

Life without parole

Perez pleads guilty to murder of local business woman

By: Mike French  
Editor

Arturo Perez, 26, address unknown, pled guilty to the charges of murder, tampering with evidence, burglary and robbery in a Rockcastle Circuit Court Tuesday morning.

Perez was charged in the murder of Famey Marlene Anderkin Hellard, 54, of Mount Vernon.

The incident started in September of 2020 when Perez told investigators he entered the newly started business known as *The Glitter Box*, owned by Hellard, to rob the store.

However, an altercation ensued during the robbery and Perez said he stabbed Hellard in the neck and the head.

Perez told police he knew Hellard was going

to die and he attempted to "make it quick," according to police

reports.

Hellard had retired from the Rockcastle

Regional Hospital and opened the new small business only 24 days

before the robbery and murder took place. Hellard's body was

found by family members on the floor of the business that evening, according to reports.

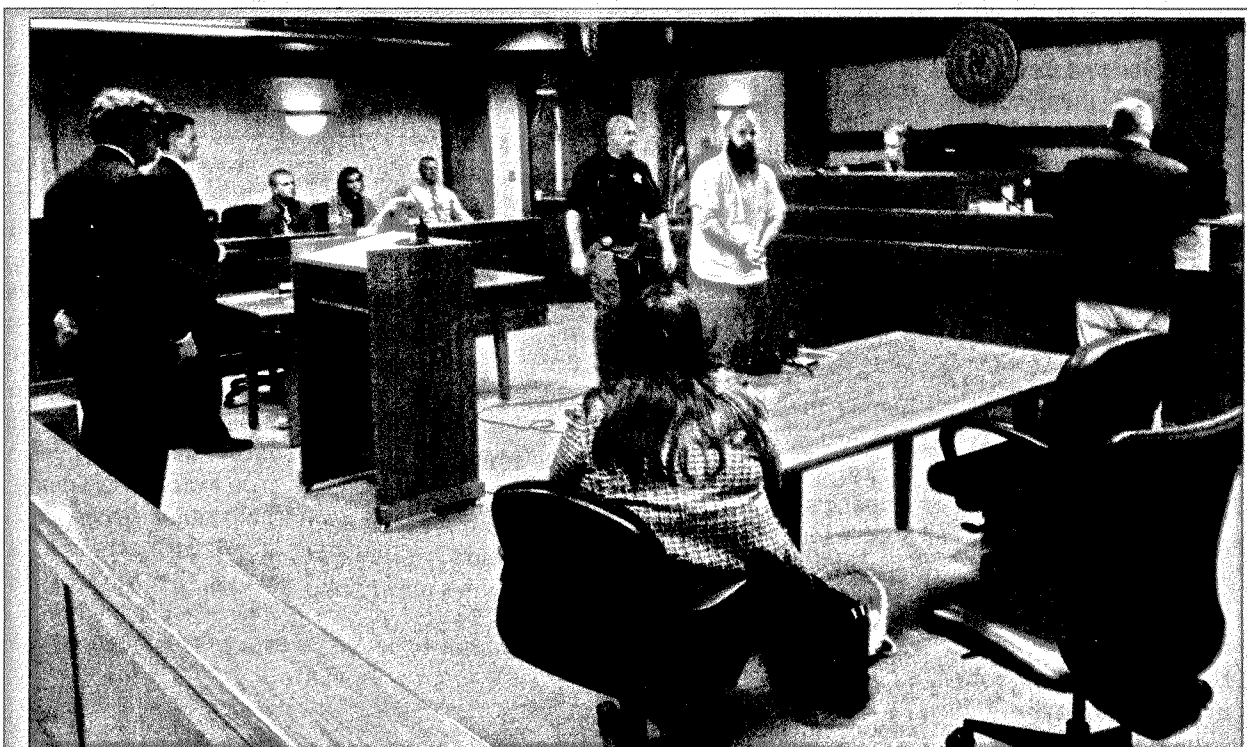
Police identified Perez on surveillance cameras in the area during the time of the stabbing and then he was seen leaving the business after the murder.

An investigation began with Mount Vernon Police Chief Joe Rush and Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk investigating the case.

Perez turned himself in to the Lexington Metro Police Department a few days after the incident and he was transported back to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he has been held since.

Though investigators expected the judge to set

(See "Perez" on A5)



Arturo Perez entered the courtroom Tuesday morning to plead guilty in the 2020 murder of Famey Hellard in Mount Vernon. State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk, investigator in the case, is seen in the background. Perez received a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

Emminent Domain discussed

Hefty tax may be imposed on owners of delapidated buildings

By: Mike French  
Editor

A new tax may be coming for those who own dilapidated or abandoned buildings in the City of Mount Vernon.

The City adopted a portion of the nuisance ordinance earlier this year to include action against abandoned or dilapidated property, owners inside the city limits. The ordinance allows the city to declare property as dangerous or unsightly if it can cause a nuisance to an area or if such property may reduce the value of surrounding property.

The changes came after another small fire was found in a local abandoned building last year and once inside, officials discovered transient or homeless people had been staying inside the property.

The changes to the ordinance gave the city the authority to condemn such properties and force

owners to refurbish, sell or destroy any property that is deemed a danger to society or a blight on the

area.

However, last week, City Administrator Jim Bowman presented more details to the ordinance as prepared by City Attorney Bobby Amburgey.

"Perhaps if we start get-

ting into their pocket a little, some of these property owners may start doing something to clean these buildings up in Mount Vernon," said Bowman. "These are dangerous buildings for kids

to be around. They attract transient people and they greatly damage property values in the area. They need to be fixed up or torn down."

According to Bowman, (See "Tax" on A5)

Funds may be released

Livingston officials working to bring city into compliance

By: Mike French  
Editor

The City of Livingston may be on its way to collecting DLG funds that have been held for several years, due to a lack of city audits, according to Mayor Larry Davidson.

Due to the lack of au-

dits since 2017, the Department of Local Government (DLG) has not released Municipal Aid Funds, Road Aid funds and KLEFP funds to the City of Livingston, Davidson said. However, he and the city commis-

(See "City" on A5)

Those who pass buses illegally will now face jail time

By: Mike French  
Editor

If you drive past a school bus with the "Stop Arm" extended and lights flashing, you will be on camera and will face prosecution, according to local officials.

Once again students

will be getting off and on school buses throughout Rockcastle County each weekday now that the school year has begun.

Statistics indicate that the greatest chance of bus-related injuries come when the student is get-

(See "Bus" on A5)

Cove Branch residents address water line project

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held their regular monthly meeting last week dealing with several issues.

Residents from Cove Branch, a community outside the city limits, were present once again to complain that Mount

Vernon city water is still not to their homes.

The city had agreed to run city water to the homes last year but once construction of the pipelines began, equipment trouble has plagued the process, according to City Maintenance Supervisor

(See "Cove" on A5)

Arrest made after local fire

According to a citation, Police arrested Jason Bullock, 50, of Mount Vernon after a recent fire

that destroyed a local home. Bullock was charged with trespassing

(See "Fire" on A5)

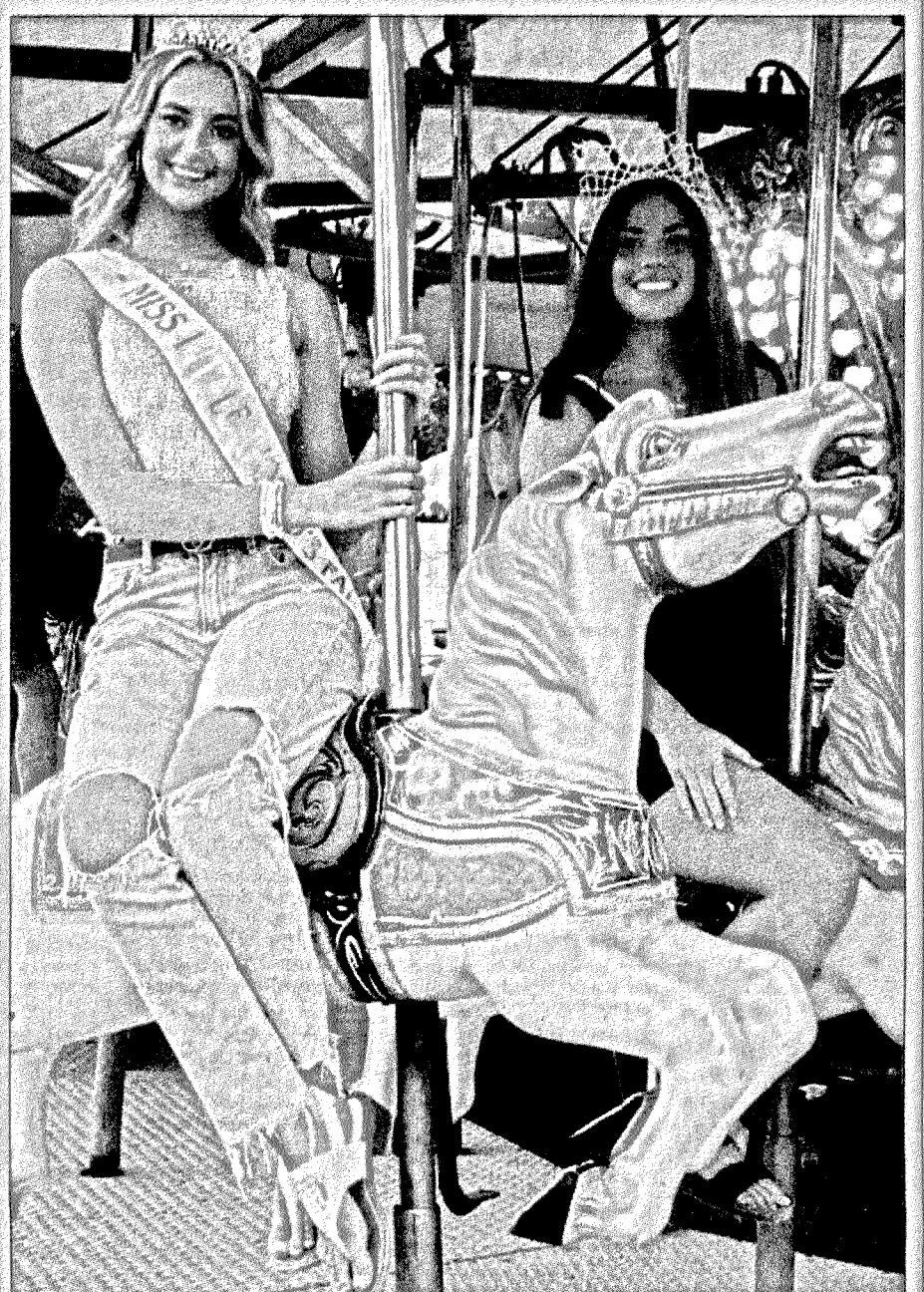
Little World's Fair called a success

Once again the Brodhead Little World's Fair was a shining success, according to organizers.

Along with the usual midway attractions by Paradise Entertainment, the fair included helicopter rides

around the fair and around Brodhead. Officials say the helicopter was one of the most popular attractions during the event, helping raise more funds from the fair.

(See "Fair" on A5)



Alison Burnett (left) was named Miss Little World's Fair during last week's Little World's Fair Pageant. She is 16 and a junior at Monroe County High School. Also on the carousel is Lila Holt, Miss Rockcastle County.

Correction

Concerning the tractor/trailer accident last week that damaged overhead utilities to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital, we had reported there were no patient interruptions. There were a small number of patients whose appointments were postponed. We apologize for the error.

Livingston Homecoming

Don't forget the Livingston Homecoming set for Saturday, September 2 in downtown Livingston.

The event will include breakfast at 8 a.m. a parade at 11 and awards at noon.

Live music will begin at 2 p.m. and the streets will be lined with vendors and food trucks.

Everyone is invited to the free event.

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# Aces Over

By: Mike French



I think what the democrats are doing to Donald Trump is not only unscrupulous and dark and disgusting, but I am also certain it should be illegal.

I don't know if it is illegal or not but with a country with so many laws that no human being could ever read in a lifetime, I would hope just one law would be that it is against the law to arrest, hound and attack one person for a crime while ignoring dozens of others who commit the same crime.

I am no student of the law and, in my opinion, even those who are, can't possibly know 1/10 of the laws we have. But I would sure hope that we have a law against picking out a political opponent and persecuting him above all others who commit the same crimes.

It is an embarrassment for the entire country. People in high places of other countries are actually slapping their knees while laughing at the gullibility of the American people for standing still for such atrocities.

I can almost hear Vladimir Putin in my sleep. "They let government tax them into poverty, micro-manage their lives, they applaud men who cut off their man parts and now they sit on their couch with their beer and watch government arrest those who know what they are doing. This is going to be easier than I thought!"

Hillary Clinton has done so much more against the country than Donald Trump ever

thought about. Joe Biden has been caught breaking the same identical laws and ten times more and no one says a word about indictments or impeachment.

Al Gore and Hillary Clinton both stood on the world stage screaming their elections were rigged and that their elections were stolen, yet the word "indictment" was never mentioned.

The only difference is that Trump was correct! Apparently that is what is unacceptable because that is the only difference.

I have no idea if Clinton's campaign was sabotaged and spied upon and I don't know if Al Gore's campaign was cheated. Maybe so...maybe not.

But there is no doubt among anyone with the slightest level of common sense that the 2020 election was questionable to say the least. But apparently when you question an actual rigged election, THAT is when it is illegal and indictments start flying.

The fact is, I travel from time to time and every city I drove through in 2019 had Trump signs everywhere and there were rallies on the street corners. I passed so many groups of people holding "Trump" signs and shouting "Vote Trump." I never saw a single display for Joe Biden.

I also know that Joe Biden hid away in his basement for eight months prior to the election and when he did

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# Rockcastle Historical Haven

By: Markita Proctor

### Rockcastle Moonshiners

Everyone knows that Kentucky is associated with Bourbon. Rockcastle County is not exactly a part of the famous Bourbon trail, but we do have some spirits running through the bloodlines of this until very recently dry county.

The concept of a souped-up hotrod loaded down with liquor, racing down a dark winding country road is not merely the stuff of Hollywood movies. Kentucky, like many other Appalachian states, does have a long history of illegal sales of alcohol.

Searching through the archives of the Mt. Vernon Signal, I stumbled upon several reports of moonshine stills as early as 1898 with a raid on a moonshine still in the Orlando area and another report that an unknown moonshiner was making "rounds" in the Wildie area in 1899.

There are many old stories of moonshiners in Rockcastle County history. One such story is that of the moonshine still in the Great Saltpetre Cave. In a paper titled, Rockcastle County General History, by Robert Mullins, there is an account of the cave being a favorite location of moonshine stills. Upon a recent visit to the cave, I did see a replica of an "old-time still".

One report tells of a local man who was sentenced to the Columbus, Ohio penitentiary for one year and one day and fined \$500.00 for moonshining and retailing liquor.

Dave Clark, in his 1921 race for sheriff ran a platform on upholding the ban on alcohol sales and protecting the honorable Christian values of Rockcastle County. Clark blasted the current sheriff, Mr. Tip Langford, and his inability to control moonshiners in the county. Clark states "he [Tipton] took the position and argued that li-

quor had always been made and sold and that the laws had always been violated and the law could not be enforced." Clark argues that there was moonshining in the county and the blame for it was on the current sheriff.


Later in 1941, Judge J.H. Lambert defends himself against claims by his opponent that he was paid to report moonshine stills; he says he never received a dollar for "such services."

Rockcastle history has some bright moments, some dark moments and some soaked in spirits. The old moonshines may not be

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# T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### Whatever Happened to Truth and Honesty?

Dear Journal,

When I was a kid growing up, all you ever heard about was the importance of good virtues. We heard about them at home, at church and at school. We were taught "the golden rule", to treat others as you would want to be treated. There weren't any gray areas. You must always tell the truth, never steal anything, no matter how small or insignificant. Never cheat on anything. You were always ready to help others in a time of need. Honesty was always the best policy. There were all kinds of standards the children

were to learn and obey.

However, quite a few of the younger generations now haven't learned these virtues and even worse, the older generations have forgotten them and unfortunately gone on their merry way and don't care or see the hurt and damage they have caused others. It is all about self, what can I get for myself. Praise ; glory and all of the physical possessions I can acquire for myself is what I must get at any expense. Lets not forget recognition,fame and notoriety

Over the years I've grown weary of people like this and in the future need to surround myself with positive people and be happy and free. Freedom will be a rewarding experience.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Kiwanis Charity Golf Scramble

Dear Editor,

The annual Kiwanis Charity Golf Scramble on August 10, 2023 was a great success!

Thank you to Cedar Rapids Golf Course for allowing the event and Jackson Energy for the corporate sponsorship. Thank you to the following teams for participating: AFLAC Ins., The Browns, Cedar Rapids Team, City of Mt. Vernon, Chapin, Jim Collins, Chris Settles, Community Trust Bank, Citizen Bank, Citizens Ins., Rockcastle Regional Hospital, RTEC, Limestone Grille, PBK Bank, Judge Katie Slone, and Senator Brandon Storm. Thank you to the following tee (hole) sponsors: AFLAC Ins., Cletis and Rose Brown, City of Mt. Vernon, Chapin (Doug Platt), Chris Settles (Marathon and KFC), Community Trust Bank, Citizens Bank, Citizens

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Danetta Allen, Christa Taylor and Tammy Cox.

Thank you to King Bottling for providing water and Limestone Grille for assisting with the delicious lunch.

The Jim Collins Team was first place winner with Senator Brandon Storm's and Christ Settle's teams tying for second place. The winning team donated a portion of their prize money to the Kiwanis Club and Senator Storm and

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Soon after receiving the shoebox gift, Hermann lost his father. The love he felt from the people who had sent him the gift brought him comfort in a time of deep sorrow and grief.

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# Livingston Homecoming

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## J. H. LAMBERT ANSWERS HIS CRITIC

### TO THE REPUBLICANS OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

In last week's issue of this paper, Judge Carter stated that up to the time of the last election four years ago, he had paid \$40,000.00 on the county's indebtedness and now his \$12,000.00 more to pay on it. Please ask the Judge why he did not pay the interest on that annual payment on it. If this had been done there would not now be a judgment in Federal Court against us for, as the Judge says only \$123,000.00, which is as a mortgage on our homes.

I did not say nor never have said that a 1928 warrant on Rockcastle County was good at face value. These warrants could not be sold for more than half of their face value.

The Judge says that I received \$350.00 for reporting some moonshine stills. I never received one dollar for such service. Some years ago the then sheriff and his deputy put in, in my name a claim and paid to some other parties who had reported some stills and were afraid to have their names disclosed.

The Judge says I allowed Ott Fennell \$227.50 for wire to fence his farm. The former court had made this order and the court I was connected with paid the bill as we were required by law to do.

The Judge says I stated there was \$9,000.00 or \$10,000.00 paid into this county from the truck license fund to be used only for rural county roads. The Judge says that it was only \$5,200.00. If it was this amount (\$5,200.00), was it spent on your road. I took my figures from a Louisville paper. If the Judge had complied with Section 3747-1 of Kentucky Statutes, and had printed as directed the financial conditions of the county and the collections and expenses this mistake would not have occurred. But you may know he would not expose these expenses until after the election. Here it is now, almost August and this statement should have been made at the close of last year, and when it is published it will look like a Chinese puzzle.

The Judge says I voted while I was a magistrate to pay \$3,000.00 on the county indebtedness. That is true. There was not a dollar of the county indebtedness made while I was a member of any cabinet. When I was then indebtedness, I never received a single cent. I served as a member of the Fiscal Court from 1930 to 1934 and received less than \$200.00 for these four years.

The Judge has had his salary raised until he would receive more than \$12,000.00 for the coming four year term if he is elected. I feel that that is too much money in view of the fact that our taxes are already too much.

He has left his wife and family and furnished himself a room in our court house. I think that in addition to his salary and room and lodging, he will want the tax payers to furnish board and washing.

The Judge is getting very puffed. He knows that his misdeeds has been discovered by the voters and that they will force him to move out about the first of the year.

The Judge says he is not boasting of anything except being a Republican. A man who has been County Judge for eight years should be able to do better than that.

All names on the primary ballots in this Republican primary are Republicans and my name will be first on the ballot in the Judge's race.

Your friend,

**J. H. LAMBERT**

#### ORLANDO

Geo. Johnson and wife visited at Mt. Vernon Sunday.

Born to the wife of Monroe Singleton, a boy.

Bud Chestnut and wife, of Cove, visited this neighborhood Sunday last.

The U.S. Marshal made a raid in this section a few days ago, and we understand that they made short work of some moonshine stills.

Louis Reams is tearing down his building and moving to another place on his farm.

Prof. Reppert killed a very large rattlesnake a few days ago.

Quite a number of our young people attended church at Langford Sunday.

Silas Harkin of this county was sentenced in U. S. Court at Louisville to Columbus, Ohio, Penitentiary one year and one day and fined \$500 on charge of moonshining and retailing liquor.

An unknown moonshiner was in Wildie last week causing some excitement, but he hung on however (I he sold out all the stuff he had).

## DAVE CLARK

### FOR Sheriff



DAVE CLARK

J. W. Mink W. W. Anglin Deputies  
Republican Primary, August 6, 1921.

## Haven

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considered something to remember or something to be proud of, but the truth is they too were a part of Rockcastle County History

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**

**Monday, August 28th:** Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston.  
**Tuesday, Aug. 29th:** Maple Grove and Climax.

**MVHS Reunion is September 9th**

The Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Reunion Committee has scheduled the annual reunion for September 9, 2023 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Middle School in Mt. Vernon. The reunion will recognize and celebrate the classes of: 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963 and 1968. Please contact Mae at 859-749-2185 or Glen at 859-582-8745 for more information. *We look forward to seeing everyone Saturday, September 9th.*

**Kiwanis Club Meeting**

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club now 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 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**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.

**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:** 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe** 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

**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.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### GREEK PASTA SALAD DRESSING:

1 container (7-ounce) plain Greek yogurt  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup feta cheese  
1 clove garlic, chopped  
1 teaspoon red wine vinegar  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
In a bowl, stir together Greek yogurt, mayonnaise, feta cheese, garlic, red wine vinegar, lemon juice, salt, and olive oil.

**SALAD:**  
12 ounces penne pasta, cooked to desired doneness  
2/3 cup black or green olives  
1 cucumber, diced  
1/4 cup finely chopped red onion  
1/2 cup feta cheese  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain. In a large bowl, combine pasta, artichoke hearts, olives, cucumber, and onion. Pour dressing over pasta mixture and toss to coat.

Season to taste with more salt. Sprinkle feta cheese and fresh dill on top. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

### TOMATO CUCUMBER SALAD

1 to 2 pounds tomatoes, about 7 to 9 large ones  
1 medium cucumber, peeled  
1/2 medium yellow sweet bell pepper  
1/4 cup sweet onion, finely chopped  
12 Kalamata or black olives, quartered  
1 garlic clove, minced  
A handful of fresh basil leaves, finely chopped  
1 T brine from olives  
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Dice tomatoes, cucumber, and yellow bell pepper into large bowl. Add onion, olives, garlic, and basil leaves. Gently stir to mix. In a jar with lid, combine brine from olives, red wine vinegar, olive oil, salt, and pepper. Stir into tomato mixture. Refrigerate at least 4 hours, or overnight preferably. Remove from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before serving

**CUCUMBER AND GREEN ONIONS**  
3 medium cucumbers, peeled, thinly sliced  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 tablespoon vinegar

1 teaspoon sugar  
2 tablespoons sliced green onions  
Place cucumbers in a strainer. Sprinkle with salt; let stand for 30 minutes, tossing occasionally.

## Letters

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Chris Settle donated all of their prize money to the club. All funds raised will be used for the snack backpack weekend program and other programs for children in Rockcastle County.

*Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle*

**Thank you.....**

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing the article, Rockcastle Historical Haven by Markita Proctor.

It brought back many memories of my hometown, Brodhead.

I have been gone many years but Brodhead will always be home

*Sincerely,*

*Sue Renner Holbrook*

## Aces

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have an event there were about 30 people present. I saw Trump rallies with people as far as the eye could see. Many times.

People I talk to didn't even know what Biden stood for. Yet at election time, Joe Biden got more votes than any President in the history of ever? More people voted for Biden than Roosevelt or Obama or Nixon, or Bush, or the most popular presidents in history? Eighty One Million people voted for Joe Biden? Come on. Get

real!

You couldn't get 81,000,000 Americans to agree that the sky is blue. And this against a President who had kept every promise he made except to protect the Second Amendment (he banned bump stocks).

It could not be more obvious that the election was messed with.

Personally, I think COVID was all part of the plan and getting people to quit their jobs over an unapproved vax, destroy the economy, allow Democrats to stuff ballot boxes with "mail-in" ballots and vote dead people, made it pretty easy to claim whatever number they needed.

I know when Hillary and Al claimed their elections were stolen, no one got upset and called it "conspiracy theories" and no one was indicted.

They are so good at manipulation that society has now begun to poke fun and look down on anyone who asks obvious questions about an election that was the all-time most questionable election in history.

They are doing the American people wrong by indicting the man who could beat Joe Biden. They are once again trying to make our vote null and void.

Trump is the only candidate to speak the truth about our current leaders and that is simply unacceptable to them.

**MAGA - Drain the Swamp!**

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# Obituaries

## James “Eddie” Cash

James “Eddie” Cash, 81, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation.

Eddie was born October 31, 1941 in Brodhead, a son of the late Arch and Artie Payne Cash. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather who found great joy in church activities including outreach, watching sports, little league sports, spending time with his family and enjoyed “The Little World’s Fair”. He retired from Bluegrass Army Depot and served his country in the US Armed Forces. He was a member, Sunday School Superintendent and spiritual leader at Brodhead Baptist Church for many years.

On May 27, 1967, he was joined in marriage to Mary Nevel Saylor, and they enjoyed 54 years together prior to her passing on May 24, 2021.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Caroline Graves (Keith) of Mt. Vernon, and Jim Cash of Brodhead; grandchildren, Ben Graves (Tiffany), Lige Graves (Taylor), Colton and Sawyer Cash, and Haley Coleman; great grandchildren, Eli Graves, Owen Graves, Brooks Thigpen, Knox Laniez and Chesney Reece Graves; siblings, Walter Lee Cash (Christeen), Vernon Cash, and Ethelene Cash, all of Brodhead; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents and wife, Mary Nevel Cash, he was preceded in death by siblings, Lloyd Cash, Paul Ray Cash, Melberta Robbins, Preda Shepherd, Shelby Abney, Viola Houston and Anna Elizabeth Cash.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 17, 2023 at Brodhead Baptist Church with Bros. Dan Gutenson, Ralph Baker and David Pensol officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

## Card of Thanks

No words could ever express our appreciation for the love and support you’ve shown to us after the passing of Howard McHargue. We are deeply grateful. We could never mention by name all the ones that helped our family in any way.

Visiting our home, bringing food, giving donations, prayers, visiting Howard at the Hospital, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home, Sparks Flowers and More, Bro. Jack and Grant Martin, Stephanie Hines and Brad Bussell, Bible Baptist Church and the ladies that prepared the meal afterwards, pallbearers and honorary pallbearers.

I may have forgotten someone but didn’t mean to. Thank you all.

The family of Howard McHargue

## Why The Church of Christ Doesn’t Practice Baby Dedication Services

We are not against babies. We are not against parents. But we are against the practice which there is no justification. There is no scriptural authority for such a practice. No New Testament church ever had a “baby dedication service.” We add something to the work and worship of the church which was never there. Does this passage of the scripture mean anything to the people of God anymore? (Rev.22:18-19) “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues, that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of this book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things written in this book.”

Even when there is no scriptural practice for this ever-taking place, in a New Testament church; no authorization for a baby dedication service. Many churches today have begun practicing and also encouraging young couples to bring their young babies down to the front of the church building. During the worship service and the preacher will bless or have a prayer for the baby and the family. The preacher might even dedicate the baby to the service of God. Are we against praying for babies and parents --NO! We are saying one cannot justify such a practice in the public assembly by God’s word.

This unscriptural practice of chastening babies and infant baptism doesn’t come from God but men. Why do they have such a practice? They believe in the false doctrine of “Calvinism” that teaches babies are born sinners. Babies are born pure and innocent and only become sinners when they reach the age of accountability.

Many folk in the religious world today will accept anything different and exciting, in doing so they are violating the holy scriptures that teach, (Matt.15:9) BUT IN VAIN THEY DO WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

In our generation there are those who have no respect for God’s ways nor His will, nor His word. (1Cor.4:6) And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. (Prov.30:6) “Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” When we pray: we pray for everybody-babies and parents included.

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch our You Tube website Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ Mt Vernon Kentucky. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to get in contact with me, you can reach me at this number just give me a call 606-224-1480 or you can email me ovabaker@windstream.net

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

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

## Amelia “Millie” Marie Furmon

Amelia “Millie” Marie Furmon, 87, of Red Hill, died Monday, August 21, 2023 at the Berea Health & Rehabilitation Facility. She was born February 15, 1936 in Lincoln County, the daughter of the late Herbert and Rhoda Gibbons Brown. She was a member of the Union Baptist Church at Red Hill. She loved spending time with her family, sewing, flowers, and to be outside gardening.

Survivors are: her children, Darrell (Brenda) Furmon, Virginia (David) Durham, all of Mt. Vernon, and Nancy Roxann (Arthur) Honchell of Bronston; one brother, Robert Brown and (Georgia) of Scottsburg, IN; one sister, Audrey Furmon of Richmond, IN; nine grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by: her husband, Bentley “Mutt” Furmon; and two brothers, Eugene and Sidney Brown.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. David Durham officiating. Burial will follow in Red Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may visit from 10 a.m. until service time on Thursday.

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

## Howard McHargue

Howard Lellon McHargue, 67, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, August 6, 2023 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. He was born in Rockcastle County on June 13, 1956, the son of Joseph Lellon and Martha Pigg McHargue. He was a master logger, a member of Three Links Christian Church, and a graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

Howard’s passion was spending time with his family. When he wasn’t logging or working as a mechanic, he loved to go hunting, fishing, or taking long drives with his wife. He was a true friend to many and enjoyed cutting up and telling stories. He spent countless hours in his garage fixing anything and everything. He truly loved helping people in any way he could.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Lucille Dooley McHargue. He was a dedicated and loving father to Wesley (Miranda) McHargue, and Shawn Mink, both of Mt. Vernon, Amanda (Junior) Lainhart of McKee, and Jerilyn (Brad) Bussell of Brodhead. Also surviving are: 11 grandchildren, Wesley, Katie, Shawna, Beth, Evan, Landon, Abby, Maddie, Cambree, Atlee, and Reece; six sisters, Linda and Marion Durham, Debbie and Wayne Mallory, Sylvia and Greg Mink, Janice and Bobby Tolle, Shirley and Jerry Andrews, and Merita and Richard Martin; a brother, Blaine and Phyllis McHargue; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, J. L. and Martha McHargue.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 11, 2023 at Bible Baptist Church by Bros. Jack Martin and Grant Martin, pastors of Three Links Christian Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Mullins Station. Music provided by Stephanie Hines.

Pallbearers were: Merle Brown, Brad Bussell, Darrell Carpenter, Ernie Hines, Ralph Hines, Scottie Hines, Junior Lainhart, and Wesley McHargue. Honorary pallbearers were: Larry Carter, Tommy Kirby, David Mason, David Poynter, Greg Poynter, and Billy Wynn.

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.

## Reunions

### Hummel Homecoming

The annual Hummel Homecoming will be Saturday, September 2, 2023 at the old Hummel area. From US 25 at Renfro Valley take Hummel Road/Doc Wolfe Road about 3 miles to Glory Bound Lane. There should be signs to follow. Dinner will be potluck and begin around 12 noon. Friends and families are invited to come and enjoy the day. For more info. call 606-308-9587 or 308-3466.

### Davidson Reunion

The 69th Davidson Reunion will be Sunday, September 3 at “The Old Home Place” in Morris Valley. Please bring a covered dish and look forward to having a great day. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

### Burdette Reunion

The Burdette Family Reunion will be held Saturday, September 16, beginning at 12 noon.

### Hamm Reunion

The Hamm Family Reunion will be held Sunday, September 3rd at Quail Community Park on Hwy. 70.

Bring a covered dish and join us for a good day of fellowship.

### Pine Hill School

Pine Hill School Reunion at Pine Hill Baptist Church September 2nd.

A potluck meal will be served at 12 noon. Everyone invited.

### Cash Reunion

Cash Reunion at Quail Community Park, September 2, 2023, Saturday before Labor Day. Bring your favorite dish.

## Teresa Decker

Teresa Gilbert Decker, 54, of Livingston, beloved wife of Gary Decker, died Sunday, August 13, 2023 at the Hospice Care Plus Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born in Rockcastle County on May 6, 1969, the daughter of Herman Jack and Imogene Cope Gilbert. A graduate of Rockcastle County High School and Somerset Community College, she was an RN and was a member of Calloway Holiness Church.

She is survived by: her loving husband, Gary Decker; her mother and step-father, Imogene and Donald Miller of Livingston; and a brother, Mitchell Lee Gilbert of Mt. Vernon. She was preceded in death by her father, Herman Jack Gilbert.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 18, 2023 at Calloway Holiness Church by, and with music provided by, Bros. Phillip Doan and Jason Medley. Burial was in Blessed Hope Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Tom Atkin, Bo Evans, Kenneth Goodwin, Al Newcomb, Clinton Pagent, and Anthony Roberts.

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.

## Brandon Clifford Baker

Brandon Clifford Baker, 33, of Berea, died Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington surrounded by his family and friends. He was a member of Three Links Christian Church. He loved his family, friends, fishing and his truck. Brandon was born December 31, 1989 to Penny and Clifford Baker.

Besides his parents, he is survived by: his daughter, London Nichole Baker; fiancée, Christina Pensol; sister, Shauna Baker (Freddy); brother, Brian Baker (Rebecca); maternal grandmother, Dora Smith; paternal grandmother, Eliza Baker; maternal uncle, Lafey Smith (Elsie); maternal aunt, Betty Brinager; paternal uncle, Paul Baker (Wendy); four nieces, Anaya, Harper and Railynn Baker, and Payton Isaacs; two nephews, Haiden Evans and Blake Kidwell; 11 cousins, Bridgett, Boyd, Jason, Dustin, Joshua, Brittany and Maranda Smith, Paul and Aaron Baker, and Austin and Autumn Risk.

Brandon was preceded in death by: his maternal grandfathers, Marvin Gumm, Sr. and Marvin Smith, Sr.; paternal grandfather, Dale Baker; nephew, Tanner Kidwell; cousin, Blake Baker; and two uncles, Marvin Gumm Smith, Jr. and Boyd Gumm Smith.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 19, 2023 at Three Links Christian Church with Bros. Jack and Grant Martin officiating. Burial was at Smith Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Josh Smith, Paul Baker, Aaron Baker, William Carpenter, Boyd Smith and Derrick Cameron.

## Never Take Things For Granted

Have you ever been guilty of taking things for granted? It’s easy to do, but, I’d like to take a moment to have you consider a few ideas:

- “Don’t think of the things you didn’t get after praying instead think of the countless blessings God gave ‘without asking.’”
- Every morning that you wake up with breath in your lungs and a beating heart, thank the Lord. Praise him for his healing power that is available to all believers.

*Psalms 103:2-3* says, “Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your disease...”

All who work may feel tempted to complain about their job at one point or another. I understand that labor is a tiresome responsibility but on the other hand, no matter your occupation you will always have a more important responsibility to do God’s works and there is a lot to do.

*1 Corinthians 3:9* reminds me of this when I read, “For we are co-workers in God’s service.”

This calling includes raising godly children and planting the seeds of the gospel.

- Even if you cannot measure your impact on God’s kingdom, do not take the opportunity to serve God for granted. God promises that he will water the seeds we plant and bring them to fruition.

In *Galatians 6:9-10* it says, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

- But more important than our physical homes is the home we have in God. The Lord gives us continual shelter on earth while Jesus prepares a place for us in Heaven.

*Psalms 90:1* reads, “Lord you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.”

Jesus promises that he will grant rest to all who come and dwell with him. Praise the Lord for access to Jesus who carries our burdens and lifts our spirits.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

*Matthew 11:28* Let us all not take things for granted in the days to come. Give God the glory for all things.

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20 Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00



## Perez

**(Continued from front)** a date for sentencing, since Perez had pled guilty and signed a waiver preventing him from appeals, Circuit Judge Teresa Whitaker took the guilty plea Tuesday and handed down a sentence of life without the possibility of parole on the charge of murder, 20 years on the charge of burglary, 20 years on the charge of robbery and five years on the charge of tampering with evidence. All sentences were assigned concurrently.

## Fair

**(Continued from front)** All available funds raised from the fair go toward the Brodhead Fire Department and organizers said the 2023 event was one of the best attended fairs in several years.

The event brought patrons from across the state and several from outside Kentucky as well, according to ticket takers who were volunteers from the City of Brodhead and the fire department.

Winners of the pageants included: Chloe Wright as Miss Teen Little World's Fair; Allison Burnett, Miss Little World's Fair; Aubrey Edwards, Miss Preteen Little World's Fair and Lila Holt, Miss Rockcastle. Knoxville Vanover and Raelynn Hensley were named Little Miss and Mister Little World's Fair.

"The city and the fire department worked hand in hand to create the best fair we could provide," said Assistant Fire Chief Brian Bullock. "Working together we were able to provide life long memories for many who came and provide needed resources for the fire department at the same time."

Chief John Dyehouse was also pleased with the event and the weather. "We could not have asked for better weather for our fair. We had a beautiful midway and people came out to support the Brodhead Fire Department," said Dyehouse. "We appreciate all our sponsors, volunteers and patrons."

The final evening of the fair was Saturday and now organizers and volunteers are cleaning up the quiet fairgrounds. Plans are already underway for the 2024 Brodhead Little World's Fair and organizers wish to thank everyone who helped make this year's fair one of the best.

## Tax

**(Continued from front)** the new amendment to the ordinance gives the city authority to charge a \$3 tax for each \$100 of value on any building deemed to be a "blighted or deteriorated property."

According to the amendment, blighted or deteriorated property includes a "vacant structure or vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground in predominately built-up neighborhoods which is regarded as a public nuisance or attractive to children by reason of structures and appurtenances." There are seven other descriptions defining such structures, including being a fire hazard, becoming a place for the accumulation of trash, has had utilities turned off or is unfit for its intended use. The ordinance also deals with residential homes

and lots.

However, the ordinance does mention a Codes Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector as well as a Codes Enforcement Board.

Council member Shelley Lewis Raines raised concerns since the city does not have a Building Inspector or Zoning Board. However, Bowman said the Nuisance Board can serve as the same board and the city can use the national or county version of the codes ordinance.

Bowman said the issue could be tabled until such details are addressed but Raines said the council could pass the first reading and then look closely at the ordinance before the second reading.

In the event that an owner doesn't correct the situation as enforced by the city, the ordinance includes Eminent Domain Proceedings.

According to the ordinance, the city may institute eminent domain proceedings under chapter 416 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, against property and may acquire any property which has been certified as blighted or deteriorated. "If the city were to acquire a building through this process, we could either use it for public services and put offices in the building or any other use. We could also tear it down or sell it. There are a lot of options at that point," said Bowman.

According to the ordinance, a Vacant Property Review Board will determine which properties are abandoned urban properties and then prepare a list of the properties. Each property on that list will be taxed as abandoned property at \$3 per \$100 as of January 1 for that tax year. Once the property is rehabilitated into "useful, productive property," the owner must notify the board and that property will be removed from the list, the ordinance says. If the owner fails to correct the issue, then the eminent domain clause will take effect. The eminent domain section of the ordinance does not say how long the owner has to refurbish the property before such proceedings begin.

"We need to let the public know that we are moving on this issue," Bowman told the city council last week.

The first reading passed the council vote but Raines said the council will have to go over the ordinance in detail before a second reading and perhaps look at changing some wording concerning inspectors and boards that the city may not currently have.

The second reading is expected the third Thursday of September at the regular meeting.

## City

**(Continued from front)** sioners have been working closely with the DLG attorneys to correct the issues that have been keeping about \$60,000 in funding out of the city's budget.

Davidson held a "State of the City" Address last week in the Livingston Depot Building to inform the public of the progress on the issue.

In an uncharacteristic suit and tie, Davidson told those present, at the called meeting, that he and the commissioners have been informed by DLG officials of needed

information before such funds could be released. In a search for such records, city officials were unable to locate the required records and have been working on ways to avoid losing the funds.

"We thought the funds would be released when our 2021 audit was completed," said Davidson. "This was not the case." Davidson said the city has been in noncompliance with city audit requirements since 2009 and he has been working to correct the issue. Davidson said he provided the information available through city records but that "we were told the information is insufficient."

The DLG is now taking over the audit situation, according to Davidson. "The DLG has stepped in and taken over further action to help free up our funds," he said. "The DLG has set guidelines that the city will adhere to."

Davidson said he is filing a Resolution for Records Lost, Damaged or Destroyed which will allow the city to file 2017, 2019 and 2021 audits.

"We have been informed that once that is complete, a portion of the funds may possibly be released," he said. "After the audits are reviewed, the DLG will make a decision on the remainder of the funds."

The City of Livingston had also had issues for several years concerning the water and sewer department being out of compliance with state standards, according to city officials. However, Davidson and the commission have hired a full time water/sewer superintendent who is now certified and have repaired a broken pump system bringing the Livingston wastewater system into compliance as well.

According to a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection, there were no violations cited in the latest water plant inspection.

"This is what I signed up to do. I am very grateful for the All-Stars in this administration," said Davidson.

## Bus

**(Continued from front)** ting on or off the bus. According to a Davis Law Group study, an average of 19 students are killed each year by motorists who drive past a school bus loading or unloading students. Many more are reported injured.

Flashing lights and stop arms have become mandatory equipment on all school buses over the past decade, but bus drivers report motorists that drive by their bus with the lights flashing and arm extended every day, according to Ken Hopkins, Transportation Director for Rockcastle County Schools.

The Rockcastle County School system now has four buses equipped with motion activated cameras. When a vehicle passes the bus with the arm extended and lights flashing, the camera will capture the license plate of that vehicle, according to school officials.

Officials then intend to then turn that video over to law enforcement who can prosecute.

A case where a camera was in use, in Franklin County, resulted in charges including improper passing and wanton endangerment, according to news reports.

Rockcastle County At-

torney Jeremy Rowe said he will prosecute violators to the fullest extent of the law. "If we are given video of anyone who passes a bus while it is loading or unloading our children, we will definitely prosecute and no excuse is good enough," he said. Rowe said if a child is placed in direct danger from the incident, he too will pursue the wanton endangerment charge.

Local buses equipped with the cameras have been assigned to the US-25 route, the HWY-1250 route and the West Main Street route. Motorists are urged to look for the flashing lights when approaching any school bus.

## Cove

**(Continued from front)** Frank Baker. The process has stopped since city equipment has broken down and residents showed up at the council meeting to ask why the project is not complete.

Council member Gertha Mink addressed the issue. "We need to know what we need to do to get this done," she said. "These people have been patient with us but it is still not done and we need to do whatever it takes to get water to these people before winter."

Baker apologized and said if not for the equipment breakdowns, the project would have been completed by now. "We just had these equipment failures and are doing our best to get back on the project," Baker added.

City Administrator Jim Bowman explained that the city has spent thousands in equipment repairs and he has been hesitant to rent more equipment that may cost taxpayers \$5,000 or more per month.

According to Baker and Bowman, the city has spent nearly \$18,000 in repairs on this and other projects in the past few months.

"It turns out where this pipeline needed to go is solid rock," said Bowman. "We can rent bigger equipment but it would cost a lot more than \$5,000 per month."

The council agreed to wait until there is an estimate to repair some broken equipment to decide the next step in

completing the project. Once this decision was made, the crowd left the council chamber.

In other action, the second and final reading of three ordinances was held completing the process of annexation of three properties.

The council also heard a request from the City Administrator to pass a resolution pertaining to cyber security.

According to Bowman, the city is currently using many different forms of email and other technology. "We don't have any form of cyber security currently. We need some consistency and there is grant money that can help us get everyone on a KY.GOV domain," he said. "We need this resolution in order to pursue the grant money and protect ourselves better from cyber attacks or other problems." The resolution allowing Bowman to pursue the issue passed unanimously.

Members also discussed the old city water tower. According to Baker estimates are around \$60,000 to tear the tower down. "There is no water in the tower," he said. "It is not in use and that old, rusty tower is in every picture of our

otherwise beautiful community." The council agreed to consider the options of painting or tearing down the tower.

The court approved the July financial report as presented by Bowman.

The council also discussed a new amendment to the nuisance ordinance that will heavily tax property owners who do not respond to city complaints concerning their property. The city may also proceed with eminent domain proceedings. (See story in this issue.)

Having no further business, the council meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21 at City Hall.

## Fire

**(Continued from front)** and public intoxication but was not charged in relation to the fire.

Police say Bullock was near the home and was intoxicated at the time of the fire.

Kentucky State Police are investigating the incident and the case is expected to be presented to the grand jury.

# TEQUILA & FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

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## Legal Notice

The Rockcastle County Public Library, established under KRS 173.450, provides library services to citizens in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. In accordance with Chapter 65A. and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial records of the Rockcastle County Public Library District for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 may be inspected at the Rockcastle County Public Library, 60 Ford Drive, Mount Vernon, Kentucky during temporary administrative office hours; Monday through Friday 8:30am—5:00pm. Inquiries should be made to the library director.

# CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

## Friday After Five

AUGUST 25TH

5:00  
MAIN STREET CLOSED  
BUSINESS CUSTOMERS CAN USE SPRING STREET FOR BANKING OR OTHER NEEDS

5:30 - 8:00  
CLASSIC CAR CRUISE IN &  
MOTORCYCLE BIKE NIGHT ON MAIN STREET

ASHLEE CASE ART GALLERY SHOW AT  
ROCKCASTLE ARTS ASSOCIATION

5:30 - 7:00  
DONOVAN HOWARD TRIO  
LOS CAZADORES PORCH

7:00 - CLOSING TIME  
WHISKEY TRAIN  
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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Marriage Licenses

Kayla Michelle Doan, 23, Mount Vernon, server, to Elijah Dean Lovell, 27, Mount Vernon, laborer. 7-18-23  
Tequila Lynn Howell, 35, Mount Vernon, unemployed, to Gregory Keathley, 55, Mount Vernon, business owner. 7-24-23

Kasey Lee Carmon, 26, Mount Vernon, unemployed, to Jonathan Dalton Alcorn, 28, Mount Vernon, Excelsa. 7-28-23  
Shakeitha Jasmine Kates, 21, Mount Vernon, Rockcastle Regional, to Hector Martinez, 31, Mount Vernon, Valley High Farms. 8-2-23

Cheyenne Morgan Conley, 19, Stanford, unemployed, to Nate Manley McGuire, 20, Orlando, mechanic. 8-3-23

Kinzie Karalinn Loudermilk, 20, Brodhead, student, to Logan David Smith, 21, Orlando, Site Supervisor. 8-3-23

Tanya Cornette Romero, 37, Brodhead, disabled, to Randell Aaron Baggett, 29, Brodhead, cashier. 8-9-23

Millie Elizabeth Evans, 23, Mount Vernon, Healthcare, to Cameron Lynn Cornelius, 23, Mount Vernon, Construction. 8-14-23

Juliann Nicole Kirby, 24, Mount Vernon, teacher, to Keaton Lane Renfro, 22, Mount Vernon, HVAC. 8-18-23

## Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Tesla Riddle, complaint.

Corey Matthew Williamson vs. Brandy Marie Williamson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Makayla Goff, complaint.

Gregory K. Brown, et al, vs. United Services Automobile Association, complaint.

Billy D. Sowder vs. Tammy J. Sowder, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lisa Marie Rose vs. Brandon Lee Rose, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Beverly Helm, et al vs. Greg White, et al, complaint.

Doug Carter, et al vs. Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, complaint.

Ruth Stephens vs. Starlin Thomas Stephens, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Randi Lloyd, complaint.

Parthenon Building Rentals, LLC vs. Shenan Reese, et al, complaint.

First & Farmers National Bank, Inc. vs. Dennis D. Abbott, et al, foreclosure.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Lance Vaughn Price, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Johnathan Payne, complaint.

Alisha Bullock vs. Matthew Bullock, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Vanderbilt Mortgage

Jerry Morris, foreclosure.

Lendmark Finance Services, LLC vs. Shaun Hinds, complaint.

John Hayden vs. Commonwealth of Kentucky, complaint.

Glenna Edith Whitaker vs. Marvin Allan Whitaker, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Kayla R. Goff, complaint.

Justin Kent Prewitt vs. Stephanie Renee Prewitt, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lehoma A. Spoonamore vs. James Cody Spoonamore, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Farley Newcomb vs. Teresa Newcomb, et al, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Progressive Direct Insurance Company vs. Christopher Adkins, complaint.

Penny Bishop, et al vs. Eric Hughes, et al, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Jonathan Childress, complaint.

Republic Finance, LLC vs. Anita Smith, complaint.

Republic Finance, LLC vs. Eva Hume, complaint.

Glatha Nicole Roy vs. Eric Scott Roy, petition for dissolution of marriage. 23-CI-00176

## District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Alissa M. Forman, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Cathay Silmon, complaint.

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Jon Wentzel, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Jason Daniels, complaint.

E.M.H.F.L. dba Fort Logan Hospital vs. Betty Payne, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Tasha Mason, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Joshua Renner, complaint.

Janice Barnett vs. Eric Roy, forcible detainer complaint.

Discover Bank vs. Marlene S. Stallworth, complaint.

Estill Moore vs. Gracie Shoemaker, forcible detainer complaint.

Citibank NA vs. Joshua D. Chaliff, complaint.

Mt. Vernon Manor vs. Adam Samons, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Jessica Hayes, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Scotty D. Owens, complaint. 23-C-00152

## District Court

August 7-16, 2023

Hon. Benjamin R. Hardy  
Harrison Bennett Barber: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs.

Michael Cochran: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)

Donald Dees: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

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

Denver Sturgill: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Melissa D. Thurman: public intoxication and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months/each charge, costs waived.

Speeding: Scott Michael Blair, England K. Curry, Daniel Gilbert Rodriguez, license suspended for fta; Randy Lee Singleton, \$36 fine plus costs;

Freddy Lee Robinson: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Amber Hope Carter: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs/suspend \$250.

Joseph Dawson: disorderly conduct (three counts), 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/each count/costs waived; public intoxication controlled substance, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/consecutive/costs waived.

Scotty Hellard: driving on DUI suspended license, failure to produce insurance card, rear license not illuminated, bw issued for fta; operating on suspended operators license, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition costs waived.

Brianna N. Holsing: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

James M. Miller: theft by unlawful taking, 90 day in jail/probated 24 months on condition.

Rose Osborne: criminal trespassing, assault, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, bw issued for fta.

James Roy Batterton: disorderly conduct, 90 days in jail to serve/credit time served/costs waived.

Hermenegildo Bravo: wanton endangerment,

90 days in jail/probated 24 months/plus costs.

Jessica L. Brooks: Failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Shannon L. Durham: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Nancy E. Purvis: fines/fees due (\$165), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Zachary Robinson: disorderly conduct, 10 days in jail/credit time served (cts)/costs waived.

Emily Shouse: public intoxication, possession controlled substance (two counts), bw issued for fta.

John C. York: theft by unlawful taking, 180 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Mitchell J. Devillez: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.

Amanda L. Goff: public intoxication, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/costs waived.

Joshua B. Baker: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner operators to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta.

Jordan C. Brown: careless driving \$50 fine/costs waived/convert fine to one days in jail.

Jeremiah Marks: assault, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition.

Heather Payne: receiving stolen property, bw issued for fta.

Freddy Robinson, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, no tail lamps, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., failure to or improper signal, \$25 fine each charge plus one cost.

Tamatha Stewart: public intoxication and disorderly conduct, 90 days in jail/each charge/probated 24 months on condition/costs waived.

## Deeds Recorded

Jim R. and Bonnie Neely, real property located in Sunnyside Estates Subdivision, to Patricia Stamper. Tax \$15

Amy E. Hahn, Trustee of the Reynolds Preservation Trust, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Aaron and Jennifer Emery. Tax \$12.

Jamie Bradley, real property located in Rolling Hills Subdivision, to Ray Swart. Tax \$240.

Judy Mitchell, real property located in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Aaron and Lynel Lou Dawn McKeel. Tax \$6.

M.S.P.C. Development, real property located in Sunnyside Estates Subdivision, to Aaron and Kelly Mobley. Tax \$24

Mary Utley and Stephen Utley, real property located in Brodhead, to Dale and Joyce Lark. Tax \$32.

Jason and Kayle Leger, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Coleman R. Savage. Tax \$180.

Tina L. Neal and Justin R. Neal, real property located in Rockcastle County, to BD Solutions Group, LLC. Tax \$135.

Alice Arlene Smith, real property located on Hwy. 25, to Brian and Angela Burdine. Tax \$50.

Judy Mitchell, real property located in Lear Crest Subdivision, to Billy Jones. Tax \$5.50

Melissa Blevins and Geraldine Cash, real property located on Jop Cash Rd., to Rachel Cash. Tax \$45.

Edward Monroe Pittman, and others, real property located on Hwy. 1004, to David and Sheila Lovell. Tax \$100

Mike Lear, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Beulah Lear. Tax \$5.

Judy Mitchell, real property located in Lear Crest Subdivision, to Scott and Jennifer Payne. Tax \$7.50

Joseph S. King, Jr., real property located on Copper Creek Rd., to Ina

A. Hale. Tax \$210.

Keaton Renfro, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donnie B. Thacker. Tax \$120.

Jessica Lawson, real property located in Brodhead, to Karina Coffey. Tax \$17.

Sherry G. Hansel, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Devon Bussell. Tax \$45.

Josh and Jessica Dollins, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Triple C Real Estate, LLC. Tax \$225.

Dorothy Jean Senter, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Stephen Lee Baker. Tax \$15.

Rockcastle Investments, LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Laurel Land Trust, LLC. Tax \$300.

Bentley and Bobbie Ann Durham, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Forrest Raymond and Betty Jo McGuire. Tax \$30.

George and Wendy Jia, real property located on Hwy. 1004, to Craig N. Hodges. Tax \$95.

Clay Dollins, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Michael Sherman and Sharon Denise Lovell. Tax \$10.

Larry and Jeanine Lawrence and Teddy Lois McClure, real property located on Paul St, to Clell and Lola Swinney. Tax \$15.

James Gary and Linda Lou Burdette, real property located in Brindle Ridge, to Richard Birney. Tax \$400.

Judy Mitchell, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jackie Clontz and Kendrick Young. Tax \$50.

Estate of Lisa Ann Bustle, real property located in C.L. "Lafe" Owens Subdivision, to Savannah Sweet and Christopher Howell. Tax \$160.

Ruby Epperson, real property located on Mareburg Rd., to Jasmine Rashell Johnson and Jessica Johnson. Tax \$22.

## WESTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION

### MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

### MERRITT CEMETERY ROAD/MAPLES ROAD WATER LINE EXTENSION

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: WESTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION  
By: DARRELL WHITAKER, PRESIDENT  
Date: AUGUST 24, 2023



# Little World's Fair Sheep Show

**By: Andrew Laswell**  
Kentucky is known as the largest beef cattle producing state east of the Mississippi River today, however at the turn of the century we were the second largest sheep producing state in the Nation. While most of Rockcastle County's livestock production is focused on beef cattle, we have seen a substantial increase in the number of sheep produced in the county. As a result of this increased interest in sheep, this year we brought back our market lamb show originally started in the early 2000's and added our first annual breeding sheep show.

The Brodhead Little World's Fair Sheep Show was held on Saturday August 5th after the Beef show that morning. This year we had several breeds represented in our county only show. Participants were limited to county residents, County 4-H Club Members and County FFA Members. In addition to our exhibitors our attendance was one of the highest attended livestock shows of the week. Spectators to the show provided a great deal of support and encouragement for all of our youth exhibitors. We appreciate all the support and are looking forward to planning our 2024 sheep show. Results for the show were as follows:

- Our Supreme Champion Ram was the Champion Katahdin Ram exhibited by Reynolds Bee Lick Farms (Tucker Reynolds)
- Supreme Champion Ewe was the Champion Katahdin Ewe exhibited by Laswell Farms (Tilly Laswell)
- Champion Market Lamb was exhibited by Emma Leger

- Champion Polypay Ram was exhibited by Canaan and Tyson Hurst
- Champion Polypay Ewe was exhibited by Canaan and Tyson Hurst
- Champion AOB Ram (All Other Breeds) was Exhibited by Elisabeth Ponder
- Champion AOB Ewe (All Other Breeds) was Exhibited by Konnor Leger

We would like to thank our sponsors that make these Livestock shows possible each and every year: Rockcastle County Farm Bureau, Rockcastle County Conservation District, Bratcher Ag, Brodhead Farm Equipment, Community Trust Bank, Bluegrass Stockyards, Farm Credit Mid-America, Brodhead Farm Mart, Citizens Bank, Kentucky Nutrition Service, Rockcastle County Cattlemans, Lonestar Farm & Home, Lake Cumberland Stockyards.

In addition to our Livestock Show Sponsors, we would like to give a special thank you to our Belt Buckle Sponsors for the Sheep Show. This year our Breed Champion Rams and Breed Champion Ewes were presented with award belt buckles. These buckles were sponsored by the following local businesses: Don Franklin Family of Dealerships, EST Tool and Machine, Mount Vernon Animal Clinic, Rock Vet Animal Hospital, Whitaker Farms, Caleb Wilson Lumber, Harvey Mink Logging, Tanner Noel-Weichert Realtors.

Supreme Champion Awards were designed and fabricated by the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter.

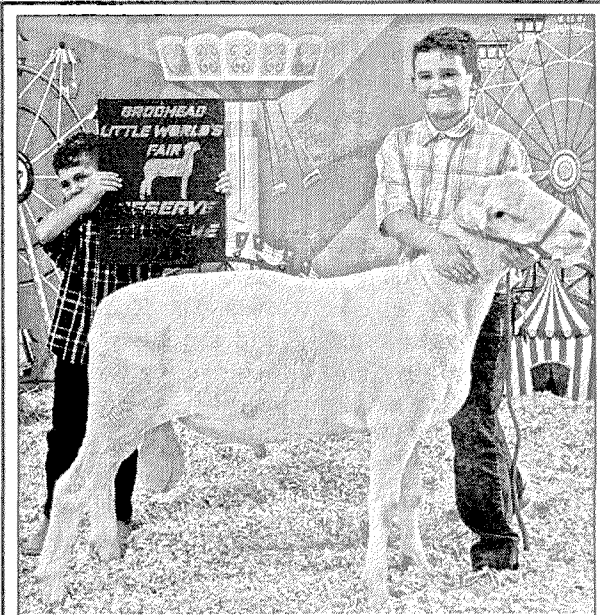
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Champion Market Lamb exhibited by Emma Leger.



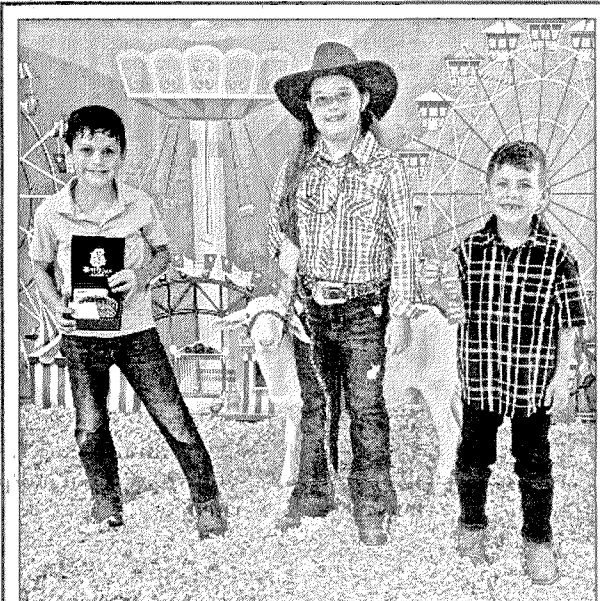
Supreme Champion Ram Exhibited by Reynolds Bee Lick Farms (Tucker Reynolds).



Champion Polypay Ram exhibited by Canaan and Tyson Hurst was selected as Reserve Champion Ram.



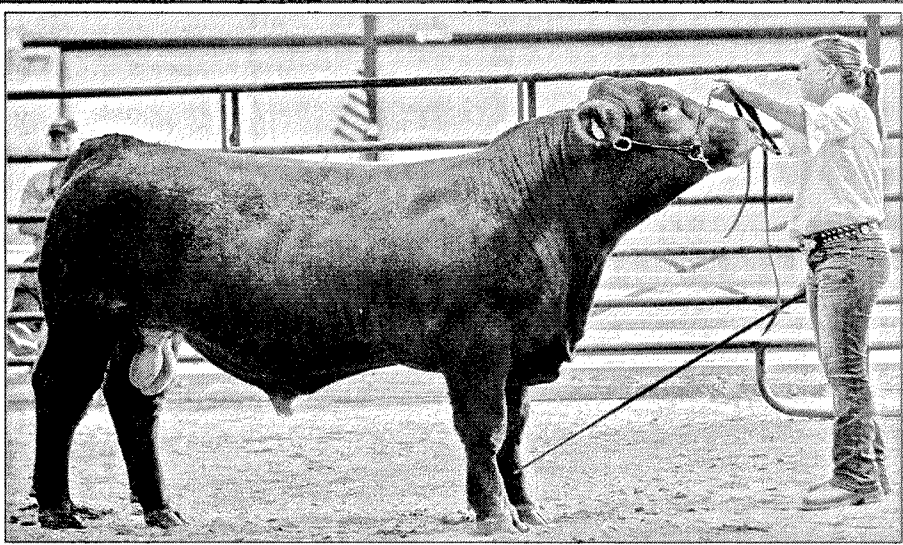
Supreme Champion Ewe exhibited by Laswell Farms (Tilly Laswell).



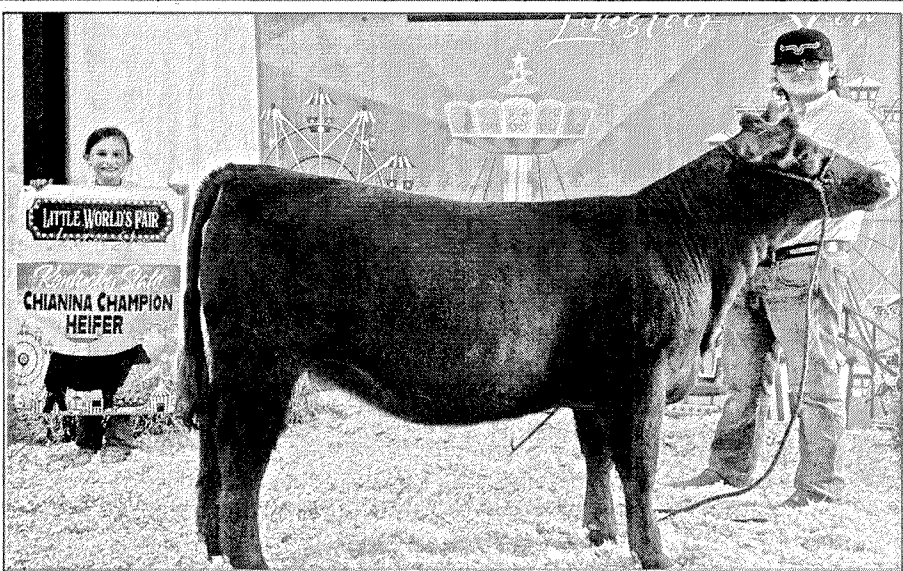
Champion Ram AOB (All Other Breeds) exhibited by Elisabeth Ponder.



Champion AOB (All Other Breeds) Ewe exhibited by Konnor Leger.



Destiny Adams with her Champion Simmental bull.



Drew and Ella Dyehouse with their Kentucky State Chianina Champion Heifer.



Sarah Barron with her Supreme Champion Bull. Also pictured is Sarah's mother Sherry.

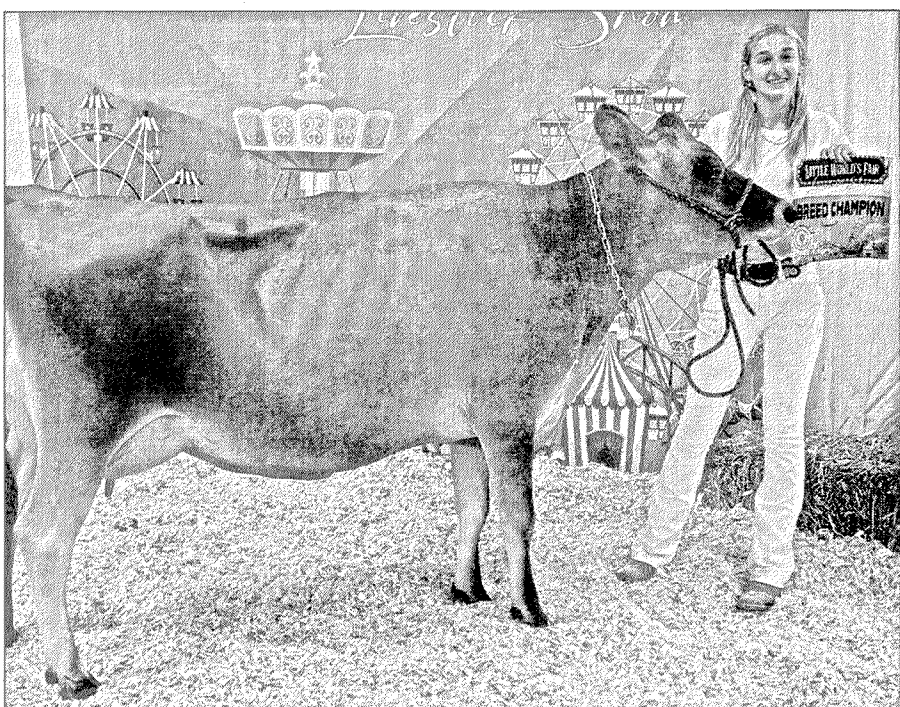
## Little World's Fair Livestock Shows

"The Brodhead Little World's Fair kicked off with livestock shows the first weekend of August. In addition to the first annual sheep show, the annual dairy and beef cattle shows continued. Pictured are some of the youths of Rockcastle County that came out to show the cattle they have been working with this year. As always, thank you to everyone that came out to show, or just in support of all the participants!"



Shawntel McGuire and her breed champion winner at the dairy show.

*Photos submitted*



Lilyanna Hayes and her Breed Champion winner at the dairy show.



# SPORTS

## Rockets defeat Anderson 53-15 in season opener

New season, new quarterback and a new coach adds up to an explosive offense for the 2023 Rockets as they picked up their first win of the season defeating Anderson County on the road, 53-15 last Friday.

With the exit of coach Peyton Saylor, head coach Chris Larkey brought on a familiar face in PJ Warren to the sideline as the new offensive coordinator. Warren coached alongside Coach Larkey at North Laurel before Larkey came back to Rockcastle. Along

with Coach Warren comes his son, Tucker Warren, as the new starting quarterback.

The Rockets put up 219 yards passing and 126 yards on the ground. Warren completed 12 of 18 passes with four touchdowns. Senior Caleb Moore had four receptions for 76 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Christian Larkey had four receptions for 75 yards and one touchdown and sophomore Isaiah Jackson, one of the most touted sophomores in the state, had four receptions

for 68 yards and one touchdown.

About his receiving corps, Coach Larkey said, "Caleb has done great transitioning from quarterback to wide receiver. I always knew he was a great WR and that's the spot for him in college and he has adjusted very well. Isaiah has worked hard and is still getting very good and is learning how to be a complete WR. Christian is the only WR we have that has played that spot all four years. He has a super football mentality and knows the offense very well and where the open spots are."

Larkey went on to say, "Old school Rocket fans will recognize the offense, very similar to 2000, 01, and 02. I've always done what my Dad (Tom Larkey) did, coach the offense to the type of players you have and their ability. We have the fastest team I've been around in my 34 years of coaching. We have four kids who run 4.5 or less. That's our strength. Tucker has been my QB since his 9th grade year so he is familiar with the offense and style. He has the ability to line kids up and make great reads. Having Tucker and Caleb as two QBs out there together works so well because they know where to go", Coach Larkey said.

The Rockets took 11 plays from the line of scrimmage to score the first touchdown of the 2023 campaign on a nine yard pass to Moore from Warren. The extra point attempt was no good and the Rockets were up 6-0 with almost six minutes left in the first quarter.

The Rocket defense then put the Bearcats on notice. On the first play of the Bearcats drive, Christian Larkey recovered a fumble at the Rocket 26 yard line. A 25 yard pass from Warren to Larkey put the Rockets on the one yard line and one play later went up 12-0 with a one yard quarterback keeper by Warren. The Rockets' two-point conversion was no good.

Two plays later, freshman Hunter Pingleton scooped a Bearcat fumble, forced by Carter Powell, and scampered 43 yards for the third touchdown. Benjamin's Brenda's extra point was good and after two scores in less than a minute, the Rockets had a 19-0 lead.

About the effort the defensive unit put forth, Coach Larkey said, "Coach Martin and our defensive coaches had these kids so prepared and worked them so hard the week of the game. Monday was one of the toughest practices I've seen in a long time for the defense. Our defensive coaches put a lot of time in and prepare every day. I was impressed more with the speed and tackling." Larkey added, "If you had told me that we would score three touchdowns in less than 50 seconds then I'd say you're crazy. It was what set the tone and led us to the victory," coach Larkey said.

"It kept Anderson on the defense the whole game. We just completely overwhelmed them at the beginning. It snowballed fast. I was proud our kids never let up and we were not taking any chances because Anderson was a big play team," he added.

On Anderson County's next drive, the Rocket defense, once again, came up with an interception for a touchdown but was called back by penalties. The Rockets still held the Bearcats and took over on downs two plays later in Bearcat territory.

On their next possession with a nice combination of run and pass

plays, the Rockets hit paydirt on a seven yard pass to Larkey with Brenda's extra point kick good and the Rockets had a 25-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Anderson County put their first points on the board with 4:48 left in the second quarter and to cut the Rockets' lead to 26-7.

The Rockets wasted no time answering the Bearcat's touchdown with a 57 yard touchdown pass to Isaiah Jackson after only four plays. The Rockets' two-point conversion was no good and the Rockets had a 32-7 lead at halftime.

The Rocket defense picked up early in the second half right where they left off. Tucker Warren intercepted a Bearcat pass on the first play of the third quarter for Anderson County. Two plays later Warren connected with Moore for a 42 yard touchdown pass. Brenda's extra-point kick was good and the Rockets had a 39-7 lead.

Six plays later, the Rockets hit paydirt again on a Larkey pick six scampering 74 yards for the touchdown. This was the Bearcat's fourth turnover each leading to a Rocket touchdown. Brenda's kick was good and the Rockets were up 46-7 with 8:21 left in the

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## Rocket volleyball defeats Lincoln; loses to Corbin

RCHS Volleyball started their 2023 season last week with a 3-2 win over Lincoln County.

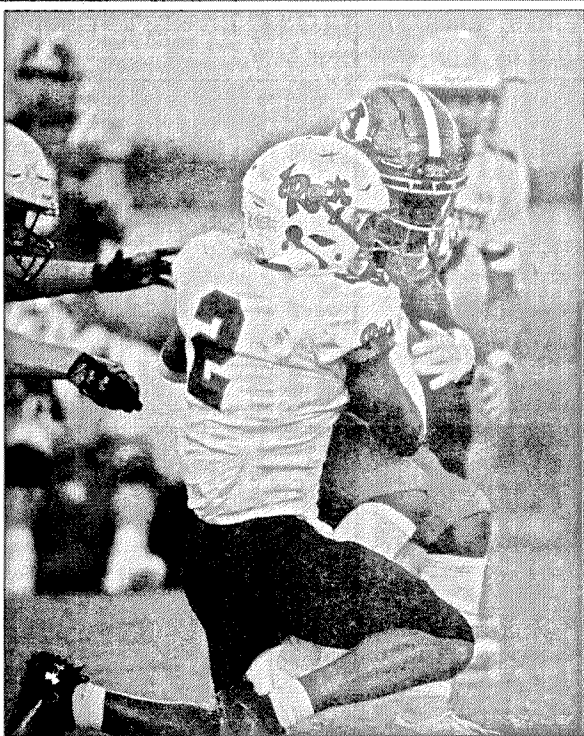
The Rockets defeated the Patriots 25-15, 14-25, 25-9, 23-25 and 15-7.

Addy King had six kills, one assist, seven digs and 10 service aces. Destiny Bullen came up with 20 digs and two service aces. Kaylee Carpenter had 10 kills, two assists and two digs. Carley Carter had four digs and two service aces. Paige Cash had one kill, 10 assists, one dig and two service aces. Hannah King had one kill, two blocks, one assist, 11 digs and four service aces. Aisha Njie had one kill and one block. Markley Richards had eight assists and seven digs. Addison Rush had six kills, one block and one assist.

The Rockets had a tough time on the road Last Thursday losing to Corbin 3-0.

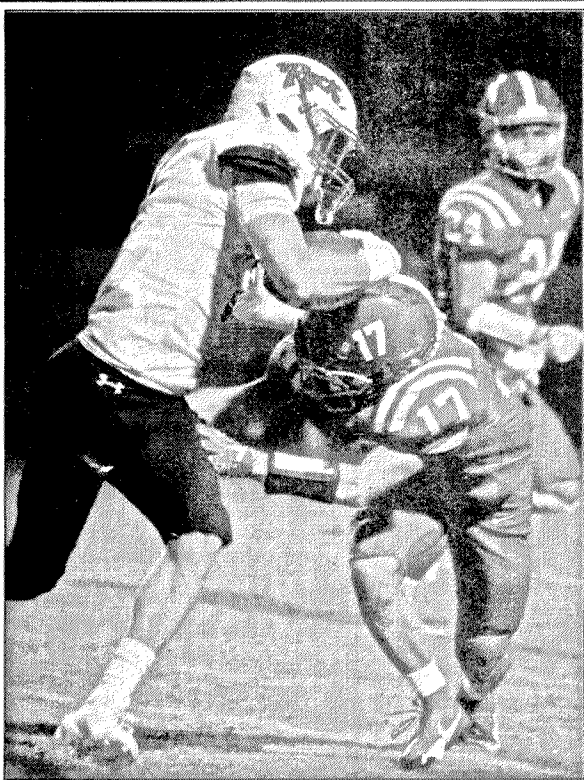
The Rockets were scheduled to take on Somerset Tuesday night and travel to Casey County Thursday night.

Tuesday, August 29th, the Rockets will host their first home match when Pulaski County comes to town for a 5:30 start.

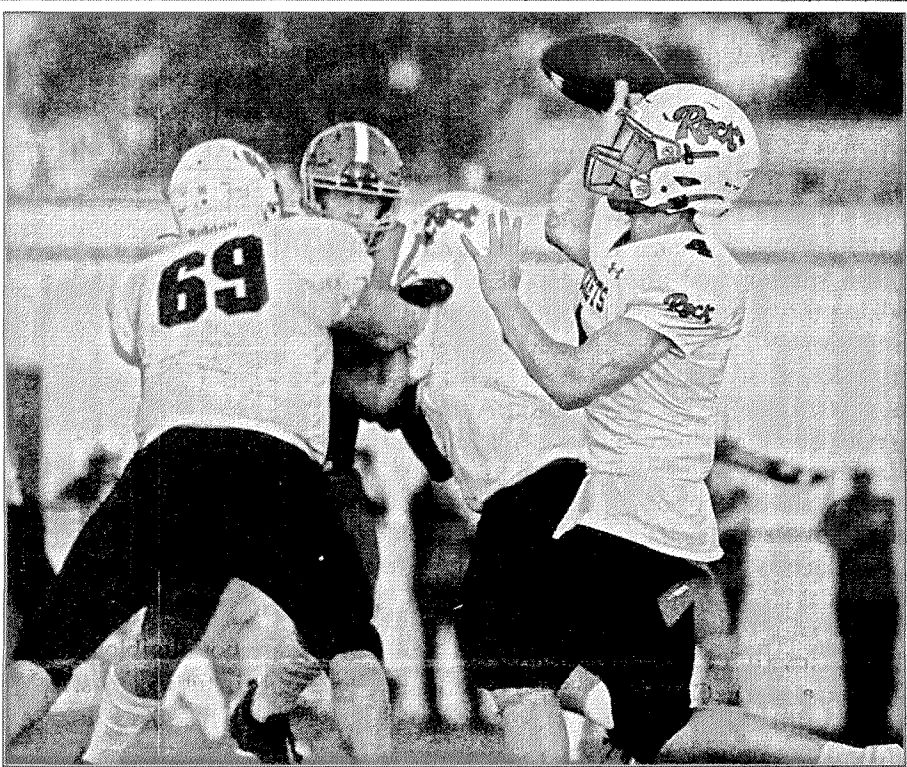


Sophomore Isaiah Jackson brings down an Anderson County Bearcat during the Rockets' season opening win Friday night. Jackson had four tackles on the night, two for a loss. Offensively, Jackson had four receptions for 68 yards and one touchdown.

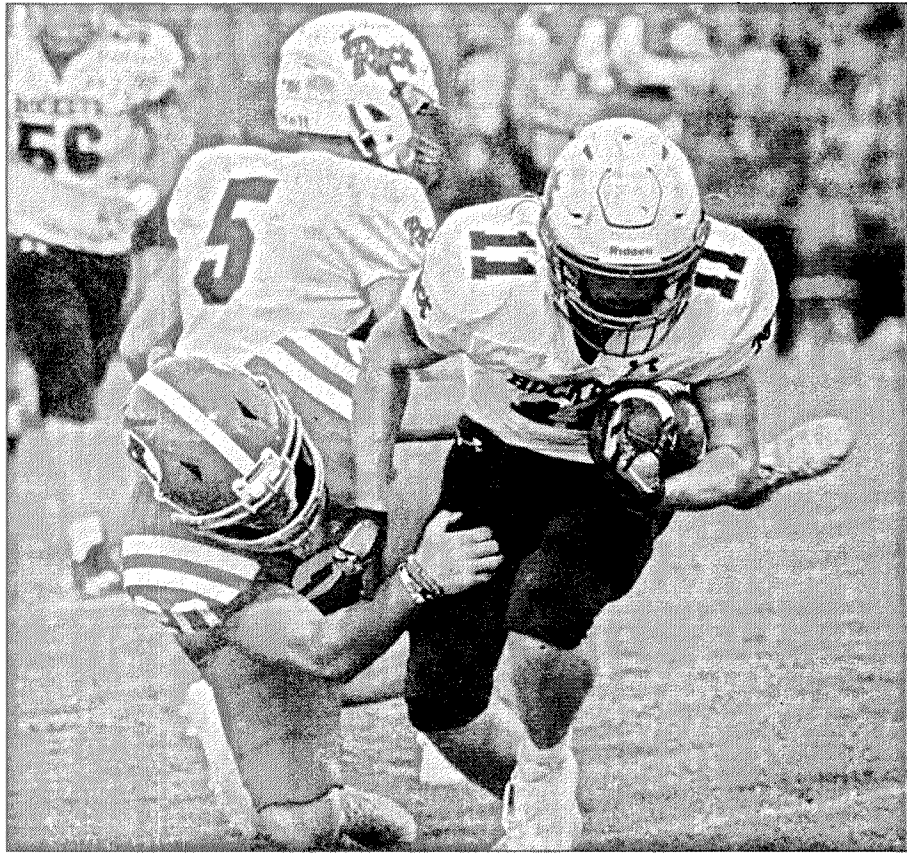
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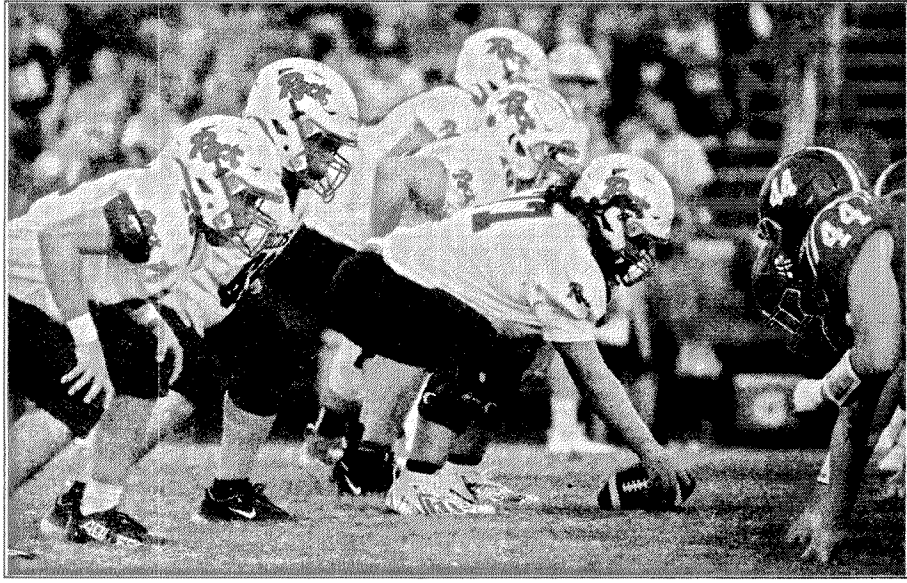
Senior Caleb Moore fights the defense during the Rockets' win Friday night. Moore had four receptions for 76 yards and two touchdowns.



Sophomore Austin Miles and senior Christian Larkey block for senior quarterback Tucker Warren during the Rockets' 53-15 win over Anderson County. Warren was 12 for 18 for 219 yards and four touchdowns in the season opening win.



Christian Larkey works for more yardage during the Rockets' win Friday night. Larkey had five carries for 12 yards and four receptions for 75 yards and one touchdown. Also pictured is teammate Carter Powell. Powell had three rushes for 67 yards and shined on defense with two forced fumbles and six tackles, two for a loss.



The Rockets' offensive line did a great job protecting quarterback Tucker Warren Friday night as the team racked up 219 yards in the air and 126 yards rushing. Rockets from left: Jacob Leger, Austin Miles, Colin Hamilton, Dallas Howard and Jake Snyder.



## “Rockets”

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third. The Rockets forced a Bearcat punt and a big run by Carter Powell on the first play of the Rocket drive set up a four yard touchdown run by Anthony Goodin and an extra point kick by Brenda put the Rockets up 53-7 at the end of the third.

Anderson County’s final score came on a 24 yard run and a two-point conversion with five minutes left in the fourth to cut the Rocket lead to 53-15 for the Rocket win.

Offensively, the Rockets put up 126 yards on the ground. Powell had three carries for 67 yards. Warren had seven rushes for 23 yards and a touchdown. Goodin had three carries for 15 yards and a touchdown. Larkey had five carries for 12 yards. Caden Lovell had six yards on one carry. Xavier Leger had one carry for two yards and Alex Smith had one yard on a carry.

Defensively, Larkey had six tackles (5 solo and 1 assist). Pingleton had six tackles (4 solo and 1 assist), one tackle for loss and one quarterback sack. Carter Powell picked up six tackles (4 solo and 2 assists), two tackles for loss and one quarterback sack. Isaiah Jackson had four tackles (2 solo and 2 assists) and two tackles for loss. Blake Mullins had four tackles (three solo and one assist), two tackles for loss and 1.5 quarterback sack. Dalton Flannery had four tackles (two solo and two assists). Cam Smith had four tackles (three solo and one assist). Caleb Moore had three tackles, all solo. Heath Barnes had three tackles (one solo and two assists). Jai Denny had three tackles (one solo and two assists). Dylan Burke had three tackles (two solo and one assist). Tucker Warren had three tackles (one solo and two assists). Creed Gabbard had two tackles, both assists. Josaiyah McClure had one assisted tackle for a loss and one-half sack. Anthony Goodin, Jaydon Bowles and Eli Phelps each had one solo tackle and Jacob Leger had one assisted tackle.

Tucker Warren had two interceptions and

Christian Larkey had one interception returned for a touchdown. Larkey had one fumble recovery. Hunter Pingleton had one fumble recovery returned for a touchdown and Carter Powell had two forced fumbles.

The Rockets’ first home game is this Friday when Pineville comes to town. Coach Larkey said, “This is going to be our Renfro Valley Jam-boree Bowl and we are thankful for Renfro Valley getting involved in our program because in our small community we have to support each other and make sure we all prosper. I think our fans will be very surprised this week at our home game. It’s going to be beautiful weather and it’s Friday night at the Rock. We need as many people here Friday to have a great time filling the stands. We play for Rockcastle. I want to thank the fans who went to Anderson and watched us play. It was a great atmosphere for our kids and fans. Our teams feeds off their support and they can’t wait to run through that spirit line with fireworks going off while AC/DC blasts in the background.”

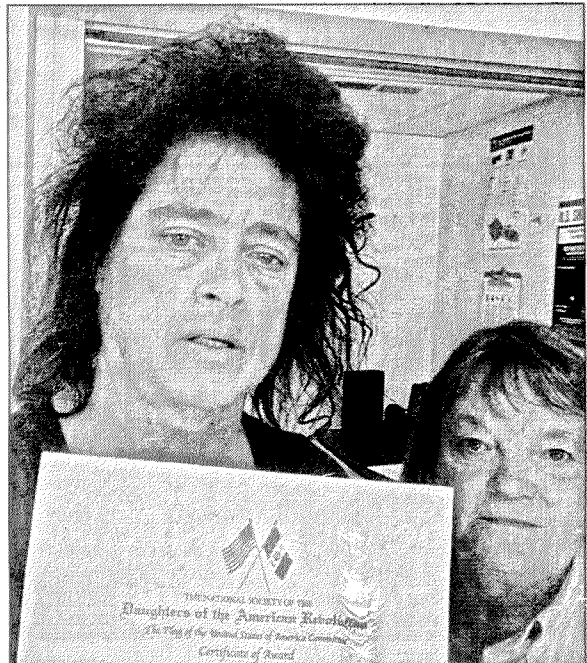
Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

## U.S. Flag properly displayed...

Flag certificates were presented by the Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR to members of the community that properly display the U.S. Flag. If you know of an individual, business or organization that properly displays the U.S. Flag, contact the Rockcastle DAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com.



High School Assistant Principal Mike McNabb and DAR Flag Chair Edwina Anglin.



Wildie Post Office Postmaster Joy Burdette and DAR Flag Chair Edwina Anglin.



Roundstone Justin Burdette (maintenance who maintains the flag), Principal Debra Coleman and DAR Member Debbie Brown.



Middle School Adm. Assistant Reva McKinney and DAR Flag Chair Edwina Anglin.

## NSDAR Classroom Grant awarded to Kami Phillips

Kami Phillips, a kindergarten teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary School is a recipient of the 2023 NSDAR sponsored Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant. One hundred and two \$500 grants are awarded each year to classroom teachers impacting more than 10,000 students nationwide.

Since 2018, two \$500 grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia. Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, must be endorsed by a local DAR chapter, and complete the grant award application.

Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for supplies and educational resources, but applicant must show how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR.

Mrs. Phillips received the grant based on her project of setting up a table and bin filled with sensory items. According to Phillips, “students are young and many need sensory activities to help them focus more on content. Students will be able to focus more on academics as they are able to use the sensory bin and toys. Sensory toys allow students to regulate them-

selves by using their senses thus will result in sitting and working better at their desk. A few standards this would help are reading fundamental skills and counting/cardinality.”

This grant is a one-time award and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years. Application forms for 2024 will be available February 15 through April 1st. Any classroom teacher wishing to apply please contact Rockcastle Chapter DAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com



Lisa Johnson, kindergarten assistant, Kami Phillips, Anthony Coffey assistant principal MVES and Sharon Lovell, Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR

### WESTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY CONTRACT 12: WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS & REPLACEMENTS & CONTRACT 13: “DOG WALK” WATER STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Contract 12: Water Line Improvements & Replacements and Contract 13: “Dog Walk” Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation projects will be received by Western Rockcastle Water Association, at their water office, 371 New Brodhead Road, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 until 11:00 a.m., local time on September 12, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Contract 12 consists of constructing approximately 8,400 LF of 3-inch water line, two (2) pressure reducing station rehabilitations, and other related appurtenances. Contract 13 consists of the renovation of an existing 150,000-gallon Multi-Column Elevated Water Storage Tank, including the complete removal and re-application of the interior and exterior coating systems and various other repairs.

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Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A-Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies the American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron and steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The de minimis and minor components waiver apply to this contract.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

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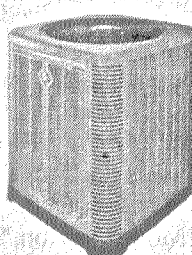
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Tim "Duck" Roberts

New city mayor getting statewide attention with ideas

By: Mike French  
Editor

First time mayor Tim "Duck" Roberts took over the reins of the City of Mount Vernon after the 2020 election and has been working on ideas to improve the city since day one.

Some of his ideas have captured the attention of the Kentucky League of Cities, who is planning an article about Mount Vernon in an upcoming issue of their magazine, according to city officials.

After the appointment of former councilman Jim Bowman as the new City Administrator, a spot left vacant by State Representative Josh Bray's resignation, Roberts and Bowman began working on several projects to have a positive affect on the city.

Roberts has also been busy learning each of the city's staff member's strengths and weaknesses, he said. "I haven't found many weaknesses," he said. "We have an amazing city staff."

Among the many changes Roberts has implemented is what he calls the weekly "field trip" for his staff. "I take two or three at a time most Wednesdays and get them out of the office, giving them a break from sitting in their chair for hours on end," he said. "We go to different city projects and perform inspections or check on progress and talk about what else may need to be done. It gets everyone more involved in each project and helps keep anyone from getting burned out after sitting doing the same things all the time."

Roberts and Bowman agree that this new effort also provides an additional benefit to the city. "One thing I was concerned about is making sure the right hand knows what the left hand is doing," Roberts said. "We have some really talented and caring people in city hall right now. It is good for them to know what is going on with the city and have input on projects they otherwise would not have even known about."

Meanwhile Roberts and Bowman have been working every day on a "Five-Year Plan" which will include many improvements and potential changes in the city, as well as prepare for potential future changes that may develop, Roberts said. "Every week we add new things to this five-year plan. When we get closer to finishing it, we will share these hopes and goals, but we keep adding new things and having to study those new ideas to make sure they fit in with our long-term goals."

Roberts and Bowman also joined forces with Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet recently to consider several potential changes to West Main Street and there are many other ideas underway. In fact, members of the Kentucky League of Cities recently spent a day with city officials working on a story for the upcoming issue of their monthly magazine concerning how Roberts is operating as mayor of the city.

One of the most notable developments is the recent go-ahead for the new water project that is expected to eliminate the bad taste and odor from the Mount Vernon Water System. Roberts is quick to point out that many others have worked on the water project before, he became mayor. However, some city officials are convinced the sudden "release to bid" is at least partly due to Robert's and Bowman's extra efforts to move the project forward.

Roberts is also working diligently on a new sewer plant for the city, since the existing plant is operating near capacity, according to Superintendent Frank Baker and other officials. The project is several years away and Roberts is considering the idea of locating the new plant in a different location entirely. "Since we will have to build a new one anyway, we are thinking about moving it out of town and away from such a visible location. Who wants to drive by a sewer plant every day," he said.

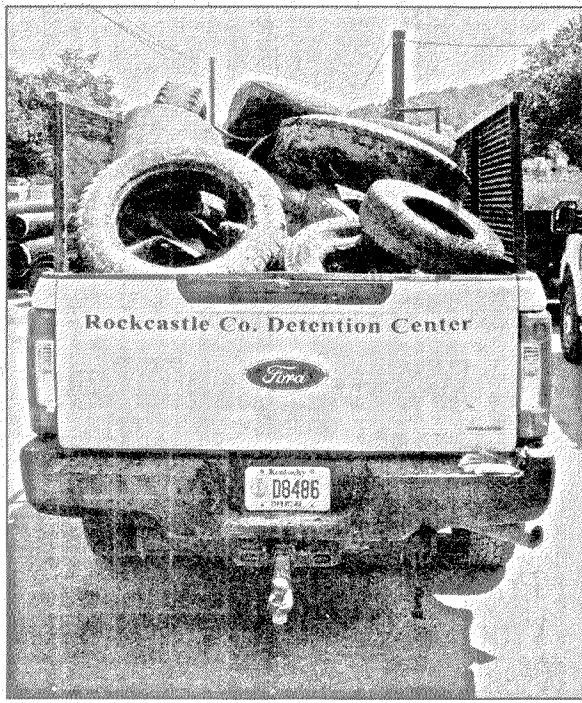
Roberts said one of his main goals is to remain informed and proactive concerning the future of Mount Vernon. "Our staff is extraordinary. They love their city and keeping them involved helps us be more aware of possible situations that may arise in the future," he said. "We are all working together and we feel very positive about the future of Mount Vernon."

More is expected to be released concerning the five-year plan and other potential developments.

Rockcastle River Sweep...



A total of 15 volunteers picked up 25 bags of trash and 38 tires on Saturday, August 19th. The volunteers cleared the debris in approximately four hours from a one mile stretch of the Rockcastle River. Volunteers were: Greg Poynter, Mark Isaacs, Dustin Sizemore, Howell Holbrook Jr, James Renner, Brandon Gross, Robbin Stewart, Rick Brummett, Steven F, Scottie H., Alex N., Jeremy M., Dennis D., Josh E., and Dalton S.



Martin named to Dean's List

As we approach a new academic year at Montclair State University, we wanted to congratulate Kylie Martin of Brodhead on being named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List. Martin is a/n Jurisprudence, Law and Society major.

Martin was among nearly 6,000 Red Hawks named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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- Admitting customers
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- "Cogito \_\_\_\_ sum"
- British mil. flyers
- This direction
- Doctor's due
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- Doughboy's ally
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- Floral neckpiece
- Grammarian's no-no
- Before, back and forth
- Maternally related
- Non-P.C. spin doctors
- Miss Universe's wrap
- "This tastes awful!"
- Skiers' surfaces
- First word of the Lord's Prayer
- Spin like \_\_\_\_
- "I do," for the divorced
- Glittery headpiece
- Beating at Indy
- Assumed name
- Affording no hope
- Bit of physics
- Touch up roots
- Calls, in poker
- "\_\_\_\_ we forget ..."

DOWN

- "Affirmative"
- Bullets in poker
- Sandwich bread alternative
- Spherical cellular bodies
- Tree-dwelling primates
- Type of bean or horse
- Advantage
- Not once, poetically
- Santa \_\_\_\_, Calif.
- Election decider, at times
- Language of Lahore
- Slip through the cracks
- Big dictionary section
- Bewhiskered
- Wet behind the ears
- Altar locales
- Dried coconut meat
- Gets one's dander up
- Liquor purchase
- Buffalo's water
- Walk with \_\_\_\_ (hobble)
- Flood control
- Property securities
- Hosiery annoyance
- Graduation handout
- Become accustomed (to)
- Like rain forests
- Shout of encouragement
- They may brew at sea
- Tsar's edict
- "The Sopranos" restaurateur
- Digestive juice
- Kitchen foray
- Egg drinks
- Without admixtures
- Something to build on
- "The Dukes of Hazzard" spin-off
- What a steamroller flattens
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