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Large crowd attends Farmers' Banquet



The award given by the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year went to CAP (Christian Appalachian Project). Shown above are Andrew Harrington and Isabella Ammerman, Americorp volunteers; Sherri Barnett, community coordinator of Grateful Bread Food Pantry; Carolyn Lindsey, CAP Director of Human Services Program and Chamber President Steve McKinney. Shown at right, Jonathan Shell, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture spoke to the crowd as the guest speaker for the event bringing cheers from the guests as he spoke of the "small town atmosphere" of Rockcastle County.



By: Mike French
Editor

The 62nd annual Farmers' Banquet was held at the Rockcastle County Middle School last Thursday evening with a huge crowd in attendance.

Officials say 144 local residents attended the event with Jonathan Shell, Commissioner of Agriculture, as this year's guest speaker. Shell and other speakers spent considerable time talking about the small town atmosphere in Rockcastle County and the benefits of farming and growing in the area.

Limestone Grill catered the meal for all 144 guests and the event was hosted by the Rockcastle County Conservation District, who alternates with the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce in hosting the event.

The Master Farmer Award was presented to Holly Robinson and the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award was presented to Carolyn Lindsey, Director of Human Services Programs at the Christian Appalachian Project.

Chamber officials also said that in May, they will be announcing the winners of two separate \$1,000 scholarships available.

Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray spoke briefly to the crowd on several subjects, including the robust farm lands in the county and Senator Brandon Storm talked about the local farmers and the small town atmosphere.

Officials agree the event was a successful (See "Banquet" on A5)

Mt. Vernon's new water basin still in planning stage

By: Mike French
Editor

Mount Vernon water customers are still waiting on the new water basin that will eliminate the bad taste and odor from the local water system.

"We can't plan an actual start date yet but it is closer than it was," said City Administrator Jim Bowman.

According to Bowman, the contract has been awarded to Smith Construction and allows

90 days before materials and equipment are mobilized to the site.

However, Bowman said he is not certain when that 90-day clock starts. "I'm not sure the clock started when the contract was awarded because we still have some paperwork to do. We have some "T"s to cross and some "I"s to dot and the 90 days may not begin until that is all done," he

(See "Water" on A5)

Davidson resigns

Singleton new Livingston mayor

For the first time since Dwane King was the mayor of Livingston, the City of Livingston opened a special meeting with prayer last Friday.

The special meeting was called to accept the resignation of Mayor Larry Davidson and to appoint Commissioner Sandi Singleton as the new mayor, who says prayer will be a vital part of every meeting as long as she is mayor.

According to officials, just before the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 11, the City Commission presented Mayor Davidson with a letter requesting his resignation. The letter, signed by all four commissioners, listed reasons for their request.

The *Signal* obtained a copy of the letter, which cites three separate Kentucky Revised Statutes, listing in detailing the grievances the commissioners expressed against Davidson. Statutes listed are KRS67C.143, KRS67C.105 and KRS83A.140.

The letter specifically mentioned "negative interactions Mr.

Larry Davidson has had with local county officials, city employees, city commissioners and citizens of

Livingston, Kentucky." The letter goes on to say such actions "have brought negative implications upon the

City of Livingston..." The letter gave the mayor seven days to respond.

(See "Mayor" on A5)

City not responsible

Burned building on Main may take some time to clean up

By: Mike French
Editor

Countless Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County residents have expressed interest in what is going to happen to with the historical building on Main Street in Mount Vernon that was destroyed by fire several

weeks ago.

The eight-alarm fire took part of two days to fully extinguish and the heat damaged the front wall in such a manner that officials decided to remove the second story wall for the safety of pedestrians, motorists, businesses and city property.

Preschool registration beginning May 1st

It is once again time for Preschool Registration and Screening in the Rockcastle County school district.

Preschool students must be four years old by August 1 of 2024 or be three years old with a disability to qualify for preschool registration.

Any parent or guardian wishing to have their child registered for preschool should bring a

birth certificate, a physical exam less than 13 months old, an immunization certificate, a vision exam, income verification, proof of residence and a copy of legal guardianship if not a biological parent.

All registrations and screenings are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day on the following dates.

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A meeting between local authorities was held to discuss the next steps with the destroyed building and, since officials could not locate more information about the owner(s) of the building in time to relieve safety issues, the mayor elected to declare a state of emergency allowing the city to destroy the second-story front. Officials say leaving the storefront would have presented serious safety issues for the community.

However, after the fire was extinguished and the storefront removed, many continue to wonder what will happen next to clean up the site and restart Main Street beautification projects.

City Administrator Jim Bowman said while deeply concerned, the

(See "Burned" on A5)

Annual Fruit Tree Sale

The Rockcastle County Conservation District will be holding their annual Fruit Tree Sale in honor of Earth Day, on Thursday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while supplies last.

Officials say there are only 100 trees this year

but several different varieties of apple trees and a few other varieties available.

There will be a limit of two trees per person.

The event will be held at the Farmers Market on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.

Free trash drop off day planned

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court has announced Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day.

The event is planned for Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine.

Residents may drop off household trash, bulk goods such as couches, mattresses, chairs, appliances, televisions, computer equipment and more at the Brodhead Fairgrounds. The event is open to all Rockcastle

County residents and identification and signature will be required at the gate.

Officials will not accept tires, liquid, brushes, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

Some limited personnel will be available to help unload if needed.

For more information about the event or what can be dropped off, contact the Rockcastle County Solid Waste office at 606-256-1902.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I was born in November of 1941 and ever since I was in school and was taught the atrocities that were perpetrated against the Jewish race by the Germans during WWII, I was horrified to realize that one race of people could be so discriminated against by their own government.

Of course, as I got older and delved further into the subject, I realized that one of the main reasons for Germany's persecution of the Jews race was that they controlled a big part of the country's economy and Hitler wanted to take over that control.

I am just as sickened by the present anti-Jewish protests going on across our country at elite colleges. They are actually calling for genocide of the Jews--"From the River to the Sea Palestine will be free" which is literally calling for the complete demise of the Jewish people in that region.

In Dearborn, Michigan last week, Palestinians were calling for "Death to America" which is actually a strange thing to say in the country that has given refuge to so many of those persecuted by other governments and most of those presently calling for our country's demise.

I believe in free speech. I do believe that free speech should apply to all races in our country. I also believe that Jewish people ought to be able to feel safe and secure in this country and not be threatened by pro-

testors. It's actually reminiscent of the documentaries and movies I have seen of the culture in Germany in pre-WWII days and during the war years.

The New York Police are not, at present, allowed on campus at Columbia University.

The current president of Columbia is Minouche Shafik (with a salary of \$4.6 million per year by the way) who was born in Egypt, is a Baroness, an immigrant, a Muslim American and a dual citizen of UK and the US.

She testified before Congress last week about the protests at Columbia and, according to one Jewish student appearing on Fox Monday to recount his harrowing experience with the protestors at Columbia, she lied to Congress. In the hearing, she told Congress some of the protestors had been suspended and that several professors who had said vile, violent and inciting things about the Jews had been removed. None of this was true, the student said. Some protestors were arrested but were booked and immediately released and they then returned to the protest at the campus. He also said that no professors had been removed only a Jewish one, who tried to enter the campus to mount a small counter protest but his ID had been deactivated.

A female Jewish student at Columbia also recounted Monday, on Fox,

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I think it is pretty clear that I was brought up in a different society. Politically, emotionally, and by every other measure, this is not the same society that us old-timers grew up in.

Of course, the younger generation doesn't want to hear it because the educational system has spent a lifetime teaching them that God has no place here and mankind came from a glob of goo in the ocean.

Completely ignoring the experience and lifetime lessons of the older generation, the new America loves murdering children and discriminating against white people and supporting the L B G T Q I A E V I L lifestyle. This generation is trying to tell you that men can have babies anytime they want. They don't even have to be pregnant anymore. They can just "identify" as "with child" and there it is.

Our top leaders in the country have no idea what a woman is. This generation believes God messes up on a regular basis and meant to create a woman but accidentally made a man.

This generation covers its body with ink to hide their skin and dyes their hair purple to change the glory of their hair. It is a different world than I grew up in and experience shows me it is not a better place.

One of the things I have trouble adjusting to is the lack of friendliness. In my younger days it would have been unthinkable to walk past someone on the sidewalk just inches away and not so much as speak. I am getting used to it more now but to not say "hi" to someone walking inches away from me is very difficult to avoid. I prefer to say "Hello, how are you doing sir?" But just a "hi" would be okay. But even a "hi" gets you a mean and suspicious look.

Instead, people never even look up. They don't acknowledge that another human being is there.

Over the years, in an effort to keep up with society, I went from a common greeting to a simple "hi" and then to just a nod. But now, many people don't even raise their eyes. It's like they are afraid to speak and a little kindness or friendliness would kill them.

How did we get to a point where we don't acknowledge that a human being is standing right beside us?

A similar thing happens now at some businesses. I have handed my money to clerks who didn't even acknowledge that I was there. They kept chatting on their phones, held their hand out for money and handed me my change without so much as a "Thank you sir," or a "Come back again."

Most of the time I lean towards them and say very slowly, "you are welcome!" But then they just snarl or roll their eyes as if I have interrupted their day by supporting their place of business.

Of course, federal and state government offices are even worse. It seems to me that any time I am forced to call a federal or state office (because I would never call them unless forced to) I am treated as though I am a criminal before they even ask me why I am calling. It feels as though they assume I am trying to rip off the system just by calling. The fact is, I only call when the system has ripped me off -- which is a normal routine.

The apparent old fashioned idea of treating customers and strangers on the street with respect and dignity seems to have faded, along with the idea of paying the consequences for one's own actions.

We have a political idiot in our White House who picks out certain groups of people and forces you and I to pay off their debts for them while completely ignoring other groups of people in need, purely because of polling. We have a gov-

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Spring Tea Time
Dear Journal,

After one of what seemed one of the longest winters I've ever seen, I was ready for spring. Yesterday, I was invited to a spring tea that was held at the First United Methodist Church in London. The hosting ladies said that it was an annual event and I can't wait until next year to attend again.

On the drive over to London and on the way back, I was noticing spring just bursting out all over. The trees had buds on them and most trees already had leaves. There was lots of color in the form of various spring wild flowers blooming along the road. The sun was shining in a clear blue sky. What a beautiful spring day.

When I entered the venue for the tea, I was almost overwhelmed with the eye-popping color and beauty of the table decorations. Each table had a different theme and color. There were lovely place settings of real dishes. There were a variety of beautiful tea pots. I collect teapots and I wanted to take every one of them home with me.

The food was just simply fantastic. There was a huge selection of the savories and I tried to sample a small taste of them all. There were even more sweets and desserts.

I got a sampling of most of those. There were some creme de mint squares that were beyond delicious...and so very rich. There was no way anyone could have gone home hungry.

I met some very nice ladies, which I always enjoy doing. I love to meet new people. Of course I had to have Stanley along since I travel by wheelchair out in public as it is usually too far for me to walk. I walk at home and use a walker in the yard. Stanley didn't much want to go to my "hen party" as he called it, but I think he had a good time, anyway. He is getting used to such situations. He takes me to the DAR meetings, to ladies clothing stores, shoe shopping (he hates that the worst of all), lingerie departments and all kinds of such places.

I met one new friend that suffered from arthritis like me but she got better by going to the specialist in London, Dr. Tim Loneski. She works with the various churches in the communities in Laurel County so that they can all work together to serve the county better. Quite the mission.

Sadly, the afternoon came to an end and we had to be getting back home. However, I'm really looking forward to going next year and all of us ladies can wear our hats again.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landmark gone...

Dear Editor,

First of all, I would like to commend the SIGNAL editor Mr. Mike French for his coverage of the Main Street fire in the April 11th edition of the paper. It was first-rate; and as I expected, another building in downtown

Mt. Vernon is forever gone.

For me, this one was particularly heartbreaking. Goodbye to the Mt. Vernon of my childhood - Goodbye to Kelsey's restaurant and Owens Sundry, "gone with the wind."

Brent R. Laswell

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ramblings

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how she was blocked from attending class by protestors and even jabbed in the eye with a Palestinian flag.

Besides Columbia, Pro-Palestinians protests are also being held at New York University's Stern Business School, the University of Michigan, Yale, MIT, Tufts University, the University of North Carolina, Vanderbilt University, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford and Emerson College.

New England Patriots owner Robert K. Kraft, who graduated from Columbia on a full scholarship and now is worth \$11.1 billion, is an elite donor to the school and built the Robert K. Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life. He has withdrawn his support from the school over their anti-semitic stance, "until corrective action is taken."

With the protests spreading across the country, there is little doubt that it is a well organized and financed affair by someone with who does not have the best interests of this nation in mind.

The local school board is soon going to have to wrestle with some recent major amendments made to Title IX by the BidenAd-

ministration.

Title IX was signed into law in 1972, by President Richard Nixon, to establish equal opportunity in sports for women. It worked beautifully for many years, ensuring that girls got the same chance that boys did to play the sport of their choice and compete for scholarships only for girls.

It took Rockcastle County until the 1986-87 school year (and pressure from Preston Parrett, a teacher and girls' basketball coach at the time) to enact the law here -- partially-- (with a softball team) only 14 years later.

Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger was contacted Monday for her thoughts on the changes and her initial response, along with board chairman Angela Stallsworth Mink's, can be found on the front page.

The changes say that transboys will now be able to use the same locker rooms, bathrooms, dorm rooms as biological girls. They will be able to compete for both athletic and scholastic scholarships with biological women and teachers will be required to use transgender students' pronouns of the students' choice.

No provision was made to force schools,

colleges and professional women's sports teams to allow transgirls'/ women's participation but the general consensus is that will be coming soon, particularly since the use of girls' locker rooms have already been included.

I'm not sure why all the feminists in this country have not already been heard from, en masse, on this issue since that has always supposedly been their stated purpose of equality for WOMEN. And, while I'm at it, where are all the dads of girls who are going to be negatively affected by this intrusion into their sports?

As I see it, in the area of sports, if girls/women across the country would refuse to participate in any competition in which transboys/men are also permitted to compete, that would pretty quickly take care of the problem; although, admittedly the female athletes to first protest this way would be the ones to suffer the most before, hopefully, sanity would return to this country.

House Speaker Mike Johnson has once again stabbed the majority of his constituents in the back, shepherding four bills through the House, with the help of Democrats, that total almost \$95 billion. \$61 billion of that will be going to Ukraine, although Johnson previously promised NOT to advance any Ukrainian aid bill unless there was also a measure passed to strengthen security along the US's southern border.

But, that along with other promises -- such as releasing all the J6 videos -- has gone by the wayside with this ineffectual speaker.

But despair not, this time the \$61 billion to Ukraine is supposedly in the form of a "loan" (and I cannot believe I just sat here and typed those words, giving the ridiculous premise even a modicum of believability).

Aces

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ernment that spends our Social Security money and keeps billions of our

dollars to pay for their dysfunctional programs. We have a government that ignores homeless veterans but gives our money to illegal invaders. And, this government helps mothers murder their children. It doesn't get any more evil than that.

We live in a world where common decency is considered old fashioned, respect is considered useless, responsibility is considered impractical, values are considered pointless and courtesy is considered futile.

A lot has changed in America since us old-timers started learning how things should be. The problem is, old-timers have been there and done that and know the whole story. It is old-timers who should be listened to the most but are, most often, laughed at and ignored when we point out the truth.

I am not suggesting society listen to the ancient politicians who say whatever they need to say for a vote. I mean real humans with a soul. Old-timers out in the world with real life experience. Those are the people who don't have to guess. They know good from evil first hand.

It is too bad that society doesn't listen to the demographic that has the experience to know right from wrong. Believe it or not, us old timers could really give some pretty good advice.

Local student named to CCS Honor Roll

Isaiah Harper, of Brodhead, has earned a place on the Spokane Community College Honor Roll for Winter quarter 2024. Students on the honor roll earned a GPA of 3.0 or above. Congratulations to you on this academic achievement!

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

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RCHS Greenhouse Open

The Rockcastle County High School Greenhouse is 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.

KPR Meeting April 30th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, April 30th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. No guest speaker is scheduled. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Brodhead Community Center.

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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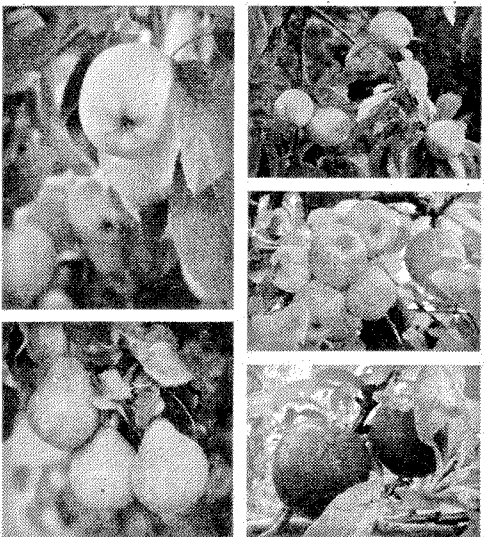
KRS 405.075 states that a newborn infant can legally be placed in a device designed to permit a parent to anonymously surrender their baby with the intent for an emergency medical services provider to remove the newborn take custody.

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- There are currently 136 SHBB
- 16 of those boxes are located in KY
- The first baby was placed in a KY SHBB on 2/10/2023, less than 2 mths after installation.

For more information, or to make a donation contact

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Obituaries

Jeffery Brooks Ingram

Jeffery Brooks Ingram, 43, died Friday, April 19, 2024, at his residence in Berea. He was born October 20, 1980, in Richmond, to Jeff and Janice Poynter Ingram. Brooks was of the Baptist faith and attended Unbridled Church. He loved the Lord and sharing scripture. Brooks loved all his family deeply, abundantly, and with everything he had. He was equally loved by his family and friends. He enjoyed picking, poking, and knew how to push everyone's buttons. He listened to a very wide genre of music and enjoyed singing. Brooks had many friends, a huge heart, was very sentimental, loved to COOK, EAT, was an avid hunter, woodworker, and a Rockcastle Football Alumni.

He is preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Warren and Nora Poynter and paternal grandparents, Roy, and Lucy Ingram.

In addition to his parents, Brooks is survived by: his wife, Dana Lynne Barnes Ingram; children, Blake (Olivia) Ingram of Mount Vernon, Brooklyn Combs of Richmond, Hunter Ingram of Mount Vernon, Aiden Ingram of Mount Vernon, and Corbynn Ingram of Mount Vernon; grandchildren, Ross Mink, Kendall Ingram, and Kinslee Ingram; brothers, Travis (Veronica) Ingram of Brandenburg, and Tyler (Jenna) Ingram of Berea; and nieces and nephews, Avery, Emmalyn, Paisley, Joelle, Olivia, Warren, and Charlotte.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 22, 2024, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Bro. Brian Powell officiating. Burial was in Silver Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Travis Ingram, Tyler Ingram, Blake Ingram, Hunter Ingram, Jason Ingram, Aiden Ingram, Matt Mink, and Lee Carpenter. Honorary pallbearers: were Ross Mink, Ricky Ingram, Larry Damrell and Scott Damrell.

Joyce Ann Dorsey

Joyce Ann Dorsey, 73, of Mt. Vernon, died peacefully at her home on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Joyce was born in Berea, to the late Robert and Geneva Bell Middleton.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by: one son, Robert Montgomery; an infant daughter, Natasha Dorsey; and four siblings, William Robert Middleton, Jr., infant, John Monroe Middleton, Dessie Lynn Bullock, and Cleidith Ray Thacker.

She is survived by: her sons, Michael Montgomery, and Colburn Lee Dorsey, III; four grandchildren, Cody Austin Montgomery, Crystal James Montgomery, Angie Montgomery, and Joshua Montgomery; two great grandchildren; and her siblings, Brenda Darlene Smith, Lucy Elizabeth (Mark) Taylor, and Georgia Faye (Bobby) Blanton. Ms. Dorsey final wishes were to be cremated.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Hosted by Livingston Community Lions Club

Dr. James S. Chism Scholarship Gathering

The Livingston Community Lions Club will be hosting the second annual Dr. James S. Chism Memorial Scholarship Gathering again this year at the Farmer's Market on Richmond Street. The event will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday night May 3, 2024.

All are invited to join the Rockcastle community as we remember our dear friend, "Doc" Chism.

Please bring a potluck item or items and a new or very gently used item for auction.

Last year we were able to give a very generous scholarship to a young lady from RCHS who plans to attend Auburn University after Eastern and plans to return to practice veterinary medicine here in the county.

This was made possible with the generosity and loving support of her fellow Rockcastle Countians. Please come out and support your community in this most worthwhile cause.

Any who would like to provide some informal entertainment are welcome to perform. T-shirts will also be sold this year noting the commemoration of the Memorial Scholarship Gathering. Hope to see you there.

Signal office
closed on
Wednesdays

Juanita Renner

Juanita Renner, 41, of Livingston, died Sunday, April 14, 2024. She was born April 15, 1982, in Lexington, a daughter of the late Bud and Connie Hubbard Brewer. She had been an employee of Baymont Motel in Renfro Valley. She attended Crosspoint Church and found great joy in four wheeling, arts/craft, and her dog "Lilly".

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Nathan Renner of Mt. Vernon, and Austin (Elizabeth) Renner of Mt. Vernon; her grandchild, Zackary; her brothers, Josh Little and Bobby Brewer; her sisters, Jenny, Rebecca, Verla, Allene, Kay and Judy; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Dean Brewer.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Daughtery Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowens.com

Christy Bartlett

Christy Bartlett, 51, of Mt. Vernon, wife of Jason Bartlett, died Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Funeral arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete at this time. Arrangements will be posted to www.dowellmartin.com when they are finalized.

Anna Gayle Craig

Anna Gayle Craig, 60, died Monday, April 15, 2024, at Stanford Health and Rehab in Stanford. She was born September 12, 1960, in Nicholasville, a daughter of the late Harley and Colleen (Isaacs) Bruner. She was a homemaker and a loving mother to her two daughters, Ashley, and Michelle.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughters, Michelle and Ashley Craig of Mt. Vernon; her grandchildren, Tabitha Bowman and Bobby Bowman, Jr.; two living brothers, Thomas and Michael Bruner; one sister, Edna Bruner; as well as a host of friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty, and Kathy Bruner.

Cremation was chosen with arrangements entrusted to Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals.

Cemetery Notices

Briarfield Cemetery

Taking donations for the upkeep of the cemetery, Friday - Sunday, May 24th - 26th. Donations can also be given or mailed to: Tim Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460; Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 656 Maple Grove Rd., Orlando, KY 40460. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

On Sunday, May 26th at 2 p.m., we will be having a potluck dinner. Please bring a covered dish, drinks and a chair. Thank you for all your support.

Maple Grove Cemetery

Board meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 28th at 2 p.m. Everyone invited to attend.

May 18, 2024 Rockcastle County FREE TRASH DROP-OFF DAY

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a

Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day

This event will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at the

Brodhead Fairgrounds.

This event is open to

Rockcastle County residents only

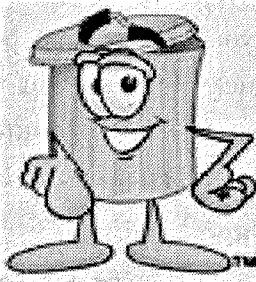
Identification and signature at the gate will be required!

We will be accepting the following items: household trash, bulk goods (such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc), appliances, televisions, computer equipment, etc.

We will NOT accept any tires, liquids, paint, brush, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

Limited personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items.

For more information, call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902



Cecil Himes

Cecil Himes, age 78, died Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born May 23, 1945, in Berea, to the late Sherman D. and Dovie Shearer Himes. Cecil was self employed working in the auto body repair business and enjoyed the many years spent there. He loved spending time with family, traveling, going out to eat and especially his grandchildren. Cecil was an avid storyteller which made his home a gathering place for all the neighborhood kids. He was a minister of the Pentecostal faith.

In addition to his parents, Cecil was preceded in death by five brothers, Robert, Rovie, Donald, William, Raymond Himes, and two sisters, Helen Burdette, and Mae Cofer.

He is survived by: his wife of 60 years, Donna Robinson Himes; four sons, Anthony Himes and his wife Misty of Cartersville, Rodney Himes and his wife Rita of Cartersville, Steven Himes and his wife Ashley of Lancaster, and Jason Himes and his wife Mary Jane of Cartersville; one sister, Ruby Merritt of Conway; 10 grandchildren, Heather Harding and her husband Corey, Michael Himes and his wife Lauren, Johnathan Jones and his wife Melanie, Ashley Bolton and her husband Brad, Arizona Parks, Katherine Himes, Nathan Himes and his wife Callie, Callie N. Himes, Tristen Himes, and Dawson Himes; and 12 great grandchildren, London, Mason, Layla, Adalynn, Jayden, Clay, Lydia, Chloe, Natalie, Trent, Austin, and Stella.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Vernon Willard officiating. Burial was in Cartersville Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Michael Himes, Johnathan Jones, Dawson Himes, Arizona Parks, Nathan Himes, and Kendall Robinson. Honorary pallbearers were: Dale Abbott, Rev. Frank Foster, Joel Parks, and Preston McCreary.

Family would like to give a special thanks and acknowledgment to the Staff at Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility.

www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com

Ronnie Barnes

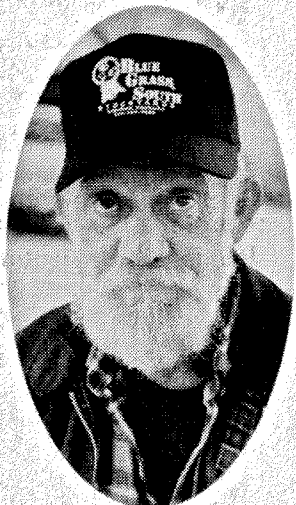
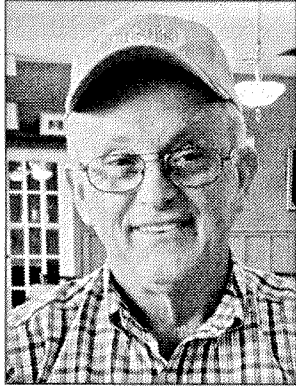
Ronnie Barnes, age 64, of Somerset, Ky. passed away Sunday, April 21, 2024 at Jean Waddle Cancer Center in Somerset.

He was born on May 29, 1959 in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late Herman and Mary McFerron Barnes. He was of the Baptist faith and found great joy in spending time with family and friends, having an occasional cigar and many cups of coffee.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughter, Angel (Richard) Dunlavy of Somerset; his grandchild, Miles Troxell; brothers, Donnie Barnes of Brodhead, Tony Barnes of Brodhead and Earnie Barnes of Mt. Vernon; his sisters, Minnie Hopkins of Brodhead, Carolyn Rose of Waynesburg, Ky; and Donna Northern of Mt. Vernon; very special friend, Tina Miller, as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: brothers, Robert, Gerald, Bennie and Jesse Barnes; and infant sisters, Joyce and Lois Barnes.

Visitation will be Friday, April 26th from 6-9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Marvin Cromer and Zandell Hasty officiating. Burial will follow in Ottawa Cemetery.



Banquet

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The Farmer's Hall of Fame Award was presented to Henry Hayes (center) by Roy Reynolds and Mark Dyehouse, of the Conservation District.

event. "Most everyone was there and everyone had a great time," said Livingston Mayor Sandi Singleton. "Most speakers pointed out the benefits of the down home life and we all enjoyed it."

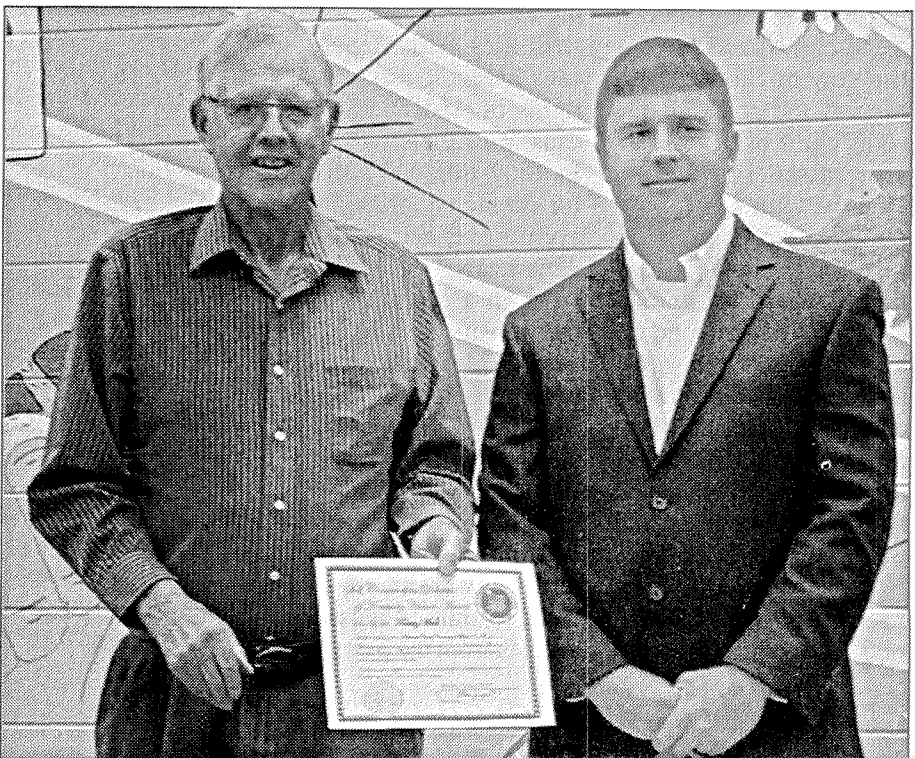
Organizers of the event would like to add a special thank you to the following: Rockcastle Co. High School FFA, Ken Messer, Rockcastle Co. Middle School, King Bottling, Mark's Hardware, Lumber King, Lone Star Farm & Home, Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum, Eagle Outfitters, Community Trust Bank, Citizens Bank.



The Master Conservationist Award was presented to Holly Robinson by Jamie Ponder.



Senior Scholarship Awards were presented to Madison Paige Cash and Alivia Kirby by Mark Dyehouse.



The Conservation Recognition Award was presented to Tommy Harold Mink for 40 years of service. Mark Dyehouse of the Conservation District is shown with Mink.

Register

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Brodhead Elementary School
May 3, May 15 and May 22

Call the school to schedule an appointment at 606-758-8512

Mount Vernon Elementary School
May 2, May 17 and May 20

Call the school to schedule an appointment at 606-256-2953

Roundstone Elementary School
May 1 and May 10

Call the school to schedule an appointment at 606-256-2235

Water

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said. "But either way, we are working on getting everything in order. We are not just letting it go. We are working towards progress all the time."

The contract allows one year to complete the project after it has begun. Some officials say depending upon the time of year and, if the algae is blooming at the time, it may take a little time to get all the water that contains the bad taste out of the system after the basin is up and running.

Officials say customers should start to notice the water getting better some time after the new basin is operational.

Burned

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city is not responsible for the cleanup of the area. "Many think the cleanup will be very expensive and the City of Mount Vernon is going to clean it up. But it does not fall on the taxpayers to pay that expense," he said. "The city does not own that building and does not

have the authority or the responsibility of cleanup procedures." Mayor Tim Roberts, and other city officials and volunteers, say they are willing to help facilitate ideas, but a clear path has not yet been determined, Bowman said.

Bowman said city officials have discovered that the owner of the building has passed away. Officials are attempting to identify heirs who some expect may be responsible for the cleanup procedures. "If your property burns down, who is responsible for the cleanup? The owner" Bowman said.

One of the many who are greatly concerned with the future of the space is Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum. Tatum is also Chairman of the Rockcastle County Development Board and is constantly interested in the beautification of Main Streets throughout the county. "I am giving this a lot of thought," she said. "We have to find a way to turn this bad situation into a positive situation and the only way to do that is by asking questions and discussing ideas and working together."

Tatum agreed the cost of the cleanup may be expensive. "I'm sure it will be expensive to clean up that site and it is on my mind every day. The biggest obstacles right now are the cost and the safety issues. We have to overcome that, and then move forward," she said.

City officials have contacted the Kentucky League of Cities for advice on the subject. "We immediately put caution tape around the site and now we are working on getting a fence on Main Street around the building to keep people out of

the area," Bowman said. As for the cause of the fire, investigators have not reported any conclusions.

Bowman and Tatum agree that whatever action is taken, it will likely be some time before the area is cleaned up. However, officials also agree there should be a rush on the project. "We certainly don't need that mess and dangerous area there during a Bittersweet Festival or other Main Street event," said Bowman. "We are working to get something started as soon as we determine the proper course."

Mayor

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The following day, on Friday, April 12, Davidson provided a letter to city officials acknowledging receipt of the resignation request and stating that he would not resign. The letter said Davidson would take the commission's concerns into consideration "but will not be resigning upon this request. Accusations made in the document are false and have no merit. I will continue with my duties as Mayor of Livingston."

However, on Wednesday evening, April 17, Davidson presented commissioner Singleton with another letter stating, "I am resigning my seat as the Mayor of Livingston, Ky. Due to the increased responsibility with my family, career and business, I find it in my best interest to step aside. I feel that these increased responsibility's will not allow me to continue serving the community in full capacity..."

The resignation letter goes on to thank the citizens of Livingston for the opportunity to serve as Mayor and says

Davidson will continue to be a "pivotal part of the community as a citizen and entrepreneur." The letter also says Davidson is "looking forward to watching the city progress as I know the administration in place will continue on the proper course."

"We didn't really have a choice in any of this," said Singleton on Thursday, April 18 at Livingston City Hall. "Our city has our plate full right now and we simply don't have room for disagreements and negative attitudes towards our town from organizations or entities in the county. We all (the city commissioners) agree that this is best for our city in the long run," she added.

All commissioners were present for the special called meeting this past Friday in which Singleton was sworn in as the new Mayor by County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

Singleton said a seat as commissioner is now open to anyone who may be interested in the position. Singleton said the city must allow 30 days for anyone interested to apply. Those who would like to be considered for the appointed position as Livingston City Commissioner, should contact Livingston City Hall as soon as possible.

Commissioner David Mahaffey and Troy Goforth agreed that the recent change in administration is best for the community and they are prepared to move forward as a community. "We have no hard feelings between any of us and we are all still friends," said Mahaffey. Goforth also said he is proud that the relationship between the city and Davidson will remain

friendly. "We have nothing against our former mayor" he said. "Now we

just move forward and do whatever is best for our city."



Livingston Commissioner Sandi Singleton is shown being sworn in as the new Mayor of Livingston by Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. last Friday.

Take a free book



Another free book library has been placed beside the playground at the park in Livingston. The free Take A Book box allows anyone to drop by and take a book home anytime. There is no charge for the service.

Rockcastle Historical Haven

Presented by
Rockcastle Historical
Society

By: Markita Proctor

Historically, we expect our political candidates to be upstanding individuals who are typically free from scandal. Sometimes, candidates find themselves in the middle of a mayhem. Such was the case for Radical Republican Robert Boyd in 1867.

Robert Boyd was born on December 11, 1833, in Whitley County, Kentucky, as documented on the website findagrave.com. Boyd's ancestry can be traced back to Scotland. His relatives first settled in Virginia but eventually moved to Whitley County, Kentucky. Robert Boyd is the son of Samuel and Mary A. (Sears) Boyd, the sixth child of seven. He was raised in Whitley County with his family but attended Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, where he studied law. Boyd returned to Whitley County after college and was elected circuit court clerk of Whitley County in 1858. After his term, Boyd relocated to London, Kentucky, and began practicing law. Boyd is believed to have had a successful law career, but politics called

him again. He ran for the Kentucky State Senate for the thirty-eighth Senatorial District which included Whitley, Knox, Laurel, and Rockcastle counties.

Remember the year is 1867, just a short two years since the end of the U.S. Civil War. The country was still in the midst of reconstruction and recovery. Robert Boyd was a member of the Radical Republican Party. The Republican Party was relatively new in 1867. Founded in 1845 based on the opposition to extending slavery into western territories. Early Republicans fought to protect the rights of African Americans after the Civil War. In 1867 this party stood for emancipation and the civil rights for African Americans.

From a transcript on the website "Shaking Papers" a blog that records newspaper clippings about homicide cases that occurred in Kentucky: August 6, 1867 "Tragedy in Rockcastle County"

Dora Whitaker, author and registrant of the website, transcribes news articles from the past. The

site has a series of articles on the "tragedy" in Rockcastle County. The first in the series is an excerpt from "Letter from Crab Orchard Springs." Louisville Daily Courier, dated August 6, 1867: "On Friday last, two men, brothers, named Ham, were shot in Rockcastle County by a man named Boyd, who is a Radical candidate for the Senate in the district composed of the counties of Whitley, Knox, Laurel, and Rockcastle." The article reports that two men got into a fight at a political meeting at Providence in Rockcastle County. Interestingly, Boyd was not involved in the Fight. In fact, some reports say the fight wasn't even over politics.

In an excerpt from the Central Kentucky Gazette, in Danville, in an article published on August 7, 1867, "it appears that at the close of a public speaking between the candidates for the State Senate and Legislature, a difficulty occurred between a number of brothers named Ham and another family, during the course of which the Union candidate for the Senate, named Boyd became in some way involved." Based on information from this report senate candidate Robert Boyd was not at first directly involved, but another report gives a different account. From the August 12, 1867, Louisville Daily Courier, "A fatal affray occurred in Rockcastle County last week between Mr. R. Boyd, Radical Candidate for the Senate, and two men of the name of Ham. Boyd shot William Ham, killing him instantly, and someone shot Ed. Ham, who died in a few hours. The matter is undergoing judicial investigation." The entire ordeal doesn't seem to make sense. Was candidate Boyd a cold-blooded killer? Was he just in the wrong place at the wrong time, or was he actually a hero, who stepped in and saved the day? The news reports were not very clear.

Eventually, a citizen of Rockcastle County did attempt to clear up the inconsistencies in the reports via a letter to the editor of the Louisville Courier. "On Thursday, August 1st, the candidates for the Senate in this district, Hyatt and Boyd, met at their speaking appointment in the Glades precinct, in the lower part of the county." This account states that the fight occurred over an old grudge between the Hams and Bullocks. As it turns out, The fight began with the elder Bullock and Ham men. According to this report, the elderly Bullock man assaulted the elder Ham. The altercation became pretty violent. "Bullock bit off Ham's ear during the scuffle." Evidently, Old Man Ham's sons became enraged at the assault on their father and retaliated. Ultimately an all-out brawl ensued and pistols were drawn and fired repeatedly. This writer makes several accusations. Suggesting that Boyd killed the Ham in cold blood. "Mr. Boyd fired three deliberate shots at him as he passed by him, the last taking effect in his back, and caused his death in a few moments. It is established by still further developments, that Boyd was interested in no way in the issue of the affray; that he was comparatively a stranger to the [Hams] brothers; that he had not

the slightest provocation to extenuate or excuse his act of cool and deliberate slaughter; and that he must have been governed along by his political friendship for the opposite party, all of whom are Radicals of his own stripe." The letter was signed simply, "Justice".

This is one person's account. Perhaps someone with differing political opinions, maybe...another letter from Mt. Vernon soon followed. This letter was from James G. Carter, the acting Commonwealth Attorney, "That communication purports to give a true account of the affair, and implicates the whole county, grand jury and all concerned as being Radical...Now, your correspondent has grossly misrepresented nearly the whole affair..." This respondent gives a somewhat different report. They argue that both the Bullocks and the Hams wielded pistols and knives. "William Ham, with a knife in his hand, was closely pursuing James Bullock, who had a pistol in his hand and shooting back at Ham as he ran; and while William Ham was thus pursuing James Bullock, he (Ham) was shot and killed, for which Robert Boyd is now indicted. Who killed Edward Ham is not certainly known. This letter addressed the situation from a different viewpoint, "Robert Boyd, is a high-toned gentleman, but a Radical, and elected to the State Senate, but if he did use his pistol on the 1st of August as is alleged, he certainly did wrong, and according to Justice, the Hams were strangers to him, and there could be no premeditated malice, no intent to murder, and the act was done through excitement, on the spur of the moment, on seeing William Ham pursuing James Bullock with a drawn knife, and Bullock running; and under these circumstances Boyd, not knowing the politics of either; fired, as some of the witnesses say, three times at William Ham to save the life of James Bullock. He, therefore, cannot be guilty of murder, only manslaughter, and is entitled to bail." Carter assures the public that there will be a trial before the courts to determine Boyd's guilt or innocence.

It is presumed Robert Boyd was found innocent, he served in the State Senate and was re-elected in 1871. He ran for lieutenant governor and Congress but was defeated. In 1886 he was elected Circuit Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District. Boyd died in 1906 at the age of 72. He is buried in the Boyd-Crat Cemetery in Laurel County Kentucky.

Did Boyd kill Ham in cold blood, was he merely defending the Bullock man? We may never know. Political scandal is not a new concept developed in the twenty-first century.

Free smoke alarms available New MVFD alert system tells motorists of upcoming accidents

By: Mike French
Editor

An accident on the highway provides a dangerous situation for all first responders involved, as well as other motorists who are traveling near the accident, according to local first responders.

Firefighters and EMS workers must receive vigorous training on how to deal with oncoming traffic while working at an accident, due to the many secondary accidents in Kentucky.

According to Rhodes and Rhodes website, four percent of all accidents in Kentucky are secondary crashes. Such crashes occur when an existing accident or road blockage causes another accident.

However, the Mount Vernon Fire Department has now installed the HAAS Alert system, which is intended to warn motorists of an upcoming road blockage.

According to Adam Bales, Chief of the Mount Vernon Fire Department the local department has now installed the HAAS Alert device to "implement their safety system in Rockcastle County."

The vehicle-mounted system sends an emergency notification to motorists that an emergency vehicle is either approaching or stopped at the scene of an incident ahead. "Having this ability gives motorists advance warning of a potential hazard and increases the safety of emergency personnel, as well as motorists in the area," Bales said.

"With the large number of accidents we work on I-75, we have installed the first system on Rescue 613, our primary apparatus to respond to all vehicle accidents," said Bales. Officials say the system alerts motorists through many available navigation systems available on most car brands.

In another move to provide more safety for Rockcastle residents, the department is also offering to install free smoke detectors for county residents.

According to officials at the MVFD, the department has partnered with the Red Cross to offer free smoke detector installation for Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County families.

Those who need a smoke detector, should get in contact with the department today or scan the QR Code below.

"There is no charge and a MVFD team member will install as many smoke detectors as you need in your home," Bales said.

Officials also warn that smoke detectors older than 10 years are outdated and should be replaced.

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home, call 606-256-3442 or email Fire@mtvernonky.org.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Emily Brooke Adams, 24, Mt. Vernon, transcriptionist and Clayton Thomas Loveless, 24, electrician, Russell Springs. 4/9/24

Alison Ruth Connell, 64, Livingston, retired and Gerald Anthony Walker, 72, Livingston, retired. 4/12/24

Jessica Nicole Owens, 40, Orlando, server and Ronald Eugene Sheton, 48, Heidrick, KY, construction engineer. 4/15/24

Kayleigh Marie Griffin, 18, Brodhead, Wendy's and Donovan Wayne Martin, 18, Brodhead, Wendy's. 4/15/24

Stacy Jane Nicholes, 33, Mt. Vernon, homemaker and Shannon Martin, 54, Mt. Vernon, self-employed. 4/18/24

Circuit Civil Suits

LVNV Funding LLC v. Samantha Baldrige, \$1,267 plus claimed due. C-00076

District Civil Suits

Lendmark Financial Services LLC v. Robert Jones, \$5,719 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Rose M.

Gadd, complaint for child support and medical support.

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. v. Hubert D. Green, complaint for foreclosure.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Robert Watkins, complaint for medical support.

Emily R. Dooley, et al v. Christian Dooley, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Sharlet Davis, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Marvin Barron, complaint for child support and medical support.

Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Donovan G. Durham, \$5,808 plus claimed due. CI-00102

Deeds Recorded

David Anthony Spoonamore, property on Bowling Ridge Road, to Rant and Joyce Saylor. Tax \$15

Jeremy and Melissa Neeley, property in Feldkamp Boundary Plat, to Savannah and Isaac McClure. Tax \$20

Robert W. and Sharon L. Sizemore, property in James Poynter Division, to Steven Berger and Virginia Stegemoller. Tax \$435

Rant and Joyce Saylor, property on

Brindle Ridge Road, to Roger Isaacs. Tax \$15

District Court

April 15-17, 2024

Hon. Benjamin Hardy

Shaen Burdine: DUI, sentencing order entered.

Speeding: Amanda Asher, \$22 fine plus costs; Nicholas James Carrier, Heather Renee Warrick, Christina Marie Adams, Michael T. Collins, John Berneil Mills, license suspended for fta.

Edwin Roberto PalmaduarteL driving motor vehicle using handheld mobile telephone, paid.

David T. Branson: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Aaron Douglas Medley: probation revoked to serve 90 days in jail.

Thomas Wayne Daugherty: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta.

David T. Branson: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to wear seat belts, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., license suspended for failure to appear (fta).

Gary Wayne Caldwell: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine; DUI, sentencing order entered.

Jonathan Houk: operating on suspended/revoked operators license (two counts), failure to

notify address change to Dept. of Transp. (two counts), speeding, failure to produce insurance card, failure to surrender revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta.,

Carl Demetrius Johnson: speeding, \$42 fine plus costs; no drivers license in possession, \$25 fine.

Elijah Jones: failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine plus

costs.

William Berkley Lewis: speeding, no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended/bw issued for fta.

Sarah Elizabeth Lively: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, \$100 fine.

Jessie D. Weaver: no/

expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine each; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$100 fine each; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine; no tail lamps, disregarding stop sign, failure to comply w/helmet law, \$25 fine each.

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Hosted by Livingston Community Lions Club

Dr. James S. Chism Scholarship Gathering

The Livingston Community Lions Club will be hosting the second annual Dr. James S. Chism Memorial Scholarship Gathering again this year at the Farmer's Market on Richmond Street. The event will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday night May 3, 2024.

All are invited to join the Rockcastle community as we remember our dear friend, "Doc" Chism. Please bring a potluck item or items and a new or very gently used

item for auction. Last year we were able to give a very generous scholarship to a young lady from RCHS who plans to attend Auburn University after Eastern and plans to return to practice veterinary medicine here in the county. This was made possible with the generosity and loving support of her fellow Rockcastle Countians. Please come out and support your community in this most worthwhile cause. Any who would like to pro-

vide some informal entertainment are welcome to perform. T-shirts will also be sold this year noting

the commemoration of the Memorial Scholarship Gathering. Hope to see you there.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CUCUMBER BEET SALAD

2 cups sliced pickled beets, drained
1 cup sliced cucumber
4 green onions chopped
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 or 2 teaspoon lemon juice
Crumbled feta cheese, if desired.
Mix all. Serve or chill.

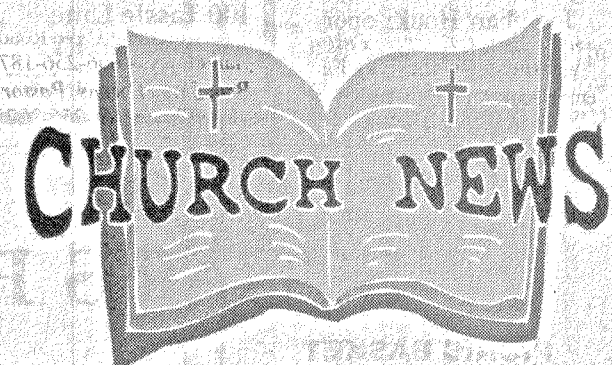
FRESH CUCUMBER SALAD

7 cups thinly sliced pickling cucumbers, peeled if desired
1 cup sliced onions
1 cup sliced green peppers
1 tablespoon sea salt
1 tablespoon dried minced garlic
1 and 1/2 cup white vinegar
3/4 cups sugar
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon mustard seed
1 tablespoon dill
Mix cucumbers, onions, peppers, and salt; set aside. Put garlic, vinegar, sugar, celery seed, and mustard seed in a pot and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and let cool for one hour. Pour mixture over cucumbers; refrigerate. Drain before serving, if desired. Put any leftovers in a jar and store in refrigerator. Stays fresh for up to 2 months!

REFRIGERATOR PICKLED BEETS

2 pounds fresh beets
3/4 cups red wine vinegar
1/2 cup sugar OR honey
1/2 cup water, filtered
1/2 large red onion
Trim the top stem to roughly 1 inch and thoroughly wash beets. Place washed beets in a large pot of water and boil for roughly 20 minutes, or until tender. (Just like boiling potatoes, the larger beets will take longer to cook.) Strain cooked beets in a colander and cool your beets by running cold water over them. When your beets are cool enough to safely handle, with your faucet running with cold water, use your hands to slip the skin off the beets. Trim the remaining stems and root flush with the beet bulb. Cut or slice cooked beets as desired. Combine vinegar, sugar or honey, and water in a small saucepan. Heat to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat and set aside. Layer cut up beets and sliced onion in glass jar(s) or container(s) with a tight fitting lid. Pour vinegar mixture over top. Add additional water if needed to fully submerge the beets in the liquid. Cover with a tight fitting lid and place in the refrigerator for 5 to 7 days before enjoying. Refrigerator pickled beets will keep for about 2 months.

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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 WDKY 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.

Homecoming/Revival

Maple Grove Baptist will be having their spring homecoming/revival starting Sunday, April 28th through May 1st. Bro. Jamie Hamilton will be preaching starting at 7 p.m. nightly. No church Sunday night on the 28th due to homecoming. Bro. Jerry Owens invites everyone to attend.

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."

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Sammy, the male German Shepherd who is 3 years old and is gentle and very friendly, and Thor, the 2 year-old male Rottweiler who is very friendly. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

Do demons still dwell within us today?

In the New Testament we see numerous examples of people who were demon possessed. It's only natural for us to ask that question today. What does the bible say about the subject?

What is it? Was there a purpose for it? Does it happen today? Let's begin by looking at what it is not.

Demon possession is not: A disease, though sometimes the symptoms were the same.

Matthew 4:24 says, Then his fame went throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torment, those who were demon possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and he healed them. It is not being influenced by the devil to sin.

Acts 5:1-3 tells us, But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

There is one Devil and many demons. We must be careful to distinguish between them. Satan is king of the demons; they answer to him, and they work for him.

Another definition of demon possession is A demon residing in a person, exerting direct control and influence over that person, with certain derangement of mind and/or body. Demon possession is to be distinguished from demon influence or demon activity in relation to a person. The work of the demon in the latter is from the outside; in the demon possession it is from within. By this definition a Christian cannot be possessed by a demon since he is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. However, a believer can be the target of demonic activity to such extent that he may give the appearance of demon possession.

An evil spirit residing in a person's body would take over the person's body.

Mark 9:20-22 says, Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So, he asked his father, how long has this been happening to him? And he said, from childhood and often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion for us and help us.

In conclusion we see Christ had the power to cast out evil spirits, demons and when he went to the cross of Calvary he showed us and Satan who is in control. He overcame the power of death when he was resurrected and gave you and I the same power. James 4:7 reminds us to, Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you!

Everyone Welcome

Robby Cable - 606-305-8452

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

Un-Baptized

There is just one baptism, the Bible recognizes and that is immersion, there are no places in the Bible where pouring or sprinkling was used for baptism. (Eph:4-5) There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

Many good people are unbaptized because they have not been immersed in water. We find (Acts:8-36) a going unto the water, (Acts:8-36) A going down into the water, A burial, (Rom:6-3-4) A resurrection (Col:2:12) A new birth (John:3-5) And a coming up out of the water (Acts:8-39). If one has not been baptized as God says, then he has not been baptized at all, in the sight of God. For there is but one baptism (Eph:4-5)

Lack of teaching hinders many good people from being baptized. (Matt:28-19) Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them. Christ put teaching before baptism. His teaching calls for an understanding heart, to come before conversion, (Matt:13-15). Therefore, man cannot be ignorantly converted.

Many good upright people are unbaptized today, because they have not been taught, it is a necessity, in order to obtain forgiveness of sins (Acts:2-38). Many have been taught it is a Christian duty, rather than a command to be obeyed in becoming a Christian. The very fact that if one is baptized scripturally, he never has to do it again is proof that it is a command to the alien sinner instead of one who is already saved. (Mk:16-16) (Acts:22-16) (Gal:3-27) (1Pet:3-20-21)

Many good people today are unbaptized because they did not repent, they were baptized for ulterior motives which would render their baptism null and void. (Luke :13-3) Unless you repent ye shall perish. (Acts:17-30) God commanded all men everywhere to repent.

Many are unbaptized today, because they received something called baptism when they were infants and they go through life thinking they were baptized, when an infant cannot be baptized, because he cannot comply with the conditions of baptism, teaching, (Matt:28-19-20) belief (Mk:16-16) and repentance, (Acts:2-38).

Voting on candidates for baptism has hindered many from being scripturally baptized. Adding people to the church is a right that belongs only to God. (Acts:2-47) It is man's business to baptize and God's business to add to the church.

No one voted on the eunuch before Phillip baptized the eunuch, (Acts:8-35-38). Did this man of God do right or wrong, he was being guided by the Holy Spirit? No were in the scriptures were people voted on to see if they were worthy to become members of the church. Voting is a man-made tradition, were members of churches try and play God.

Procrastination hinders many good people from being baptized. It hindered Felix Acts:24-25 Felix trembled and answered go thy way for this time, when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee. When I have more convenient season, I will call for thee, (Is the theme song of many lost souls.)

Thank you for reading this article. We have a (GSOEPEL MEETING) Starting May-1-4 at 7:00 P.M. each night. Everyone is welcome. The speaker will be (Brother Zac Evans)

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

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Believers House of Prayer
156 Scenic View Lane
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker
Renfro Valley, Ky.
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhbp@gmail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle
231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Monday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Gregory Isaacs
Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Live services on
www.biblebaptist.org
and Facebook®
Pastor: Bro. Alan Dodson

Blue Springs Church of Christ
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services:

Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Marcus Reppert
Phillip Permenter
Eric Bullock
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.

Wednesday Adult & Youth
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs

Mission Friends and
Creative Ministry

Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher

606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.

Terry Orcutt, Pastor
Brush Creek

Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249

(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Mink, Pastor

Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.

Jason Medley, Pastor
606-308-4543

Central Baptist Church
86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.

Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
"Central Time" Radio

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2 miles south of Mt. Vernon
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Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Bro. Ova Baker
Bro. Dale McNew

Bro. Philip Scott
Church of Christ on Fairground Hill

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Different speaker each Sunday

Clear Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Climax Christian Church
Hwy. 1912

308-2806 • 256-4138 • 256-5977

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Climax Holiness Church
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.

Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at 7

Community Worship Church of God

758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard

Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor

Worship Service
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

www.cwchurchofgod.com

Conway Missionary Baptist

116 Meadow Lark Lane
Berea, KY 40403

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and

Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings:

Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007

Cove Branch United Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

1st Saturday of month singing
6 p.m.

John Vanwinkle, Pastor
Crab Orchard Pentecostal

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
606-355-7595

Creekside Baptist Church
2261 Copper Creek Rd.

Sunday morning breakfast: 9:30
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Pastor Bro. Jack Stallsworth
CrossPoint Church of God

211 Industrial Park Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY

Sunday 2 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.

Pastor: Matt Griggs
859-882-2553

Crossroads Assembly of God
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead

Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Cupps Chapel Holiness
Copper Creek Rd.,

Brodhead
Sunday 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.

Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter
Fairground Hill

Community Holiness
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road

Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.

Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services

Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.

Mission Friends 6 p.m.
606-256-3722

email: fellowship@fvmbc.com
Faith Chapel Pentecostal

S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

Higher Praise Ministries
4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.

Mt. Vernon
Chris Davidson, Pastor

Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777
Life Church

1225 West Main St. • Mt. Vernon
Chad Lainhart, Pastor

Sunday 3 p.m.
Thursday 7 pm

Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.

Tim Hampton, Pastor
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship

11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer
7 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Little Country Church

Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop

onto Jarber Rd.
Jack Weaver, Pastor

Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livingston Baptist Church
Pastor: Josh Hasty

606-392-3809
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Livingston Christian Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Arthur Hunt, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal

Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor

606-256-1709
Living Word

Community Church
"About our Father's Business"

246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead
Sunday School 11 a.m.

Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor
606-308-4312

Macedonia Baptist Church

6567 Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor
Maple Grove Baptist

Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873

Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship

11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Mareburg Baptist Church

2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Bro. Tony Smith, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844

Sunday School 10 a.m.
(all ages)

Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening

Bible Study
6 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon Church of God

1025 W Main St.
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1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
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988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Suicide Warning Signs for Adults

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- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
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- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
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Posted

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: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(23)x25

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on private property located on Evans Lane in Mount Vernon, Ky. owned by Granville and Christopher Graves. Trespassers will be prosecuted. 10x4

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.

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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Notices

Notice is hereby given that Christine Barnes, 18 Blackberry Lane, Orlando, KY 40460 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Colton H.R. Barnes f/k/a Heather Rae Barnes, deceased, on the 22nd day of April 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Christine Barnes or Hon. Brian D. Bailey, PLLC, McClure, McClure & Bailey, PO Box 214, 426 S. 4th St., Danville, KY 40423 on or before October 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. 10x3

Notice is hereby given that Susan Culton, 208 Mountain Crest, Irvine, KY 40336 and Anthony Culton, 1000 Winston Rd., Irvine, KY 40336 has been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of David Culton, deceased, on the 22nd day of April 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Susan Culton and Anthony Culton or Hon. William A. Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before October 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. 10x3

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 unknown 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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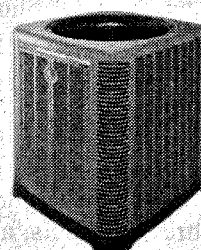
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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
Session Results:
Education remains a
priority issue for law-
makers

When you want to know what someone values, you look at their checkbook. In the same way, our state's budget provides an understanding of our values and how we meet our obligation to all Kentuckians. The laws enacted by the legislature also reflect what we believe is important. And, when you take into consideration both spending and policy, we clearly value education.

We spend more on education than any other area of government and this session we made every attempt to get funding to the level closest to students. The education investments included in the state budget (HB 6) represent the largest increase in funding since the passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA). Among the allocations made in the budget are:

- An increase in SEEK funding by 3% in the first fiscal year, and 6% in the next fiscal year for a total of \$612 more per pupil over the two-year period.

- Funding to cover 90% of transportation costs in FY 25, and fully fund the costs in FY 26

- Increased access to funding for districts with a limited ability to raise local revenue by increasing the Tier 1 equalization.

- Increased General Fund monies by \$4.8 million in each fiscal year for a Pilot Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Program

- An additional \$2.6 million over the biennium for the Teacher Scholarship Programs

- \$7.3 million in additional funds in each fiscal year for a new Student Teacher Stipend Program

And, to be clear, the budget includes plenty of funding for teacher raises. Rather than mandate that districts give their employees a raise, the legislature has chosen to provide additional funding to give districts the resources they need to set salary increases. This is the second budget that we have used to do so, at the request of school superintendents and school boards across the state.

Mandating that districts provide a set raise is bad policy and irresponsible. After all, teachers and school staff work directly for districts - not the state. Can you imagine the state setting pay for any other independent government agency or group? Instead, we want to empower school districts to provide raises that they set based on their needs and local market.

We also provided support for teacher recruitment and retention, including a student loan forgiveness program and other scholarships.

In addition, HB 6 includes almost \$2 billion towards the teacher's retirement system, an amount far above what is required by law but what is necessary to shore the system up for current and future retirees. We also included \$80 million for

teacher's retirement in HB 1.

HB 142 – Bans all tobacco, alternative nicotine, and vapor products in Kentucky public schools and requires school districts to adopt disciplinary procedures for violations. The measure also requires school districts to track incidents involving vaping and report them annually to the Department of Education.

HB 162 – Focuses on improving the teaching and comprehension of mathematics by increasing accountability, expanding training and support for teachers, as well as hands-on intervention for students. The measure also aligns postsecondary preparation for teacher candidates and establishes the Kentucky Numeracy Counts Funds to support teachers in local districts.

HB 446 – Addresses disciplinary issues on school buses by requiring a signed agreement between parents/guardians and school districts to outline behavioral expectations and consequences for misbehavior.

HB 611 – Ensures more accountability for chronic absenteeism by requiring school officials to file a complaint with the county attorney when a K-5 student misses 15 days of school without an excuse.

HB 695 – Establishes the Adaptive Kindergarten Readiness pilot project, aimed at increasing family involvement by delivering age-appropriate reading instruction with an online learning platform.

HB 825 – Requires the State Auditor's Office to conduct an audit of fiscal controls and operational performance of the Kentucky Department of Education. This program review includes the Kentucky School for the Blind, Kentucky School for the Deaf, and the state-operated technology centers. The audit is due to the Interim Joint Committee on Education by July 1, 2025.

SB 2 – Expands existing school safety statutes to provide both greater physical security and broader mental health supports. The bill allows local school boards to hire armed "guardian" safety officers until a school resource officer is available. The measure also updates requirements regarding trauma-informed teams; expands existing suicide prevention training to employees who work with students in grades 4-12; and requires districts to provide an anonymous reporting tool for students and parents to supply information on potential threats.

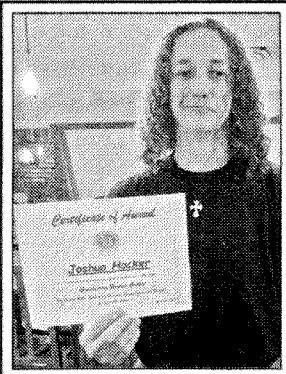
SB 167 – Requires cursive writing to be included in elementary school curriculum and designed to ensure proficiency by the end of grade five. The requirement takes effect at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at josh.bray@lrc.ky.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.



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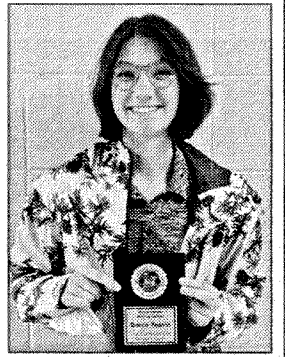
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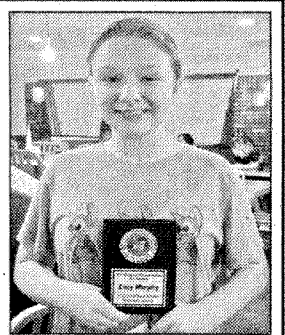
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Free trash drop off day planned

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court has announced Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day.

The event is planned for Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine.

Residents may drop off household trash, bulk goods such as couches, mattresses, chairs, appliances, televisions, computer equipment and more at the Brodhead Fairgrounds. The event is open to all Rockcastle County residents and identification and signature will be required at the gate.

Officials will not accept tires, liquid, brushes, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

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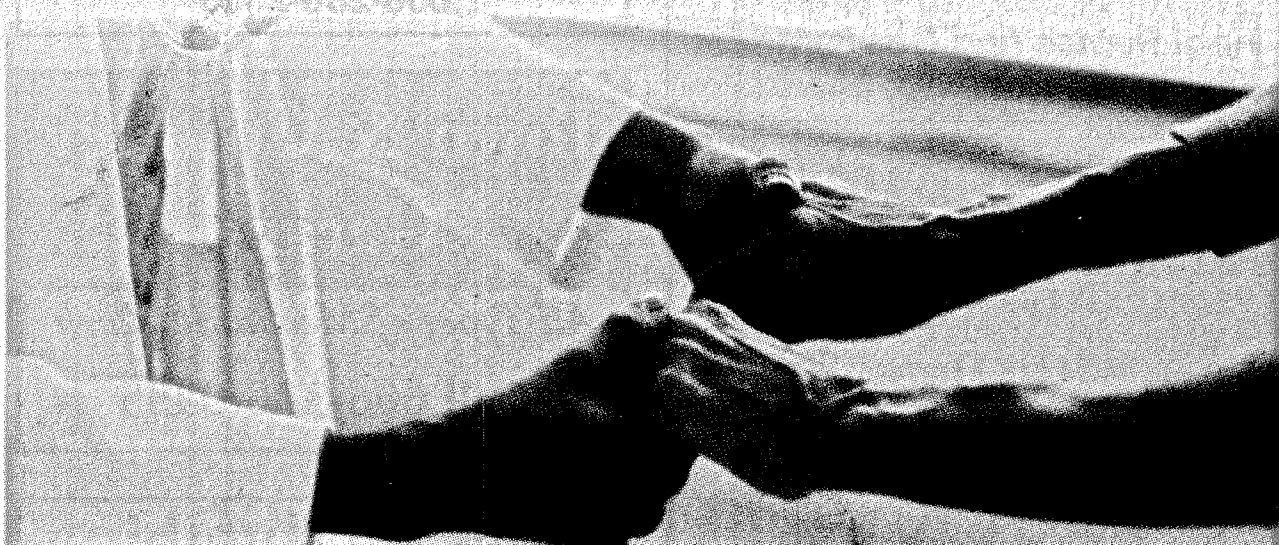


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