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## Little Worlds Fair pageant winners



Of the many festivities and activities at the Brodhead Little Worlds Fair, the Pageants are among the favorites of many residents. The Little Worlds Fair Pageants were held Sunday at the Brodhead Elementary School. Pictured above are the winners in each category. Shown left to right: Teen Winner, Ava Marie Elmore from Elizabethtown; Pre-Teen Winner, Maddie Elizabeth Woolery from Irvine; Miss Little Worlds Fair, Lacey Long from Waco; Miss Rockcastle, Emma Noel from Copper Creek; Ms/Mrs Winner, Jerrica Margayle and not shown is Mister Reed Stanley from Summer Shade.

## Medical cannabis City Council votes to place on November ballot

The City of Mount Vernon has voted to place the issue of medical cannabis on the ballot in the November General Election by unanimous vote in a special called meeting. However, there is some question if the meeting will stand as an official meeting since the required 24-hour notice of the meeting, in writing, was not provided to the Signal.

According to City

Clerk Crystal Rush, Mount Vernon Council member Michael VanWinkle successfully petitioned for a special called meeting to discuss the issue Monday evening. Mayor Tim Roberts said the council voted unanimously to place the issue on the ballot in November.

According to the Team Kentucky Office of Medi-

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## City of Brodhead postpones vote on Medical Cannabis

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Brodhead City Commission began to vote on the issue of allowing or prohibiting Medical Cannabis (marijuana) in the

Brodhead city limits at their regular monthly meeting Monday night. However, it soon became obvious that the vote was going to be two to two with Mayor Jerry Adams casting the deciding vote. Members of the commission then agreed to research the issue in greater detail before taking an official vote.

"Let's look into it more and have some time to think about it and hold the vote at the September meeting," said Adam and commissioners agreed.

During discussion of the issue, Commissioners Harold Taylor and Teddy Rose expressed their desire to vote in favor of allowing medical marijuana facilities to locate in Brodhead. However, commissioner Brian Bullock and Bryanna Mullins disagreed and said they were about to vote against such a decision.

Mayor Adams said if the vote were held immediately, he would vote in favor of allowing such facilities.

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## RCIDA offers building to School Board for \$1.6 million

Gas line 1/2 mile away

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) began last week's regular monthly meeting with a closed session to discuss contract negotiations with officials from the Rockcastle County Board of Education. The closed session lasted well over an hour before the meeting was reopened to the public.

Officials from the school district left after 40 minutes but the RCIDA board continued discussion for over 20 minutes before reopening the meeting.

Upon reopening the public meeting, Chairman Corey Craig asked

for a motion to offer the recently vacated Exela Building to the school board for \$1.6 million. The motion was made by John Ford and seconded by Roland Mullins.

During discussion, Mullins asked if the

Teaching and Learning Center, where the board currently meets, had been considered in the lengthy negotiations. Craig said they had considered the building. The motion passed unanimously.

School officials say they intend to discuss the item at the next school

board meeting, if possible, but cannot yet discuss the issue since negotiations are pending.

The RCIDA board would not comment on how the school board plans to utilize the building if the sale is successful. "I think we better let the school

board speak for themselves," Craig said.

Exela recently consolidated their company into one building, leaving the RCIDA-owned building at 618 Progress Drive, available for lease or sale.

In other action, Executive Director Jeff VanHook was given permission to move forward on the KPDI round two funds to purchase the Sparks property at the local industrial park, as announced in last week's issue of the Signal. However, VanHook was also granted permission to enter into a lease agreement with the Sparks family to allow time for the family to relocate after the property is purchased.

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(See "RCIDA" on A5)

## New fire truck arrives

## Brodhead "fairing" well during the Little World's Fair

By: Mike French  
Editor

After discussing medical cannabis (see related story), the commission dealt with several issues on the agenda, during Monday night's regular meeting of the Brodhead City Commission.

When asked how the Brodhead Little World's Fair is going, Fire Chief and head organizer John Dyehouse said "We are definitely 'fairing' well this week." Dyehouse said the fair had only begun by the meeting Monday but that, thus far, all had "gone extremely well and even better than expected."

After approving the minutes of previous meetings and approving the monthly bills, Dyehouse informed the commission that many insurance company's home owners policies include payment to fire departments for calls to their customers. "The money is

built into many homeowner insurance policies. If you are paying homeowners insurance, you are probably paying for that now," he said.

However, Dyehouse said the insurance company must receive a bill

from the department before payment would be made. "They will never just pay it out," he said. "We have to generate a bill to the insurance company. Definitely not to the

(See "Fair" on A5)

## Livingston Alumni Banquet

The Livingston School Alumni Banquet is set for August 31 from 6-8 p.m. at the Preston Parrett Gymnasium in Livingston.

There will be live music at the event and the cost will be \$25 per person for the dinner.

To register, mail payment to 131-B Lookout Street, Somerset, Kentucky, 42501. Make checks payable to Livingston Homecoming (See "Alumni" on A5)

By: Mike French  
Editor

The General Election in November is drawing nigh and will have some important local offices on the ballot. Two write-in candidates have also joined the race.

According to County Clerk Danetta Ford-Allen, candidates have until October 25 to file as a write-in candidate in the November election. The following is a list of the candidates currently registered to run for office in Rockcastle County.

In the race for Circuit Court Clerk, Eliza Jane York-Hansel (R) is the only name on the ballot and no write-in candidates have filed.

In the nonpartisan race for the three seats up for election to the Rockcastle County School Board, only three incumbents have filed for election. They are Angela Parsons-Woods in district two, Lisa Cornett in district 4 and John Matthew Chaliff in district 5. Districts 1 and 3 are not up for re-election in November.

In the nonpartisan race for Livingston City Commissioner, candidates on the ballot will be Jerry Gross, Troy Goforth, Robert Greg Carpenter and Jeffrey Carpenter. Ralph Randeau has filed as a write-in candidate.

In the nonpartisan race for Brodhead City Commissioner, candidates on the ballot will be Bryanna Mullins, Teddy Rose, Harold Taylor and Brian Bullock. All candidates are incumbents and there have been no write-in candidates to file.

In the nonpartisan race for Mount Vernon City Council, candidates on the ballot will be Lonetta Daugherty, Wayne Bullock, Cecil Michael VanWinkle, Kenneth Blain Collins, Vincent Ray Townsend, Shelley Raines Lewis, Julie Dowell Asher, Charles "Chuck" Shields, Chandler Hunter, David Bales and Gertha Mink. There have been no write-in candidates file for this office.

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# ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

It's hard to believe that after publishing *The Mt. Vernon Signal* for 58 years that we can be surprised by the actions of governing bodies. By this time, one would think they had seen everything, right?

Wrong. The Mt. Vernon City Council met this past Monday night and voted unanimously to put the issue of allowing Medical Cannabis facilities in the City of Mt. Vernon on the November 5th General Election ballot. The motion was made by Lonetta Daugherty and seconded by Julie Asher.

No problem, right? The vote was unanimous and the voters get to decide the issue.

Well, actually, there is a problem. This action was taken in the "dark of night," so to speak, since the *Signal*, as the legal newspaper of record in the county, was not given the required 24-hour notice, in writing, of the meeting, as mandated

by Kentucky Statutes.

The meeting was called by City Councilman Michael VanWinkle and all councilmembers signed the petition to call the meeting and all were in attendance.

Tuesday morning, Mayor Tim Roberts said he assumed that VanWinkle had taken care of notifying the *Signal*. However, the *Signal* was not notified. Rachele Riddle, who has a Facebook page called The Climax Observer obviously was since she was there to video the meeting.

Of course, Without the *Signal* being notified of the meeting, with the required 24-hour prior written notice, any action taken is null and void and will have to be done again in an open regular meeting or a special meeting that has been legally called.

I agree that it is not a bad idea for citizens to decide something this im-

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Every day I watch Donald Trump and Kamala Harris and their fellow politicians talk about hundreds of things. But the honest truth is, about 5% of it actually affects my life.

I love America as it was founded and I believe in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This is why I sometimes argue in favor of moral values and ethical laws and regulations.

One fact is true, no matter how modern society hates it. America was indeed founded on Judeo-Christian principles. Our currency states it clearly. Every time we spend a dollar we are handing someone a note of legal tender that reads "In God We Trust!" There is no doubt and no real argument against these facts.

Things have become so confusing to so many people. There are very articulate and intelligent people out there who fight with all their might against honest, pure, clean living. But, in all honesty, most of the stuff being discussed today doesn't affect my life in any way.

I don't know any illegal immigrants. But I know they have broken American law and should not be here, taking American jobs, using American tax dollars, selling fentanyl to our youth and turning cities into slums.

I have never had an abortion and will never

have a need to consider it. But I know life begins at conception and someone needs to stand up against those who wish to make the murder of defenseless children legal.

I don't hate people because their skin is either darker or lighter or a different tint than mine. But I know our Constitution guarantees that no one should be hired or appointed or voted for or promoted because they have darker or lighter skin than a more qualified person. Such ideas as giving special treatment to anyone because of their skin color is racist, destructive and divisive.

I paid my college debt and have no dog in that fight. But I know that forcing taxpayers to pay off college debt for other people, but ignoring legal debt, health care debt, homeowner debt, tax debt and credit card debt, is about the most unconstitutional, anti-freedom, demeaning, greedy, ridiculous idea I have ever heard.

I have never shot anyone and never will, unless they try to harm my family. But I know that every human being has the right to protect themselves and their family in the best way they see fit. I can also read so I know the Second Amendment to the Constitution word for word.

I am no bank CEO or

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Appalachia, Part I  
Dear Journal,

Sometimes I run across, quite by accident, subjects on YouTube that I'm glad that I found. A few days ago I found an interesting study of Appalachian history, customs and folk tales.

Most of the first settlers to the Appalachian area came from England, Ireland and Scotland. The mountains and gentle rolling hills reminded them of their homeland. The dense mountains and hollows of this backwoods country were hidden and protected from the outside world. Thus, their speech, customs and general way of life was preserved. The backwoods vocabulary and dialect can be traced back to several hundred years ago in England or other British isles. These first settlers brought their way of life along with them, playing the same old music, and telling the same old stories and legends of the homeland.

Another custom brought with them was the art of brewing spirits. This was done in order to have something to drink for celebrations, producing the base product for some medicines and serving as the only form of income for a few people. In the remote area they called home there were few opportunities for anything other than farming.

Probably the most noted and celebrated moonshiner there ever

lived was Marvin "Popcorn" Sutton, born October 5, 1946 in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. He died March 16, 2009 in Parrottsville, Tennessee, in the Great Smoky Mountains. "Popcorn" was a nickname he earned after an altercation with a popcorn machine at a bar one night. He wore bibbed overalls and an old plaid shirt with what I've heard called brogan shoes.

In the documentary I saw, "Popcorn" was meticulous in the manufacturing of his spirits. He insisted on cleanliness and quality materials. The perfect location was a few steps from a small creek way, way out in the hills. There was easy access to wood for the cooking and water. He liked mountain water because that "city" water had chemicals and other impurities in it that was poor quality for "likker". He swore and declared that every batch was his last due to the laborious details in its manufacture. He had to dig a certain size hole, mix cement and make his cauldron all by hand. Then he had to fetch his wood and get his supplies handy. They were hauled in an old A model pickup truck. Believe it or not, it would still run and navigate through all kinds of unpaved backroads. It probably ran on shine.

Once a man, thankful for some shine he

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## ramblings..

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portant (i.e., the very ill having access to something that might enable them to have more quality of life) but, it must be done in the correct manner.

**Now on to other matters, nationally.**  
For one thing, I am amazed that so many citizens of our country have no problem with the Democratic Party's candidates for President and Vice President being outright Socialists/Communists.

VP nominee Minnesota Governor Tim Walz takes the cake. The man has an impressive resume of jobs: teacher, coach, a 24-year career in the Minnesota National Guard, except, when he was scheduled to be deployed to Iraq decided quickly to "retire." And, don't let's forget some of his actions since taking office as Minnesota's governor. Decreeing Tampons in boys' restrooms in schools from the 4th grade up (which has given him the nickname "Tampon Tim"), signed a law which provides drivers licenses for illegal aliens, changing the state flag of Minnesota to one which is eerily similar to Somalia's national flag and, maybe the worst, but I don't have time or space to list more of his inadequacies this week, he allowed Somali fraudsters to **STEAL \$250 MILLION in taxpayer funds.** It seems that during the Covid crisis, he allotted \$250 million to the politically-connected Somalis (a non-profit in MI called Feeding out Future) to feed children but **none was used for food.** Instead it went to buy real estate (including a \$500,000 apartment in Kenya), thousands of dollars in donations to Rep. Ilhan Omar's campaign, cars, extravagant trips, \$160,000 to some company in China (all reminiscent of the BLM squandering of billions of dollars in donations by corporations and individuals after the George Floyd riots).

The Walz administration froze the funds at one point but the Somali's sued and called Walz racist and he immediately stopped the investigation. He gave one of the volunteers an "Outstanding Refugee Award," who was later indicted in the scheme. Oh, and there was the \$120,000 in cash dropped off on a juror's (in the trial) doorstep with a note saying there would be more if she voted not guilty.

But, besides that -- and that should be enough by itself--Kamala is now

touting the no tax on tips for service and hospital-ity workers. Folks, **she cast the deciding vote on the tax when it was tied 50-50 in the Senate** (It was included in the infrastructure trillion \$ bill)!! Trump first said he would eliminate this tax in June of this year. Evidently, KH thought it was a winning stance and assumed her supporters would be stupid enough to not realize that it was Trump's proposal in the first place and she was the **main reason why the tax was levied in the first place.**

Oh, but there's more -- inflation started climbing quickly as soon as she and Biden took office, reaching 9.1% in mid-2021. It has slowed somewhat to just over 4%, although it is still over double Trump's 1.4% inflation when he left office.

Now, she told a recent overflow crowd at a rally, that she and Walz would **fix** this when elected. Now, my question for you, who is more ignorant? The person who instituted the inflation saying they will fix it when elected, or the people who are screaming their approval of this state-ment? I don't know. It's a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma, according to the late, great Winston Churchill, which describes a situation that is difficult to understand.

Difficult to understand is right. What's especially "difficult" is how people can cheer on a person saying they are going to solve a problem **which they caused**, if elected to the highest office in the land, and which the 'American middle class' have 'suffered greatly from for over 3 1/2 years. (By the way, she is also promising to fix the border situation she and Biden caused!! Of course, you have to wonder what there is to fix since she has said several times that the **"border is secure!"**

According to the Associated Press, the "great inflation spike is past" and economists say American consumers helped slay it.

By "helped slay it" I assume they meant that consumers quit buying what they could no longer afford -- like \$6 now for what used to be BB (Before Biden) and \$3 bag of oranges, \$5 for a bag of potato chips that used to cost \$2.99 and eggs that used to be less than a \$1 a dozen occasionally but now fluctuate between \$2 a dozen and over \$4.

Anyway, as a last note, we were just notified that

there has been a special meeting called of the Mt. Vernon City Council for Wednesday night, August 15th. The purpose you ask? To address if the special called meeting, held on 8/12/24, was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

*So, we shall see what we shall see.*

## Aces

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president. But I know that if anyone or any government spends more than they earn, that debt will always, always catch up to them and will cost them more than they borrowed.

I'm no scholar of history, but I know that any government that attempts to control what words you may speak, leads to authoritarianism.

I have never drawn a welfare check. But I know that welfare was not invented as a free ride for people who are too lazy to work. It is for those who aren't able to work...period.

It's true many of the big discussions and arguments in politics today don't directly affect me, but that doesn't change the fact that I love the principles that America was founded upon. I not only have the right to have an opinion about it but I have an obligation as a patriot to speak out in favor of the principles our founding fathers set forth.

America was a great idea. It was a great country and still is. But I do believe that if democrats

had all their wishes come true, America would not be America in a decade, or less.

If you buy a Ford truck and then replace the motor, suspension, computer system, drive train, interior and body with Chevrolet parts, it isn't a Ford anymore. It is a Chevrolet.

The country may survive if liberals get their way. After all, Kyrgyzstan has survived even after two revolutions and continued authoritarianism. This country may survive too. But it would not be America anymore.

## T.J.'s

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bought for a client that was of a pleasing quality to the client, gave "Popcorn" a five thousand dollar tip. "Popcorn" had been arrested numerous times throughout his career for the manufacture and sale of moonshine. It finally caught up with him. He was finally going to be sent to prison. Unfortunately, he had been diagnosed with cancer as well. One day while his wife had gone out shopping, he took the opportunity to kill himself by carbon monoxide poisoning. He requested no funeral but was buried not far from his home. He did pretty good for an old backwoods hillbilly. He had about thirteen million dollars when he died. Hank Williams Junior came to mourn his passing.

# Rockcastle Historical Haven

By: Markita Proctor

### Norma Mullins, Our Own Coon Creek Girl

One of the things that Rockcastle County Kentucky is most known for is music. Renfro Valley is known all over the world and the music that Renfro Valley is most known for is Bluegrass music. It is the common belief that Bluegrass music officially originated in Kentucky in the 1930s and 1940s, but others argue that the roots of the music go much deeper than that. Many musicians and historians will argue that the foundations of Bluegrass can be traced back as far as the 1700s and the traditions of the Scots, Irish, and even West African immigrants. Music is a huge part of most any cultural experience and immigrants brought their musical traditions with them when they came to the new world. Many

settled into the Appalachian Mountains and so did the music.

While Kentucky cannot claim Bluegrass music completely, we can claim the name. Bill Monroe, widely accepted as the father of bluegrass music, hails from the Bluegrass state. The website, folkways.si.edu, provides a detailed biography of the Bluegrass legend, Bill Monroe and the origins of Bluegrass music. "Bill Monroe is credited with inventing the high energy, fast tempo, hard-edged style of country music known as Bluegrass. The genre takes its name from Monroe's band, The Blue Grass Boys." (Folkways.si.edu).

Bluegrass music may have gotten its start with Bill Monroe, but it certainly does not stop there.

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# Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

### Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

**Tuesday, August 20th:**Child Development, Seek and Learn, Lisa's Little People, Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

### Rockcastle Retired Teachers Meeting

Rockcastle Retired Teachers' Association will meet at Limestone Grille Wednesday, June 19th at 11:30 a.m.

### Class of 2004 20th Year Reunion

The RCHS Class of 2004 will hold their 20th Year Reunion on **Saturday, October 12, 2024** at Limestone Bar & Grille from 7 to 10 p.m. Food and drinks will be available to purchase at the restaurant. For questions, text 606-308-4044.

### MVHS Class Reunion

The Mt. Vernon High School Class Reunion will be held September 14th at Rockcastle Middle School. Registration is from 4 to 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$20 per person and must be paid in advance. Being honored are the classes of 1944, 1954, 1964. There will be a photographer on site for the event. *Please join us for this special reunion.*

### Rockcastle Retired Teachers Meeting

Rockcastle Retired Teachers' Association will meet at Limestone Grille Wednesday, August 21st at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Larry Woods, former Rockcastle County teacher and coach.

### DBCAA Board Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc., will hold their board of directors meeting on Thursday, August 15 (today) at 6 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

### Farmers Market Now Open

The Rockcastle Farmers Market on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon is now underway for the summer. The market will be open three days a week: Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### 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 attended 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 Chaplain 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 the Veterans Center the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or District Commander B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

### Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

### Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

**Tuesday - 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: Katheryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.

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

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

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# Obituaries

## Beverly Faye Cook

Beverly Faye Cook, 75, of Berea, died peacefully August 11, 2024. Better known as Granny Bev by all her friends and family. She was a loving mother, sister, and grandmother. She recently retired from Berea College after 53 years of dedication. She was Postmaster for 47 of those years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Mary Lou Mullins Cook and her husband, Troy Goins.

Her memory will be carried on by: her loving daughter, Lori (Scott) Lawson; her brother, Bruce Cook; her sister, Jean (Earnest) Robinson; and her grandchildren, William Blake Thorn, Keri Renae Thorn, and Kayden Lynn Lawson. She is also survived by a special uncle, Kenneth Mullins.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, August 18, 2024, at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Tony Horn officiating. The family will be accepting friends from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Services will be livestreamed beginning at 5 p.m. at [www.lakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhome.com)

## Daniel Evans

Daniel Steven Evans, 32, of Danville, affectionately called "Daniel Boone" by his grandfather, died Thursday, August 8, 2024 at his home. He was born in Stanford on April 23, 1992, the son of Ronnie Dale and Glenda Ellen Mills Evans. He had been a landscaper and was of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by: his mother and step-father, Glenna and Lennie Westerfield of Danville; his maternal grandmother, Susie Davidson of Lancaster; a brother, Justin Dale Evans and wife Kayla of Ashland; and two sisters, Stacey Marsh and husband Trevor of Winchester, and Bree Evans and husband Christian of Lexington. Three nephews and five nieces also survive. He was preceded in death by: his father, Ronnie Evans; his maternal grandfather, James Mills; his paternal grandparents, Robert and Martha Evans; and a niece, Kaylee Faith Williams.

Family and friends gathered for graveside services on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 in High Dry Cemetery. Bro. Jack Stallworth officiated.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Cleveland Woodrow Williams

On the morning of August 4, 2024, Cleveland Woodrow Williams passed away peacefully, at home in his bed, with a house full of people he loved. Cleveland was 86 years old when he breathed his last. Among the last words he spoke was the heartfelt, and repeated phrase, "Thank You, God..."

Cleveland was born January 3, 1938, to Ingram Travos Williams, and Gracie Idella Lee. He was the baby boy of seven siblings: Clifton, Leon, Milton, Lucille, Myra, and Martha. He was preceded in death by his son, Charles, and five of his brothers and sisters.

Cleveland lived a full life of love and laughter, leaving behind: his wife, Connie; six children: Carla, Cheryl, Cynthia, Collin, Clifton, and Catelyn; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren. He was a Veteran and an outdoorsman. Serving as a weapons demonstrator for the Army's Caribbean Command, he traveled the world and survived the jungle, but his life didn't truly begin until January of 1960, when he gave his heart to his friend and savior, Jesus Christ.

God meant everything to Cleveland. During his 60 plus years of ministry in the Church of God, he built churches and fellowship halls, led revivals, and witnessed the miraculous hand of God heal, save, and deliver thousands of people. Before his retirement from ministry, he was referred to as one of the icons of the faith: an accolade he wasn't sure he deserved but cherished for the rest of his life.

Despite the physical hardships of his final years on earth, Cleveland could find joy and a reason to be grateful, in almost any circumstance. When he loved you, you knew it. When he said he'd pray for you, he meant it. And if he believed in you, you could take on anything.

To say he will be missed, is truly an understatement. For his family and loved ones, life here is more empty without him, but heaven is more amazing because he's there.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 10, 2024 at Conway Tabernacle Church in Mt. Vernon with Pastor Collin Williams officiating. Burial was in Powell Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Clifton Williams, Collin Williams, Timothy Carpenter, Walter Howard, Russell McCown, and Zach Matson.

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## Charles Edward Rader

Charles Edward Rader of Orlando, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on August 9, 2024, 13 days away from his 75th birthday. Our Lord lovingly gifted Charles to this world on August 22, 1949, to Raymond and Elsie (Chestnut) Rader.

Most importantly, Charles was a faithful servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a member and deacon of Maretburg Baptist Church, enjoying sharing the Good News with friends and strangers alike.

His greatest joy was his "babydoll," his loving and devoted wife of nearly 55 years, Dorothy Faye (Mason) Rader. The two became three when God blessed them with their daughter, Melissa Faye (Rader) Ikerd.

Charles was a jack of all trades—a craftsman, welder, master fisherman, mechanic, and gardener, but his greatest roles were husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend to all. He lovingly provided for his family, retiring from CSX Railroad after 35 years of loyal service. Even in his final moments, his heart was always for others.

His love and legacy will carry on through: his wife, Dorothy Faye (Mason) Rader; daughter, Melissa (Rick) Ikerd; three grandchildren, Lindsey (Aaron) Baldwin, Sydney Ikerd, and Mackenzie (Cody) Chitwood; great granddaughter, Camilla Jayde Chitwood; two sisters, Glenna Smith and Marie Jennings; and a host of nieces, nephews, cherished friends, and fishing buddies.

Preceding him in death were: his parents; brother, Bronco Rader; and sister, Juanita Deatherage.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randy McPherson and Lonnie McGuire officiating.

Carrying Charles to his final resting place at Briarfield Cemetery in Orlando, were active pallbearers: Aaron Baldwin, Cody Chitwood, Ronnie Hensley, Adam Hensley, Paul Mason, and Michael David Lovell. Honorary pallbearers were: David Mason and Patrick "Junior" Hickey.

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## How Healthy Is Your Soul?

We all try to do what we can to make sure our physical health is good, for example we eat healthily, we exercise and try to get plenty of rest. This is important, feeling good and having energy to do the things we do. I want us to consider the connection between our physical health and our spiritual health. The Bible tells us there is a connection, and that if things are well with our souls it contributes to our physical health.

3 John 1:2 says, Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prosper. John here is telling Gaius that he can see spiritual prosperity in him and his hope is that this would be the case for every aspect of his life.

If your soul is unhealthy, it is going to spill over into the physical. There are toxins of the soul: worried over a child, living stressed out over finances, worldly things. Worried about something that may not even happen, bitter over something that happened 20 years ago, feeling guilt for things out of our control, angry, holding a grudge. These things not only affect your physical body, but more important is what they are doing to your spiritual well-being.

Hebrews 12:15 tells us, looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled. I fear that this ideal will keep more people that are sitting in church pews out of heaven than any other sin. Notice this is something that we have control of and our soul will be poisoned spiritually. Roots go in many different directions. If we let bitterness into our hearts and don't stop it, it will rob us of our spiritual growth.

Proverbs 4:23 says, guard your heart, for out of it are the issues of life. Guard your heart, means we are in control of what's going on in our hearts! Our hearts are a high-risk area because they are the command center for the soul. Bitterness in the heart will always manifest itself sooner or later.

What is it that's poisoning your soul?

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## Kristie Perry

Kristie Renee Perry, 32, of Livingston, died Thursday August 8, 2024 at UK Medical Center. She was born in Cincinnati, OH on April 15, 1992, to Roy Edward Perry and Bonnie Jean Dailey.

A 2010 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, she was a stay-at-home Mom who loved life. Kristie had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way. She was always acting silly, her favorite thing to do was to laugh and to make others

laugh as well. She loved when she would get together with her Dear ol' Aunt Mae (Anna Mae Morris), they could cut up for hours. Kristie loved being outside, animals of any kind, listening to music, and was always down for any adventure. She loved her kids very much and she was a very good mom.

Kristie is survived by: three sons, Craig McCreary, Jr., Tristan Slusher, and Brent Slusher; and a daughter, Callie Slusher (who was fathered by Mason Slusher). She is also survived by: her fiancé, Dexter Herring and his two daughters who Kristie loved and called her own, Kennedy Herring and Skilynn Herring; her father, Roy Perry; her mother, Bonnie Dailey; a sister, Tasha Dailey; and three nephews and two nieces. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Wayne "Red" Dailey.

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Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at Red Hill Baptist Church in Livingston by Bro. Phillip Doan. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Obituary provided by the family. Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

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### Guard The Truth

1. Guarding the truth is a Christian duty. Paul commanded Timothy: (1 Tim. 6:20) O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science which falsely so called. Paul repeated this charge in his second letter to Timothy (2 Tim. 1:13) Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. The truth or sound words had been committed to Paul and was a sacred trust for him to guard. We also have been in trusted with the gospel. (1Thess. 2:4) But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God, which tried our hearts. (This is the world's most valuable trust).

2. The gospel truth must be protected from false teaching and its teachers. (Gal. 1:6-7) I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel, which is not another, but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. There is not another gospel, it is only a perversion of the true gospel. (John. 8:32) Only the truth can free men from their sin.

3. False teachers. Christ warned us, (Matt. 7:15) Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravening wolves. Paul warned the elders at Ephesus against false teachers. (Acts. 20:29) I know this; that after my departing, grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Remember a false teacher may look like a sheep, but he is a wolf. No doubt some false teachers are sincere but have left the faith; and Paul addresses that, in his writing (1Tim. 4:2) Speaking lies in hypocrisy having their own conscience seared with a hot iron. Their conscience is fried to the point, they no longer can discern good and evil. Many good folks have reached this point in their life on this earth, (Isa. 5:20) They call evil good and good evil. A very sad state indeed.

4. Some ways to guard the truth. (Heb. 5:14) But solid food belongs to those of full age, that is, those by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Heresy is a mixture of truth and error. Error is most dangerous when varnished with truth, because it is more deceptive. Error never starts out full grown. Its development is a matter of growth. Error in its infancy appears to be innocent and harmless to many. Error is only discerned by more alert and better-informed students of the Word. From simple beginnings, scores of unscriptural doctrines have developed. The church needs loyal and discerning members, who can detect error in its infant stages and destroy it. This will safeguard the church against digression.

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Vote

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"I don't see anything at all wrong with it," said Taylor. "I think it is a good thing. We should go ahead and vote," said Rose. However, Bullock said while he may consider the subject, he is not satisfied with the way the current bill is structured. "The way it is worded right now, anyone, anywhere can just go get marijuana. If it were for just sick people, I would be in favor of it," he said. "But anyone can get it the way it is structured now."

Mullins agreed with Bullock. "There needs to be a lot more oversight," she said. "Other narcotics have CASPER which tracks the use of narcotics. But there is no such provision with this bill. It is way too open for just anyone."

Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell said he feels such decisions are unimportant. "In five years it is all going to be legal everywhere anyway. It isn't going to matter much what you decide tonight."

Bullock said he is concerned with the direction of such decisions. "It just seems like we keep opening door after door. This needs to be very regulated and not just an open 'come and get it' issue," he said.

After more discussion on the issue, the commission agreed to postpone the vote.

The city must choose one of four options concerning the issue, according to Team Kentucky guidelines. Cities may do nothing, in which case facilities will be allowed in the city, or a city may prohibit such facilities, or a city may place a tax or fee on the product, or a

city may place the issue on the ballot in the November general election.

However, according to Team Kentucky, the deadline for placing the issue on the ballot was August 13. According to the guidelines, Brodhead officials may choose one of the three remaining options and officials say they plan to vote at the September meeting.

Council

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cal Cannabis, the city must provide a resolution directing the question of "allowing medical cannabis (marijuana) to be submitted to the voters of the territory" on the November ballot by August 13.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court has approved the first reading of an ordinance prohibiting such marijuana facilities in the county. However, cities have the option of prohibiting such facilities, placing the issue on the ballot, allowing such facilities or taxing the product in such facilities.

Similar to the alcohol vote, the county is expected to prohibit such facilities but cities within the county may still allow such facilities.

The issue was apparently the only item on the agenda and the meeting was adjourned.

A special meeting has been called for Wednesday, August 14 with one item on the agenda. The single item is "to address if the special called meeting held on August 12 was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act."

Alumni

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Teresa Parrett. Please include the

number of meals ordered and your email and/or phone number and please indicate if your preferred grilled chicken or roasted pork tenderloin.

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RCIDA

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"This would give them permission to live there while they are relocating and we are in no hurry anyway," he said.

The board also discussed VanHook's recent award at the "Stand Up Rural America Summit" in Indiana. VanHook was presented with the *Jim Walton Community Impact Award*. "I have to say, Rockcastle County is being recognized on a national stage for the first time in history for economic development," said Craig. "It is gratifying to see Jeff recognized on that level." However, Craig said community leaders cannot slow their efforts. "After a big win, you are only as good as your next game. "We have to keep the pressure on and continue the pursuit of economic development. After 28 years in banking I can tell you there are some who simply cannot handle prosperity. There will be pinch points. But we must stay focused on the objective and keep moving forward."

VanHook agreed. "The award caught me completely off guard because it belongs to so many people who are working so hard for our community," he said. "While I appreciate the honor, we must keep pushing."

VanHook also informed the board that the

Delta Natural Gas line is now 1/2 mile from the Rockcastle County line (as of last Wednesday). "It is sure good to see this gas line here," said board member Roland Mullins. "I have been involved in conversations about getting natural gas to our county since 1971."

VanHook said he and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. have met or talked with several industries over the past month, concerning new opportunities in Rockcastle County. VanHook also said the availability of power, infrastructure, natural gas, water and waste water plans, and other factors, gives the new RGL Industrial Park a unique marketing advantage over similar sites.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Fair

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homeowner, but to their insurance company," he said.

City Clerk Becky Bussell agreed to create such a form and look into the issue.

In other action, Dyehouse informed the commission of a surprising turn of events that he says has saved the city over \$200,000, while providing a desperate need to the Brodhead Fire Department (BFD).

The BFD had ordered a new fire truck from an out-of-state company that was going to cost several hundred thousand dollars. The action was approved earlier in

the year by the commission.

But, since then, there have been issues, according to Dyehouse. "They put us off and promised and promised and put us off again and still we got nothing. Then they finally gave us a date to start looking for it and were then told not to hold our breath. It was going to be another eight months or so," he said. "We cancelled the order."

However, hours later, Dyehouse and Assistant Chief Brian Bullock "lucked across" a fire truck for sale in Arizona. "This truck was too good to pass up. It is a 2005 but it is in absolute mint condition with 11,000 miles on it. It has been to seven calls in its life," Dyehouse said.

So, four firefighters flew to Arizona and a CDL driver drove the truck to Brodhead. "A big part of the miles on it, came from transporting it from Florida to Arizona when it was new, and then to Brodhead," Dyehouse said.

Commissioner Bryanna Mullins, who is also a firefighter, said some of the firefighters can still smell the 'new car' smell in the truck. "It is like brand new. It will provide many, many years of service to the people of Brodhead," she said.

And the best part? Instead of paying over \$100,000 down and going in debt for about \$200,000 more, Dyehouse said the truck was purchased for \$105,000. "It is over \$600,000 new and this one is almost as good as new," he said. "Not only are we not in debt, but the truck is paid for and once it is fitted with our spe-

cific equipment, it will be in service right here in Brodhead."

In other action, Mayor Jerry Adams discussed vacation time for city employees. "We will talk more about that in September," he said.

After the meeting, members traveled to the firehouse to inspect the new truck.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Elect

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for Mayor of the City of Livingston, Incumbent Sandi Singleton, who was appointed as Mayor when Larry Davidson resigned and Lawrence Thayer will be on the ballot. Melissa Hahn has filed as a write-in candidate for Mayor of Livingston.

Allen said her office does not yet list the race for Kentucky State Representative between incumbent Josh Bray (R) and challenger Rachelle Riddle (D.) However, once the state has certified those state offices, their names will appear on the local ballot as well.

On September 21, the online mail-in absentee request portal opens until October 22.

October 7 is the last day to register to vote in the general election.

October 25 is the last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

October 31 through November 2 will be in-person absentee voting.

Tuesday, November 5 is the General Election.



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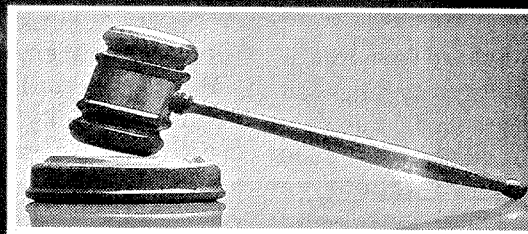
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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Marriage Licenses

Emily Kay Ponder, 27, Brodhead, PA student and Austin Lee Saylor, 26, Brodhead, occupational safety. 8/6/24

Sheila Elizabeth Sparks, 56, Brodhead, unemployed and Clinton Mark Thompson, 57, B Brodhead, supervisor. 8/9/24

## Circuit Civil Suits

Dolores Gray v. Clinton Padgett, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Hailey Fole v. Bennie Owens Young, petition for custody.

Heights Finance Corp. v. Sierra Smith, et al, \$6,679 plus claimed due.

Members Heritage Credit Union v. Joshua Arnold, \$5,662 plus claimed due.

JP Morgan Chase Bank v. David F. Parsons, \$12,569 plus claimed due.

JP Morgan Chase Bank v. David F. Parsons, \$5,697 plus claimed due. CI-00204

## District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC v. Daniel Morris, \$998 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Corp. v. Jerri Lynn Lovell, \$3,498 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Charles W. Alexander, \$1,447 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Bruce Sizemore, \$2,314 plus claimed due.

Denali Capital, LLC v. Dillon Stanfield, \$1,110 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Shannon Cain, \$869 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. James Newcomb, \$1,643 plus claimed due. C-00165

## Deeds Recorded

Alice Alexander, property on Silver St., to John and Angela Sensabaugh. Tax \$99

Roy Eugene and Carolyn Sue Halcomb, property on Negro Creek Road, to Tena Sue Daugherty. No tax.

Andrew Napier, property in Rockcastle County, to Tyler Napier. Tax \$7.50

Estate of Steven Michael Womack and Tingting He, property in Rockcastle County, to Ronald Carroll and Rae Jean Roberts. Tax \$56

Joshua and Stephanie Gilbert and Ryan Gilbert, property in Climax Community, to Vickie Gilbert. No tax

Vickie Gilbert, property on KY 1912, to David Scott Field, trustee of the Vickie Gilbert Irrevocable Trust. No tax

Jonathan and Bryanna Sowder, property on Gold Dust Drive, to Anthony and Melissa Lear. Tax \$295

Roger and Patricia Bullock and Tony and Alicia Bullock, property on Hwy. 1249, to Kaylan

Marie Bullock. No tax

Roger and Patricia Bullock, property east of KY 1249, to Dylan Blake Bullock. No tax

Joleena Nicole Robarge and Leslie Cecil Robarge II, property in Rockcastle County, to Rachel L. Richardson and Mark Travis Laswell. Tax \$170

Bentley and Bobbie Ann Durham, property in McCall Knob Subdv., to Christopher L. and Marissa D. Albright. Tax \$15

## District Court

August 5-7, 2024

Hon. Benjamin R. Hardy  
Michael Denton Allen: assault, 365 days in jail/probated two years on condition/costs waived.

Nathaniel Wayne Barnett: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine plus costs; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine.

Sally Eversole: failure to produce insurance card, no operators/moped license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Amanda Gadd: possession controlled substance, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition, enrollment and completion of inpatient rehab program, costs waived.

Jonathan Graves: no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, no motorcycle operators license, regs for operating and riding on motorcycles, \$25 fine (each charge)/one costs/six days in jail in lieu of fine/credit time served.

Tommy Wayne Hensley: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor vehicle (two counts), Unified Carrier Registration Act Violations, operate w/inactive/cancelled/revoked/weight distance tax, commercial driver license operate vehicle while suspended, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Tela Sarah Carrick: speeding, booster seat violation, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear (fta).

James O. Collins: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta.

Frankie Cope: improper registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license and eight other charges, bw issued for fta.

Sarah Marie Mills: failure to wear seat belts, speeding, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle and four other charges, bw issued for fta.

John Carter: operating motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance, traffic in marijuana, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta.

Katrina Dickaus: fleeing or evading police and

assault, 365 days (each charge)/probated 24 months/to serve 90 days now/credit time served/concurrent/costs waived.

Dillard Norman: criminal mischief, 180 days in jail/to serve/credit time served, operating on suspended/revoked operators license (three counts), failure of one-owner operator to maintain req. insurance (two counts), assault, 90 days in jail (each charge)/to serve/credit time served/concurrent/costs waived, DUI/convert \$200 fine plus costs to eight days in jail/credit time served.

Robert Palmer: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, possessing license when privileges are revoked/suspended, license suspended for fta.

Gary Jason Reed: alcohol intoxication in a public place, bw issued for fta.

James Lee Seals: rear license not illuminated, inadequate silencer (muffler), failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine (each charge); license to be in possession, \$25 fine plus costs.

Krista R. Stewart: no/expired registration plates, l-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, improper display of registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Agustin Gonzalez Garcia: failure to or improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Noah J. Forrester: theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief, criminal trespassing, 365 days (each charge)/probated 24 months on condition/concurrent with all holders/to serve 60 days now/credit time served/costs waived/complete at least six months of rehab.

Jeremy Wayne Lester: alcohol intoxication in a public place/\$50 fine/convert to one days in jail/credit time served, harassment, menacing, 90 days in jail (each charge)/to serve/all concurrent/costs waived.

Brandon James Ness: DUI, sentencing order entered.

Jason P. Northern: possession of controlled substance (two charges), tampering w/physical evidence/prohibited contraband, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, Rocket Docket offered/review 8/19/24.

Tabitha Lynn Barron: fines/fees due (\$493), bw issued for fta/10 days in jail or payment in full.

Joyce Earlene Carpenter: fines/fees (\$540) due, license suspended for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.

Jacob R. Cothron: fines/fees due (\$181), bw issued for fta/nine days in jail or payment in full.

Christopher Blake Fletcher: assault, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, strangulation, bw issued for fta.

Samuel Guerra: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Ryan Alan Hartman: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

William T. Hunter: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Erica Dianna Johns: fines/fees due (\$217), bw issued for fta/five days in

jail or payment in full.

Carl Demetrius Johnson: fines/fees due (\$200), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Timothy R. Leger: DUI, sentencing order entered.

Tony R. Mills: fines/fees due (\$293), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Sabrina Neeley: fines/fees due (\$308), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full.

James Seals: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Samantha Ray Wynn: fines/fees due (\$358), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Caleb Nathaniel Miller: fines/fees due (\$25), bw issued for fta/one day in jail or payment in full.

Jason Karl Vanzant: fines/fees due (\$25), bw issued for fta/one day in jail or payment in full.

Failure to wear seat belts: Cody Blake Noe, Elliah Jones, license suspended for fta; Trevor Dean Weaver, paid.

Jennifer Ann Baez: receiving stolen property, violation of condition of release, Rocket Docket offer/plea/review 8/12/24.

Joshua David Wayne Howard: traffick in controlled substance, wanton endangerment, drug para-

phernalia-buy/possess, rocket Docket offer/plea/Review 8/19/24

Public Intoxication: Veronica Bray, Amanda L. Byrd, Brian Keith Doan, \$100 fine plus cost;

Speeding: Oji L. Cathey, Jacob Allen Martin: license suspended for fta; Dustin Lane Cromer, \$38 fine plus costs.

Sam Salakhitdinov: improper use of left land/overtaking vehicle, agreed order entered.

Nancy Howard: possession controlled substance, possession of controlled substance (Heroin), promoting contraband, tampering w/physical evidence, drug paraphernalia-buy/pos-

sess, Rocket Docket offer/plea, Review 8/12/24.

Georgia Michelle Pittman: possession controlled substance, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, Rocket Docket offer/plea, Review 8/12/24.

Stephanie Sheldrick: possession controlled substance (two charges), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, Rocket Docket offer/plea, Review 8/12/24

Randall Wilson: trespass, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition; theft by unlawful taking, driving on DUI suspended license, 90 days in jail/suspended 24 months (each charge)/concurrent/costs waived.

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# Walk, ride or roll is planned for August 22

**'See the Ability, Not the Disability'**

The Ability Walk Awareness Walk, Ride, or Roll is Thursday, August 22, 2024 from 5-7 p.m. at Rockcastle County High School.

Rockcastle Regional is excited to host the Ability Walk, a cherished community event that first made its debut in 2021. The Ability Walk is more than just a walk; it's a vibrant celebration of inclusivity, emphasizing the powerful message of "Seeing the Ability, Not the Disability."

The Ability Walk serves as an opportunity for community members to unite and honor the abilities and achievements of individuals with disabilities. This event underscores the importance of recognizing the unique strengths and talents that each person brings to the table, fostering a culture of acceptance and understanding.

One of the highlights of the event is the special

recognition of our VIP guests. As they cross the finish line, they will be celebrated with cheers and a special medal. This moment is not only a testament to their perseverance, but also a reflection of the community commitment to inclusivity. This will then be followed a caregiver lap recognition and then the 30-minute run/walk, which will be open to everyone.

The Ability Walk features an array of fun and inclusive, sensory-friendly activities – like face painting, tie-dye, and a sensory wall. These activities are designed to ensure that everyone, regardless of their individual needs, can fully enjoy the event. From interactive games to a calming sensory station, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

This year's event also serves as an important fundraiser, with proceeds dedicated to the Mt. Vernon Elementary

School's Inclusive Playground Project. This initiative aims to create a playground that is accessible and enjoyable for all children, regardless of their abilities. By supporting this project, the Ability Walk is helping to build a more inclusive and welcoming environment for future generations. All proceeds from the Walk and the t-shirt fundraiser will go towards the Inclusive Playground Project.

The Ability Walk is more than just an event, it's a movement towards greater inclusivity and understanding. By participating in the Ability Walk, you are contributing to a community that values and celebrates the abilities of all its members. Join us for a day filled with joy, support, and a shared vision for a more inclusive future. Together, we can make a difference and continue to see the ability in everyone!

To register, visit the Countywide Stride page on Rockcastle Regional's website at [www.rockcastle-regional.org/county-wide-stride](http://www.rockcastle-regional.org/county-wide-stride). The event counts as a race as

part of the Countywide Stride Run/Walk series. Additional shirts are available for purchase for anyone by calling (606) 256-7381.



Runners, walkers and rollers enjoy the festivities during an earlier event.

## Response to "To Pastors of Rockcastle County"

**By Wayne Fielder**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! Amen!

I have a question. Isn't the Gospel of Christ about PERSONAL salvation? When we are baptized, are our friends and family members also saved? Can we as individual Christians or even the largest church in the County save everyone else in Kentucky? The Nation? That's a sincere question as I am no Bible Scholar. I just don't think that is the case.

Christ came to me. Me alone. Christ saved ME. Not my neighbors. Not my political friends. Christ saved ME and me alone on that day. The Christian Faith is about the individual. Christians have a PERSONAL relationship with Jesus and aren't we glad for that! I am the absolute WORST sinner I know but only because I am the ONLY sinner I know so intimately. IMAGINE if all our sins were laid bare for everyone to see when we are Saved! God knows my own wickedness and Jesus can save me from Hell if I only follow Him.

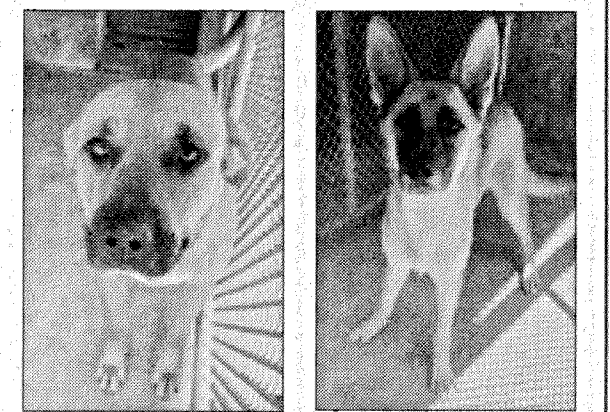
Ms. Oram in her piece from August 8th in the Signal, addressed her message "To the Pastors of Rockcastle County". She spoke of all the political shenanigans facing our Nation and communities and asked very eloquently for the Church Leaders to "proclaim it from your pulpit with conviction and JOY."

My question is for Ms. Oram and those who agree with her message. With all the problems we have in Rockcastle County, the homelessness, the hungry and starving, and the addiction, why are we begging Pastors to focus on national politics rather than the problems we have here at home? Do we really believe electing President Trump or Vice President Harris to the Oval Office in November is going to automatically FIX our local problems? I certainly do not believe that. Re-electing Mr. Bray or Ms. Riddle as our State Representative will have ZERO impact on our local problems either.

The BEST way to address our local problems, the MOST important problems in our every day lives is having the Gospel preached from our local churches. Training our fellow Christians in how to meet our struggling brothers and sisters where they are and simply being a friend to those individuals. Gaining their trust in a sincere way because I can't blame them for not trusting folks. Finding the resources to help those individuals and showing those individuals to those resources. THAT is how we improve our community. THAT is how we improve our State and our Nation. One Individual at a time.

Jesus wants us all to come to Him. Not as a city, a state, or a nation. Jesus wants us to come to him as individuals with a pure heart. Let us start there and the city, state, nation will follow. If had to ask the Pastors of Rockcastle County to do anything at all, it is this; Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

## Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Leo (left) the 2 year-old male boxer/pit mix who is friendly and energetic and Sami, the 1 year old German Shepherd female 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.

## Martin named to Dean's List

Kylie Martin of Brodhead has been named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Montclair State University. Martin is a/an Jurisprudence, Law & Society major.

Martin was among more than 6,000 Red Hawks named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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## SUGAR'S PUZZLE PAGE

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# Legislative Update

By Josh Bray

**Budget Highlights:** Investments in Disaster Preparedness, Tourism, and Government Accountability.

Earlier this summer, I started sharing a series of updates about how the budget we passed during this year's session invests in our state. Columns have focused on the record funding we provided for education (even after adjusting for inflation it is higher than ever in state history), as well as critical investments in workforce training, our justice system, and programs aimed at health. While these are just the highlights of the state's \$128.5 billion executive branch budget, they provide an idea of our priorities and areas that lawmakers believe will pay off as we strive to provide opportunities throughout the state.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, this week I thought I might discuss three major areas of the budget: how we prepare for disasters and honor those who have served us; what we are doing to improve state parks and other tourism destinations; and how we can make government more accessible and accountable.

Honoring Service and Preparing for Disasters

Kentuckians have faced several natural disasters over the past few years, including the devastating storms that hit Western Kentucky in De-

cember of 2021, and the deadly flooding in Eastern Kentucky in August of 2022. While we acted quickly to provide funding and support for recovery and rebuilding, we also found ways to improve our disaster response. This budget takes steps to do that, as well as providing support for the men and women who have served our state through our Armed Services.

Increases General Fund by \$8.3 million in FY 25 and \$7.8 million in FY 26 towards personnel and equipment costs related to the implementation of the Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue team created by the legislature in 2023

Provides for personnel and operating costs associated with the operation of the new KDVA nursing home in Bowling Green with an increase of \$12.4 million in FY 25 and \$10 million in FY 26

Includes an additional \$1 million each year to USA Cares for programs aimed at preventing veteran suicide

Increases funding by \$320,000 in each fiscal year to provide additional burial costs for National Guard and Reserve veterans, who may not be eligible for federal benefits

Enhancing Tourism and Recreational Opportunities

Tourism is essential to our economy, attracting millions of visitors annually. And, our state parks not only play a role in attracting folks from outside

the state, but also providing recreation and outdoor activities for our full-time residents. Kentucky's natural beauty and recreational opportunities, boosting local businesses and creating jobs.

Increases funding by \$2,050,000 in FY 25 for Kentucky Exposition Center equipment replacement

Increases funding by \$1.7 million in FY 24, \$2,158,500 in FY 25, and \$2,163,100 in FY 26 for Kentucky Exposition Center operations growth

Increases by \$4.69 million funding to the Kentucky Historical Society to support Sestercentennial Commissions

Provides \$800,000 in FY 25 for bioacoustics fencing at Lake Barkley Lock

Provides an additional \$64,200 to support the Governor's School for the Arts

Includes \$700,000 over the biennium to support the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage

Increases funding for tourism marketing by \$3 million in FY 25 and \$7 million in FY 26

Transfers \$1.75 million in FY 25 and \$1.25 million in FY 26 in the statewide transient room tax funds to the Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation Authority

Includes an additional \$500,000 in FY 25 to support a new temporary structure for the National Quilt Museum in Paducah

Increases by \$500,000 in FY 25 supports for the Southeast Chamber of Commerce for the Southern Kentucky Tourism Initiative

Increasing Government Transparency and Accountability

Transparency is crucial for building public trust, ensuring accountability, and preventing corruption. By making information accessible, it empowers citizens to hold officials responsible. We provided funding for programs to improve access to information, but also used the budget to provide guidelines for disclosing the use of state resources.

Amends language relating to the approval of state aircraft travel to include all state officials

Includes language that prohibits state agencies from mandating the purchase of electric vehicles and from issuing an RFP that is solely for the purchase of electric vehicles

Allocates an addi-

tional \$18.3 million over the two fiscal years to support the transition of the CHFS Office of the Ombudsman and Administrative Review to the Auditor of Public Accounts on July 1, 2024, as enacted in 2023 SB 48

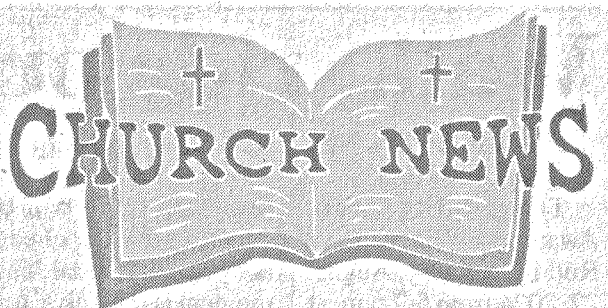
Includes an additional \$2.25 million in each fiscal year to support lost revenue replacement

Provides \$750,000 in FY 25 to support the Jefferson County Public Schools Audit and allows the Auditor of Public Accounts to request as a Necessary Government Expense (NGE) up to \$750,000 in FY 26

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.

## Cemetery Notice Philbeck Cemetery

Mail donations for the upkeep of Philbeck Cemetery to Philbeck Cemetery, PO Box 636, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.



### Let the Bible Speak

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

### Special Singing at Creekside Baptist

Creekside Baptist Church, located at 2261 Copper Creek Road, cordially invites everyone to a Special Gospel Singing on Sunday morning, August 18, beginning at 11 a.m.

The Blue Grass Gospel Tradition will be the featured group.

Join us for a powerful worship experience through music. Pastor Bro. Jack Stallworth and the church warmly welcome all to come and worship with them during this special singing service.

### Revival at Cupps Chapel

Please come out to Revival Services at Cupps Chapel Holiness Church

with Bro Scott Gaines preaching, beginning Thursday, August 15th at 7 p.m. through Saturday night, August 17th.

Bro. Gaines will also be preaching Sunday morning service August 18th, beginning at 11 a.m.

Pastors Travis Carpenter and Travis Philpot and congregation welcome everyone.

### Special Singing at Buffalo Baptist

Buffalo Baptist Church will be having a Special Singing on Sunday evening, August 18th, beginning at 6 p.m.

Featured singers will be Wayne and Shirley Whitaker and Kay Bullock.

Pastor Bro. Bill Mink and congregation invite all singers and everyone to come out and worship with us in song and praise.

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

## • Reunions •

### Graves, Hayes, Owens Reunion

The Graves, Hayes, Owens Reunion will be held Saturday, September 7th at the Woodstock Community Center. Bring your favorite covered dish.

*"The Depot"*  
*Friday Night Gospel Singing Proudly Presents!*  
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Preview: Monday, August 12th & 19th from 3-6 p.m.  
Note: The property was inspected for termites and termite damage was noted. Property has not been treated for termites.  
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8am - Community Country Breakfast in the School Cafe.  
10am - Parade Line up at Livingston Holiness Church  
11am - Parade Starts  
12pm - Awards Ceremony at the old firehouse  
1pm - Pink Pig Auction  
3pm - Gospel Music by the "Medley Boys"  
4pm - music by Chris Kirby  
6pm - Bluegrass Music by "Timberline Road"  
8pm - Country/Rock music by "Straight Forward"  
10pm fireworks!!  
For info: 606-308-4543  
Corn hole tournament Saturday at 12pm!  
Food, Fun and Fellowship  
Highschool Alumni Banquet Dinner RSVP.  
Inflatables Sponsored by Livingston Baptist Church  
"See yourself" in the Bible photo opp, Sponsored by Broadhead Baptist.  
Vendors welcome no charge  
Circus Games and Candy Sponsored by Roundstone Baptist Church  
Car show 5pm!  
Alexander Farms Petting zoo sponsored by Calloway Holiness Church  
Movie theater sponsored by Pleasant Run Baptist Church  
All day Gospel Singing at "The Depot" 2pm to 9pm on Saturday



# Bray receives honor from Kentucky Hospital Association

Kentucky Hospital Association Honors Representative Josh Bray as KHA Legislative Champion

The Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) regularly recognizes state legislators who have exhibited exemplary service to the hospitals of Kentucky and the patients they serve. KHA honored Kentucky Representative Josh Bray today as a KHA Legislative Champion for 2024 during a meeting at Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center in Mount Vernon.

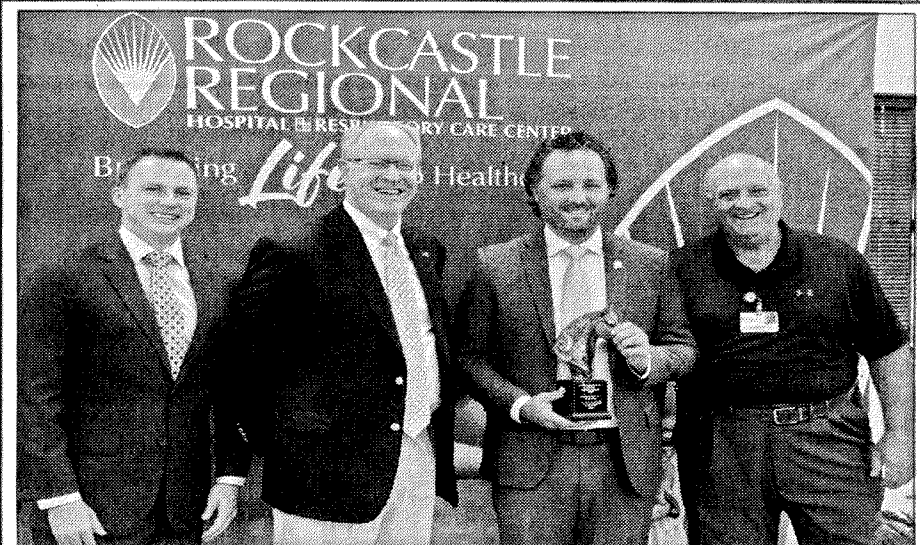
Representative Bray received the award for his leadership in the House and his recognition of the importance of high-quality health care for every Kentuckian. His work ensured passage of keys bills important that protect patients and their access to the high-quality care Kentucky's hospitals provide.

"Josh has been umbilically connected to health care through Rockcastle Regional for most of his life," said Stephen A. Estes, Rockcastle Regional president and chief executive officer. "He is not only an advocate for health care, but specifically rural health care and the patients who seek health care in rural areas throughout the state."

Kentucky hospitals appreciate Representative Bray for his diligent work and leadership in the State House of Representatives.

About the Kentucky Hospital Association: KHA was established in 1929. The Association represents hospitals, related health care organizations and integrated health care systems dedicated to sustaining and improving the health status of the citizens of Kentucky. The Association is headquartered in Louisville.

About Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center: Established in 1956, Rockcastle Regional is a not-for-profit community healthcare system that operates an emergency department, outpatient services, a 26-bed acute care hospital, a 4-bed intensive care unit, a 143-bed long-term care program for residents who are dependent upon mechanical ventilation, a quick care clinic, and three rural health clinics. The organization is a 13-time Kentucky Hospital Association Quality Award Winner. For more information, please visit [www.rockcastleregional.org](http://www.rockcastleregional.org).



Travis Burton (left) and Jim Musser (second from left) present Rep. Josh Bray (second from right) with Legislative Champion Award, pictured with Rockcastle Regional's Stephen A. Estes (right).



## Great turnout for annual Youth Football Camp at RCHS

Fall Sports Preview in next week's Signal

## Historical Haven

(Continued from A3)

Bill Monroe and others started a long tradition that still has a large following today. There are many along with Monroe who developed this unique style of music that characterizes our heritage. One such group is the Coone Creek Girls.

Like many traditional Bluegrass groups, the Coon Creek Girls made regular appearances on the Renfro Valley stage. The group was founded in Cincinnati, Ohio, but some of the members trace their own roots right back here to Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

The Coon Creek Girls were considered the first all-girl band to record in the United States. The website, [64quartets.wordpress.com](http://64quartets.wordpress.com), provides quite a bit of history on the group. While the original members were not from Rockcastle, connections with Renfro Valley did provide opportunities for Rockcastle to provide talent for the group as members came and went.

The original girls were Lily May and Rosie Ledford (from Powell County, Kentucky) along with Esther "Violet" Koehler (from Indiana) and Evelyn "Daisey" Lange (from Ohio). The group were regulars on John Lair's Renfro Valley Barn Dance which broadcast out of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio, and even Chicago, Illinois and the Coon Creek Girls were always a part of the lineup of talent. In fact, John Lair was their manager. Last.fm a music streaming and discovery platform that helps users find and share new music features a page on the Coon Creek Girls and their contribution to not just Bluegrass or country music but to the musical world as a whole. They didn't just play the popular "cowboy" music of their time, they maintained a unique sense of individuality that contributed to the groups' longevity and their place in musical history.

Each member played their own instruments and they held to their mountain roots by playing mountain music. Their style even captured the attention of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt who asked them to play for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth when they visited Washington in 1939. "she chose them knowing that they reflected an authentic mountain style filtered through their own remarkable talent." (<https://www.last.fm/music/Coon+Creek+Girls/+wiki>)

"By the early Forties, the Coon Creek Girls became a rotating set of players—a Ledford sister would take time off and some newcomer to the Valley would fill her place. Photos of the Coon Creek Girls of the period include a number of faces..." ([64quartets.wordpress.com](http://64quartets.wordpress.com))

One of those "new faces" included Norma Madge Coffey Mullins born in Renfro Valley, Kentucky June 4, 1931. Mrs. Norma's obituary is online via Dowell & Martin Funeral Home of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. It details the contributions she made to the Coon Creek Girls and Renfro Valley in general. She began her career as a child. "She and her sister, Inez, swept the Old Barn floor after the large shows on Saturday nights and were paid a quarter, and with luck finding extra change left behind by the numerous patrons." (Dowell & Martin). She spent a big part of her life working various jobs for John Lair and Renfro Valley. "...developing photos of tourists, serving food at the Lodge Restaurant, and even performing on stage during the Barn Dance as one of the original Coon Creek Girls". The Coon Creek Girls were known around the country and Norma Mullins played her part, but she always remained right here in Rockcastle County. Where she built her home and life.

Rockcastle County has quite a historical heritage that rings with the melody of Bluegrass music

## Agricultural News

By: Lindsey New, FSA Director

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Back To School Prayer!

Friday, August 23rd

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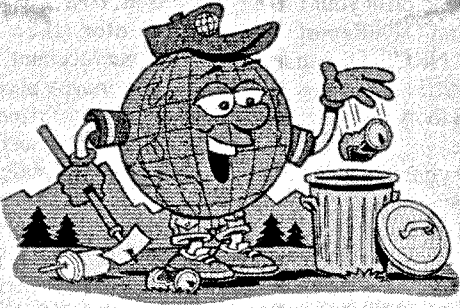
Notice is hereby given that Wanda Jean Elder, 1755 Bee Lick Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Virginia Desjardins, deceased, on the 29th day of July 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Wanda Jean Elder, or Hon. John Pruitt, Travis, Pruitt & Powers, PO Drawer 30, Somerset, KY 42502 on or before January 29, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 24x3

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**Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations**

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce

**Rockcastle County Solid Waste \$100.00 Per Mile Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!**

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**Suicide Warning Signs for Youth**

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

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**Posted:** No trespassing on property located at 6033 Red Hill Road, in Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 24x6

**Posted:** No trespassing for any reason on land belonging to Matthew Broadus and others on KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 12(24)x52

**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 LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(23)x52

**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 Burkhardt in Livingston and Mt. Vernon. **Anyone entering the properties must be with Orville Burkhardt.** Violators will be prosecuted. 35/

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

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

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**District: 511 Rockcastle County**

**School Year: 2024-2025**

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will hold a public hearing at 250 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 43.8 cents, on August 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2024 was 43.8 cents on real property and 43.8 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,812,441.02. The proposed General Fund Tax Rate of 43.8 cents on real property and 43.8 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$3,084,621.08. Of this amount \$379,582.49 is from new and personal property.

The general areas to which revenue of \$272,180.08 above 2024 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$0; building fund, \$272,180.08; Instruction, \$0; transportation, \$0; and maintenance of plant, \$0.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

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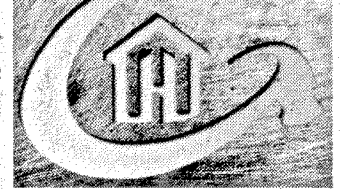
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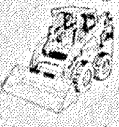
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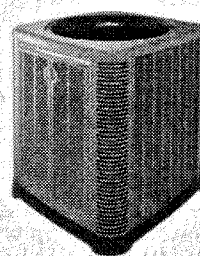
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More pageant winners



Rockcastle County's Emma Noel, of Copper Creek, stands with her trophies at the 2024 Little World's Fair in Brodhead Sunday. At right are the winners of the Little Miss and Mister Pageant, five year-old Norah Katherine Bryant, from Burksville and Rhett Lennon. Officials say the pageants are among the most popular events during the annual Little Worlds Fair.



Hearing impairment to be noted on local vehicle registration

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Rockcastle County Clerk's office now offers a special note on registrations that will let all police officers know if the owner of the vehicle is deaf or hearing impaired or may have some other communica-

tion barrier. For years, police have had difficulty when a deaf person was pulled over for a traffic violation. Sometimes the officer thought the driver was simply ignoring their commands, according to officials with the program. In fact, information

packets about the program says there have been some cases in which drivers have been arrested for ignoring the officer simply because they could not hear them. In fact, several lawsuits have been filed because officers did not know a suspect could not hear commands.

But in January, 2024, Danetta Ford-Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk, received new computer software that will make a note of any communication barrier on your vehicle registration. According to the clerk's office, peace officers in Rockcastle County will

now know when they are approaching a car or truck of a potential communication barrier. According to the clerk's office, the program keeps both the officers and the driver safer and allows for better communication between police and suspects.

Anyone who is legally deaf, hearing impaired or

has other communication barriers, may now have their registration noted so that law enforcement will know, in advance, of any potential issues.

Anyone with a hearing impairment can go to [DRIVE.KY.GOV/CD](https://drive.ky.gov/CD) to sign up for the program. Or you may contact the clerk's office for more information.

Local man charged with terroristic threatening

According to a uniform citation, Mount Vernon officer Dylan Hensley arrived near the Rockcastle County Courthouse to find two deputy jailers detaining Boyd Smith, 38, of Mount Vernon, after Hensley was called by 911 for assistance.

The citation says Smith had been seen by a bystander entering vehicles at the Noble Automotive and Fuel station.

Upon arrival and interviewing the suspect, the officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol. The citation also says that Smith was accused of threatening to cut the head off of one of the deputy jailers.

Smith was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with public intoxication, terroristic threatening, unlawful use of a vehicle and disorderly conduct.

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