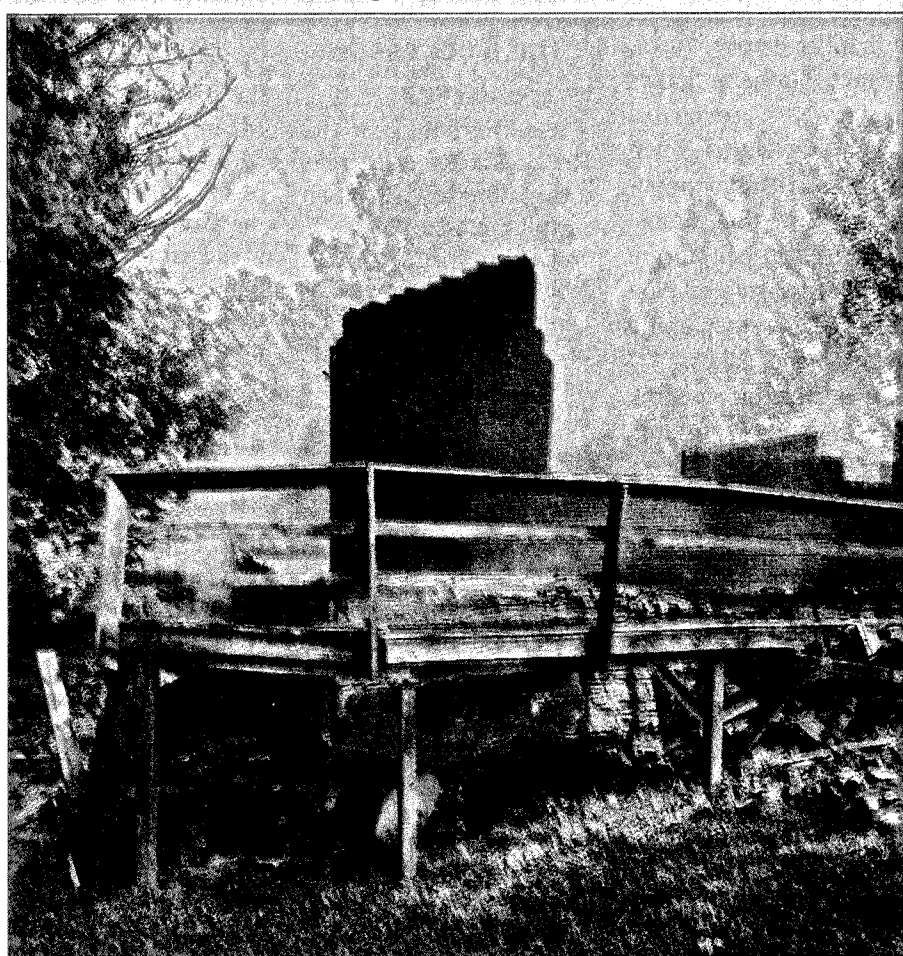


Fourth house fire



Members of the Livingston Fire and Rescue responded to this residential fire on Blackburn Lane off Sand Hill last week. According to reports, this is the fourth home to suffer a total loss after a fire of unknown origin in August. Jackson Energy also responded to the call along with mutual aid from other departments in the area. No injuries were reported and firefighters were able to keep the blaze from spreading to nearby woods

Fiscal Court approves tax rates for library, school and health departments

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting last week to deal with some items needing attention before the end of the month.

First on the agenda, the court was faced with the new Rockcastle County School Board tax rate proposal. The proposed tax hike would raise the school tax rate on real property to 43.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This rate includes real property and tangible property. The rate for motor vehicles remained the same as the 2023 rate at 48.3 cents per \$100 in

assessed value. The proposed rates were accepted unanimously by the court.

Next on the agenda was the proposed Health Department tax rate at 0.7 which equals .7 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This proposal was also accepted unanimously by the court.

Safety issues with Haunted House

The Rockcastle County Library tax proposal was also addressed by the court. The Library tax rate for real property was proposed at .081 and the tangible property rate proposed at .12. The motor vehicle tax rate was proposed at 1.7. This proposal also passed the court unanimously.

The court also addressed employee health insurance pro-
(See "Tax" on A5)

DLG taking over Livingston audits

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Livingston City Commission called a special meeting last week with one item on the agenda, according to Mayor Larry Davidson.

Davidson said the commission agreed to approve a Resolution giving the Department of Local Government (DLG) authority over the audit process in an effort to catch the city up on long overdue city audits.

The city has not completed a full audit since 2009, Davidson said. Without a complete audit the DLG does not release certain funds to cities and according to Davidson, those funds equal about \$60,000.

The commissioners agreed to give DLG authority over the audit process catching up past audits and completing current audits.

Davidson said he expects some of the funds that have been held may be released during the

process and the DLG will then make a decision on the remainder of the funds after the final audit reviews.

Davidson had explained the Resolution to the public in a State of the City address last week.

Homecoming and Blast planned

This weekend to be filled with many fun events

By: Mike French
Editor

If you enjoy old-fashioned, family-style fun, no Rockcastle County resident should be without entertainment this weekend.

Saturday, September 2 is the date for the 51st annual Livingston Homecoming event and Sunday, September 3, is the date for the Rock-cember Blast which is the new

name for the Blast in the Valley.

The Livingston Homecoming, organized by Livingston City Commissioner Sandi Singleton and Mayor Larry Davidson, is a two-day event this year but Singleton said she is packing several days worth of entertainment into those two days. "Our target is to deliver a traditional Homecoming similar to past

gatherings of community, friends, families, treasured guests and visitors where everyone came together to share fellowship, memories and laughter as they make new friends," said Singleton.

The event will kick off Friday night with a Gospel Singing event at the Jerry Mink Building (old

(See "Fun" on A5)

State Fair winners



Rockcastle youth displayed their dominance bringing home many purple banners last week from the Kentucky State Fair. Shown above are Sarah Barron, second from left, who won Supreme Bull banner during the junior show, Grand Champion Charolais bull in the open show and Premier Exhibitor for the Charolais show. Destiny Adams, left, Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Bull in the open Simmental show, Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor of the Simmental show. Drew Dyehouse, at right, Grand Champion Chianina Bull of the junior show, Kentucky Bull Champion of the open Chianina show, Kentucky Proud Champion, Chianina Heifer junior show, Champion Bred and Owned Chianina heifer and Reserve Division Champion heifer in open Chianina show. Ella Dyehouse, Division Champion in the open Chianina show. Not pictured is Ella Todd with a division champion in the Hereford Show. There were also many class wins by these same Rockcastle youth.

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ramblings...
by: perlina m. anderkin

As a child, I did not understand why my Mother talked so often of how time flies because I knew differently. There was eons of time between birthdays, between Christmases and each school year lasted a lifetime. It took me until my early thirties to suddenly realize how long it had been, and how short a time it had taken, to get from when I got my license at 16 until my 30th birthday. Having had an extremely busy 10 years prior to that, like birthing five children and working constantly at this same newspaper for five of those 10, it suddenly hit me that it had been 14 years since I had gotten my license. I could remember at that time, how anxiously I had looked forward to that event and how loooong it had taken to get here. Looking back, I don't know why I was so ex-

cited. My older brother taught me the rudimentary skills needed to pass the test (and the fact that he worked for the State Police and could call in a favor didn't hurt anything). I knew when I (barely) passed the test that that was the end of my driving days. If I had suggested that I drive my parents' car, they would have both looked at me as though I had lost my mind so I didn't bother asking. It wasn't until I married that Jim actually taught me to drive in the real world, with a stick shift no less.

Now, at almost 82, I realize that time flies, even when you're not busy 24/7, especially as you get older.

Every year, summer seems to get shorter and shorter. One day, I'm watching the Derby on TV and the next it's almost Labor Day and winter will be along shortly.

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Is It Wrong To Drink?

Drinking beer, wine, whiskey and other beverages which contain alcohol, and therefore make one drunk, is a very old practice. The first-time drinking is mentioned in the Bible in Genesis, chapter 9. Noah, a righteous man, became drunk and lay naked in his tent. This good man had his sense of right and wrong dulled by the evil effects of drinking. The writer of Proverbs warns: (Prov.20:1) "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler; and whoever is led astray by it is not wise".

The word "wine" simply refers to the juice of the grape. Whether it means fermented wine, which could make one drunk, or unfermented wine which could not make one drunk, depends on the context. For example, (Isa.65:8) "As the new wine that is found in the cluster, and one says do not destroy it, for a blessing is in it." The context makes it very clear that unfermented wine is not intoxicating, while the juice is still in the grapes on the vine. The Bible is full of warnings of the dangers of drinking intoxicating wine. The wise man wrote. (Prov.23:29-35) "Who has woe? Who has sorrows? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine. Those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it swirls around smoothly. At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things. And your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like the one that lies down in the midst of the sea, or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; they have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"

In the New Testament there are many strong condemnations of drunkenness. In (1Cor.5:11,13) "But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner-not even to eat with such a person. Therefore put away from yourselves the evil person."

Some try and argue it is alright to drink as long as you don't get drunk. However, (Eph.5:18) "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit." According to Youngs Analytical Concordance to the Bible. The verb, which is translated: "Do not be drunk" actually means, "Do not begin to be softened" with wine. Since the process of becoming drunk begins with taking one drink, then taking that one drink of an alcoholic beverage is forbidden.

One who wishes to please God will not drink any alcoholic drink, in any amount, at any time. Let us all remember those who are guilty of drunkenness cannot go to Heaven.

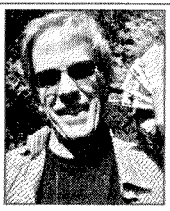
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Aces Over
By: Mike French



I don't think people have any idea how closely we are all connected.

I often think that completely because of that one little kiss in a 1953 Chevy behind Viney Fork Church by my 16-year-old-mother and my dad, my grandkids exist. It is so easy to forget that our actions affect so many others.

In 1929 a theory called "Six Degrees of Separation" was considered but in those days science and technology were rather limited. By the 1990s the idea gained strength and even a movie was made with the same title. But it wasn't until the advent of the new computer age that such theories can be examined with minute detail.

A recent study at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, using specialized software and the office of Vital Statistics, proved the original theory correct.

The theory is also known as the "six handshake rule." Put simply, which is about the only way I know how to put anything, the theory is just this. You can pick out any human being on earth, say Joe Blah from North Korea, and you are only six people away from being connected to him. The rule holds true for each and every person on the planet.

Computers have calculated that someone you know, knows someone, that knows someone, that knows someone (six times) who knows Joe Blah personally.

The idea started with some calculation in 1929 when the population of Earth was about 1.5 billion people. But, according to this new software, the more people there are, the more the chance is that the theory works. In fact, mathematicians say they have proven that the theory works much better with a larger population. Now that almost eight billion people are alive, some suggest you are now only separated by five handshakes.

It is amazing to think that some fellow strolling down the street of New York right this moment is only five to six handshakes away from your personal acquaintance. The homeless man sleeping in a box in California, the hidden Ukrainian lab technician working to develop the next pandemic bug, is five to six handshakes away from you and me, Jennifer Lopez, Elvis' grandchildren, a Russian soldier, the drifting cowboy on a ranch in Montana, the Pope and on and on, are just five to six handshakes away.

If you have lived very long, studies suggest you know about 600 people by name and know about their lives. The same study by Funders and Founders Organization, suggests the average person meets 80,000 people in their lifetime but you actually "know" about 600 people.

So if you shake a man's hand today, and he knows 600 people personally, and each of those people know 600 people personally, that is already 360,000 people tied together. Granted some of those overlap because you know a few of the same people. But at the same time, that is only

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Rockcastle
Historical
Haven
By: Markita Proctor

On the Banks of the Rockcastle River

On the banks of the Rockcastle River, there is a tiny little town with an intriguing history.

Livingston, in Rockcastle County, is located at the southern end of the county and runs the banks of the Rockcastle River and may have the most intriguing.

Livingston was established in 1880. The town was originally called Fish Point, but the name was changed to Livingston Station in 1887 when the railroad arrived. John Lair, Rockcastle County Historian, states that the name was changed either in honor of an official of the railroad or for a local minister.

Brother Livingston, others argue the city was renamed for James Livingston, an early settler (<https://rockcastlecountyky.com/livingston>). In an interview with Jason Medley on the podcast and website KentuckyHistory.co, Native Americans called the area River of Red Horse. As noted on kyatlas.com, "the Fish Point post office opened in 1840, was renamed Livingston Station in 1879, and finally Livingston in 1882." Livingston, like the other established cities of Rockcastle County actually thrived for several years as the trains rolled through, bringing visitors from far away places, and unfortunately, like the other established cities, when the trains stopped so did the prosperous times.

Livingston once boasted several businesses and factories, restaurants, hotels, a roller rink, and a movie theater.

Before Livingston's boom, there was other history. Livingston is at the foothills of Wildcat Mountain. Wildcat Mountain is the location of one of the battles of the Civil War. There is a reenactment of the battle every year in October. Some believe that if you go up on Wildcat on a dark night you might see the ghosts of soldiers in the trenches that still remain.

The Battle of Wildcat was significant because it would give claim to the Wilderness Road that runs through Rockcastle County to Cincinnati and North. According to the website Wildcatbattlefield.org, "The road was important to both the Union and the Confederacy from the standpoint of access to both the North and the South for the control of Kentucky, which attempted to remain neutral during the war." Livingston and Rockcastle County were significant to the war.

Livingston did have several one-room schoolhouses prior to the establishment of the main school. The Livingston graded school was built in 1927. Prior to that it was an academy. In 1937 the new gym was built to post the economy. Livingston Elementary School closed in 1994. The building still stands and locals can rent out the gym for get-togethers and reunions.

Another interesting point in Livingston is Fort Sequoya. Betsy Margaret Carloffis published in the Kentucky Explorer. The article

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING A TRACT OF PROPERTY INTO CITY LIMITS

I

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon previously passed ordinance 2022-8 stating its intent and desire to annex a parcel of property located contiguously to the existing City Mount Vernon boundaries, pursuant to KRS Chapter 81A, and,

Whereas, each property owner was notified of the intent to annex, and two separate notices were published in the paper in accordance with KRS 81A.420, and,

Whereas, no petition was filed with the County Clerk during the 60 day time period,

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky, it does hereby annex a parcel of property which is contiguous to current boundaries of the City limits, and is a territory that is urban in character or is suitable for urban development without unreasonable delay, and which contains, or is expected to contain in the immediate future, water mains, and sewer mains which belong to the City of Mount Vernon, and which currently serve, or will serve in the immediate future, customers throughout the area:

A tract of landed located and being in Rockcastle County, State of Kentucky, known as Rockcastle Business Park South, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

(See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein in full by reference)

II

This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and upon publication by law.

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Publication 08/31/2023

APPROVED:

Tim Roberts, Mayor

Mount Vernon, Kentucky

ATTEST:

Crystal Rush, City Clerk

ramblings

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But, maybe it's a God-send that time does move more rapidly as you get older.

The daily news that comes out of D.C. makes me question how much longer I care to remain on this earth where everything is upside down and human tragedies seem to multiply daily.

I'm not being truthful, I actually never question how much longer I have on this earth. I am simply grateful every morning for waking up on this side of the grass and am still sort of optimistic that our present regime will one day decide to do something good for the majority of people in this country -- instead of sitting around every day and thinking of more ways to destroy the middle class. You know, the middle class? The class which I was always taught in school is essential to a democracy, unlike the very rich and the very poor -- the only two classes that socialist and communist countries have.

I have been following as closely as I can, the horrendous fires in Maui that destroyed the historic city of Lahina. It seems that evidence is mounting daily that the fires may have been started deliberately with an eye toward developers obtaining the valuable land that the natives have managed to hold onto for generations.

The island has a state of the art emergency warning system that, for some reason, was not activated. The emergency management director in charge of this system said afterwards, that he was afraid if he set it off, residents would head toward the mountains where the fires were. The system was reportedly installed mainly to warn of Tsunamis and residents were told to head to the mountains to flee those.

For some reason, the water supply was cut off shortly after the fires began with that person in charge saying that he was trying to ensure equity in the water availability -- so his solution was just to cut off the supply to everyone. Residents were blocked from leaving the fire areas because of downed power lines so hundreds were forced into the ocean in an attempt to save their life. 4,000 children were turned out of schools in the midst of the fires and, at least, 2,000+ of those children are unaccounted for.

Life-saving supplies -- water, food, medicines, tents -- have still not been brought into the area by our government, except for water in the last couple of days. Water which residents say is making them sick when they drink it.

Of course, you have to understand that FEMA officials (when they're not ensconced in their \$1,000 to over \$4,000 per night motel/hotel rooms) are busy erecting fencing around the island to bar news reporters and people who lived in the area from going into the burned areas.

There is a growing fear that entire families have been wiped out and that DNA is being destroyed on recovered bodies so that lines of inheritance cannot be established and the valuable properties become up for grabs by land developers.

The cause of the highly intense fires are

being blamed on downed power lines from winds from a hurricane over 500 miles from the island, but there are reports of late that the power company is insisting they cut power to the lines shortly after the first fires broke out.

And, the color blue, seemed to be a decider in whether property on the island was destroyed. There was a line of blue beach umbrellas still standing unscathed amid total destruction around them, homes with blue roofs were not ignited and blue cars seemed to have had some measure of protection. This is supposedly because Directed Energy Weapons (DEW) cannot ignite anything that is blue and there have been reports of seeing strange sights in the sky that are possible evidence of their use. It does seem strange that, in many areas, there is no fireline between homes that were destroyed and that cars completely destroyed -- even to metal rims being melted -- were found in between unburnt homes.

I certainly have no proof of what happened. But, I am listening daily to reports of those living on the island who have lost everything and the reports are heartbreaking. The toll is expected to eventually go as high as 2,000+ dead but, with the shenanigans that seem to be going on, can that figure be trusted?

Thank God for Hungary who recently began shipments of housing units to Maui with a NATO C-17, sponsored by the Hungarian government. This is in sharp contrast to our government which is seizing property that is still habitable by the owners/renters for command centers. Those who are living there were given 45 day notice to vacate.

There is so much more going on with this catastrophe that may never be revealed but since Maui was scheduled to be the first complete *Smart City* in our country, it will be interesting to see how this all finally shakes out.

There is much evidence that mask/vaccine mandates will be reinstated in mid September because of a new variant of Covid spreading. I did not take the first vaccine (I have also never taken a flu shot and have never been diagnosed w/the flu in my 81 years) and, after the many injury/death reports that have come out from those who did, I won't be taking this one. I will also refuse to mask up, unless forced to do so to obtain medical treatment.

It was always a problem before. I have COPD and masks inhibit my breathing (okay, it's probably psychological but ...).

And, we should all refuse to go into lockdown. If this government cared one whit for its citizens, it would allow the prescribing of Ivermectin and HDQ which would, no doubt, have saved 10s of thousands of lives.

It's amazing how these "dangerous" Covid variants arrive just in time to cause necessary changes in voting regulations during presidential elections, isn't it?

Aces

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TWO degrees of separation. Multiply 360,000 by 600, five more times and the number is too large for my cell phone to dis-

play.

Given travel today that is so much more extensive than in 1929, and I am betting the theory would be closer to four to five degrees of separation today.

It is staggering to think that some fellow or gal you talked with today, knows a guy that knows a guy that knows a guy (five to six times) who knows the Queen of England personally.

If you do something that people would talk about to others at all, there is a chance that two construction workers in Istanbul, Turkey, are sitting atop a highrise apartment building, on break, talking about you right now. "Did you hear about that fellow that...." It is very likely!

The next time you shake a hand, maybe think about that fact that he knows 600 more people and each of those know 600 and so on. I guess I better be careful. What I believe about Joe Biden could get back to him. Then I'd be indicted, too.

Haven

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titled, "The Early Years of Fort Sequoyah" tells of just that, the early years of Fort Sequoyah. I do remember driving past Fort Sequoyah as a child. I remember the tee-pees and the attractions. The 1950s were a time of tourism and travel. Americans were loading up the station wagons and travel

campers and hitting the road and in 1955 the Carloftis' saw the promise in the backroads of Livingston. According to Carloftis, "Fort Sequoyah didn't take long to catch on...there was a snack bar, a souvenir shop, and a replica of an Indian village. The Cherokee women made pottery and baskets, and the men put on a show in the Council House." Fort Sequoyah existed until 1972 when the name was changed to RockCastle River Trading Company and Riverside Gardens. The gardens are some of the most beautiful one could ever see. I have dabbled in photography and was lucky enough to be invited to use the spot as a backdrop for photos.

The Great Saltpeter Cave is another gem, found in Livingston. The history of the cave is available on the website gsp.caves.org. According to the site, the cave was discovered by Robert Baker in 1798 just off the Wilderness Road. Even though Baker is believed to have been the first white man to discover the cave, it is well known that Native Americans used the cave long before settlers discovered its depths. Baker sold the cave and land to George Montgomery who actually mined the cave for saltpetre. The mining industry boomed for some time, supplying means for gunpowder production for the War of 1812.

The cave was purchased in 1939 by John Lair and Dr. Walker Owens and was used for

barn dances and the radio show was broadcast from the cave on CBS radio. Lair and Owens believed that the cave could be a great tourist attraction and even went so far as to build a Lodge for guests. As stated on the site rkci.org, "Only two days after it was finished, though, the lodge was burned to the ground by persons unknown. The cave was closed to the public." Lair reopened the cave in 1966, but the remote location prevented any real success. The cave is now managed by the National Speleological Society of Cincinnati and Lexington and is open once a year for tours. I try to attend

the open house each year. One can get a pretty good history on the tour. The graffiti that is visible can be dated back to the 1800s and some even claim there is a signature of Daniel Boone himself.

The actual Rockcastle Rock that claims the inspiration for the name can be seen on a clear fall day. A marker sign is located a few miles out the River Road in Livingston.

Livingston, Kentucky still welcomes visitors as a trail town and boasts several new businesses. Even though it may not offer attractions of the past, it still has a fascinating history that I plan to explore further in the near future.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, Sept. 4th: No service-holiday. **Tuesday, Sept. 5th:** Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, KY 3245, Bryant Ridge. **Wednesday, Sept. 6th:** Ottawa and Bee Lick.

Health Dept. Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 8 a.m.

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Federation will hold their annual meeting on Friday, September 15th with a dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. at Roundstone Elementary School. Free dinner and prizes for members.

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.

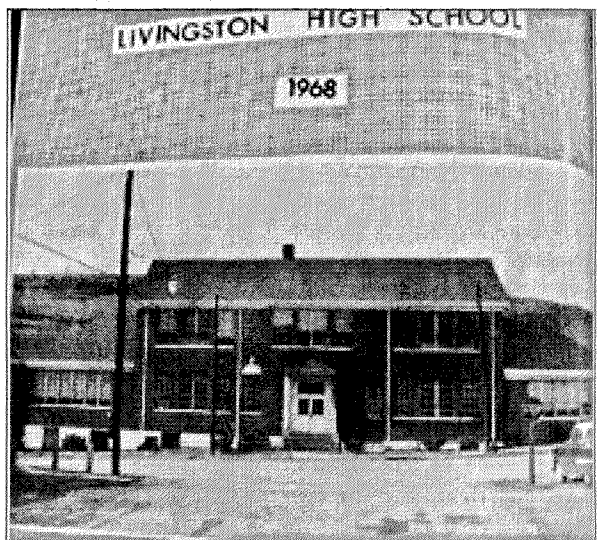
Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

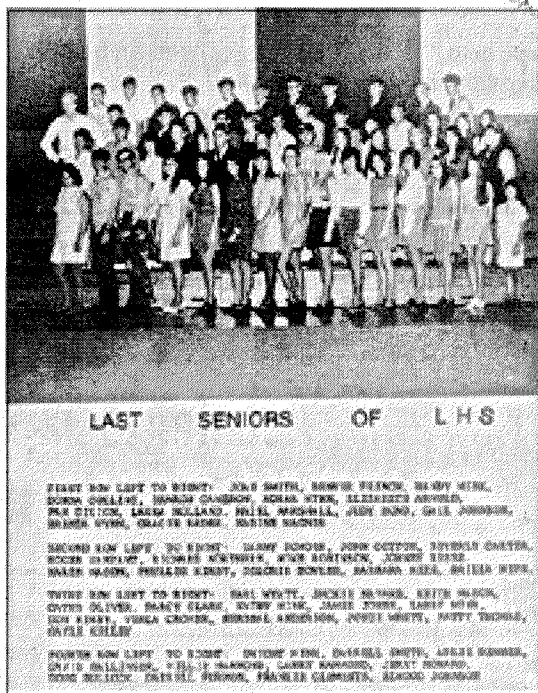
Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only. 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.



Fort Sequoyia from Kentucky Living Magazine



Livingston School photo provided by Shirley Boore Memories of Livingston Facebook



The last senior class at Livingston High School photo from Memories of Livingston, Kentucky Facebook Page provided by Edna N Wayne Clines and Rosemary Wyatt.

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Obituaries

Jaxon Mateo Bloomingdale

Jaxon Mateo Bloomingdale, 16 days of age, gained his heavenly angel wings on August 25, 2023.

He was born August 9, 2023, the precious son of Johnathan Ray Bloomingdale and Amy Clark Bloomingdale.



Although Jaxon's time here on earth was brief, the love and joy he brought to everyone who met him was of great abundance. Jaxon had the most beautiful blue-turning-brown eyes, the cutest forehead

wrinkles, and always made the grumpiest and silliest faces, hence his nickname "Mr. Grumpus". Jaxon loved when his big sis helped to feed and burp him, laying on his mommy's chest, and watching football games and playing video games with his daddy.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his parents, Johnathan and Amy Bloomingdale of Brodhead, and his sister, Aspynn Nevaya Bloomingdale; maternal grandparents, Tanya Clark of Brodhead and Steve Clark of Colorado Springs, CO; paternal grandmother, Jessica Bloomingdale of Stafford, VA; great grandparents, Jimmy Clark, Brenda Nicholson, and Anthony Gaughan; special great aunt, "Aunt Sissy" (LaJoy Graves), and great aunt, Sandi Himes; aunts and uncles, Derek (Bridget) and Spencer Clark, Shawn Covell, Mikie and Jayden Bloomingdale, Brandon and Tiffany Nicholson, Shelley (Scott) Granger, Shakeitha (Hector) Ramirez, Caitlin (Trent) Burchett, and McKenzi Himes; as well as a village of cousins and special friends.

Jaxon was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Eva Clark, Preston and Alene Parrett, Michael Nicholson, and Robert "Bob" Bloomingdale. He was also preceded in death by: his uncle, Tre'von Bloomingdale; and great aunts and uncles, Kathy Clark, Pat and Jack Himes, and Randall Himes.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Mark Eaton officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Donations in Jaxon's memory may be made to the American SIDS Institute, 528 Raven Way, Naples, FL 34110.

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

Henry "Hank" Coates III

Henry "Hank" Clarence Coates III, 73, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, August 21, 2023, at his home.

He was born March 3, 1950 in Frankenmak, Austria. He was the son of James H. and Ann Baker Mullins. He was of the Baptist faith, and enjoyed fishing, hunting and golf. On August 27, 1982, he was united in marriage to Patricia Bond, and they enjoyed 40 years together.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Patricia Coates of Mt. Vernon; his children, Jesse Coates (Jessica) of Brodhead, and Kena Ann Coates of Mt. Vernon; a grandchild, Resse Rednour; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ann Mullins.

Cremation was chosen, and a memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Karen Denise Brown

Karen Denise Brown, known affectionately by all as Denise, died suddenly on August 27, 2023, in Berea. Born July 2, 1958, in Mt. Vernon.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Jack Dempsey Dailey and Ellen Baker Dailey. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Frankie Dailey. Denise is survived by her devoted husband, Richard Brown, and their four children, Chastity Smith, Tracy (James) Thompson, Marty Brown, and Jessica (Kevin) Tucker. Her siblings, Lisa Poynter and Johnny Dailey, will remember her fondly.



Denise was a cherished grandmother to McKenzie Kirby, Brittney Davidson, Zackery Poynter, Kalleigh Sumpter, Bethany Himes, Aaron Himes, and Brett Himes. She was also a doting great grandmother to Ryland Davidson, Zayden Davidson, Cayson Davidson, Daxton Davidson, and Alaina Himes. Denise's love for her family was boundless.

Denise's professional life was marked by dedication and hard work. She retired from Dresser Industries. After retirement, she managed Don's Discount.

Denise's life was a testament to the power of love and the importance of family. She was a pillar of strength for her family, a trusted friend, and a respected member of her community. Denise's passing leaves a void that cannot be filled, but her memory will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, September 2, 2023, at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastor Kenny Davis officiating. Burial will follow in Piney Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are: Brent May, Lyndon Smith, Mike Isaacs, Rick Brown, Kevin Tucker, Zach Leightner, and Roger Poynter.

Bettye Arvin

Bettye Jane Arvin, 93, a loving mother and grandmother, died at Baptist Hospital in Lexington on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 after a short illness. Bettye was

born May 28, 1930 in Central City, to Lional and Catherine Goodman. She attended Louisville Girls High School and Anderson College in Indiana and graduated from Norton Memorial Infirmary School as a Registered Nurse in 1953. Bettye was deeply committed to her career as a nurse and served in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Louisville, Lexington, Richmond and Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Bettye married the love of her life Orson "Boots" Arvin of Louisville on July 16, 1955, the week after he returned from military service in Korea. Following their wedding ceremony at Larchmont Church of God in Louisville, the couple moved to Los Angeles and later to Jackson Hole, Wyoming where they lived for two years. Bettye and Orson moved back to Louisville in 1957 to assist family. After her husband graduated from medical school in 1971, the couple served the people of Rockcastle County in Family Medicine for 25 years.

Bettye loved serving Jesus and had a passion for mission work. In her latter years, a great part of her life's work involved multiple medical mission trips with Orson through the Kentucky Baptist Convention to Russia, Tanzania, Brazil and Barbados. Bettye spent two decades serving as a chaplain's assistant at UK Chandler Medical Center, and in her final years she enjoyed serving in the Immanuel Baptist Church office.

She is survived by: a son, Dr. Jon "Tony" Arvin and wife Rebekah of Mt. Vernon and grandchildren, Sydney Arvin of Denver, CO and Ashton Arvin of Nashville, TN, and a son Timothy Arvin and wife Jenna of Lexington and grandchildren Emma Arvin and Sarah Arvin of Lexington. Bettye was preceded in death by: her husband, Orson Luther Arvin, MD; a brother, Lesley Goodman; a sister, Sue Goodman Grace; and father and mother, Lional and Catherine Goodman.

A family memorial service was held at Immanuel Baptist Church Chapel in Lexington on Saturday, August 26, 2023. Burial will be Thursday, August 31 in the Evergreen Cemetery in Louisville. Donations in Bettye's memory may be to Charles Stanley's In Touch Ministries in Atlanta, GA.

This is a courtesy obituary from Dowell & Martin Funeral Home for Kerr Brothers Funeral Home in Lexington.



Brenda Kendrick

Brenda Kay "Babycakes" Miller Kendrick, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born August 30, 1947 in Somerset, daughter of the late Dolphus Parr and Freda Wiles Dick. She worked as the Vice President for Citizens National Bank and was a member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

She is survived by: her husband, Bob Kendrick; a son, Tony and Darcy Miller of Richmond; four grandchildren, Savannah Miller, Owen Miller, Braeden Miller, and Madelyn Miller; and two step-grandchildren, Aiden Tretter and Jacob Tretter. She was preceded in death by: her parents; her first husband, Homer "Sammy" Miller; and two sisters, Bobbie Casada and Maxine Black.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Chapel of Morris & Hislope Funeral Home with Bro. Dennis Wilder officiating. Burial was in Science Hill Cemetery.

The family requests expressions of sympathy to the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

This is a courtesy obituary from Dowell & Martin Funeral Home for Morris & Hislope Funeral Home in Science Hill.

Anna Marie Ruppe

Anna Marie Ruppe, 89, of Nancy, died Monday, August 21, 2023 at Hospice of Lake Cumberland Jean Waddle Care Center. She was born in Roscommon, MI on November 18, 1933, daughter of the late Warner John and Anna Ester White

Anderson. She was a retired nurse, a US Air Force Veteran, and was of the Catholic Faith. She enjoyed crafting, shopping, and watching TV.

She is survived by: her children, Vicky and Shane Ware, Kimberly Brinson and William Singleton, and David Ruppe and Becky Robinson; her grandchildren, Mignon Baker, Shelly Baker, Jonathan Ruppe, Mary Beth Foster, Katie Ruppe, Devin Ruppe, and Madison Ruppe; her great grandchildren, Jadon Wilkins, David Bailey Spoonamore, Gavin Spoonamore, Martze Hill, Maddox Foster, Kynleigh Foster, Claire Ruppe, Reece Ruppe, and Taylor Ruppe; and one great great grandchild, Lilah Wilkins.

A memorial service will be held Friday, September 1, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Red Hill Baptist Church in Livingston. This is a courtesy obituary from Dowell & Martin Funeral Home for Pulaski Funeral Home in Somerset.



Reunions

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.

Hummel

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.

Graves-Owens-Hayes Reunion

The Graves-Owens-Hayes Reunion will be held September 9th at Woodstock Community Center. Bring your favorite dish and memories to share. Starts at noon.

Card of Thanks

Glen M. Coffey

The family of Glen M. Coffey wishes to express our thanks and appreciation to all our family and friends for their kindness, support and prayers. We especially want to thank Dr. Bullock, Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Bluegrass Care Navigators Hospice Center for their service in caring for him during the final stage of his life.

It was hard to give him up and we have a deep vacancy in our lives but we know he is no longer suffering and God promises someday we will see him again.

He was a great husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and we all loved him.

Thanks again to everyone!

The Glen Coffey family

Bonnie, Vicki, Shawna, Chris, Zachary and Matthew

Church News

Let the Bible Speak

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

Benefit Singing

There will be a Benefit Singing at McNew Chapel Baptist Church on Saturday, September 2nd with special guest singers Gospel Tradition, beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone invited and welcome.

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"Lamb"

(Continued from front) indictment. The charges are as follows:

Count one: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree by having committed the felony offense of robbery (James Mink).

Count two: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed the felony offense of being in possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

Count three: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender first degree; by having committed the felony offense of robbery (Jason Smith.)

Count four: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed the offense of felony robbery (Miranda Sizemore.)

Count five: Committed the felony offense of persistent felony offender first degree, by having committed the offense of being in possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

Count six: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed a felony assault.

Count seven: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed the felony offense of robbery (David Madden.)

Count eight: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed the offense of burglary (David Madden.)

Count nine: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed the offense of being in possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

Count ten: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed the felony offense of assault.

Count eleven: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed the offense of robbery (Robert Linginfelter.)

Count twelve: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed the felony offense of burglary (Robert Linginfelter.)

Count thirteen: Committed the offense of persistent felony offender, first degree, by having committed the offense of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

Lamb's bail was set at \$50,000 cash or property.

"COVID"

(Continued from front) clearly increased and school officials say the number of absences are also rising. On Monday of last week 95% of students were present for class. But by Friday, that number was down to 90%.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) the newest variants are referred to as Omicron XBB 1.16 and Omicron XBB 1.9.1. Those two of the many variants are responsible for over one fourth of the new cases.

According to press releases, the CDC recommends citizens once again wear masks, if their local hospital reports cases are increasing. In Rockcastle County there

cases are reported increasing but no mask mandates had been announced in the county at press time.

In Lee County, some classes have been cancelled already this year and many classes have changed to remote learning once again, according to CBS news reports. Other counties report a sharp rise in cases as well.

Local health officials say it is too early to predict if the virus will continue to spread, or if the current variants will fade away before social safety mandates are placed once again.

In the meantime, Traci Bullens, Quality Director at Rockcastle Regional, says "Normal care should be observed until officials see the direction of the new variants." Stay home if you are sick, avoid crowded areas if you are in compromised health, wash your hands frequently and observe the usual prevention methods right now," she said. "If you think you may be positive, there are still home tests available. You should see your doctor or go to Quick Care to be tested."

Officials say they are keeping a close eye on the new variants and will keep the public informed of any changes.

Officials also say there has been at least one case of lead poisoning in Rockcastle County last week and health department officials are investigating the source of that poisoning. Officials say an investigation is always conducted after a confirmed case of lead poisoning.

"Tax"

(Continued from front) gram submittals accepting the 90 Degree Insurance Company bids. According to Holbrook another bid from United Health was in an acceptable range but would increase the "out of pocket expense" of each employee. "This package can take the deductible from \$2,000 to \$4,000 on employees," he said. Magistrate Shane Thacker immediately made a motion to keep the current plan and avoid raising out of pocket expense for the 55 county employees.

According to the proposal, a 95% probability is estimated that the county will be out \$536,046 in insurance costs over the year and the "worst case" expense would be \$630,563.

The court accepted and passed Thacker's motion unanimously.

In other action, the court addressed a note from Glenna Robinson and Kathy Baker concerning the annual Livingston Haunted House. According to the letter, officials of the event require the use of the Livingston cafeteria every Friday and Saturday of October and the first weekend of November from 7:30 to midnight. The letter also says organizers will need the "basement and dungeon" from mid-August thru December.

However, Holbrook asked the magistrates if

they wished to continue supporting the event since the county owns the building and asked about liability to the county. Some members of the court expressed concern about liability that may be involved and Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson was asked for his view.

"I am not a haunted house expert but I am a fire expert and I can tell you that it is a death trap down there," he said. "I can assure you that what they have been doing down there would not meet any sort of fire regulations. If you want to continue the event it needs a lot done, including fire exits and exit signs and more."

Holbrook asked County Attorney Jeremy Rowe his view on the subject. "I would have to look at it," he said. Rowe attended the meeting via phone.

The haunted house issue was tabled until more discussion could be held. Davidson said he will provide fire safety requirement information to Holbrook that applies to the situation before the next court meeting.

The court also agreed to purchase voting equipment for nearly \$40,000 but Holbrook said those funds will be reimbursed to the county through a grant.

The court also accepted a request to pay slightly over \$40,000 for some arraignment equipment at the local detention center. According to Holbrook, the equipment is expected to be mandated over the next few years. Holbrook requested purchasing the equipment now while a grant is available to help with the purchase. "If we wait until it is mandated, all the cost will be on the county," he said. The request passed unanimously.

The court also agreed to a loan agreement of one of eight high-tech drones owned by the Cumberland Valley Area Development District.

According to the \$27,300 agreement, the county will be responsible for storage, maintenance, upkeep and providing a licensed, certified operator for the drone. Holbrook said the new drone has special infrared technology that can locate lost victims at night and see through heavy smoke and fire. The cost includes many additional accessories for the drone that officials say can be used for many purposes, including locating individuals in a forest setting.

The court also agreed to several intrafund transfers to clean up county accounts. Holbrook said the county was over budget on some departments and under budget in others. "This just equals the accounts back to where they are supposed to be,"

he said.

Having no further action, court was adjourned.

The regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12 at 4 p.m. in the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

"Fun"

(Continued from front) firehouse) with past mayor Jason Medley organizing the singing schedule. On Saturday morning, the traditional city-wide breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. and the parade line-up will be at 10. The awards ceremony will be held at noon. Events will include baby contests, music, auctions, vendors and much more. Events will end Saturday night after a concert by Travis Wayne and Contraband beginning at 9 p.m.

Senator Brandon Storm and State Representative Josh Bray are expected to be present for the event as well.

Then on Sunday the Rock-tember Blast will begin at 4 p.m. at the Industrial Park just off Highway 150 on Progress Drive.

This event has been renamed "Rock-tember Blast" and is being held in place of Blast in the Valley that was cancelled due to rain in July.

The blast will include live music, food trucks, vendors, inflatables and, of course, the fireworks show at dusk. The blast is held in partnership with the City of Mount Vernon, Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the Rockcastle Tourist Commission.

Both events are free and open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

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Public Hearing Notice

To all interested citizens of Rockcastle County, Kentucky: The Kentucky Department of Local Government (DLG) has completed a project funded under the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The project, funded for \$1 million, is entitled the Rockcastle County IDA Equipment Purchase, requested to fund equipment for Kentucky Microfoodery LLC located in Rockcastle County. The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on Friday, September 15, at 10 a.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. The purpose of this hearing is to report to the community on the accomplishments of the grant, to give the status of the close out, and to answer any questions citizens or officials may have about the grant, its implementation, and the close-out.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at the Rockcastle County Judge Executive's office during regular business hours:

- A. Amount of funds expended and the range of activities undertaken.
- B. The extent to which the stated goals of the project application were accomplished.
- C. The activities of the project which benefited persons of low and moderate income.
- D. Whether any persons were displaced as a result of grant activities and if so how that was addressed. (This is a formality only; no persons were displaced.)
- E. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds if requested ahead of time.

Comments on Project Documentation

A copy of the CDBG documentation on the Kentucky Microfoodery LLC project is on file at the Rockcastle County Judge Executive's Office for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours from Friday, September 1, 2023, through Friday, September 15, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to the County Judge Executive's Office by 10 a.m. Friday, September 15, 2023. All those wishing to speak in person about the project and its close out may speak at the public hearing as noted above.

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SPORTS

Rockets thunder past Lions after two storm delays

After an almost two-hour lightning delay, the Rockcastle County Rockets football team stormed past the Pineville Mountain Lions 56-14 in thunderous fashion on Friday night in the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl.

After senior quarterback Tucker Warren connected with Christian Larkey on a 28-yard pass on the game's first play, junior running back Carter Powell found paydirt from 18-yards out on the next play. Benjamin Brenda's extra point kick was good giving the Rockets (2-0) a quick 7-0 advantage.

Pineville opened their first series on offense with a loss of four yards on the first play of the drive before the skies opened with steady rain, lightning and thunderstorms rolling though the area causing a lengthy delay.

The delay looked like it would end after just over an hour as the teams were granted a 10-minute warmup period, but another round of thunder and lightning only further delayed the restart of the game.

"It's not easy to get them going after two delays especially when you're trying to keep 60 kids focused and the players wanting to play," stated Rockcastle County head coach Chris Larkey. "I think though that no matter what, our kids were excited, and it didn't take much to get them going. The biggest thing for me is making sure they are warmed up well and not get injured from that."

Just five plays after the game resumed, Warren intercepted a pass from the Mountain Lions (0-2) starting quarterback and

followed the convoy into the endzone for a defensive touchdown for the Rockets. Brenda's extra point attempt was good giving The Rock a 14-0 lead with 9:17 remaining in the opening stanza.

It was a mere three minutes later that Rockcastle would score again as Christian Larkey fielded a punt at midfield, shook off a couple of would-be tacklers and followed his blockers all the way into the endzone for a touchdown. Brenda once again converted the extra point for a 21-0 lead.

"It was a beautiful punt return, and the blocking was just as we asked," added Coach Larkey. "Get in the way and let our returners do their magic. There is no substitute for speed."

The defensive unit stymied the Pineville offensive corps and forced another punt after a few plays and the offense for the Rockets wasn't on the field long before they scored again.

After a Warren to Larkey pass took the ball from the Pineville 39 to the three setting up a first and goal Warren coasted into the endzone for a rushing touchdown just before Brenda's conversion kick gave Rockcastle a 28-0 lead with 4:30 left in the first quarter.

"Tucker does an amazing job of reading the defense," Coach Larkey added of Warren, who would eventually be named the team's Offensive MVP for the game. "He gets our wide receivers the ball quick and tries to get them in position to make great plays. Just his experience of running this offense and knowing what he must

look for on whether he gives the ball or keeps it in this run-pass-option offense. Fans sometimes have a hard time following the ball because of our fakes and it's due to hours of practice of reading what the defense does. The thing that most haven't seen yet is his true ability of running the football.

"He is a very fast and elusive runner. Something people don't understand is that when Tucker moved and transferred in, our whole offense changed. We were able to move Caleb Moore to a wide receiver beside Isaiah Jackson and Christian, and this has created a three-headed monster for teams. With Carter Powell and Anthony Goodin in the backfield, it has helped us become a totally different team as in the past. Even when Christian goes to the backfield, defenses still have to deal with Isaiah and Caleb. Plus, we still have three wide receivers we haven't really been able to use so far including Ethan Weaver, Broedy Dunaway and Dalton Flannery because the scores have gotten so out of hand."

The next series on defense saw the Rockets push the Mountain Lions back for a loss of 22 yards including a 16-yard loss on a bad snap over the punter's head.

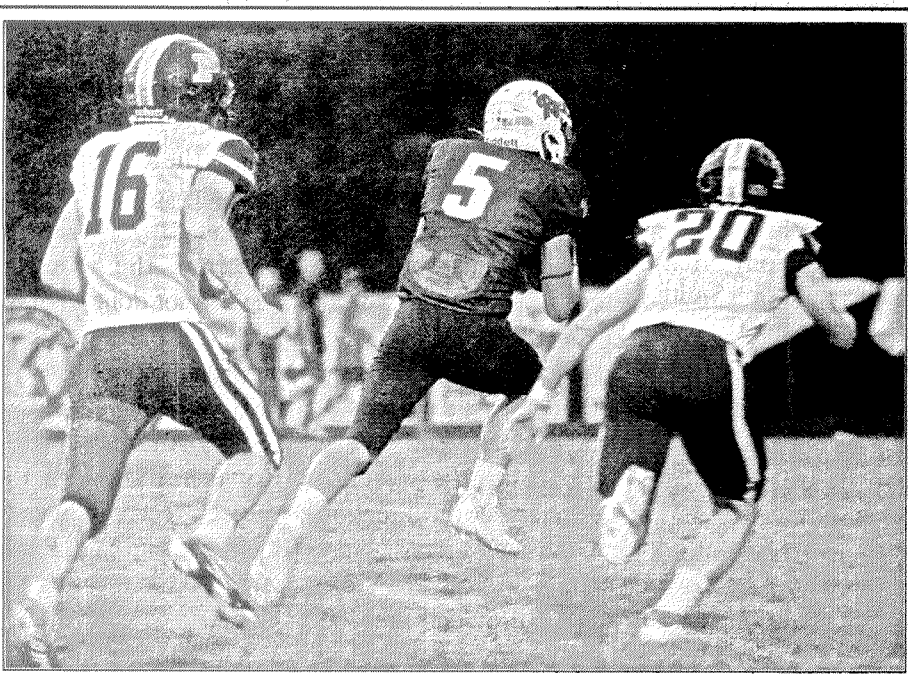
With the Rockets on fourth down on offense still in the first quarter and the game already out of hand, Coach Larkey called on Brenda for his first field goal of the season to which the junior kicker sent a perfect kick between the uprights from 32-yards out for a 31-0 advantage.

Rockcastle would go on to add two more passing touchdowns from Warren with one going to Moore and the other to Jackson as well as rushing touchdowns from senior Anthony Goodin and freshman Xavier Leger.

Pineville was able to score late in the second quarter on the starters before tacking on a touchdown against the Rockets' junior varsity squad.

"Pineville went 7-4 last year and had a great team," said Coach Larkey of a Mountain Lions team that dressed 29 including 14 freshmen. "Obviously when we scheduled them, we knew it would be young versus young. We lost starters from our offense and defense

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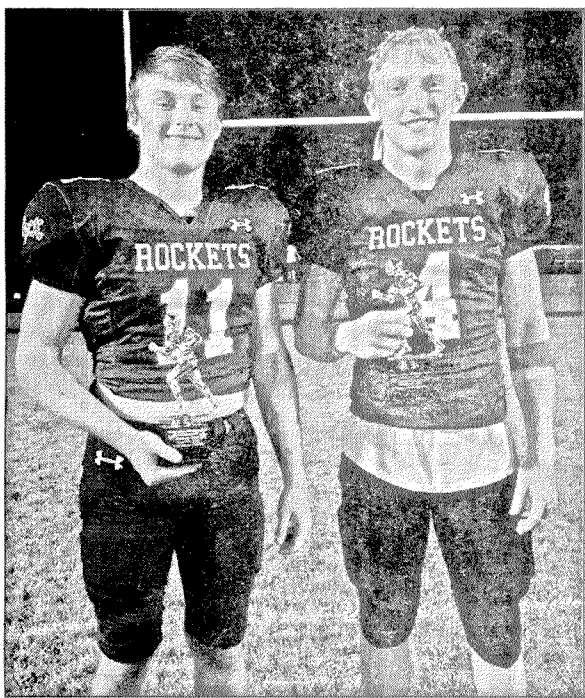
Carter Powell breaks free for the Rockets' first touchdown of the night from 18 yards on the second play of the game in the Rockets' 56-14 win over Pineville Friday night.



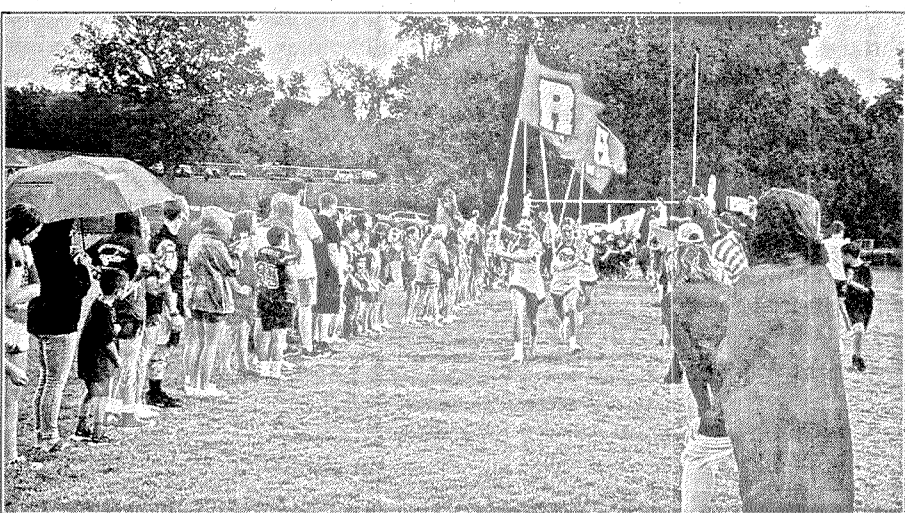
Quarterback Tucker Warren connected with Christian Larkey, above, for 28 yards on the first play of the Rockets' win over Pineville.



Benjamin Brenda completes an extra-point attempt after the Rockets' first touchdown of the night. Besides extra points, Brenda connected on a 32 yard field goal during the win.



Christian Larkey, left, was named the Defensive MVP and Tucker Warren was named the Offensive MVP for the Rockets after their 56-14 win over Pineville Friday night in the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl.



Rocket cheerleaders led the football team through the Spirit Line before the Rockets' rainy and stormy win over Pineville Friday night.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Rockery: Should you want one?

A rockery can be a natural mountain escarpment with large boulders and smaller rocks eroding and plants growing among the various stones and small amounts of dirt. And it can just as well be man made to look natural. Or small ones in containers can take

the look of a flower pot with sempervirens or cactus or something. This is a fairly popular feature, especially in urban and country settings. Might it be a feature for your yard? Should you want a rock garden?

Dreaming, designing, planning. Those are important before you get to work.

Find a good location for your rock project. And for a large property, this could mean more than one such rockery project. It should appear natural and scaled to the property size. (Although, a fence or hedge or something can make for a small rock garden being just a part of that limited 'outdoor room' that is viewed from only the one yard spot or location.)

Must you dig? Must you prepare the site? This can totally depend on so many variables. The slope or lack thereof, the trees and vines and weeds that exist, the kinds of plant species you plan to plant in your new creative rockery, drainage concerns, and objectives you hope to accomplish. Digging may not be necessary if you're relying on bringing everything in and building with rocks, gravels, dirt, sand, etc. as a raised bed area on top of the existing terrain.

Once you have a location, then a plan, you are ready to plot out the placement of the largest stones and where you want your bed to begin and end and such decisions. Big rocks should be planned first...but you can get started on one side or something if you don't yet have any available big stones...just remember to have in mind where they are to go once you obtain the big ones. And ideally then you'll place smaller rocks and sand or gravels around them. And allow for good planting spots or planting pockets using a better soil (a soil that fits the plant you're planning to go in the hole). Any yard can have such a rockery if it's designed thoughtfully

and in coordination with its surroundings.

Do you want to grow herbs? Perennials? Shrubs? Clumps of grasses? Perhaps a tree that likes dry conditions? Raised beds enable lots of options an existing yard and it's soil may not provide you.

Rockeries can flank a water feature and look super. They can be located beside a rustic outdoor seating or grilling location. They can be large enough in scale to give privacy if you're on the other side of them, can be seated behind them, if you desire more private spots in your yard. Rock gardens obviously can be placed to hide troubling spots or places that nothing will grow. They also can connect one aspect to another...connect the grass to a wooded area, divide the home and a detached garage, or simply be the main focal point or focal points of the entire landscape if their scale is sufficiently large. (Or, they can be so small as to fit in some large pots or containers on the patio.)

There's an annual magazine called The Rock Garden, in Scotland. There are lots of books and magazines on landscaping and gardening—and some of these contain articles or chapters on rock gardening. North American Rock Garden Society publishes a quarterly, and they do have a 'local' chapter in Ohio and in North Carolina for the serious rock gardener.

Is there a rock garden in you future?

The author is a landscaper. (606) 416-3911 or rockcastles@gmail.com to contact.

"Rockets"

(Cont. from pg. A6)

each. We are playing a lot of ninth and tenth graders right now. Pineville isn't a bad team, but it just so happened we jumped on them quickly and took control early."

Speaking of those younger players, it was a trio of freshmen that led the Rockets in tackles as well as a few other underclassmen that stepped up as well causing big hit after big hit.

Hunter Pingleton followed a stellar performance in his first varsity start as a freshman linebacker in Week 1 against Anderson County by leading the Rockcastle defensive unit with five tackles including a pair of tackles for loss.

Freshman linebackers Cam Smith and Aaron Mullins collected four and three tackles, respectively, with Mullins earning two tackles for loss and a quarterback sack.

Jackson, a sophomore, as well as Weaver and juniors Powell and Creed Gabbard tackled on two tackles each along with seniors Moore and Goodin, who both collected a tackle for loss to go, along with two from Gabbard.

Christian Larkey, who had one tackle on defense while stifling the Pineville receivers and earning the previously mentioned punt return for touchdown, was named the team's Defensive MVP for the Jamboree Bowl.

Dunaway, Jacob Leger, Jai Denny, Aaron Cromer, Heath Barnes, Ford Lovell, Caden Lowell, Brandon Valle, Nick Reppert and Ashtin Hensley added a tackle each with Hensley's being a quarterback sack.

The defense held Pineville to negative 15 yards rushing and gave up just 173 through the air for a total of 158 yards of offense for the Mountain Lions.

"Our young guys on defense are playing well and it's getting them ready for some true tests coming up," Coach Larkey spoke of his underclassmen. "They just keep getting better and the more they get a chance to play in real games, the better they will continue to get. We have so many young kids contributing right now it's hard to talk about each of them. They just keep working hard and building for the future. The experience they are getting is invaluable."

One area of concern for many Rockets fans going into the season was how would the offensive and defensive lines factor into the team's success and so far, they have stood up to task and been beast against those who stood on the opposite side of the line from them.

"First off, I want to give 100 percent credit to three coaches including Josh Martin, Michael Brummett and Brian Oliver for working these two groups of players into what they are right now," Coach Larkey mentioned. "We have so many different play calls and blocking schemes that it is so amazing to watch these guys

work. When you play defensive or offensive line for Rockcastle, you have to put in a lot of dirty time with bumps and bruises, but this is what makes Rockcastle so well known. Our linemen have their own rules and creeds they go by. They know if they don't work hard, we don't win. Our defensive line isn't blessed with a lot of size, but they are blessed with speed and that's something we have stressed to them to use to their advantage. We have always told them that their position is the only one that has the word 'men' in it and they are true linemen."

The offensive line blocked outstandingly for their quarterback, running backs and receivers all game regardless of who was playing.

The offense totaled 318 yards overall with 157 on the ground and 161 through the air for a balance assault on the Pineville defense.

Warren was 6-for-9 passing with a pair of touchdowns while adding two carries for 10 yards and a score on the ground.

Goodin led the rushing attack with five carries for 60 yards and a score. Xavier Leger added three carries for 34 yards and a touchdown.

Powell, Christian Larkey, Connor Wright and Daulton Santo carried the ball one time each for 18, 19, 10 and six yards, respectively. Larkey's carry went for a touchdown.

"I'm just glad we got to have a game," said Coach Larkey when reflecting back on the storm causing the lengthy delay. "It had been blistering hot all week and we even moved the game start back to 8 p.m. only to have a huge storm come through and delay the game for around two hours. We were going to have a huge crowd for the home opener and then the weather bombed it. Our kids were so happy to see how many fans stayed at the game and supported them. This is what tradition, and our small county is all about. I thought our kids' mindset was great throughout and stayed focused. I think we played as well as we could."

The weather looks to be better for this Friday's action 7:30 p.m. start, which will be against a Frankfort squad coming into the game from the Capital City with a 0-2 record and not much success on either side of the ball so far this season.

"You can never compare scores and when you do that then you are beat," Coach Larkey added about the upcoming game. "Frankfort will be the fastest and biggest team we have played so far. All our guys had to do Sunday was see Frankfort on film and what they look like and that got their attention. Our kids are going to play hard. We aren't worried about that. Getting kids focused in 2023 is a different story. There are so many things going on right now with school, sickness, JV games, etc. There are so many more distractions for kids now than there used to be. We just have to come out and play very smart football and go hit and tackle."

Historical Haven



Jason Medley and Ronnie Hurley provided this photo of the old Gulf Station.



Great Salt Petre Cave photo by Rockcastle Tourism.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor must be no more than 400 words without prior arrangements. Letters are published in the order in which they are received as space permits. Letters must not contain libelous materials. No more than two letters supporting a political candidate per household. Letters must be in the *Signal* office before 4 p.m. on Monday to be considered for that week's publication. All letters must include the author's name, signature, address and telephone numbers. Illegible letters will not be considered for publication. Letters not meeting these guidelines will neither be published nor returned to the author. For questions or to make arrangements for a letter exceeding the word limit, contact the editor at 256-2244.

Food Truck Friday

Friday, Sept 1
3pm-8pm

Eat Me Dogz
Chicago Style Hotdogs

Old Forge Moonshine Tasting



On The Rocks Wine & Spirits

100 Tassie Ln.
Mount Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-1497

Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 65A.080 (2), KRS 424.220, of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial report and supporting data may be inspected by the public at the Rockcastle County Conservation District Office located at 180 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, between the hours of Monday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Rockcastle County Conservation District holds its regularly scheduled monthly board meetings at 7:30 pm (Spring/Summer) and 6:30 pm (Fall/Winter) on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Farmers Market building at 180 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. All meetings are open to the public.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-9

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING A TRACT OF PROPERTY INTO CITY LIMITS

I Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon previously passed ordinance 2022-8 stating its intent and desire to annex a parcel of property located contiguously to the existing City Mount Vernon boundaries, pursuant to KRS Chapter 81A, and,

Whereas, each property owner was notified of the intent to annex, and two separate notices were published in the paper in accordance with KRS 81A.420, and,

Whereas, no petition was filed with the County Clerk during the 60 day time period,

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky, it does hereby annex a parcel of property which is contiguous to current boundaries of the City limits, and is a territory that is urban in character or is suitable for urban development without unreasonable delay, and which contains, or is expected to contain in the immediate future, water mains, and sewer mains which belong to the City of Mount Vernon, and which currently serve, or will serve in the immediate future, customers throughout the area:

A tract of landed located and being in Rockcastle County, State of Kentucky, known as Rockcastle Industrial Park, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

(See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein in full by reference)

II This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and upon publication by law.

First Reading 07/20/2023

Second Reading 08/17/2023

Publication 08/31/2023

APPROVED:

Tim Roberts, Mayor

Mount Vernon, Kentucky

ATTEST:

Crystal Rush, City Clerk

Energy saving tips for extremely high temps

LG&E and KU share ways to save energy during a heat wave

Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are offering tips and resources to help you stay cool and save energy during extremely high temperatures. While record energy demands are not anticipated, as always, LG&E and KU employees are working hard to produce and deliver safe, reliable energy to the communities they serve.

Following these tips and making a few changes around your home can help better manage energy use during these scorching summer days:

1 Manage your thermostat: Consider the schedules of those in the household and adjust programmable thermostats as needed. Setting the thermostat to the highest comfortable setting during the day will help manage cooling expenses. Raising your thermostat setting by one degree can save as much as 4-7% on the cooling portion of your energy bill.

2 Mind the gaps: Closing any leaks or gaps

around doors, windows and ductwork will help your cooling system operate more efficiently.

3 Feel the breeze: Using a fan along with your air conditioner helps spread the cooled air throughout the home more effectively without having to adjust the thermostat.

4 Block the sun: Closing curtains, drapes and blinds on sun-facing windows helps block rays that naturally increase indoor temperatures.

5 Do a checkup: Have a certified professional service your AC each year to make sure it's ready to perform in extended high temperatures. Set a reminder to change your filter each month, or according to the manufacturer's instructions, to keep your system operating at its best.

More ways to beat the heat

Visit lge-ku.com/tips for even more ways to save this summer, including simple how-to videos featuring our employees.

LG&E and KU also offer information on community agencies that of-

fer heating and cooling assistance resources for those who qualify.

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In the Heart of Natural Kentucky
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Homecoming Itinerary
September 2, 2023

8am - Breakfast
10am - Parade Lineup
11am - Parade
12pm - Awards
2pm - Music Begins
3pm - Pretty Baby Contest & Homecoming Queen
4pm - Auction
5pm - Special Activities Begin
6pm - Music
9pm - Travis Wayne & Contraband

Special Guests:
Senator Brandon Storm
State Representative Josh Bray

Twisted Stache

Dr. David Brabon
Retirement Announcement

I would like to thank my patients for the faith and trust you have placed in me and my staff over the years in providing you with medical care. It has been my privilege to have cared for you.

After 50 years of practicing, 27 of which were spent in this community, I have made the decision to retire from medical practice this September.

Please know that all of your medical records are safely kept here at Rockcastle Medical Arts and shall remain confidential as per federal law. If you should have any questions at all, or would like to obtain your medical records, please contact my office at (606) 256-4148, option 2 to arrange for proper records transfer.

It has always been a great pleasure to provide medical care to each of my patients and I wish you the very best of health and good fortune in the future.

Best Regards,
David Brabon, M.D.

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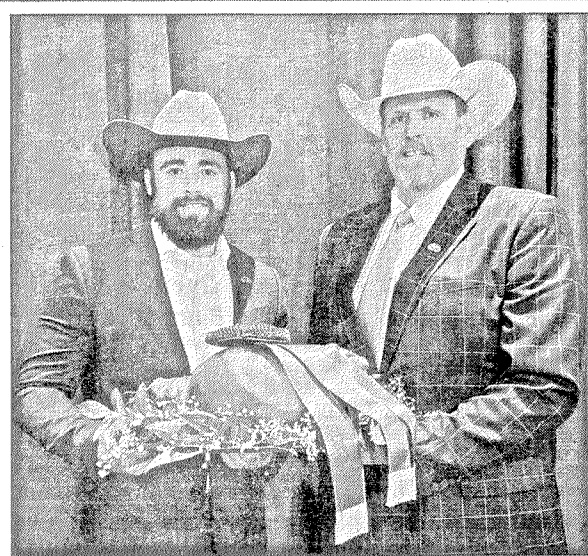
Kentucky State Fair results



The FFA Agronomy team were state runners-up. The team consisted of Emily Thacker, Anna Chaliff, Gracie Peavie and Kylie Isaacs. Anna Chaliff was the state high individual and Gracie Peavie was 5th individually.



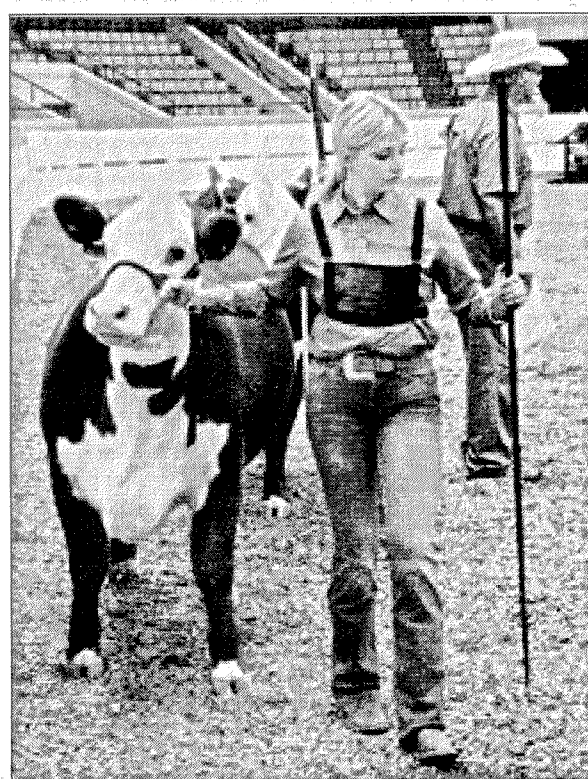
The Livestock Judging team placed 8th in a very competitive state contest. The team consisted of Ethan Gibson, Paige Cash, Kyndall McNew and Caitlyn Kirby.



Ham sold for \$10,000,000

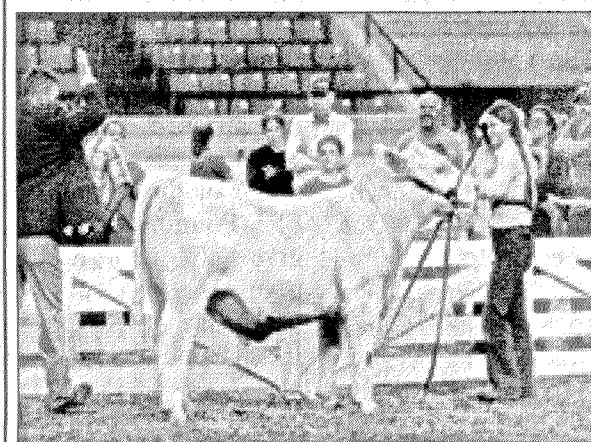
The 2022 KY State Champion Auctioneer, Seth Hembree from Ford Brothers Auctioneers, sold the 2023 KY State Fair Grand Champion Country Ham for \$10,000,000 on Thursday, August 24th in Louisville. Pictured are, on the left, Seth Hembree of Ford Brothers Auctioneers and on the right, Davin Smith, Past President of the Kentucky Auctioneers Association.

Beef Week Awards



Rockcastle's Ellen Todd is shown in competition just before her win as Division Champion in the Open Chianina Show.

Beef Week Awards



Sarah Barron is shown being selected Supreme Bull of the Junior Show at the Kentucky State Fair.



Chelsey Branham participated in the Seed Identification Contest at the Kentucky State Fair.

Photos submitted by various fair participants and their families

Beef Week Awards

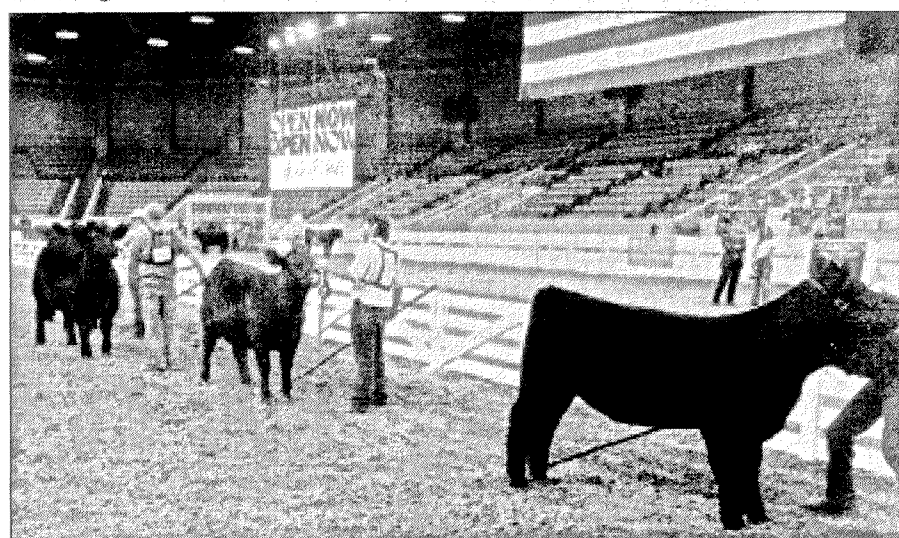


Destiny Adams with her father Scott Adams. Destiny won many awards at the Kentucky State Fair during Beef Week. Among her awards was the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Bull of the open Simmental show. She also took Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor.



The Agriculture Mechanics team participated in the state competition at the Kentucky State Fair. The team consisted of Ransom Wolfe, Dwayne Clark and Kyndall McNew. Dwayne was the 3rd high individual in the contest. Landon Curtsinger (not pictured) also participated in the welding competition and placed 9th individually.

Beef Week Awards



Drew Dyehouse is shown during competition at Beef Week at the Kentucky State Fair. Drew won many awards including Grand Champion Chianina Bull of the junior show, Kentucky Bull Champion of the open Chianina show, Kentucky Proud Champion Chianina Heifer of the junior show, Champion Bred and Owned Chianina Heifer, Reserve Division Champion Heifer in the open Chianina show.

Rockcastle Hunger Walk plans set for September 21

By: Mike French
Editor

September is Hunger Awareness Month and, as usual, the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), in conjunction with the City of Mount Vernon, Texas Roadhouse, Hunt Brothers Pizza and the Rockcastle County School System

are planning the annual Hunger Walk for 2023. The theme for this year is "Fighting Hunger and Feeding Hope."

The walk is planned for Thursday, September 21 from 10-11 a.m. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and you must bring a food item to register. The walk will be held

from NAPA Auto Parts on Main Street, down West Main and Williams Street and back. There is also a shorter, modified course for those who can't walk the entire distance.

Officials say the CAP Hunger Walk raises awareness and financial support to provide nutri-

tious meals for children, their families and seniors in Appalachia.

CAP organizers say food items are needed to help those experiencing hunger in the Appalachian area every month. Food items most needed include canned goods, granola bars, cereal and peanut butter and jelly in

plastic jars.

Anyone interested in helping CAP by donating goods or helping raise funds should contact

Sheri Barnett at 606-386-0094 or anyone may send an email to sbarnett@chrisapp.org for information.

**Registration at 9 a.m.
Hunger Walk
10 to 11 a.m.
Bring a food item**

Total divided among 4-H, FFA, KDA

‘Ag Tag’ donations reach highest level ever

Kentucky farmers donated \$735,815.88 to the Ag Tag Program for 2023. The total represents the largest amount ever donated in a single year since the program began and it brings the total of donations to more than \$5 million since 2016, Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles announced recently.

“This year’s record-breaking Ag Tag donations is a true example of our Kentucky farm families giving back to their communities,” Commissioner Quarles said. “Through the years, the Ag Tag Program has succeeded in providing much-needed funding for promoting agriculture and educating Kentucky’s youth on the importance of agriculture in our everyday lives. Your generosity will help ensure Kentucky agriculture has a bright future.”

The voluntary donations are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). This year, each group will receive \$245,271.96. Since 2016, Kentucky FFA and Kentucky 4-H have received, collectively, nearly \$3.5 million from donations made by ag producers renewing their vehicles each year.

Half of the 4-H and FFA donations are returned to local councils and chapters, meaning leaders in the donating community are able to use those funds to cover the cost of 4-H and FFA camp and other leadership programs for youth. County 4-H councils regularly uses Ag Tag dollars to provide 4-H camp scholarships and

travel for life-changing, educational experiences to enable local 4-H youth to grow as leaders and engaged citizens. FFA chapters were free to use the money to meet the greatest needs in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.

The KDA uses its share of the Ag Tag funds for various programs such as the Ag Athlete of the Year awards, the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award, Kentucky Women in Agriculture, and the University of Kentucky Grain and Forage Center of Excellence.

“The Kentucky FFA Foundation is thrilled with the 2023 Ag Tag campaign. The Ag Tag program has become a vital part of accomplishing our vision of Growing Leaders, Building Communities & Strengthening Agriculture,” said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. “We give half of the funds given in each county back to the local chapters in that county, so this means a greater impact in each community. We also use Ag Tag donations to fund Ag Achievers grants, which offer much-needed technology upgrades to agriculture classrooms across Kentucky, provide travel scholarships to our students competing at National FFA Convention, and provide a great experience for our students at the Kentucky State Fair. It is a simple way to give back and collectively, make a huge impact on the future of Kentucky

agriculture.” “Kentucky 4-H is truly grateful to all those who chose to make the \$10 donation and support youth across the commonwealth,” said Melissa Miller, executive director

of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. “The Ag Tag dollars are instrumental in supporting 4-H programs in all 120 counties. These funds allow youth to thrive by growing, developing, and engaging

in their communities.” Kentucky motorists who buy or renew farm vehicle license plates, or “ag tags,” may make a voluntary donation of up to \$10 to the Ag Tag Fund. Half of the 4-H and

FFA funds always go back to the county where the tag is purchased, where both organizations use the funds to support local programming awards, and scholarships, etc..



Brodhead Fire Department's Brianna Bussell Mullins with DAR member, Debbie Brown



Mt. Vernon Fire Department member Jeremy Neal with Edwina Anglin



Pongo and Western Rockcastle Fire Departments presented to dispatcher Kim Renner by Edwina Anglin

DAR presents certificates

Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR presented certificates to members of the community for properly displaying the U.S. Flag. If you know of an individual, group or organization that properly displays the flag, please contact Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com



Climax Volunteer Fire Department by DAR member June Whitler. Pictured are Fire Chief Brian Wynn and other fire fighters and board members.



Livingston Fire Department with Christi Benge and DAR Flag Chair, Edwina Anglin

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

FRUITED CURRY CHICKEN SALAD

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cooked and diced
1 stalk celery, chopped
1/2 onion, chopped
1 small apple - peeled, cored and chopped
1/3 cup golden raisins
1/3 cup seedless green grapes, halved
1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon curry powder
3/4 cup mayonnaise
Mix all together, tossing to coat. Salad is ready to serve!

FRUITED CHICKEN SPREAD

3 Large or 6 small chicken breasts
4 cups pineapple (to taste)
2 cups red grapes (to taste)
2 cups green grapes (to taste)
2 cups pineapple juice (to taste)
1 cup chopped pecans
2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese
Salt and pepper

Put chicken in slow cooker. Cook on low for 4 hours. Shred chicken and let cool. While that is cooling, chop grapes and pineapple into bite size pieces. Soften cream cheese.

Then mix all chicken, fruit, and cream cheese. Add pineapple juice to thin out a bit. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place

in fridge overnight. Keeps about a week in fridge make sandwiches wraps eat on crackers or alone

CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH FILLING

3 cups cooked chicken, diced or shredded
1/2 cup diced celery
3 to 4 tablespoons finely chopped purple onion
1/4 to 1/2 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip®, or more, to taste
2 teaspoons lemon juice
2 to 3 teaspoons chopped sweet red bell peppers,
1 hard-boiled egg, chopped

Mix all ingredients. Refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours. Note: You can use pickle relish or chopped pickles in the filling.

HOT CHICKEN SALAD

4 boneless cooked chicken breasts, diced
1 cup chopped celery
1 can (8 ounce) sliced water chestnuts
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoon grated onion
1/2 cup sliced almonds
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1 and 1/2 cups crushed potato chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9 x 13 baking dish.

In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients. Mix well and lightly spoon into prepared baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING A TRACT OF PROPERTY INTO CITY LIMITS

I Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon previously passed ordinance 2022-7 stating its intent and desire to annex a parcel of property located contiguously to the existing City Mount Vernon boundaries, pursuant to KRS Chapter 81A, and,

Whereas, each property owner was notified of the intent to annex, and two separate notices were published in the paper in accordance with KRS 81A.420, and,

Whereas, no petition was filed with the County Clerk during the 60 day time period,

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky, it does hereby annex a parcel of property which is contiguous to current boundaries of the City limits, and is a territory that is urban in character or is suitable for urban development without unreasonable delay, and which contains, or is expected to contain in the immediate future, water mains, and sewer mains which belong to the City of Mount Vernon, and which currently serve, or will serve in the immediate future, customers throughout the area:

A tract of landed located and being in Rockcastle County, State of Kentucky, known as Bridgeport Properties, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

(See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein in full by reference)

II This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and upon publication by law.

First Reading 07/20/2023

Second Reading 08/17/2023

Publication 08/31/2023

APPROVED:

Tim Roberts, Mayor

Mount Vernon, Kentucky

ATTEST:

Crystal Rush

Crystal Rush, City Clerk

Financial Statement
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
Fund Type: Governmental
From: 07/01/2022 To: 06/30/2023

SUMMARY														
	General	Road	Jail	L.G.E.A.	Forestry	Fairgrounds	EDF	FARMER'S MKT	911 Fund LERK STORAGE		OSF	ARPA	CSEPP	Totals
Total Receipts	5,140,089.95	2,155,331.14	1,798,102.96	564,495.52	3,268.07	11,836.45	3,356,109.42	10,650.00	534,005.27	21,720.00	199,369.99	3,259,607.92	341,351.80	17,394,138.49
Total Claims	3,149,992.43	2,136,650.58	1,736,772.39	424,386.98	2,627.00	10,280.26	318,185.32	6,072.51	507,856.39			54.00	271,422.96	8,564,300.82
Cash Balance	1,990,097.52	18,680.56	59,330.57	140,106.54	641.07	1,556.19	3,037,924.10	4,777.49	26,148.88	21,720.00	199,369.99	3,259,553.92	69,928.84	8,829,837.67
Encumbrances	74,670.84	19,387.15	15,001.08	533.89			26,707.33		3,024.30				4,034.58	143,359.17
Unencumbered Cash Balance	1,915,426.68	-706.59	44,329.49	139,574.65	641.07	1,556.19	3,011,216.77	4,777.49	23,124.58	21,720.00	199,369.99	3,259,553.92	65,894.26	8,686,478.50

RECONCILIATION														
Bank Balance	1,433,321.06	18,914.13	62,854.40	145,702.69	641.07	1,708.74	3,037,924.10	4,777.49	27,016.06	21,720.00	199,369.99	3,259,553.92	72,650.51	8,266,154.18
Outstanding Deposits														
Outstanding Checks	18,113.75	233.57	3,523.83	5,594.15		152.55			867.18				2,721.67	31,206.70
Other Investments	574,890.19													574,890.19
Cash Balance	1,990,097.52	18,680.56	59,330.57	140,108.54	641.07	1,556.19	3,037,924.10	4,777.49	26,148.88	21,720.00	199,369.99	3,259,553.92	69,928.84	8,829,837.67

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE


VICKIE MILLER, COUNTY TREASURER

7-11-2023
Date


HOWELL HOLBROOK, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

7-11-2023
Date

Statement of Receipts
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
Fiscal Year: 2022-2023

The following information is reported for the close of the above Fiscal Year and the amounts stated are a true and correct representation of the cash-basis accounting method.

General Fund	
ANCHOR INTEREST	66,396.67
FEDERAL FUNDS	713,168.44
GENERAL FUND	1,890,213.16
OCCUPATIONAL TAX	2,552,131.02
PARK & REC RECEIPTS	8,982.00
US BANK RECEIPTS	58,594.50
General Fund	5,289,485.79
Road Fund	
ROAD RECEIPTS	1,636,060.42
Road Fund	1,636,060.42
Jail Fund	
JAIL RECEIPTS	811,860.90
Jail Fund	811,860.90
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	
LGEA RECEIPTS	437,848.19
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	437,848.19
Forestry Fund	
FORESTRY RECEIPTS	1,255.86
Forestry Fund	1,255.86
Fairgrounds	
FAIRGRPUND FUND	4,200.00
FG RECEIPTS	900.00
Fairgrounds	5,100.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	15,955.58
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	15,955.58
FARMER'S MARKET	
FARMER'S MARKET	9,700.00
FARMER'S MARKET	9,700.00
911 Fund	
911 RECEIPTS	305,630.28
911 Fund	305,630.28
COUNTY CLERK STORAGE FEE	
CLERK STORAGE FEE	11,180.00
COUNTY CLERK STORAGE FEE	11,180.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND	
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND	199,369.99
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND	199,369.99
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS	
ARPA	1,626,664.63
ARPA INTEREST	7,510.50
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS	1,634,175.13
CSEPP Fund	

CSEPP Fund	
CSEPP	272,713.60
CSEPP Fund	272,713.60
Grand Total All Fund	10,630,335.74

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Statement of Appropriations
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
Fiscal Year: 2022-2023

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General Fund		
5001	OFFICE OF COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE	134,215.29
5005	OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY	40,915.20
5010	OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK	130,431.89
5015	OFFICE OF SHERIFF	576,560.54
5025	FISCAL COURT	116,186.45
5030	OFFICE OF THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR	29,400.00
5035	OFFICE OF BOARD OF ASSESSMENTS	400.00
5040	OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER	42,693.07
5047	OFFICE OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR	30,793.44
5060	COUNTY LAW LIBRARY	1,176.00
5065	ELECTIONS	150,866.83
5075	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	75,000.12
5080	COURTHOUSE	192,306.16
5086	ANNEX BUILDING	136,855.72
5120	COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT	269,775.38
5135	DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES	18,358.43
5140	AMBULANCE SERVICE	60,000.00
5170	COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY	29,656.18
5175	PUBLIC DEFENDER	521.40
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	1,025.00
5205	OFFICE OF THE COUNTY DOG WARDEN	87,461.10
5232	OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMS	49,186.46
5240	FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS	2,909.04
5301	SERVICES TO INDIGENTS	6,266.70
5305	SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	5,314.15
5401	PARKS	31,126.19
5405	OTHER RECREATION PROGRAMS	34,058.11
5410	PUBLIC LIBRARIES	4,834.67
5425	CELEBRATIONS, FESTIVALS & CULTURAL PROGRMS	13,600.00
7700	LEASES	294,320.93
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	86,179.12
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	417,598.86
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	80,000.00
General Fund Total		3,149,992.43
Road Fund		
5025	FISCAL COURT	16,500.00
6103	ROAD SUPERVISOR	85,767.68
6105	ROAD MAINTENCE	1,473,416.30
7700	LEASES	165,087.56
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	37,684.23
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	348,248.57
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	9,946.24
Road Fund Total		2,136,650.58

Jail Fund		
5101	OFFICE OF JAILER	1,200,914.41
5102	JUVENILE DETENTION	1,654.44
7700	LEASES	94,387.50
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	31,567.67
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	408,248.37
Jail Fund Total		1,736,772.39
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		
5020	OFFICE OF CORONER	30,725.37
5076	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	14,116.64
5103	ROAD WORK RELEASE SUPERVISORS	92,910.52
5215	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	85,856.43
5217	RECYCLING	73,277.55
6105	ROAD MAINTENCE	49,294.13
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	158.13
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	78,048.21
L.G.E.A. Fund Total		424,386.98

Forestry Fund		
5150	FOREST FIRE PROTECTION	2,555.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	72.00
Forestry Fund Total		2,627.00
Fairgrounds		
5401	PARKS	10,280.26
Fairgrounds Fund Total		10,280.26
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND		
7700	LEASES	318,131.32
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	54.00
EDF Fund Total		318,185.32
FARMER'S MARKET		
5335	COUNTY FARM	6,018.51
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	54.00
FARMER'S MKT Fund Total		6,072.51
911 Fund		
5135	DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES	33,819.83
5145	EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICE (911)	311,481.31
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	162,555.25
911 Fund Fund Total		507,856.39
COUNTY CLERK STORAGE FEE		
CLERK STORAGE Fund Total		
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND		
OSF Fund Total		
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS		
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	54.00
ARPA Fund Total		54.00

CSEPP Fund		
5135	DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES	242,137.72
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	2,686.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	26,599.24
CSEPP Fund Total		271,422.96
Grand Total All Funds		8,564,300.82

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Statement of Revenues		
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY		
Fiscal Year: 2022-2023		
The following information is reported for the close of the above Fiscal Year and the amounts stated are a true and correct representation of the cash-basis accounting method.		
General Fund		
4101	REAL ESTATE - SHERIFF	346,053.04
4103	MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES - COUNTY CLERK	111,248.07
4104	DELINQUENT TAXES - COUNTY CLERK	15,518.83
4130	BANK FRANCHISE DEPOSIT TAX	57,123.49
4131	FRANCHISE CORPORATION	54,459.64
4134	OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE/TAX	2,181,516.83
4135	DEED TRANSFER	37,760.70
4137	INSURANCE LICENSE FEE TAX	678,427.08
4139	NET PROFITS FEE TAX	368,638.39
4210	OTHER IN LIEU PAYMENT	40,205.00
4302	EXCESS FEES - CLERK	108,908.18
4304	EXCESS FEES - SHERIFF	30,737.11
4401	BUSINESS LICENSE	370.50
4417	CABLE VISION FRANCHISE FEE	19,001.64
4501	OMITTED PROPERTY TAX BILL PAYMENT	899.94
4503	FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT/REFUND	760,412.66
4510	STATE GRANTS	500.00
4520	ELECTION EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	7,650.00
4522	LEGAL PROCESS TAX	78.69
4532	AOC SPACE RENTAL	176,531.56
4539	KLEFPF INCENTIVE PAY	17,947.53
4542	EMA REIMBURSEMENT	1,692.24
4543	MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	194.94
4604	PARKS AND RECREATION	8,982.00
4612	ANIMAL SHELTER	6,619.00
4701	VENDING MACHINE COMMISSION	337.39
4704	SURPLUS MACHINERY/EQUIPMENT SALES	20,495.20
4726	INSURANCE PROCEEDS	5,825.58
4727	REIMBURSEMENT	3,600.00
4731	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	14,103.67
4732	REVOLVING LOAN REPAYMENT	78,050.04
4733	INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	10,095.20
4799	OTHER RECEIPTS	17,432.25
4801	INTEREST EARNED	78,152.52
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	1,419,895.43
4905	BOND SALE PROCEEDS	29,916.88
4909	CASH TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	(1,605,491.27)
4910	CASH TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	36,200.00
General Fund Total		5,140,089.95
Road Fund		
4205	NATIONAL FOREST	25,361.77
4506	STATE REIMBURSEMENT	3,515.84
4510	STATE GRANTS	29,801.39

Road Fund		
4514	TRANSPORTATION CABINET	216,684.00
4516	TRUCK LICENSE DISTRIBUTION	254,488.86
4517	DRIVERS LICENSE REFUND	3,561.00
4518	COUNTY ROAD AID	1,090,071.00
4706	ROAD MATERIAL SALES	9,557.20
4731	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	618.65
4799	OTHER RECEIPTS	2,005.14
4801	INTEREST EARNED	395.57
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	90,457.68
4910	CASH TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	428,813.04
Road Fund Total		2,155,331.14

Jail Fund		
4533	JAIL OPERATION PAY	51,994.30
4534	JAIL MEDICAL PAYMENTS	4,102.09
4535	COURT COSTS - JAIL OPERATION	4,731.89
4536	INTERCOUNTY JAIL CONTRACTS	70,906.32
4537	STATE PRISONERS	496,213.16
4538	D.U.I. FEES FROM STATE	2,292.47
4543	MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	14,179.38
4555	COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUSING	79,746.00
4559	SOCIAL SECURITY ADMIN INCENTIVE PAY (JAIL)	3,800.00
4569	LOCAL CORRECTIONS ASSISTANT	30,693.56
4680	SERVICE FEES	17,372.11
4702	TELEPHONE COMMISSIONS	34,190.72
4731	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	1,444.10
4801	INTEREST EARNED	194.80
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	85,242.06
4910	CASH TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	899,000.00
Jail Fund Total		1,796,102.96

Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		
4510	STATE GRANTS	130,826.85
4529	LGEA - MINERAL TAX	289,409.88
4680	SERVICE FEES	1,700.00
4713	RECYCLING RECEIPTS	12,388.91
4731	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	1,210.23
4801	INTEREST EARNED	2,312.32
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	66,647.33
4910	CASH TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	60,000.00
L.G.E.A. Fund Total		564,495.52

Forestry Fund		
4112	FIRE PROTECTION	1,255.86
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	373.98
4910	CASH TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	1,638.23

Forestry Fund		
Forestry Fund Total		3,268.07
Fairgrounds		
4711	RENTAL AND LEASE RECEIPTS	5,100.00
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	5,736.45
4910	CASH TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	1,000.00
Fairgrounds Fund Total		11,836.45
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND		
4801	INTEREST EARNED	15,955.58
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	3,340,153.84
EDF Fund Total		3,356,109.42
FARMER'S MARKET		
4711	RENTAL AND LEASE RECEIPTS	9,700.00
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	650.00
4910	CASH TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	500.00
FARMER'S MKT Fund Total		10,850.00
911 Fund		
4140	TELEPHONE 911 FEE/TAX	99,246.00
4510	STATE GRANTS	13,637.75
4562	WIRELESS TELEPHONE 911 SURCHARGE	156,478.65
4731	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	36,200.00
4801	INTEREST EARNED	67.88
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	60,574.99
4909	CASH TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	(36,200.00)
4910	CASH TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	204,000.00
911 Fund Fund Total		534,005.27
COUNTY CLERK STORAGE FEE		
4731	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	11,180.00
4910	CASH TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	10,540.00
CLERK STORAGE Fund Total		21,720.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND		
4760	COURT SETTLEMENTS	199,262.15
4801	INTEREST EARNED	107.84
OSF Fund Total		199,369.99
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS		
4504	FEDERAL GRANT	1,621,404.00
4801	INTEREST EARNED	12,771.13
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	1,625,432.79
ARPA Fund Total		3,259,607.92
CSEPP Fund		
4542	EMA REIMBURSEMENT	272,713.60
4901	SURPLUS, PRIOR YEAR	68,638.20
CSEPP Fund Total		341,351.80

Grand Total All Funds		17,394,138.49
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Statement of Claims		
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY		
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General Fund		
ACE HARDWARE		845.68
AIM - CAFETERIA		6,116.50
ALETHA BRYANT		210.00
ALL AMERICAN CLUB		700.00
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY AMBULANCE		60,000.00
AMELIA F WEINFURTER		365.00
AMY MINK		100.00
ANDREW BEICHLER		375.00
ANITA MOORE		100.00
ATLANTIC COASTAL SUPPLY INC		319.20
BACK PORCH		70.75

BAILEE ALLEN	100.00
BECKY TAYLOR	260.00
BEE GARBAGE TRANSFER SYSTEM, INC.	4,735.00
BETHANY BRICKLEY	360.00
BETTERSOURCE BENEFIT COMPANY	150.00
BILLY WAYNE BRYANT	220.00
BLAST IN THE VALLEY	10,000.00
PNC BANK C/O BLUEGRASS KESCO, INC.	3,000.00
BLUEGRASS STEEL PRODUCTS	235.00
BOBBY PHELPS	185.17
BRANDON REYNOLDS	375.00
BREANNA ADAMS	360.00
BRENDA A HAYES	560.00
BRENDA KAY PARSONS	375.00
BRENDA SIMPSON BULLOCK	365.00
BRINDLE RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	6,524.35
BRODHEAD VOL. FIRE DEPT.	2,000.00
BRODHEAD WATER	1,439.68
BRYAN BUSSELL	100.00
BSL LOCKSMITH	237.50
CAMMIE PAIGE BEICHLER	360.00
CAROL ANN KIRBY	30.00
CAROL JEAN SIGMON	375.00
CARQUEST	97.92
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES, INC.	496.91
CENTRAL BODY SERVICE	27,221.84
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	252.99
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	100.00
CHARLES BRUD BLACK	560.00
CHARLES RUSSELL	5,389.50
CHARLES TONY DAVIS	365.00
CHRISTINE TAYLOR	360.00

CHRISTOPHER REED	290.25
CIMA	240.00
CINTAS	3,001.52
CITY OF LIVINGSTON	18,845.96
CLARISSA R BARBER	23.00
CLIFFORD COLLINS BACKHOE, LLC	1,910.50
CLIMAX VOL FIRE DEPARTMENT	7,835.37
COMFORT SYSTEMS USA - KENTUCKY	34,458.85
COMPLETE HOME COMFORT	60.00
CONNIE BULLEN	1,160.00
CUMBERLAND RIVER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	1,400.00
CUMBERLAND VALLEY AREA DEV DISTRICT	3,506.00
D & S COMPUTERS	1,287.19
D-C ELEVATOR COMPANY, INC.	1,310.40
DAL-RS INC	523.92
DALTON GIBBS	150.00
DANETTA FORD ALLEN/ROCKCASTLE CO CLERK	7,208.89
DANNY R BULLOCK	410.00
DANVILLE OFFICE EQUIPMENT	5,871.20
DARLA REAMS MOORE	560.00
DAVID'S TIRE CENTER	90.89
DELORES PHELPS	260.00
DIANNA GILBERT	50.00
DONNA HOPKINS	365.00
DOTTY PARSONS	460.00
DOUG PREWITT	100.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC.	109,594.21
F.A.S.T. LLC	6,362.00
BRODHEAD FARM MART	6,801.42
FERRELLGAS	36,364.71
RCHS FFA	300.00
FIRST BANKCARD	9,412.64
FISCALSOFT CORPORATION	26,038.00
FIVE STAR COMMERCIAL ROOFING, INC	13,000.00
FORWARD EDGE	1,025.00
FOUR SEASONS PEST SOLUTIONS	490.00
FRANKIE WOODALL	1,500.00
GABBARD SEAL COATING	2,100.00
GOVERNMENT UTILITIES TECHNOLOGY	13,999.45
GRAINGER	233.64
HARTFORD STEAM BOILER	40.00
HDR CONSTRUCTION CONTROL CORPORATION	200.00
HERREN INDUSTRIAL	5,713.89

HILLTOP PRODUCE MARKET	80.40
HOLLY CHIANTARETTO ROBINSON	180.00
HOWELL HOLBROOK	1,891.22
INSIGHT GLOBAL LLC	300.00
BLUEGRASS INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS	1,609.23
INTUIT INC.	1,155.93
IZAK GIBBS	150.00
JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE	5,223.92
JANET B MCCLURE	470.00
JANET VAUGHN	100.00
JASON MEDLEY	6,000.00
JASON WEAVER	330.00
J BISIO ENTERPRISES	312.63
JBK, INC	14.00
JENNIFER K ABNEY	290.00
JENNIFER MATINGLY	1,160.00
JERALD BRYAN LEMASTER	1,000.60
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY ATTORNEY - JEREMY ROWE	14,640.00
JEROME S FISH	2,465.25
JESSICA LOU THACKER	760.00
JOE C. BULLEN	360.00
JOHN DAVID HURLEY	30.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS	5,800.07
JOSEPH CLONTZ	27.90
JOYCE C LEAR	360.00
KACO	2,250.00
KACO ALL LINES FUND	93,544.82
KACO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND	2,176.48

KACO WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	33,704.89
KATHY BOBO	1,664.32
KCJEA	840.00
KENTUCKIANA ELECTION SERVICE, INC	15,534.24
KENTUCKY COAL AND MINERAL COUNTY COALITION, INC.	1,000.00
KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOC	100.00
KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER	73,459.45
KENWAY	10,738.49
KIM HUNTER	460.00
KIM RENNER	100.00
KING BOTTLING, INC.	3,080.86
KMCA	3,196.82
KOFILE TECHNOLOGIES	1,155.20
KOLA	45.00
KRISTEN HARPER	180.00

KRISTEN KIRBY	100.00
KU	109,676.50
LAKESIDE ELECTRIC	2,447.50
LARGE ART COMPANY	11,840.00
LARKEY HVAC	130.00
LAUREL HOME GUARD	130.00
LEAF	58.56
LEO'S	84.00
LIMESTONE GRILL	68.72
LIVINGSTON HOMECOMING	1,500.00
LIVINGSTON VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT	10,606.49
LONDON PEST CONTROL	1,675.00
LORI CARPENTER	215.00
LOWES	105.10
LUMBER KING INC. - WC	829.73
MADISON TERMITE & PEST CONTROL CO.	200.00
MARCELLA'S FARM TO FORK	199.52
MARIA LOUISE WEAVER	330.00
MARY JANE COFFEY	460.00
MATTHEW SILCOX	100.00
MATT LAFFERTY	538.15
MCNEW MONUMENTS	300.00
MEADE TRACTOR	76.24
MONICA JILL MEDLEY	100.00
MORISSA HAYES	432.90
TOWN & COUNTRY MOTOR GARAGE	321.95
MT. VERNON AUTOMOTIVE - NAPA	2,310.40
MT. VERNON VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT	2,000.00
MT VERNON ANIMAL CLINIC	555.51
MT VERNON WATER WORKS	4,902.43
MWT ANIMAL HEALTH	981.17
NOEL MASONRY	34,400.00
PARSLEY GENERAL TIRE	1,023.98
PATRICK & ASSOCIATES	20,000.00
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PAYROLL FUND	1,267,594.84
PONGO VOL FIRE DEPARTMENT	7,025.57
POSTMASTER	5,348.70
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PVA	29,400.00
QUILL	3,829.44
RACHELLE RIDDLE	575.00
ROCKCASTLE CO INDUSTRIAL DEV AUTHORITY	96,153.92
REBECCA BULLOCK	460.00
REBERLAND EQUIPMENT, INC	156,200.00

AMERICAN RED CROSS - BLUEGRASS AREA CHAPTER	2,500.00
RENFRO VALLEY CAMP RESORT, LLC	492.15
REPUBLIC BANK	124,354.89
RICHARD GIBBS	219.96
RITA MIZE	640.00
ROAST BEAST LLC	9.00
ROAST BEAST OPERATING LLC	775.00
ROSE SONYA PREWITT	280.00
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	304.52
SAM BROCK	1,811.38
SANDI SINGLETON	180.00
SANDRA BURKE	360.00
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC	497.00
SEABISCUIT NEWCO INC	5,443.00
SELENA THOMPSON	50.00
ROCKCASTLE SENIOR CITIZENS	3,000.00
SHEILA ANN ROWE	60.00
SHEILA SPARKS ROWE	180.00
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SHERIFF	228,804.08
STERICYCLE, INC / SHRED-IT USA	378.00
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	9,815.50
SINGLETON INSURANCE	17,316.17
SONYA MCGUIRE	50.00
SOUTH CENTRAL JANITORIAL	1,045.14
SOUTHEAST APPARATUS, LLC	93.00
SOUTH MIDWAY SUPPLY INC	204.50
SPORTS DEN	8,996.10
STEPHEN BURDINE	360.00
TAMMY HAMM STEVENS	180.00
TARA BOONE	370.00
TEAM HEALTH, INC	2,922.00
THOROUGHTRUCK REPAIR & TOWING, INC.	6,752.40
TINA GIBBS	100.00
TOMAHAWK LIVE TRAP	261.68
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY TOURISM	1,000.00
TOWN & COUNTRY CHEVRON	12,367.34
SOUTHEASTERN ANTIQUE TRACTORS	1,000.00
US BANK KY POOLED CHECKS	169,966.04
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,905.79
ROCKCASTLE VETERINARY CLINIC	45.00
WALMART / CAPITOL ONE	380.87
WESTERN ROCKCASTLE VOL. FIRE DEPT.	4,305.00
WESTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER	682.24

General Fund	
WHITESTAR	1,238.04
WINDSTREAM	13,446.71
WINSTEAD'S HEATING & AIR	675.00
General Fund	3,149,992.43
Road Fund	
ACE HARDWARE	64.48
AIRHYDRO POWER	671.46
ATS CONSTRUCTION	577,407.88
BACHMAN CHEVY	81,494.00
BEE GARBAGE TRANSFER SYSTEM, INC.	5,190.00
BENGE FARM SUPPLY, INC.	30,914.85
BLUEGRASS INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS INC	1,790.21
BLUEGRASS STEEL PRODUCTS	460.00
BOBCAT ENTERPRISES INC	14,647.49
BRODHEAD FARM EQUIPMENT	835.08
BROWN'S BACKHOE SERVICE	600.00
CARQUEST	10,916.88
CINTAS	9,292.82
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	31,467.00
CORBIN HYDRAULICS	2,300.00
DANETTA FORD ALLEN/ROCKCASTLE CO CLERK	45.00
DAVID'S STARTER & ALTERNATOR	740.50
DAVID'S TIRE CENTER	2,174.66
DENNIS CROMER	125.00
DONALD CASH	113.00
DONNIE'S GARAGE DOORS & OPENERS	7,255.00
DUKES A&W ENTERPRISES LLC	231.71
ELKINS AUTO SALES	25,000.00
BRODHEAD FARM MART	3,940.27
FERRELLGAS	7,259.03
FIRST BANKCARD	5,968.06
FLYNN BROTHERS	23,815.54
GATOR-MADE, INC.	244.90
GENERAL RUBBER & PLASTICS	320.21
HEIDELBERG MATERIALS / HANSON	1,237.73
ROCKCASTLE HARDWARE	581.37
HENNECKE DRILLING LLC	28,100.00
HINKLE CONTRACTING COMPANY, LLC	1,880.75
HOLSTON GASES/SOMERSET	935.01
INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS, INC	78.50
IRON PEDDLERS	623.20
JEFF SMITH	144.03
J LINE	1,600.00

JONATHON COLLINS	13,881.00
KACO ALL LINES FUND	36,508.23
KACO WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	64,359.90
KELLER TRAILER SALES	479.12
KINCER'S SERVICE LLC	3,075.00
KING BOTTLING, INC.	179.50
KU	6,059.47
LONE STAR FARM & HOME	57.78
LONNIE BUSTLE	142.86
LOWES	1,262.55
LUMBER KING INC. - WC	694.77
LYKINS OIL COMPANY/ WORLD FUEL SERVICES, INC	26,883.19
MCKINNEYS TIRE & SERVICE	5,957.00
MEADE TRACTOR	428.23
MERRILL BROWN	162.59
MORGAN TRUCK PARTS	187.95
TOWN & COUNTRY MOTOR GARAGE	90.00
MT. VERNON AUTOMOTIVE - NAPA	13,172.99
MT VERNON FUEL CENTER	47,303.13
MT VERNON WATER WORKS	479.46
PAUL MILLER FORD	307.82
PAYNE'S AUTO SALES	125.00
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PAYROLL FUND	793,175.46
PETE'S TREE SERVICES, LLC	600.00
QUILL	410.91
RACHEL'S KWIK MART, INC	147.50
ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNS	246.71
ROPPEL'S	765.00
S&L CONTRACTING LLC	2,933.00
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY BD OF ED	9,946.24
SHELLY ALCORN	40.00
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	1,176.00
SILENT GUARD SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC	197.59
SOUTHEASTERN FARM SUPPLY	54.90
STEVEN JOHNSON	91.00
THE ALLEN CO.	11,458.98
THOROUGHTRUCK REPAIR & TOWING, INC.	1,782.16
TOWN & COUNTRY CHEVRON	30,579.78
TRI-GREEN EQUIPMENT	3,493.01
TRIPLE CROWN CONCRETE	3,248.00
US BANK KY POOLED CHECKS	165,087.56
VALLEY FARM EQUIPMENT	264.64
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,233.43

ROCKCASTLE FAMILY WELLNES	70.00
WHITESTAR	5,731.85
WINDSTREAM	1,653.70
Road Fund	2,136,650.58
Jail Fund	
13 FIFTY APPAREL	160.00
ACE HARDWARE	1,390.72
ADVANCED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY INC	1,652.25
ADVANCE CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC	33,742.35
ASK US COMPUTER SERVICES	5,144.38
ATLANTIC COASTAL SUPPLY INC	1,842.30
BAMILL, LLC	1,132.44
BLUEGRASS STEEL PRODUCTS	411.00
CARQUEST	26.94
CAUDILL TEMPERATURE CONTROL	1,510.62

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	1,774.57
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	180.00
COLOSSUS INC, DBA CALIBER PUBLIC SAFETY	4,058.00
D & S COMPUTERS	125.00
DANVILLE OFFICE EQUIPMENT	37,579.28
BRODHEAD FARM MART	1,543.80
FAST ACCESS HEALTHCARE	119,689.50
FIRST BANKCARD	7,166.38
FOOD MARKETING CONCEPTS	2,666.44
GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY	1,132.32
GRAINGER	205.47
HAZARD FIRE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT CO, LLC	1,414.99
HOWARD HADDIX	125.10
KACO ALL LINES FUND	28,326.87
KACO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND	1,376.08
KACO WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	37,585.35
KELLWELL FOODS, LLC	192,629.20
KENTUCKY JAILER'S ASSOC	1,675.00
KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER	1,654.44
KING BOTTLING, INC.	165.18
KU	1,914.79
LONDON PEST CONTROL	1,200.00
LONDON RADIO SERVICE, INC	51.80
LOWES	2,759.84
LUMBER KING INC. - WC	1,017.05
MAGIC MONOGRAMS	221.50
TOWN & COUNTRY MOTOR GARAGE	48.00
MT. VERNON AUTOMOTIVE - NAPA	141.07

MTJ AMERICAN LLC	2,188.81
MT VERNON WATER WORKS	473.96
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PAYROLL FUND	1,117,867.58
PAYROLL SOLUTIONS INC.	522.78
PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE	9,754.83
PRIMARY CARE DIAGNOSTICS	2,790.00
RR BRINK LOCKING SYSTEM	1,166.00
SASSY SISTER DESIGN CO	290.00
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	312.00
SINGLETON INSURANCE	341.03
SOUTH MIDWAY SUPPLY INC	830.21
TOWN & COUNTRY CHEVRON	2,172.65
US BANK KY POOLED CHECKS	94,387.50
WALMART / CAPITOL ONE	11.76
WINDSTREAM	6,150.26
WINSTEAD'S HEATING & AIR	2,073.00
Jail Fund	1,736,772.39
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	
ACE HARDWARE	3,707.24
ALL AMERICAN CLUB	900.00
BEE GARBAGE TRANSFER SYSTEM, INC.	18,616.00
BISHOP TIRE & TRUCK ACCESSORIES, INC.	1,122.33
BLUEGRASS STEEL PRODUCTS	22,575.00
BRODHEAD FARM EQUIPMENT	7.80
CARQUEST	1,201.44
CENTRAL KY COLLISION	202.11
ROCKCASTLE CHEER	2,705.20
CINTAS	2,036.40
CLIFFORD COLLINS SEPTIC TANKS, INC	877.49
D & S COMPUTERS	270.00
DANETTA FORD ALLEN/ROCKCASTLE CO CLERK	15.00
DAVID'S TIRE CENTER	356.13
DAWN CARPENTER	4,742.46
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD	14,116.64
DONALD CASH	336.50
ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERPRISES, INC	9,036.74
EQUIPMENT DEPOT	1,820.56
EXTRA PACKAGING LLC	661.97
BRODHEAD FARM MART	1,122.03
FIRST BANKCARD	2,628.23
FLAT ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH	350.00
FRIENDS OF GREAT SALT PETER CAVE	300.00
GATOR-MADE, INC.	4,600.00

HALO	4,770.23
ROCKCASTLE HARDWARE	192.02
HILLTOP PRODUCE MARKET	73.00
MT. VERNON IGA	1,453.24
JAMES RENNER	8.13
KACO WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	19,648.44
KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER	2,063.26
KINCER'S SERVICE LLC	750.00
KU	3,496.12
KY SPECIALTY ADVERTISING, INC.	2,741.63
LAKESIDE ELECTRIC	115.00
LAUREL RIDGE LANDFILL LLC	2,126.91
LINE X OF LONDON	1,440.00
LONDON RADIO SERVICE, INC	1,650.00
LOWES	90.22
LUMBER KING INC. - WC	1,983.41
MARCELLA'S FARM TO FORK	245.84
MARVIN OWENS HOME FOR FUNERALS	4,017.98
MCKINNEYS TIRE & SERVICE	2,676.00
MT. VERNON AUTOMOTIVE - NAPA	531.66
MT VERNON FUEL CENTER	473.78
PAUL MILLER FORD	1,745.99
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PAYROLL FUND	232,445.21
PIZZA HUT	133.99
QUILL	140.15
RACHEL'S KWIK MART, INC	20,045.55
RCHS ROTC	300.00
RCMS BOYS BASKETBALL	300.00
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	2,580.00
SINGLETON INSURANCE	305.40
SMS TIRE PROCESSING	3,960.75
SOLID WASTE COORDINATORS OF KY	225.00

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What is the Safe Haven Law?

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

Safe Haven
Baby Boxes

There are currently 136 SH-BB

16 of those boxes are located in KY

The first baby was placed in a KY SH-BB on 2/10/2023, less than 2 mths after installation

The nearest Safe Haven Box to Mt. Vernon, KY is in Mt. Washington, 97 miles away.

For more information, or to make a donation contact

Makaela Brooke Abney

makaela.abney@rockcastle.kyschools.us

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VFW	425.00
WALMART / CAPITOL ONE	733.63
WHITESTAR	150.00
WINDSTREAM	1,244.65
WRVK 1460	1,640.00
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	424,386.98
Forestry Fund	
KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER	2,555.00

MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	72.00
Forestry Fund	2,627.00
Fairgrounds	
ACE HARDWARE	149.38
BRODHEAD WATER	431.99
EADS FENCE COMPANY	725.00
ECONOMY GARAGE DOOR	1,050.00
BRODHEAD FARM MART	134.89
KU	6,905.06
LUMBER KING INC. - WC	97.87
MT. VERNON AUTOMOTIVE - NAPA	8.78
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	108.00
SILENT GUARD SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.	669.29
Fairgrounds	10,280.26
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	54.00
US BANK KY POOLED CHECKS	318,131.32
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	318,185.32
FARMER'S MARKET	
BEE GARBAGE TRANSFER SYSTEM, INC.	555.00
FERRELLGAS	2,240.23
FIRST BANKCARD	716.47
KU	2,401.04
MT. VERNON AUTOMOTIVE - NAPA	4.80
QUILL	50.97
RHONDA CHILDRESS	50.00
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	54.00
FARMER'S MARKET	6,072.51
911 Fund	
AK ASSOCIATES	3,261.20
APPLIED DIGITAL SOLUTIONS	4,534.80
BRITTNEY MOORE	63.00
CHRISTI BENGE	46.16
COLOSSUS INC, DBA CALIBER PUBLIC SAFETY	7,404.62
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST.	1,100.00
FIRST BANKCARD	398.55
JAYNA ALBRIGHT	660.00
JEFFREY BOONE	42.30
JESSICA CAMERON	162.57
KACO WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	2,713.59
KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER	719.00
KENWAY	235.76
KIMBERLY FIELDS	49.70

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOV	9,072.90
LINGO	1,024.84
MATT SOWDERS	145.00
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PAYROLL FUND	447,172.79
POSTMASTER	143.00
PRECISION PRODUCTS LLC	1,030.75
QUILL	853.12
REBECCA N GRIFFIN	44.84
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	180.40
TANNER SHANKS	33.50
WINDSTREAM	26,764.00
911 Fund	507,856.39

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS	
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	54.00
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS	54.00
CSEPP Fund	
ACE HARDWARE	138.55
ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS LLC	495.00
AMY BRAY	640.00
BATES SECURITY LLC	1,270.08
BEE GARBAGE TRANSFER SYSTEM, INC.	553.50
BIRNEY SIDING & REMODELING	2,475.00
BRANDON REYNOLDS	195.00
BRODHEAD FARM EQUIPMENT	28.95
CAROL ELLIOTT	4,800.00
CASH MACHINE TOOL	330.00
CAUDILL TEMPERATURE CONTROL	4,314.55
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	2,219.40
DANVILLE OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,107.96
DELL MARKETING LP	19,557.98
DISH	1,575.08
DONALD CASH	120.00
BRODHEAD FARM MART	1,039.98
FIRST BANKCARD	1,332.10
GATOR MADE, INC.	33.87
GRAINGER	31.05
HALO	6,424.26
ROCKCASTLE HOSPITAL	30,535.10
HYPER-REACH	4,950.00
MT. VERNON IGA	64.83
JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE	16,366.61
KACO ALL LINES FUND	14,045.13
KACO WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	1,873.75

KENWAY	127.19
KU	2,122.20
LIMESTONE GRILL	269.75
LONDON RADIO SERVICE, INC	49,581.49
M3 TECHNOLOGY GROUP	550.00
MADISON TERMITE & PEST CONTROL CO.	1,400.00
MATT SOWDERS	200.00
MT VERNON WATER WORKS	530.17
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PAYROLL FUND	70,425.89
PRO-PAC INC	8,091.62
QUILL	1,666.40
MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL	276.00
SIGNSMITH GRAPHICS & DESIGN	1,286.00
TOWN & COUNTRY CHEVRON	3,382.99
WALMART / CAPITOL ONE	72.95
WHITESTAR	1,399.32
WINDSTREAM	13,523.26
CSEPP Fund	271,422.96
Grand Total All Fund	8,564,300.82

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VICKIE MILLER, COUNTY TREASURER

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's FY End Statements in full are available for public inspection at the office of the County Treasurer during normal business hours.

Classifieds

CLASSIFIED RATES

- Local Rates - \$5 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word
- Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch

Deadline for Classifieds is 4 p.m. Monday

For Rent

Farm House For Rent w/ option to rent barn and barn lot. Located on Merritt Cemetery Road. Recently renovated. \$450 per month house only. Approved application required 1-859-494-0815. 29x2

Chism Drive Thru Storage. 9 1/2 x14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf

Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

For Rent
Maple Street Storage of Brodhead
606-308-2491

Property For Sale
30 Acre Stand of Timber. Sawmill nearby. Call 606-594-8990. 33xntf

Posted
Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge, Mt. Vernon. 5x24

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23

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

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. **Anyone entering the property must be with Orville Burkhardt.** Violators will be prosecuted. 35(22)x50p

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

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

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

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

Miscellaneous For Sale
Cresthaven Cemetery Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

Motorcycles For Sale
2005 Harley Davidson Softtail Motorcycle. Lots of extras, mustang seat, lindy bars, Harley alarm system, show lights, windshield, bags, passenger bar, road lights, custom gauges, injected, garage kept with only 12,800 miles. \$6,000. 608-289-4513. 28x4

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Sherry Lou Webb, 180 Langdon St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Vickie S. Arnold, P.O. Box 4056, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Anna Lee Smith, deceased, on the 28th day of August 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sherry Lou Webb and Vickie S. Arnold or to Hon. Jerry W. Gilbert, Coy, Gilbert, Shepherd & Wilson, 212 North Second Street, P.O. Box 1178, Richmond, Ky. 40475-1178 on or before February 28, 2024 at 11 a.m. 29x3

Notice is hereby given that Willard Darryl Neeley, 38 Level Green Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409 and Anthony Dana Neeley, 716 Lambert Rd., Berea, KY 40403 has been appointed Co-Executors (w/ will attached) of the estate of Willard S. Neeley, deceased, on the 17th day of August 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Willard Darryl Neeley and Anthony Dana Neeley or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before February 2nd, 2024. 28x3

Yard Sales

Yard Sale: Saturday, September 2nd, 9 a.m. to ? Williams St., Mt. Vernon. Women's and men's fall/winter clothing. \$1 items, Christmas trees, wreaths, table and chairs, water filter.

Yard Sale: September 1st and 2nd, 9:30 a.m. to ? Lots of stuff. Purr-Rigsby Road, Brodhead.

Yard Sale: First yard sale in five yars. Men's and women's clothing and shoes, furniture, luggage and purses. Small appliances, jewelry, home decor and more. Friday, Sept. 1st, 5 to 8 p.m. and Sat., Sept. 2nd, 8 a.m. to ? 202 Proffitt St., Brodhead.

Yard Sale: September 2nd and 3rd, 24 Old Somerset Rd., just off Hwy. 150. Everything must go! No reasonable offer refused, some new items, clothing, love seat, dresser with mirror and lots more. 28x

Multi-Family Yard Sale: 1301 Big Cave Rd., Orlando, 1 1/2 miles out 1004, something for everyone. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 to ?

Garage Sale: Thursday, Aug. 31, and Friday and Saturday, September 1st and 2nd, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. 292 Maretburg Road, 3rd house on right. Corning Ware bakeware, Corelle dishes, Revere Ware, Quilt tops, lots of household items and more. Something for everyone.

Yard Sale: September 1st - 4th. 4380 Blue Springs Road, corner of 1152 and 461. Qntique, tools, dishes, colletibles. Something for everyone.

Yard Sale: Sat., Sept. 2nd, 9 a.m. to ? Lear Crest Subdv. (260 Manchester Lane), Brodhead. Lots of girl's and boy's clothing - size 15-16, Abercrombie jeans, little bit of everything.

Casey's Marketing Company, d/b/a Minit Mart with a mailing address of One S.E. Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021, hereby declares its intention to apply for an NQ Malt Beverage Package Alcohol License not later than September 1, 2023. The businesses to be licensed will be located at: 1.1565 Richmond Street, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456; and 2.1970 Richmond Street, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

Casey's Marketing Company is an Iowa Corporation authorized to do business in Kentucky, wholly owned by Casey's General Stores, Inc., the Officers of which are: Samuel J. James, President, One S.E. Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021; Brian J. Johnson, Vice President, One S.E. Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021; Scott A. Faber, Secretary, One S.E. Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021; Douglas M. Beech, Assistant Secretary, One S.E. Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021; and Eric M. Larsen, Treasurer, One S.E. Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within (30) days of the date of legal publication.



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2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
3. Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
4. Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:
 - Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations.
 - Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
 - Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context.
 - Recent increased agitation or irritability.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org, or reach out to a mental health professional.

988 SUICIDE LIFELINE

Professional Services

Owens Monument: Located behind Owens Funeral Home in Brodhead. Open Mon-Fri. 8 to 5 and Sat. 9 a.m. to noon. 606-758-9600. 14xntf

Gravel Hauling and spreading. Call 606-308-1858 or 254-289-2913.

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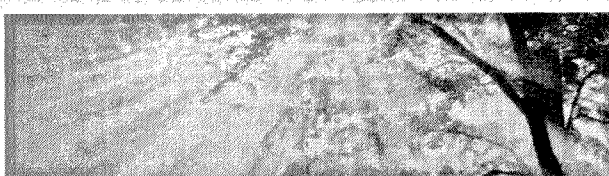
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Yards to Paradise



By Max Phelps
Create A Stunning Hillside Landscape

Trying to grow grass and keep it mowed on a steep bank is a difficult proposition. Trimming or mowing under varying conditions, including slippery and wet ones, is inviting an accident to happen, just a matter of when it will occur. Let's investigate this some and see what alternatives we might have besides lawn for steep areas. It is possible to create some stunning landscapes where before there was a troubling space. Your hill can be transformed into something special.

Seven possible solutions for steep slopes will be discussed in today's column. Probably you will think of others as we go along. Before we begin, what do you have currently that is near impossible to mow? Is it really steep? Is it rocky? Is it eroding? Or do you have some good grass on it? Or is it neglected with bushes or trees volunteering?

Steep areas can be turned into delightful works of art. Begin by making a plan, or even maybe several to pick from. Then, be aware transforming a slope may very well cost more to

beautify than a similarly sized flat area would. Decide how soon you'd like to proceed, how much you're comfortable spending, and decide if you can tackle it or if you need landscape or construction professionals to do it. Simple things like groundcovers can be a do-it-yourself chore. Resculpting the land and building terraces may definitely require a professional.

Idea one. Terracing. This would be something landscape construction companies might suggest. Creating stair steps, large or small ones, is what we mean by terracing. Flat areas are created for planting, for activities, or just to eliminate the slope and be sown into lawn grasses. Useful flat areas are created—and mowing slopes is eliminated. The idea can be expanded upon to create lots of new outdoor space such as a patio or pool spot where one would have been impossible with the hillside. Retaining walls, of various materials, will be needed to hold or retain the soil at the areas where terraces are built.

Second, another way to get out of mowing a slope is to plant it in groundcovers. This could be everything from a tree or trees with vinca, ivy, epimedium, hellebores, or lots of other things growing under them (except lawn), to wildflower beds, to carpet juniper bushes.

Closely related would be to naturalize it into a woodsy area. Plant trees with smaller shrubs and flowers under them...or plant shrubbery with sizes comingled.

A fourth idea is a rock garden. Large rock outcrops that are hard to disguise make this choice a

no-brainer almost. But a rock garden can be created with some stones brought in and placed to look natural, and with flowers and other attractive plants incorporated on the sloped areas among the random-placed stones and boulders.

Idea five. Plant wildflower seeds and let the spot go wild. A handful of fruiting or flowering shrubs, then the flower seeds would be great.

Music to my ears is when a homeowner calls wanting to have a stream with waterfalls installed on a slope near the home. (It'll be music to their ears for years to come if they

decide to buy into this plan!)

And the seventh suggestion is to build decks with stairs...either uphill or downhill...depending on how your sloped area is situated. This gives the equivalent of terracing, idea #1, but without moving any dirt or building any retaining walls. This boardwalk concept could bridge ravines and damp ground no problem.

The hillside landscape or the hillside transformation into useful flat areas can be a great investment, creating both added value and beauty where before there was a problem area.

Your unruly slope can

be tamed. If you have such a beast, I encourage you to have a fun time and be creative.

You can have a lovely landscape with more usable space where in the past you had a dangerous spot to mow or trim. Some of these ideas will be pretty inexpensive. And some of them will require substantial investment. Depending on your tastes, what you need, the style of the house, and yes your budget, turning your problem slope into paradise is certainly worth giving more thought to.

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ACROSS

- 1) Barn birds
- 5) Enjoy a nice soak
- 10) Enjoy a nice wash-up
- 14) Ham's dad
- 15) Collection plate passer
- 16) Big name in desktops
- 17) Not at 100 percent
- 20) Firmament
- 21) Tabloid twosome
- 22) Ships' docking spots
- 23) Dentist's request
- 24) "I couldn't agree more"
- 26) Like house plants
- 29) Sacred Egyptian beetles
- 32) Clean up an article
- 33) Fiber___ cable
- 34) "This tape will self-destruct ___" org.
- 36) Be aboveboard?
- 40) Costa del ___
- 41) More secure
- 42) Baseless, as a threat
- 43) Clouds in the cosmos
- 45) Diamond-shaped pattern
- 47) Like some thermometers
- 48) Slangy agreement
- 49) Silk fabric with a wavy pattern
- 52) "___ to Be Wild"
- 53) Where a gymnast lands
- 56) Assigned prices that are too low
- 60) Greek portico
- 61) 15-percentor
- 62) Melt ingredient, often
- 63) Going rate?
- 64) Climber's toehold
- 65) Prepare, as a steak

DOWN

- 1) Encumbrance
- 2) Policy maven
- 3) The Beatles' "___ Madonna"
- 4) Yonder woman
- 5) Hit with the head
- 6) Drained of color
- 7) Those over there
- 8) Cut down with an ax
- 9) Before
- 10) Jennifer Lopez, for one
- 11) Exercise byproduct, often
- 12) Jerk the wheel
- 13) Is incorrect
- 18) Ready to harvest
- 19) Immediate impression
- 23) "Beetle Bailey" pooch
- 24) Repertory member
- 25) Hurt severely
- 26) Cribbage items
- 27) Keats's "___ a Grecian Urn"
- 28) Boxers' dreams
- 29) Shopaholic's indulgence
- 30) Fussbudget
- 31) What the nose knows
- 33) Abattoir waste
- 35) Like some refills
- 37) One with a lot of interest in his work?
- 38) Samoan currency
- 39) Close at hand
- 44) Like the Northern Lights
- 45) Fill full of bubbles
- 46) Long, angry discourse
- 48) New to the world
- 49) Has to
- 50) In the know
- 51) Golden calf, for example
- 52) Ran, as watercolors
- 53) Pout
- 54) Kendrick of Hollywood
- 55) Autocrat until 1917
- 57) Kilmer of Hollywood
- 58) What comes before beauty
- 59) "___ show time!"

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