in the hotel breakfast area, where we can have breakfast and do our fond farewells. Anyone who is not in a hurry and would like to do some more genealogy or see someplace in the area where our families once lived, let me know.

If you play a musical instrument, please bring it so we can all enjoy a musical fellowship. Many of our family members are gifted with wonderful musical abilities.

The music makes the Saturday afternoon event especially special. Come show off your God given talent!

LODGING: Call ASAP-The Hampton Inn located in Williamsburg, KY is holding the following style rooms: double queen, king and one handicap queen rooms. Rooms are being of-

fered at a special group rate of \$139 per room plus tax until March 26, 2024. After this date group block will resolve and rates will elevate to regular going rates.

The hotel is in the Northwest section of Interstate 75 and Highway 92: Hotel Address: 530 Highway 92 West; Williamsburg, KY 40769

Phone number (606) 549-3775 ask for Golden Family Reunion rate beginning April 26-28, 2024.

DIRECTIONS TO GOLDEN CEMETERY:

Traveling from Williamsburg: You will travel on Highway 92 toward Pineville. Stay on Highway 92, past the intersection where Highway 11 comes into Highway 92, until you see a sign for Highway 1809. You will turn a sharp left onto Highway 1809 off Highway 92. Stay on Highway 1809 until you come to the Locust Grove Church on the left. After the church you will see a sign on the right marked Golden Creek. Turn right and follow until you see a sign saying Golden Cemetery. Turn right and the cemetery is about 600 feet on the right.

Traveling from Barbourville: You will travel on Highway 11 until you come to a "Y" that leads off to the left and is marked Highway 1809. Stay on Highway 1809 until you cross the county line. Just past the county line you will see a sign on the left that says Golden Creek and turn left.

Follow this road until you see a street sign on the right that says Golden Cemetery. Turn right and the cemetery is on your right about 600 feet.

April 26th
5 to 7 p.m.

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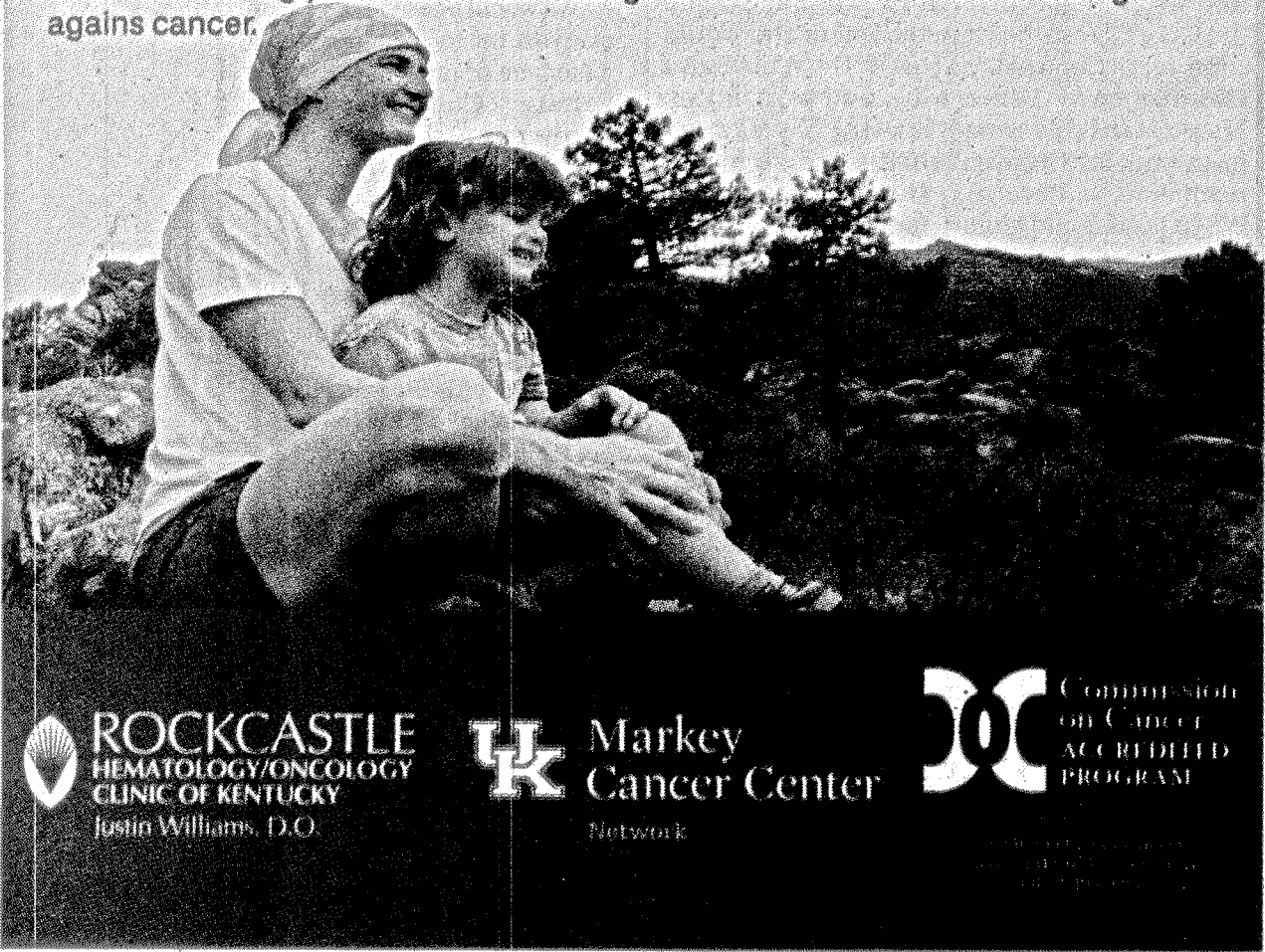
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Together, we will fight.

At Rockcastle Regional's Hematology & Oncology Clinic of Kentucky, you have an entire team fighting for you - every step of the way.

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Additionally, we are accredited by the Commission on Cancer, so you can rest assured knowing your treatment is using the latest advancement in the fight against cancer.



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PROGRAM

Enrollment for LIHEAP Spring Subsidy Cooling Opens April 16 - May 31, 2024

Kentucky households: Apply for Electrical Assistance at Your Local Community Action Agency

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Spring Subsidy Cooling Component applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis from April 16 - May 31, 2024, or until designated funds are depleted. Kentucky households; up to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, can receive a one-time benefit to offset their home electric cost.

The Spring Subsidy Cooling Component provides households with one-time benefit ranging from \$38 to \$200 depending on income levels and housing category. Benefits are paid directly to the household's electric vendor.

Interested households should apply through their local Community Action outreach office. To locate your local office, please call 800-456-3452 or visit www.capky.org/network. Kentucky's Community Action Network collectively operates outreach offices in all 120 Kentucky counties.

All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at time of application:

- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
- Proof of income from the preceding month for all members of the household.
- Most current electric bill, statement from your landlord if electric is 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 heating fuel sources and electric bill.

Assistance received during previous LIHEAP components does not affect household's eligibility.

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. For more information about LIHEAP, including contact information for all local Community Action agencies, please visit the Community Action Kentucky website at www.CAPKY.org.

Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Road rally races to travel roads of Rockcastle

By: Mike French
Editor

The Second Annual Boone Forest Rally will be traveling through Rockcastle County on July 27 with a Rally Car Expo in Livingston that evening.

The rally event is part of the American Rally Association. Officials had approached the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the City of Livingston to include several roads within the county, as part of their 2024 Second Annual Boone Forest Rally.

Rally racing is different from other forms of car races in that the fastest car is not necessarily going to win the race, according to rally racing officials. The cars enter in the race without knowledge of the route and then on race day, the route will take the cars through Appalachia areas in Lee, Jackson and Rockcastle counties.

The entries only involve street-legal vehicles and do not race against each other but instead race against a clock

to reach specific checkpoints at specific times during the race.

The specialty cars are equipped with dedicated computer systems, operated and reported on by a navigator, while the driver navigates the course.

The Boone Forest Rally group recently contacted Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. requesting to add several roads in Rockcastle County to their course. The first annual event in 2023 included Lee and Jackson County.

The fiscal court discussed the liability issues and the potential safety issues involved during last week's regular fiscal court meeting. Magistrates asked about those who live on the roads in question as well as the possible safety issues for residents and animals.

Holbrook informed the court that the group has their own liability insurance and all property owners would be notified before the race. Holbrook said the roads in question would be closed during

the rally and residents could not travel on the roads during specific times. The group provides their own security and police to block the roadways during the event, Holbrook said. The group also contracts to repair any road damage that may occur.

Holbrook also said the group expects that, since Rockcastle is included in the course, the third annual 2025 rally is expected to bring national coverage of the event. Last year's race reportedly brought thousands of spectators from across the country.

Magistrates agreed that national attention could provide strong economic impact for the county and voted unanimously to allow the rally to include Rockcastle in the event.

Then on Thursday evening, Eric Hubbard, Director of Back Roads Appalachia, met with the Livingston City Commission to present the idea. Livingston commissioners also approved the idea. "Rallies are great opportunities for trail towns," said Hubbard. "We have a five-year contract with the Daniel

Boone National Forest and this kind of racing is becoming more popular every year. It can bring thousands of tourists to watch the race cars."

Hubbard said he is currently contacting all landowners involved in the route. "Our organization is very respectful and we like to work with communities such as this. It isn't everyone who can host a barbecue in their back yard and watch race cars zip by," he said.

Hubbard said there will be two separate races on that day.

Hubbard explained that the organization provides all the required insurance and is one of the most safe motor sports in existence and is seeing tremendous growth in popularity. "Last year we saw an estimated \$2.4

million impact come to Jackson County through grocery stores, convenient stores, motels, gas stations and on and on. We have an emergency stop button that puts a stop to everything and our drivers are not al-

lowed to go above the speed limit on any highways," he said.

Livingston commissioners also voted unanimously to approve the rally. "We love promoting our trail town," said Mayor Larry Davidson.

The event is planned for July 27. The first leg of the race will be from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and the second leg from 7 to 8 p.m. Roads involved will be closed for a total of two hours and residents cannot leave their driveway during the race, according to Holbrook. Roads included in the race are New Hope Tower Road, Mullins Station Road, Poplar Gap Road, Hickory Flat Road and Goochland Road.

"They do this all over the country," said Holbrook. "It is a very popular sport."

Officials expect countless rally race fans to the county during the event.

For more information or to volunteer to help in one of many areas and receive a t-shirt, everyone is asked to go to booneforestrally.org



Rockcastle Speedway rumbles through the 2024 season opener

By: Mike French
Editor

The sound of power and force fill your senses. The rumble of thousands of horses shake the ground. The smell of burning fuel, alcohol and rubber fill the air. If you experienced these adrenaline-filled surroundings last weekend, you joined nearly 1,000 other visitors at the Rockcastle Speedway.

Now owned and operated by Dwane and Michelle Harris and Kevin and Shawna Jones, dirt track race fans are now enjoying the second season of dirt-race action at the local speedway.

Among the filled grandstands and the flooded pit area, the familiar face of John Rigsby, who has worked in and around the track since it has been a race-track, is found dealing with any of hundreds of issues making sure everything goes off without a

hitch. And, when the time comes and the checkered flag is dropped, Rockcastle County rumbles once again as the speedway is up and running for the 2024 season.

The season opening event was held last Saturday night with well over 800 visitors, plus countless children, cheering for their favorite driver as the cars scream by them lap after lap.

The Harrises and Joneses purchased the track from the previous owners who had worked hard to build up the business. "We just took some of the great things the previous owners had done and ran with it," said Michelle Harris. "There was a learning curve for us but things are going very well."

All the new owners have been involved in racing since Dwane Harris and Kevin Jones drove race cars for many years. "But ownership and pro-

motions were new to us. However, things have picked up and we now have a fully operational website (rockcastlespeedway.com) with over 18,000 followers," said Michelle Harris.

There are two operating concession stands at the track site and several events each year include events for children. "We have several special events each year, including a great July 4th celebration with fireworks and more," said Michelle. "All of our events and plans can be found on our website that is continually updated with any information anyone could want."

Owners are planning their first ever Mud Races Friday, April 19. The gates will open at 5 p.m. and action will begin at 7 p.m. "This will be fun for everyone," said Michelle. "But be ready to get muddy if you are a

participant."

Many other such events are being worked out including bicycle and Big Wheel races, Jeep races, summer fun races, memorial races and more and, starting last week, there is now a Crown Vic Class in which a passenger is allowed to ride in the actual races.

All racers compete for cash prizes as well as points that get them rewards at the end of the season.

Owners are looking forward to more spectators. "At \$15 for a full evening of live, hard action entertainment, it is hard to beat," she said. "Everyone should come out and visit and see what all the talk is about."

Michelle and the other owners can usually be found in the pits and the grandstands chatting with spectators and welcoming them to the track. "Without the fans and the people of Rockcastle

County, there just isn't a racetrack," she said. "This is successful because of them and we appreciate every single person that walks through our gates. People who come here aren't just customers: they are our friends and neighbors and we share a love of racing and this kind of atmosphere."

In last week's Pro Late-Model feature, Brandon Fouts took top honors with Tim Darnon placing second. In the Hornet Class the winner was Raymond Fuson and in Mini-Stocks the winner was Lane Back. In the Crown Vic Class the winner was Brandon Crammer and the winner of the Super Stock Class was Blake Brown, who also won the Open-

Wheel Modified Class.

Anyone interested in an evening of heart-thumping, ground-shaking, powerful entertainment, should visit the Rockcastle Speedway at 1495 Cove Branch Road. Owners say once you turn onto Cave Branch, signs will lead you to the track. And if you have any questions and wish to plan a future evening of family entertainment, visit the website and look for upcoming events.

"We invite everyone to come out and see us," said Michelle. "It is an evening of great fun and excitement." All four owners agree those who visit the track are treated as though they are visiting a neighbor. And according to the owners, they all enjoy company.

Health Department seeking approval for needle exchange mobile unit coming here

By: Mike French
Editor

A Mobile Syringe Exchange Program may soon be available in the City of Livingston and, if it happens, plans are to offer much more than one service.

Christie Green, Public Health Director of the Cumberland Valley District Health Department (CVDHD), along with Libbi Boggs, Harm Reduction Program Manager at the Clay County Health Department, provided an in-depth presentation to the Livingston City Commission last week during their regular meeting.

According to Green, the program has been very successful in Jackson and Clay counties. "The most effective way for individuals to avoid negative consequences is to stop injecting," said Green. "However, people are unable to do this with

limited access to treatment and other services."

So, the program provides a mobile health unit, which travels around the two counties offering a needle exchange program, in an effort to help avoid HCV (Hepatitis C) and HIV. Green says Rockcastle ranks 40th in the nation for risk of HCV. Green also said contaminated needles are the greatest risk factor for contracting HCV.

Green and Boggs said the program can reduce costs to any community by preventing disease. "A syringe service program decreases infection rates within one month of participation," Green said. "Also participants are five times more likely to enter drug treatment and three times more likely to successfully stop using drugs."

Green and Boggs agreed that informing the public about the existence

of the mobile unit can take time. "When we start in a community, it may take months before the first person comes," said Boggs. "We sit and stare at each other for months. But once they find out about it, and start coming, word gets out and soon we are helping a lot of people." Green says the mobile unit also offers other services and training concerning how to treat wounds. "Some people who use the service never go to a doctor. We can't provide the service a doctor can, but we can teach them better behavior and we can provide testing for a lot of diseases. And it is all free," said Green.

The unit also has test strips that can be used to determine if fentanyl is present in the drugs a person is about to use. "It will detect the presence of Fentanyl in meth and help prevent overdoses,"

said Boggs.

According to CVDHD officials, 4,078 people visited the units in Manchester, McKee and Clay Counties. There have also been 298 HIV tests, 31 referrals for HCV treatment, 891 unique participants, 20 rapid HCV tests (five positive) and 44 positive HCV treatments in the units.

Commissioner Troy Goforth made a motion to table a decision on allowing the mobile unit until more commissioners were present at a meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Green said she and/or Boggs will return to speak with all commissioners if requested.

As pointed out by Green, critics suggest the needle exchange program removes some risk and enables and pro-

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World Latina Ky Teen



Brodhead's sixteen year-old Andrea Cruz, has taken third place honors in the World Latina Kentucky Teen Pageant held in Lexington Sunday, April 7, 2024. Cruz competed in the pageant against nine other Latina contestants for the Kentucky state title. Cruz will now join the other contestants in the top three to compete for the national title in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 4. The family owns and operates the Chello Mexican Restaurant, located at 37 West Main Street in Brodhead. The RCHS student wishes to thank her parents and the rest of her family for their support in this endeavor and in everything she does. Cruz also has a successful modeling career underway. Shown above from left is mother Carina Trujillo Ayala, Cruz, sister Carina Barajas, father Aldo Perez and sister Jaqueline Barajas.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Jeriann Danielle Price, 21, Brodhead, Rockcastle Hospital Day Care Center and William Lee Taylor, 25, Mt. Vernon, U.S. Army. 4/5/24

Susan Batina Chesnut, 31, Mt. Vernon, dental assistant and Trevor Kincaid Barnett, 31, Mt. Vernon, Excelsa. 4/5/24

Carol Ann Harris, 69, Brodhead, unemployed and George Lee Taylor, 69, retired. 4/8/24

Patricia Lee Sandlin, 51, Mt. Vernon, caregiver and Mark Edward Isaacs, 54, Mt. Vernon, retired. 4/9/24

Elizabeth Gail Faith Eversole, 20, Berea, EVS and Douglas Paul Hering, 24, Brodhead, factory. 4/12/24

District Civil Suits

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc., v. Laura Hensley, forcible detainer complaint.

Discover Bank v. Jordan Ripley, \$4,268 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Justin Cameron, \$1,842 plus claimed due. CI-00075

Circuit Civil Suits

Benjamin Taylor, v. Rachina Lee Conway, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Daniel Morris v. Krista Weartz, petition for dissolution of marriage.

riage. Kenneth Boyd Evans v. Rhonda Sharon Evans, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Nichele Dell-Lynn Saylor v. Ethan Christian Saylor, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Danielle Criswell v. Cody Noe, petition for dissolution of marriage. C-I-00094

Deeds Recorded

Eric and Aimee King, Purcell Family Trust Property, to Sophie and Brian Bayes. Tax \$87.50

Laura Smith, property in Rockcastle County, to Dennis Smith.

Laura Smith, property on Chestnut Ridge Rd. and East Fork of Skaggs Creek Rd., to Dennis Smith. No tax

Dennis and Valerie Smith, property in Rockcastle to Rodney Cameron. Tax \$175

Dennis and Valerie Smith, property on Chestnut Ridge Road and East Fork of Skaggs Creek Road, to Dennis Smith. Tax \$300

DGS Development, Ltd, Lot 12 of Shady Grove Farms, to John and Cheryl Barnes and Seth and Taylor Barnes. Tax \$39.50

Eastern KY District Church of the Nazarene and Ruby Jean McFerron, property on Somerset/Mt. Vernon Road and the Mt. Vernon Fairground Addition, to Unbridled Church Inc. Tax \$75

DGS Development Ltd, Lot 12 of Shady Grove Farms, to Anthony J. and Betty A. Corbillas. Tax \$43.50

Corwin and Melinda Cain, Lots 19, 20, 21, 22 of the Dixie Heights Addition to the town of Livingston, to Jason Hooser and Kathelyn R. Jackson. Tax \$133

Orville and Bernice Burkhart, property on

Cave Branch Rd., to Higher Praise Ministries Full Gospel Church LLC. Tax \$5

Jennifer Thacker, property in Rockcastle County, to Shawn and Gari Sue Tacker. Tax \$99

Sue and Nikolaus Paylyk, property on Wallin St., Brodhead, to Russell Gorham. Tax \$10

Ralph and Leighann VanWinkle, property on Valley Road, to Dalton Joseph VanWinkle. No tax

Joshua and Kristy Bishop, property in Scaffold Cane Section, to Amy Perkins. Tax \$145

Joseph R. Young, property in Rockcastle County, to The Broadus Family Living Trust. Tax \$110

District Court

April 8-10, 2024

Hon. Benjamin J. Hardy
Christopher Gray: resident hunting/trapping w/o license/permit, illegal take/pursue deer/wild turkey (two counts), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Brayden Howard: speeding, no/expired registration plates-receipt, license to be in possession, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended for fta.

Thomas GE Miller: no/expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Una Singleton: possession controlled substance and controlled substance prescription not in original container, bw issued for fta.

William Keith Arnold Wiggins: operating motor vehicle under influence of substance/amended to DUI, 2nd offense, sentencing order entered.

Bethany M. Allen: careless driving, \$100 fine plus costs; improper passing, \$100 fine.

Speeding: Kelly C. Doran, Alexis Faith Peddycoart, Jerusha Brooke Smith, Kerri Lea Abrams, Michael DeAngelo Gaskins, Austin Edward Dean Wesley, license suspended for fta; Alisha Danielle Hric, paid.

Justin Dean Hines: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Eric D. Miller: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Arthur A. Bailey: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/expired registration receipt, \$25 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$25 fine; failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., \$25 fine. Seven days in jail in lieu of fines and costs/credit time served.

Rosina Michelle Bidwell: alcohol intoxication in a public place, bw issued for fta.

Yolanda Kay Kidwell: obstructed vision and/or windshield, failure to wear seatbelts, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Hailey Boggs: fines/fees due (\$168), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Austin Kain Brown: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for failure to appear/four days in jail or payment in full.

Donald Travis Brown:

no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Amy Lynn Burns: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Frankie Cope: improper registration plate and five other charges, bw issued for fta.

Clayton Duane Cox: unapproved/no eye protective device (motorcycle), no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Bruce A. Hester: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Crystal Nicole Madden: fines/fees due (\$768), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Jaymie Mays: fines/fees due (\$195.50), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Tony R. Mills: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; failure to notify address change to Dept. of Trans., \$25 fine, failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.

Edna Sparks: fines/fees due (\$343), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Fronishae' Tahajay Shamron Wilson: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

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David M. Smith Veterans Center holds Easter egg hunt



The Easter Bunny visited with children during the David M. Smith Veterans Center's annual Easter egg hunt.

On March 31st, the David M. Smith Veterans Center held its annual Easter egg hunt. There were 50 kids from around the county that showed up to hunt over 1000 eggs. The Easter Bunny was there as well to greet the kids. Children were also able to play in the bounce house, and have Easter photos taken by Stacy Thomason with

VOA to hold workforce development classes soon

Volunteers of America are planning Workforce Development Classes at VOA Recovery Centers.

The program is a hybrid of the Recovery Workforce Reintegration Program, which works with people in recovery to return to the workforce.

The program offers job placement, training and follow-up as well as career counseling, mentoring and financial assistance is also available.

Classes will include resume building, soft skills, balancing checkbooks, interview skills and more.

The local event is scheduled for Monday, May 13 at the Rockcastle County RCC at 75 East Main Street in Mount Vernon.

Classes are from noon to 2 p.m.

Guardian Arts Photography.

The Rockcastle Veterans Honor Guard also celebrated Vietnam Veterans Day with a ceremony during the event. This marks 51 years since the last combat unit was

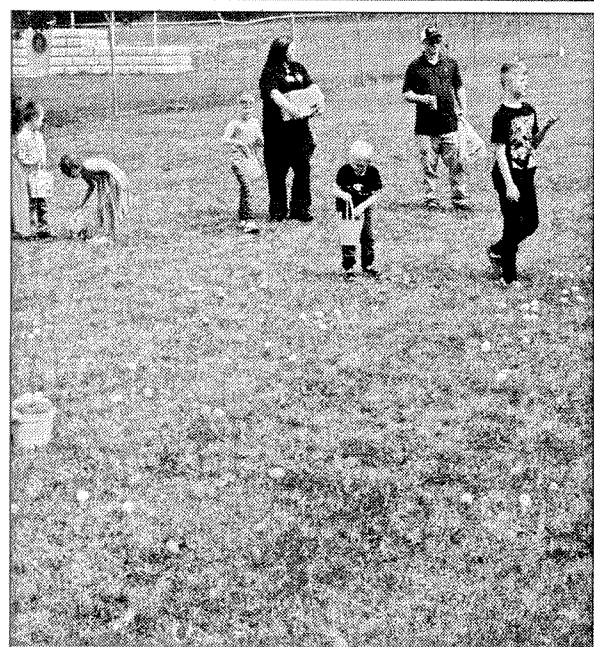
pulled out of Vietnam. The ceremony consisted of the colors being posted, a speech by VFW Post Commander Michael Parsons, 21 gun salute and Taps being played.

Members of the Honor

Guard present were Commander B.J. Thomason, Chaplain Don Gabbard, Rifle Commander Richard Payne, Treasurer Wayne Allen, and members Michael Parsons, James Rogers, and Bill Stewart.



The Rockcastle Veterans Honor Guard celebrated Vietnam Veterans Day with a ceremony during the David M. Smith Veterans Center's annual Easter egg hunt. This marks 51 years since the last combat unit was pulled out of Vietnam. Members of the Honor Guard present were Commander B.J. Thomason, Chaplain Don Gabbard, Rifle Commander Richard Payne, Treasurer Wayne Allen, and members Michael Parsons, James Rogers, and Bill Stewart.



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DAR honored by the state society

Rockcastle Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was recently honored by the state society at the 127th KSDAR state conference, held in Lexington, KY. The chapter received over 30 awards on the state level in the fields of Public Relations, Literacy Promotion, America 250, Americanism, American history, American Indian, Commemorative Events, Children of the American Revolution, and Conservation. Other awards given to the chapter were in Service to Veterans, Promotion of the DAR magazine, Flag of the

United States, Community Service, National Defense, Service to America, Historic Preservation and the gold level award for State Honor Roll.

Chapter Regent, Karen Adams received recognition for promotion of the DAR Magazine, Outstanding promotion of literacy and in public relations for outstanding chapter brochure and newsletter. Chapter officers Kathy Bobo and Sharon Lovell were recognized with the notable reader award for their participation in the KSDAR reading contest. Chapter member Jill

Smith received outstanding work in historic preservation for restoration of the Hiatt Cemetery. Rockcastle Chapter sponsored this year's recipient of the state's DAR Medal of Honor award, Richard "Rick" Bobo. KSDAR State Chair of DAR Service to Veterans, Kathy Bobo presented the Outstanding DAR Service to Veterans award to Karen Adams at Saturday night's banquet.

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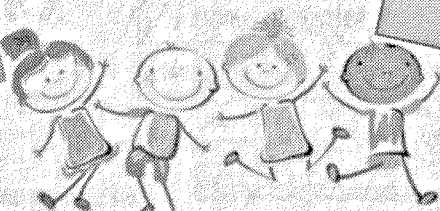
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1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
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Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23

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

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 46/24x52

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. **Anyone entering the property must be with Orville Burkhart.** Violators will be prosecuted. 35/23x51p

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on the former Berl Hopkins' land (now belonging to Judy Hopkins Marsh) on KY 461 near US 150 and KY 461 intersection. 40(23)x25

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

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

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Harrison Strain and Shirley Strain, or Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 23, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 7x3

Notice is hereby given that Brett McNinch, 1775 W. Main Street, New Lebanon, OH 45342 has been appointed (with will) Administrator of the Estate of Linda Brown, deceased, on the 10th day of April, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Brett McNinch or to John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 on or before October 10, 2024. 9x3

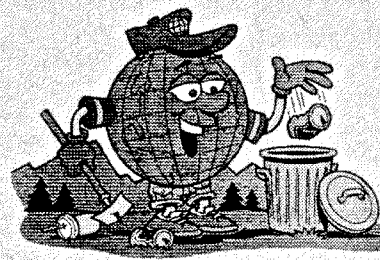
Notice is hereby given that Lisa J. Noe, 200 Chapel Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Freddie Dale Noe, Jr., deceased, on the 10th day of April 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lisa J. Noe or to the Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before October 14, 2024 at 11 a.m. 9x3

Legal Notice to Known and Unknown Heirs, Devisees & Assignees of Hughie Miller and Matilda Miller; and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Assignees & Spouses thereof if any. Hon. Bobby Amburgey, P.O. Box 3118, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Rockcastle Circuit Court to notify known and unknown heirs, devisees & Assignees of Hughie Miller and Matilda Miller; and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Assignees & Spouses thereof if any a certain lawsuit filed on or about January 29, 2024, in which known and un-

known heirs, devisees & assignees of Hughie Miller and Matilda Miller; and unknown heirs, devisees, assignees & spouses thereof if any, was named as Defendant. Said lawsuit has been filed in the Rockcastle Circuit Court and is Civil Action No. 24-CI-00018. The nature of this lawsuit is a Complaint against the Defendants, known and unknown heirs, devisees & assignees of Hughie Miller and Matilda Miller; and unknown heirs, devisees, assignees & spouses thereof if any in regard to property in which the defendants may have an interest, known and

unknown heirs, devisees & assignees of Hughie Miller and Matilda Miller; and unknown heirs, devisees, assignees & spouses thereof if any shall have fifty (50) days from January 29, 2024, to file an answer with the Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk. If they do not appear in this suit and defend it, a judgment will be entered at the discretion of the Court. January 29, 2024 should be advised the Warning Order Attorney does not and cannot represent their interest and the Warning Order Attorney is only notifying them of the pending lawsuit. 9x2

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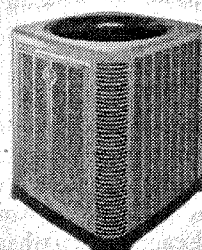
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Going Pro from Somerset Community College

Somerset Community College (SCC) is proud to recognize students who are "Going Pro" and beginning their professional careers.

A crucial tool in Kentucky's efforts to combat a national workforce shortage, SCC

is celebrating soon-to-be graduates who are investing in their futures and the commonwealth's future during Community College Month.

As Kentucky's economy continues to grow, more students and businesses are partnering

with SCC to upskill and train future generations of workforce leaders. In the past year alone, SCC has supported more than 2,800 jobs in Kentucky and has graduated more than 900 students in key sectors, including healthcare, skilled trades,

manufacturing, logistics, and business services.

SCC President Dr. Carey Castle remarked, "As Kentucky faces workforce shortages in critical sectors such as healthcare, manufacturing, business and professional services, we are proud of the students we honored today who are filling these gaps with their specialized skills and knowledge."

Chris Girdler, President and CEO of SPEDA, delivered the keynote speech at the event, commending the collaboration between SCC and industry partners aimed at providing

skilled workers for the future workforce. He also praised the students for their hard work and dedication and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

SCC and industry partners proudly recognized the following students at the Going Pro signing event:

- *Associate Degree Nursing (ADN), Computerized Manufacturing & Machining (CMM), Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)
- EST TOOL & MACHINE**
- Benjamin Ballard (CMM)

- Rockcastle Regional**
- Lacy Jones (ADN)
- Amberlee McKinney (ADN)
- Ashley Meece (ADN)
- Keesha Radford (ADN)
- Lakin Stallworth (ADN)
- Kaelynn Meece (MLT)
- Ashley Coomer (Practical Nursing)
- Maria Davis (Practical Nursing)
- Leann Taylor (Practical Nursing)

Students interested in a high-demand careers can take the first step by starting their application at SCC. Moreover, businesses looking to grow or upskill their workforce can do so by partnering with SCC.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

"When's the Best Time to Landscape My Yard?" Winter is behind us and spring is here. It's common to get a case of "spring fever" and want to get outdoors. For some it's a quick walk, and back inside. Others mull over getting started gardening or landscaping. Let's explore this a bit.

When is the best time to do landscaping? Maybe the question should be, what's the weather going to be like? Or when will I have the time to shop and then install and plant things? And if you're contemplating hiring someone, a common question is "When can you do it?"

Ideal timing would be when it's 'comfortable' out-

side. If it's comfortable for you, probably it will be for the plants, too. You try and avoid the hottest and coldest periods, and sometimes the rains and droughts and wind as well.

Many hardscaping projects are actually best done in summer. Pools, patios, driveways, etc. Long days and good weather make things move along on schedule better.

Professional landscapers may well work year around—though some take the winter off. A seasoned expert will have success landscaping in most all conditions, as he or she can't just work and earn a living working only when the weather is "perfect".

Sowing seeds for flowers and vegetables is a late winter and early spring chore. Many prefer to buy flowers ready to bloom or tomato plants that will bear soon without waiting a long two or three months for fruits. Either way, care must be taken with tender plants to not plant them when the frost might kill them, or when hot sun might kill them. Watering, weeding and maybe keeping predators and bugs off will also be necessary. The little chores of spring can be a full time job for the avid gardener.

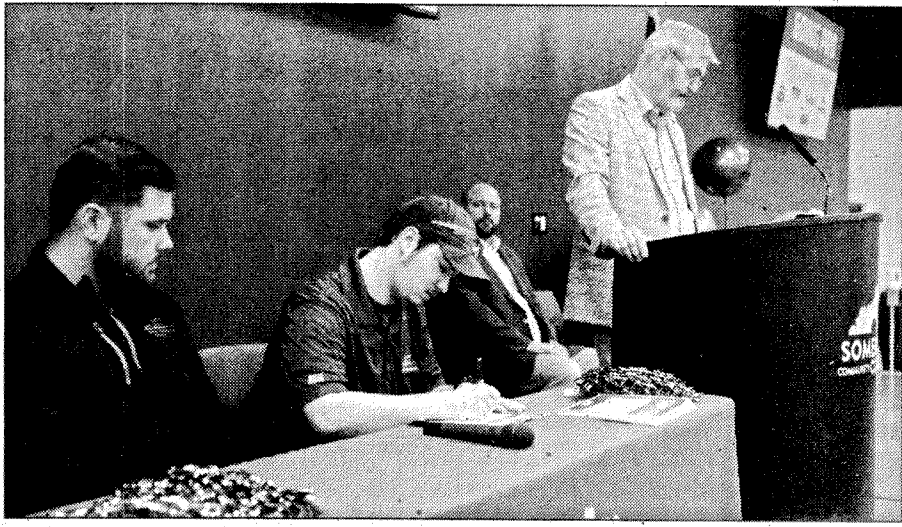
The best time to do some landscaping things was "last year"! But, it does little good to dwell on that subject. But, spring is often the season folks begin landscaping projects.

What would you like to do in your landscape this year? And when should you get started? You can begin anytime if you're doing things yourself. There is generally a delay if you're hiring things done.

Everyone else is also trying to find someone for their project.

Choose a project you can complete if you plan to do things yourself. Be flexible. Don't "bite off more than you can chew" as the old saying goes. If you have a couple weekends, or a couple weeks of vacation, which projects or how much of them can you get completed. The best time to landscape is often when you quit procrastinating and get started, rather than delaying until the "perfect time".

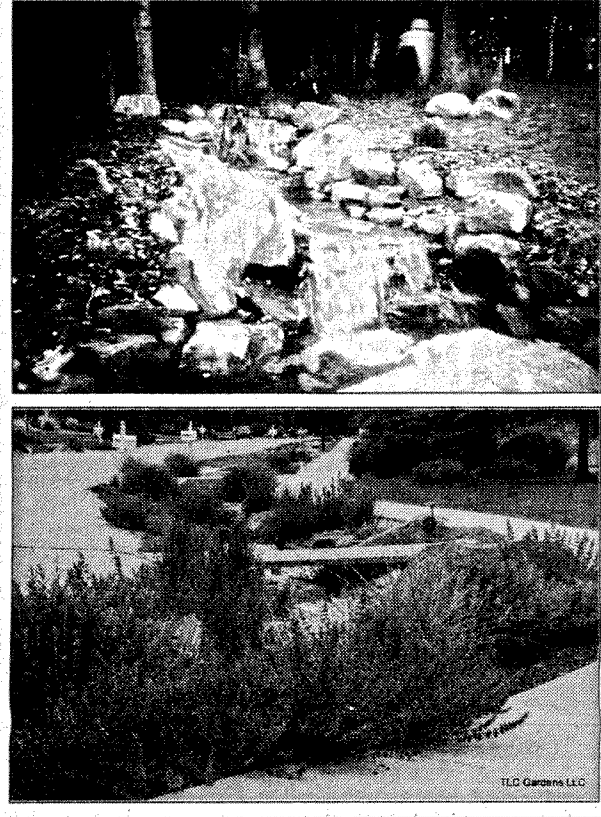
The author is a landscaper. Call (606) 416-3911 and visit www.rockcastles.net



Shown above Benamine Ballard is signing at Going Pro event beside Brad Taylor with EST Tool in Brodhead.



Shown above are those involved in the Going Pro program at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital.



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- Jason's ship
- Scarecrow's stuffing
- Sound of a hoofbeat
- Saturday service site
- English Channel harbor town
- Fury
- Fish measurement
- Cay
- Talked, talked and talked
- Scrabble unit
- Attention-attracting sound
- Twisted lock?
- Fastens anew
- Half-moon
- Avoid capture by
- Skirt fold
- Bluejacket
- Gentlemen
- Turned sharply
- Birthday party centerpiece
- 2,000 pounds
- Acted the farrier
- Minds your own business?
- Goulash containers
- Answers skillfully
- Sweeties
- No longer working (Abbr.)
- Eighth of a circle
- They play by themselves
- Sheep calls
- Hare ball?
- Lake near Niagara Falls
- Teamsters, for one
- Sandwich cookie
- Bellow
- Absorbent cloth
- Go by bus

DOWN

- Like a post-volcanic landscape
- Ostrich cousin
- Island discovered by Magellan
- Unmarried ladies, once
- Germ cells
- Carved pole
- Highway or street alternative
- "Aladdin" prince
- Knowledgeable, via books
- Film reviewer
- Perfectionist's concern
- Look up and down
- Jury member
- Slightly amused reaction
- "... of Eden"
- Raise Labradors, e.g.
- Bandstand breaks
- "Adam Bede" novelist
- Was a coward
- Parts of a crossword puzzle
- In one's birthday suit
- Highlight holder?
- Conspires
- Timesaver
- IOU holder
- Bridge measurement
- Scaler's spike
- Animal that goes "pop"
- Arson or robbery, e.g.
- Helicopter blade
- Follow, as orders
- Be concerned
- Cookbook direction
- Delhi dress
- Drew even with
- gin fizz
- Best-selling number?

Spring Fun!

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