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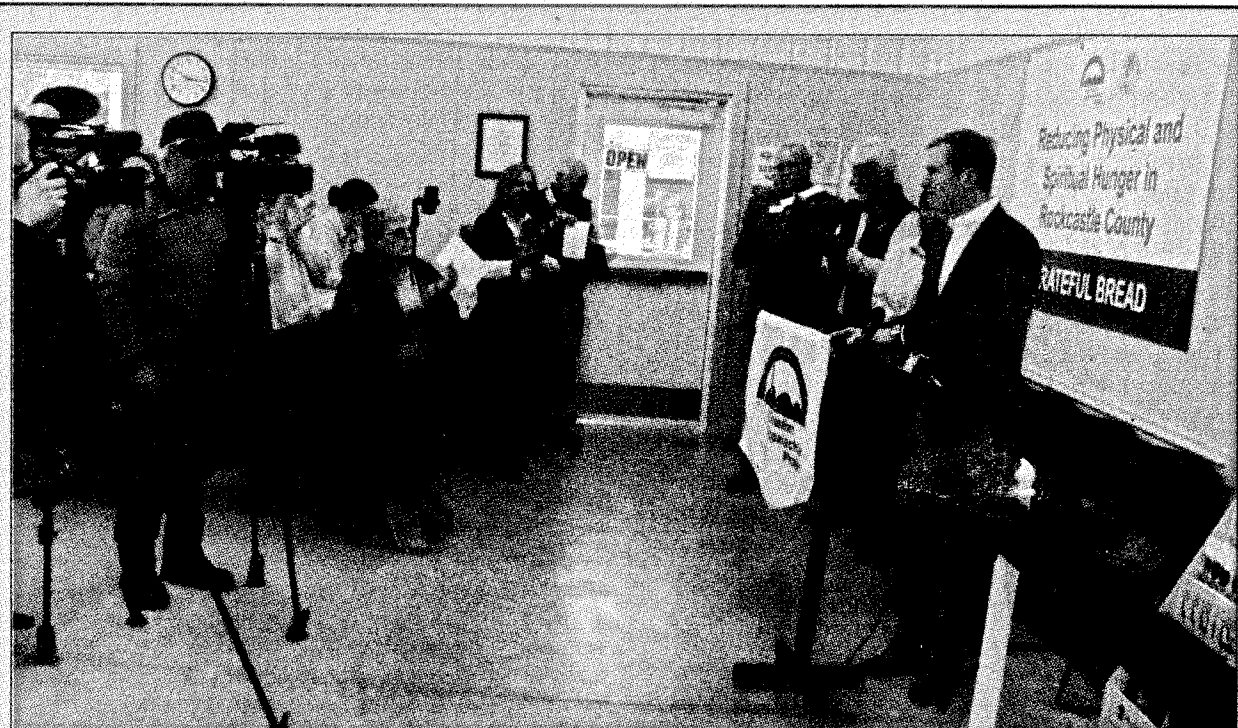
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Shown above, Governor Andy Beshear spoke to those present at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Christian Appalachian Project's Grateful Bread Food Pantry Expansion project Monday on US-25 in Mount Vernon. Shown below, Beshear stands with local and state officials as he presents a grant check for \$800,100 for the new regional industrial park in Rockcastle County. RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook (second from left), Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. (third from right) and State Representative Josh Bray (right) were three of the local officials credited with the idea of creating the regional economic development project.



## Governor visits county Grant presented for new regional industrial park

By: Mike French  
Editor

Governor Andy Beshear presented officials with a check for \$800,100 as the state's part of the new RGL Regional Industrial park at a ceremony Monday at the Area Technology Center in Mount Vernon.

The new 165-acre park is a collaboration of Lincoln, Garrard and Rockcastle County's fiscal courts in an effort to create a more viable industrial park for the

economic growth of all three counties.

"By working together, we have created an industrial park with a much larger work force available with all the benefits of all three counties at the same time," Said Jeff VanHook, Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority. VanHook said now that natural gas will be available at the location, plus the work

(See "Park" on A5)

## Governor comes to Rockcastle for CAP grand opening

By: Mike French  
Editor

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear visited Rockcastle for the grand opening ceremony of the expansion of the Christian Appalachian Project's (CAP) Grateful Bread Food Pantry facility on Richmond Street (US 25 N just outside Renfro Valley), Monday.

The facility has been serving the residents of Rockcastle County, and

several surrounding counties since 2007, and since then has joined forces with Rockcastle County Schools, the Backpack Program and others to provide food for the hungry.

"The pantry has already had a huge impact on the community and this expansion will make an even bigger difference in the community," said Beshear.

(See "CAP" on A5)

## Rockcastle Grand Jury hands down 18 local indictments

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down 18 indictments on 19 people on Friday, January 26. Those indicted and their charges were as follows.

Robert, Lee Samples, 55, of Brodhead, was indicted on the charge of the murder of Lisa Bowling and the offense of being a persistent felon after

### Kiwanis auction

The 27th annual Kiwanis Charity Auction has been scheduled for February 26th through March 7th.

The auction has become a popular event in Rockcastle County as each year bidders are able to find items usually at a better price than normal, all while helping the youth of Rockcastle County.

All proceeds from the event will be used to fund activities and scholarship.

(See "Auction" on A5)

having been convicted of at least two other felony offenses. Samples' bail was set at \$250,000 cash or property (c/p).

Kenneth E. Begley, 49, of Mount Vernon was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance (meth), one count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one count of driving with a suspended license.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Anthony J. Naylor, 36 of Mount Vernon, was indicted on two counts, possession of a controlled substance (meth) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Franklin Dewayne Buell, 47, of Harlan, was indicted on one count of theft by deception, by creating or reinforcing of a false impression depriving William Swinney of over \$1,000, and for being a

persistent felon after having been previously convicted of at least two offenses.

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p.

Clayton Wallace Fisher, 31, of Brodhead, was indicted on one count of criminal abuse, by abusing a person less than 12 years of age causing serious physical injury or placing him in a situation that may cause him physi-

### Fiscal Court approves regional park board by laws and agreements

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting last week to deal with some timely issues.

The first four agenda items included the platform of the new RGL (Rockcastle, Garrard, Lincoln) Regional Industrial Development Au-

thority that require court approval of the membership agreement, the interlocal cooperation agreement, articles of incorporation and bylaws of the new entity.

His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p.

Kimberly Stephens, 35, of Mount Vernon, was indicted on one count of Welfare Fraud (SNAP) for a value over \$1,000 by failing to report changes affecting eligibility and one count of Welfare

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thority that require court approval of the membership agreement, the interlocal cooperation agreement, articles of incorporation and bylaws of the new entity.

The three-county board was formed to oversee and manage the new regional industrial park in Rockcastle

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## McKee man flees after traffic stop with officer still in the back seat

By: Mike French  
Editor

A McKee man attempted to flee police recently, while a Mount Vernon police officer was in the back seat of the vehicle.

According to a uniform citation, Jared Allen, 24, of McKee, attempted to flee police after a traffic stop at mile marker 70.5 on I-75, Sunday, January 21. The citation says Allen fled for fear that he was about to go to jail for possession of heroin, but Mount Vernon Police officer Blake King was searching the back seat of the vehicle, entirely inside the vehicle, when Allen took off. Officer King attempted to regain control of the vehicle and, during the altercation, the vehicle continued south on I-75 striking the concrete barrier twice and

eventually stopping.

Both King and Allen suffered minor injuries during the altercation and fleeing episode.

The citation says KSP Trooper Ben Allen, and Mount Vernon Police Officer Blake King, had been conducting drug interdiction procedures on I-75 when Allen spotted a vehicle slowing down. Upon investi-

(See "Chase" on A5)

### Correction

In an article last week concerning Livingston Police Chief Travis Davis, the headline and the story were correct. However, one time in the story, the chief was called "Brodhead Police Chief" instead of "Livingston Police Chief." Davis is the former Brodhead Police Chief but is now the Livingston Police Chief. We apologize for the error.

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# ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

Okay, when I told you readers, in my basketball stories last week, where the Rockets and Lady Rockets would be playing their next few games, I went by the schedules given out by the teams. Turns out, I shouldn't have. The girls game, on the schedule as an away game at Knox Central on Tuesday, January 6th, is instead a make-up district game at Pulaski County. The Madison Southern game, scheduled for both teams at Berea College, was instead held at Southern's gym -- a fact I didn't know until I, and daughter Jane, had wandered around Berea's Seabury gym for some time looking for said game before daughter Paige confirmed over the phone with someone that the game was actually being played at Southern and it was halftime when we got there. Then, I reported that the boys would be playing Madison Central on January 30th but they actually played Wayne County instead on that date. In all fairness, daughter Sara told me that her husband Jason had heard, a few days before the game, that the Southern game would not be held at Berea College, but the schedule said Berea College....

Anyway, they were wild and wooly games at Southern and, from the crowd who had bought advance tickets, it appears that most everyone in the county knew the game had been moved except me.

Anyway, in the I can't believe we're even discussing this column, the recent \$115B immigration bill gets more outrageous to me every time some more information leaks out about what's in it.

The bill, to fix the immigration problem this country has had since January 20, 2021 (the day Biden was installed), would not even be necessary if Trump's immigration policies, that were cancelled almost immediately upon Biden assuming office, were just put back in place. In other words, just put it back like it was!!

But, no, the bipartisan negotiators--Chuck Schumer, Republican Senator James Lankford of Oklahoma and our own Mitch McConnell mainly--instead came up with a \$115B bill (all borrowed/printed money) which includes \$60B more for Ukraine (which is larger than the entire \$53B budget the U.S. Marine Corps requested for fiscal year 2024), \$14B for Israel and, Wow, \$20B for the border which was reportedly the main reason for the bill. But, that's by no means all.

The bill, which provisions are in effect for three years, says the government CAN "shut down" the border to asylum seekers if crossings surpass a daily average of 4,000 a day for at least seven days -- roughly the daily crossings seen in recent months. the shutdown becomes MANDATORY at 5,000 a day. So, in other words, 5,000 illegals will be let across our border which figures out to an additional 1,825,000 million illegal immigrants each year. This is in addition to the 1,000,000 or so legal immigration allowed by this country each year.

Some pundits question why write new immigration laws if the federal government refuses to enforce existing laws?

And, here are some of the answers to the above question. The bill expands work authorizations for illegals while failing to include critical asylum reforms; it allows illegals to be 'released from physical custody' which effectively endorses the Biden 'catch and release' policy; the so-called shutdown authority in the bill is anything but, riddled with loopholes that grant far too much discretionary authority to Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas - who has proven he will exploit every measure possible, in defiance of the law, to keep the border open; it fails to adequately stop the pResident's abuse of parole authority and provides for taxpayer funds to fly and house illegals in hotels through the FEMA Shelter and Services Program.

There is also a provision for sending millions in foreign aid to other countries and use other avenues in an attempt, reportedly, to address root causes of the invasion and to get these countries to take their illegals back. In other words, I guess part of the money will be sent to Venezuela, who has been emptying their prisons and sending them on their way to America, because, reportedly, they cannot afford to feed them.

There is also an extra \$39M in "funds appropriated to the pResident's operating expenses" listed in the middle of the bill, available until September 30, 2025 to respond to the situations in Israel and Ukraine and countries impacted by the situations in Israel and Ukraine.

Other appropriations include: \$2B to support US Central Ops Command in the Red Sea; \$2.3B for "refugee resettlement in the US;" \$4.8B to support "partners" in pacific to deter

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# Aces Over

By: Mike French



I get pretty tired of being a stand-alone party.

In my older age, it is happening much more often that I have a belief in my heart, gathered from a lifetime of experiences and a culmination of lessons I have learned, that the rest of the world disagrees with. I'm sure there are some who agree with my views but they are becoming more and more rare.

Then, again, with the dark and evil direction of America and the normalizing and acceptance of outright evil ideals throughout the liberal world, maybe I should be proud to not be a part of this main stream society.

My latest example of being a low-life, comes after watching congress attack Mark Zuckerberg, creator of Facebook and Snapchat, because of things other people have done to children. They called him names, told him blood was on his hands, suggested he is a pedophile and basically blamed him for every crime that has been committed in America in the last 20 years.

Personally, I believe it is more our fault than his. I am not a fan of his. I really don't even care much for him. He is worth \$140 billion by himself and I think he could do a lot more good with that money than he is doing. At the same time, I watched him ridiculed, blamed, demeaned and threatened, humiliated and scoffed at because some people who use Facebook and Snapchat are horrible people.

Well, Zuckerborg didn't create these evil pervers. He is the perfect scapegoat. Another example of congress pretending to do something about the social evils of child exploitation by yelling and screaming at a person who has never exploited a child. He was made to stand and apologize to families of exploited children and screamed at by senators who do absolutely nothing about the problem, but now will campaign on

the fact that they yelled at a rich person about child exploitation.

Zuckerburg and his platforms have been used by pedophile scum to perform their dark and sadistic actions, but in my opinion, Zuckerburg himself was not the cause of such actions. The scum here are the perverts who are pedophiles and use Facebook and Snapchat for their evil goals.

I noticed Congress is not blaming Chevrolet since thousands of children are thrown in the back of Chevy vans as they are kidnapped. They aren't blaming Verizon or AT&T for the nude photos texted to 12-year-olds every day. They don't blame porno sites for being the catalyst for such perversions. We have become a society that blames everyone for everything, except the pervert who actually commits the crime.

We focus our attention on whomever is easiest to blame for the most possible political gain.

Zuckerburg has created, and nearly perfected, what is arguably the most useful tool in American history and he allows everyone on Earth to use it for free. He provides a way for you to contact your grandchildren and speak to them face-to-face across the world. Facebook provides for each of those Congress members, all the cumulative information of the human race at the touch of a finger.

Businesses around the world that would have had no chance at success, have become successful, growing companies by adding Facebook to their marketing, information and advertising centers...for free. Zuckerburg provides hundreds of thousands of jobs across the country, both working for him or for businesses that use his platforms to do business.

In my opinion, social media platforms have changed the world more than any invention in human history. Our society

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# Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm  
State Senator  
Week 5 of the 2024  
Legislative Session

I want to begin this week's update with an issue impacting residents in every county. In January, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) initiated the conversion to an updated Kentucky Automated Vehicle Information System (KAVIS), aiming to modernize the database from 1978. However, county clerk offices statewide are still grappling with ongoing delays and challenges since KAVIS came online, impacting motor vehicle transactions. According to the Kentucky County Clerk's Association (KCCA), the conversion has yet to unfold as smoothly as anticipated, causing extended wait times for customers.

Following a statewide shutdown, all motor vehicle branches and locations have reopened after days of closure. Tabatha Clemons, president of the KCCA, expressed disappointment in the slower-than-expected progress, attributing it to issues from transferring millions of vehicle files into the new system. Transactions that once took minutes now require 20 to 25 minutes due to system shortcomings, affecting clerks' ability to meet their usual efficiency standards.

The Senate Transportation Committee, which I serve as co-chair, called on KYTC and KCCA to provide an update to the week five committee meeting. Chair Jimmy Higdon was sick most of the week, so I stepped in to chair the meeting.

Highlighting unexpected processing errors and delays caused by the new system, Clemons emphasized the need for customers to allocate additional time for motor vehicle transactions. To ensure a smoother experience at county clerk offices, customers must have their driver's license ready, provide proof of insurance (printed, emailed, or faxed), and bring all vehicle registrations or renewal cards.

I know it's caused some big headaches for customers. One significant concern is customers' inability to renew registrations and forcing some to drive on expired tags. This is leading to Kentucky State Police troopers issuing tickets. They are doing their job as best they can. My colleagues expressed this concern on behalf of constituents in their district. KYTC said they issued a memo to KSP to show grace for drivers given the KAVIS rollout

issues. Officials with the cabinet and Kentucky County Clerk's Association said problems may compound in March as more renewals are needed.

I urge customers to be patient with local office staff as they do their best with the tools they have to serve them. To help speed up the process, if you hear to the clerk's office to renew your registration, please bring the following:

- Driver's license or state issued identification card.
- Renewal notice and the previous year's registration
- Kentucky proof of insurance or refer to your county clerk if an insurance email address or fax number is available.

I encourage your patience with our local office staff and officials.

In the Kentucky Senate our role is unique, particularly during the 60-day budget session. The Constitution of Kentucky clearly outlines any revenue-raising and appropriation measures that originate with the state House of Representatives. Traditionally, before the House submits a two year state budget proposal the executive branch provides its recommendations. After these initial proposals the Senate then makes its contribution.

This process is beneficial as it allows the Senate to analyze and gain an understanding of the proposals thoroughly. Crucially, it will enable us to define our priorities and establish a clear vision for allocating taxpayer dollars. This constitutionally-mandated budgeting approach ensures the Senate remains focused on a disciplined and well informed assessment. You can expect a thoughtful and sound approach from my colleagues and me as we craft our version of the commonwealth's two-year state budget, road plan, and other related appropriation and revenue bills.

I'm happy to report the AERO Act, which I detailed in last week's legislative update, cleared the Senate Economic Development Tourism and Labor Committee in week five. I strives to address workforce needs and create pipeline for aviation and aerospace job opportunities. I'm partnering with my fellow legislative Aviation/Aero space Caucus co-chair Ker Fleming, who has introduced mirror legislation in the state House of Representatives. For more detail on the bill, review my week four legislative update or

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## Aces

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is now completely and totally dependent upon such platforms. Some studies indicate that if the internet shut down, 73% of American businesses would close their doors permanently within one month and 80% of those use Facebook daily.

The fact is, every invention that has advanced the human race since the beginning of time, has been used for both good and evil.

Zuckerburg cannot stop evil people from using a platform that billions of people use for good every day. It isn't Zuckerburg who exploits children, it is the perverts who perform such acts. They have always found a way to exploit children since Adam and Eve and it is not Zuckerburg's idea.

I know Facebook can create "algorithms" (or whatever it is called) to make it harder to find child porn, but they have indeed done that. Unlike most every other subject in existence, if you type in "child porn" you will not find child porn. It would take very creative and complex efforts to find it, but perverts will always find a way.

The fact is, if we the people didn't support, promote and utilize such social media every day, it would not be a success and would soon shut down, causing all the pedophiles to be out of luck. It is our support and dependence that makes Facebook the thriving, all-access tool that it has become.

It is hypocritical to yell and scream and blame Facebook for the world's evils and then go home and spend the next six hours promoting the site.

I know Zuckerburg is a white male and in today's society that makes him guilty of something. But pedophilia is not it.

Yes, I agree that child exploitation and child porn and human trafficking must stop. It is among the worst of things. But we better stop the "find a rich person to blame" game and focus on the sick perverts who perform such acts.

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## Spread Love this Valentine's Day with a Kentucky State Police Trooper Teddy Bear

The Kentucky State Police is announcing the Trooper Teddy Bear Valentines Day sale, offering the public an exclusive opportunity to spread love while supporting the agency's outreach program. Starting today through Feb. 14, customers can purchase the heartwarming bears at a special price of \$20, down from the regular price of \$25.

All proceeds allow troopers to provide teddy bears to children who have been in traumatic situations, such as car crashes, child sexual abuse cases or fighting a terminal illness.

Trooper Teddy Bears have become a staple in the agency's community outreach as we work to connect with our most vulnerable population our children, said KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett Jr. We hope people embrace the spirit of Valentines Day by purchasing a bear and contributing to this meaningful program.

Trooper Teddy Bears can be purchased online or at any KSP Post. When purchasing online, cus-

tomers can select to pick it up at their local KSP Post free of charge or have it shipped to their home for an additional fee.

The Trooper Teddy Project relies solely on donations and the sale of bears to sustain it, with 100% of the proceeds being used to purchase additional bears to distribute to children in need. To purchase a bear or make

a tax-deductible contribution visit the Trooper Teddy website.

The Trooper Teddy Project came to life in December 1989 after Kentucky First Lady Martha Wilkinson hosted a fundraiser at Red Mile Gaming & Racing, raising enough funds to purchase 2,000 bears. The first allotment of bears included a personal note from Mrs. Wilkerson.

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### Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

**Monday, February 12th:** Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston. **Tuesday, February 13th:** Maple Grove and Climax.

### New Volunteer Training

Hospice Care Plus will host a new volunteer training, Saturday, March 2, in Richmond. Volunteers are trained to work in their own communities or at the Compassionate Care Center. A variety of programs allows volunteers to support patients and families directly or indirectly. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Register online at [hospicecareplus.org](http://hospicecareplus.org) or contact Mariah Smith at 859-986-1500 or [hospice@hospicecp.org](mailto:hospice@hospicecp.org).

### Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

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

### Weekly Grief Support Group

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

### Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

### VFW Post 5908

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

### Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

### Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

### American Legion Post News

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

### DAR Meetings

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

### Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

### Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ramblings...

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### Chinese Aggression.

So, a \$115B "border bill" actually includes \$20B FOR THE BORDER and \$95B for Democrats pet projects. Great job Mitch!!

We need stand alone bills for expenditures but our House, which is supposed to, by law, control government spending, is not brave enough to say stop the madness, this is what is going to happen and if there's a government shutdown, so be it. Personally, I feel much safer without Schumer and McConnell in Washington.

House Speaker Mike Johnson has been saying the bill is dead on arrival in the House, without even a vote being taken, every since it was released a couple of days ago. Reportedly, he is beginning to waiver in his determination and that is not really surprising. It would really be a good idea if we would call our Rep. Harold Rogers (606-679-8346, fax number 606-678-4856 or DC number 202-225-4601) and express our displeasure with this travesty.

I know, good luck with that!!

## Legislative

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visi KYSenateRepublicans.com for a press release from the Senate Majority Caucus.

This week, the Senate passed various bills covering elections, bourbon industry regulations and more. The following bills were approved and now move to the House for consideration:

**SB 46 - Windshield Tinting:** Brings relief to Kentucky drivers by allowing tinting on front windshields, benefiting those who spend long hours in vehicles. The measure, following federal safety standards, aims to potentially reduce cancer rates caused by UV rays and enhance driver comfort.

**SB 75 - Capitol Access:** Reopens a portion of Capital Avenue in Frankfort, providing access to residents and tourists. The bill allows emergency responders and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to manage traffic on state Capitol grounds, addressing security concerns and reducing the risk of pedestrian injury.

**SB 80 - Election Integrity:** Strengthens election integrity by refining Kentucky's voter ID laws. The bill removes student or employee IDs and credit or debit cards as a primary identification option, aligning with previous legislation focused on reasonable voter access. Student IDs will still be a secondary ID option students can use, sign an affidavit of their identity, and cast a vote.

**SB 125 - Off-Highway Vehicle Programs:** Creates economic opportunities for eastern Kentucky by extending the ability for local governments to start off-high-

way vehicle pilot programs. The bill expands the definition of local government, opening the program to the entire state.

I signed on to a proposed resolution this week stating the Kentucky Senate's support of Governor Greg Abbott's efforts to secure the southern border and protect his residents and even ours from the unchecked entry of deadly drugs. There is much misinformation and omitted information surrounding the circumstances of Governor Abbott's efforts. A district court in Texas issued a ruling ordering the Biden administration to discontinue removing Texas government barriers along the border, even on private lands, and the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay on the court's order. Texas was not directed to discontinue its border security efforts. With the Supreme Court's lifting of the district court ruling, the federal government can legally resume removing barriers. I and many others contend this is a dereliction of duty by the Biden administration. In the absence of federal government leadership, state leadership in Texas is morally and legally obligated to take action to protect state residents and U.S. citizens.

Find the status of legislation by calling 866-840-2835, legislative meeting information at 800-633-9650, or leaving a message for lawmakers at 800-372-7181. You can watch and follow legislative activity at [KET/org/legislature](http://KET/org/legislature) and [Legislature.ky.gov](http://Legislature.ky.gov).

Thank you for your continued engagement in the 2024 Regular Session. It is a privilege to represent you in Frankfort.

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# Obituaries

## Anna B. Kidwell Sears

Anna B. Kidwell Sears, 91, born on June 9, 1932, in Rockcastle County, died January 31, 2024 in Berea. Ann's life was a testament to her unwavering faith and her deep-rooted love for her family.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, embodied in: her children, Ronnie (Susan) Sears, Donna (Dean) Cromer, Lisa (Steve) Otis, Steve Sears, and Carla (Kevin) Minor; her cherished grandchildren, Steve, Chris, Amy, Kelly, Tracy, Justin, Johnna, Sydney, Lindsey, Kayla, and Josh; 33 great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; three sisters-in-law, Bettye Sears Bales, Jean Sears, and Jean Kidwell; special friends, Terry and Darla Puckett; along with many other friends and family.

Ann was preceded in joining the Lord by: her beloved husband, Rev. Carl Denton, Sr.; her dear son, Carl Jr.; daughter-in-law, Dianne; grandson, Scott; her father and mother, Stephen and Martha (Wilmot) Kidwell; her brothers, Chester, Cleveland, Delbert, Raymond, William, Edgar, Everett, Elmer, and Ellis; and her sister, Marie McKnight.

Ann found joy in gardening, ministering for the Lord, alongside her husband, and in her family especially preparing meals.

Music was an integral part of Ann's life. While many of her family members sang and played instruments, Ann also played the guitar and wrote songs and poems. She even had multiple opportunities to be featured on local radio stations with her sister, Marie when she was young.

Above all, Ann was a living witness for the Lord. Her faith was as boundless as the sky, and through her actions and words, she shared the love of God with unyielding passion. Her testimony shone through her every deed, a guiding light leading the way to the path of righteousness and peace.

Nothing was more important to Ann than spreading the Gospel message of Jesus. In lieu of flowers, family requests your partnership in ministry by donating to the Wesley E and Carl D Sears Scholarship Fund either by mailed check or online at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, 300 Clear Creek Road, Pineville, KY, 40977. <http://ccbbc.givecloud.co>

(Please designate donation to W. E. and Carl D. Sears Scholarship Fund on check memo or in the note/special instructions area on the online form. Donations are greatly appreciated.)

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at Lakes Funeral Home with Reverends Randy McPherson, Greg Lakes, and Bobby Turner officiating. Burial was in Wilmot Cemetery in Rockcastle County with Rev. Kenny Davis officiating.

Services were livestreamed at [www.lakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhome.com)

## Linda Ballinger

Linda Lou Ballinger, 77, of Hamilton, OH, died Monday, January 29, 2024 at the Residence at Huntington Court in Hamilton. She was born in Mt. Vernon on February 6, 1946, the daughter of Robert and Leta Proctor Leger. She had been a homemaker and was of the Pentecostal faith.

She is survived by: her daughters, Norma Cox and husband Randy of Williamsburg, and Betty Bales and husband Anthony of Hamilton, OH; her grandchildren, Samantha Cox, Hobert Cox, Tiffany Dixon, Lason Dixon, and Angela Dixon; and her great grandchildren, Aden Hinton, Isabella Dixon, Cameron Boyd, Neiko Oliver, Nevaeh Boyd, and Finley Neuman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Hobert Ballinger; a son Kenneth Ballinger; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 2, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Cecil Bengé. Burial followed in McNew Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Anthony Bales, Billy Ballinger, Hobert Cox, Labon Dixon, Denver French, Keith Leger, Mike Leger, Tom Neumann, Alvin Pigg, and Andy Pigg.

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## Juanita Parker

Miss Juanita Marie Parker, 64, of Livingston, died Wednesday, January 31, 2024 in Corbin. She was born in Rockcastle County on January 24, 1960, the daughter of Roscoe and Martha Smith Parker. She loved her McDonalds cheeseburgers and spending time with her family and friends.



She is survived by: two brothers, Glen Parker and wife Dolly of Livingston, and Arthur Parker and wife Mary of East Bernstadt; a sister, Carolyn Begley and husband Donald of Mt. Vernon; and a niece, Rosemary Stallsworth and husband Sam of Livingston. In addition to her parents and grandparents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Parker.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 4, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Jerry Bullock and Larry Mink. Music was provided by David Bryant. Burial followed in Bales Cemetery in Livingston.

Pallbearers were: Lenvil Campbell, Eddie Ghent, Daniel Howell, Gary Parker, Sam Stallsworth, Jeff Whitaker, and Don Wyatt.

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## Yvonne Carmack

Yvonne Carmack, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 5, 2024 at her home.

Funeral arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

## Scott Smith

Scott Smith, 52, of Orlando, husband of Rebecca Smith, died Sunday, February 4, 2024.

Funeral arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

## Card of Thanks

Bobby J. Barron

We, the family of Bobby J. Barron of Brodhead, would like to send a special thank you to those who brought food, the visits, the phone calls and everyone who gave us special support during Bobby's illness and passing on January 20, 2024.

Special thanks to our families, friends, neighbors, Ginger Cash, Dr. Aktar, Dr. Yalkut, the D.C.I. Center, also Baptist Health Hospital in Richmond for their excellent care during Bobby's stay in the hospital.

Also, thank you Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and thanks to Brother Marvin Cromer and Phillip Permenter for the wonderful service.

Thanks everyone - Bonnie Barron

## What you need to know about satan!

How well do you know your adversary the devil? There is a danger in not knowing and not being able to recognize our adversary. The bible clearly teaches us that the devil spends a lot of time trying to bring Christians back to darkness. 1 Peter 5:8 says, Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Peter is talking to Christians, those who have decided to follow Christ. Obviously, Satan doesn't have to spend a lot of time on those who are already serving him but those who have been called out of darkness into light, he works very deliberately to destroy.

Ephesians 2:2, Paul here again speaking to Christians. Which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. John 14:30 Christ says, I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in me. 1 John 3:8, He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. I would like to remind everyone that Satan brought death and destruction, but Christ brought life and eternal salvation. Death is a work of the devil and Christ came to destroy those works. When Christ was resurrected Satan's work was destroyed, that can only happen through the blood of Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:20 says, But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. V 21 For since by man came death, by man also came the resurrection of the dead. V 22 For as in Adam all die, even in Christ shall all be made alive. V 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 2 Corinthians 15: 54, So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. V 55 Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave where thy victory? V 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

V 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. V 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of Lord, for as much as you know your labor is in vain in the Lord.

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## Jeff Owens

Jeffrey Lynn Owens, 55, of Livingston, died Monday, January 29, 2024 at his home. He was born in Paris on April 5, 1968, the son of Lloyd and Mary Ruth Mink Owens. He loved life to the fullest and never met a stranger. He enjoyed motorcycles and telling jokes.



He is survived by: his mother, Ruth Owens of Mt. Vernon; his children, Shae Hensley and husband Justin of Orlando; Jeff Alexander and wife Tiffany of Livingston; Josh Owens and wife Tasha of Glendive, MT; Starr

Owens and husband Ryan of Lancaster, MN; Danielle Owens and husband Louis of Richmond, and Shayla Artley of Mt. Vernon; five brothers, Clarence Owens and wife Martha of Mt. Vernon, Bobby Owens and wife Kim of Orlando, Kelly Owens and wife Katrina of London, Leroy Owens and wife Crystal of Brodhead, and Randall Owens of Wise, VA; and two sisters, Treasa Fields and husband Tony of Breman, and Imogene Williams of Mt. Vernon. His fur-baby, "Daisy" also survives. He was preceded in death by: his father, Lloyd Owens; a brother, Wayne Owens; and his ex-wife, Debbie Bustle.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 3, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Mike Smith and Larry Mink. Burial followed in Laswell Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Cody Alexander, Jeffery Alexander, James Biggs, Harley Davidson, Scott Davidson, Joe DeVillez, Justin Hensley, Christopher Smith, and Dakota Williams.

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## Suicide Warning Signs for Youth

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

1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
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](http://988lifeline.org), or reach out to a mental health professional.

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## Zealous of Good Works

Beneficial zeal is directed by knowledge. Zeal apart from knowledge is harmful. (Rom.10:2) For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. Paul's zeal minus knowledge caused him at one time to persecute the church. (Phil.3:6) Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is the law, blameless. Misdirected zeal is doing much harm today. The motives are good, but the results are bad.

The right direction of zeal-"good works." (Col.1:10) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. "Work of faith." Works opposed to darkness. (Rom.13:12) The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Jesus went about doing good works. (Acts 10:38)

The enthusiasm by which such works are accomplished-"zealous." Should work with all our might. (Eccl.9:10) Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. Should serve the Lord with warmth of spirit and enthusiasm. (Rev.3:15) I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. The Lord said to the Laodicean church. (Rev.3:19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

The secret of this zeal-"Who gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people." The fact that Jesus gave himself for us should make us zealous. (1Jon.4:19) We love Him, because He first loved us. But the secret of zeal is found in redemption and conversion. "There is a difference between the converted and the unconverted."

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## Park

(Continued from front) force is much stronger, the park is expected to provide strong economic development for the entire region.

Beshear agreed. "This project is proof positive that people can work together to get big things done," he said. Thanks to the hard work of local leaders in all three communities, we have created opportunity right here. This is all your ideas. Through hard work and dedication this park will provide opportunity that was not possible before. Industry is calling now that didn't even have our number before Jeff VanHook and these three judge/executives and all the economic development authorities started working together."

Several speakers spoke at the event, including Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray of Mt. Vernon. "For far too long Rockcastle County has been overlooked. But with our focus on infrastructure and the gas line on its way and now this industrial park, exciting things are coming to Rockcastle county," he said. "We can't elaborate yet but we can tell you that the future looks very bright for Rockcastle county."

Beshear and Rocky Adkins, senior advisor to the governor, agreed that VanHook and Bray have fought above and beyond the call of duty to make the park happen.

"When we first applied for this grant, we were turned down," said VanHook. "Our vision was too big for the grants available. But with Senator Brandon Storm and Bray's help, we never gave up because we knew it would work."

Beshear talked about recent success in the state and took the opportunity to address the current budget process. The governor also said that this project may have a life-long effect on the local community and all three counties. He also said the new park is one step in many more that are planned. "I can tell you that there are already other grants, and funds being applied for right now for this community," he said. "This grant was not given, it was earned. It had to be applied for (meaning it took a lot of work and effort to become eligible). But the local leaders worked together and made it happen."

The \$800,100 was a state grant which paid half of the purchase price of the 165 acres park. Each county involved split the remaining \$800,100 cost.

VanHook was named executive director of the park board which will seek industry to locate on the site. But he, and Judge/Executive Hal Holbrook, Jr., said they will take extra care to choose the best companies for the site to most benefit the local community.

Beshear stayed after the event to talk with local dignitaries and citizens about potential growth in the region.

## CAP

(Continued from front) The governor addressed the full house in the new 4,620 square foot facility saying he is pleased that the state has increased funding for the facility each year to combat hunger. "No one should feel

the pain of hunger in Kentucky," he said. "This facility serves over 800 families and over 200 seniors every month and we will serve even more in the future," he said.

Guy Adams, President and CEO of CAP, said the facility now includes a drive-thru so that handicapped residents will not have to get out of their car. The facility also has refrigeration available so that foods may be kept cold, as well as twice as many parking spaces as the existing building. "The Bible tells us to feed the hungry 150 times," said Adams. "And, thanks to our donors, that's what we are doing."

School Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger told the crowd she was proud of the relationship the school district has with the CAP facility. "In some cases, when a student leaves school we don't know if they are getting a good meal at home," she said. "The Backpack Program serves 568 backpacks per month to help see that these students have a meal at home."

Officials said 1-in-4 Rockcastle County residents experience hunger every day and the mission of the pantry is to combat that issue.

Several speakers, including Tina Bryson, assistant director of communications, spoke at the event and welcomed Beshear.

"We need to do everything we can to fight hunger in this region," said Beshear. "We are committed to increasing the budget every fiscal year to combat hunger."

Beshear and the crowd then toured the new facility.

## Chase

(Continued from front) gation, Allen discovered the registration of the vehicle had expired and a traffic stop was executed. Upon permission to search, officers located a glass pipe with a burned substance suspected to be methamphetamine. Officers also found suspected heroin wrapped in paper in the heat and air vent. The heroin was found on the passenger side where Jared Allen was seated. Driver Michael Dunn and rear seat passenger Angela Randolph had exited the vehicle.

Since the temperature was 12 degrees, Trooper Allen allowed the suspect, Jared Allen, to sit in the front seat of his cruiser during the interview. However, the citation says that when Trooper Allen informed the suspect that heroin had been located, the suspect bolted from the cruiser, ran to his own vehicle and took off at high speed with Officer King still searching the vehicle in the back seat.

After the vehicle struck the concrete barrier twice, it swerved across lanes several times and eventually came to a stop in the emergency lane.

Both Jared Allen and King were transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital where Jared Allen refused treatment. Officer King suffered injuries to his leg and ankle and was treated and released.

Dunn was cited for the original traffic stop having expired tags. Jared Allen was arrested and charged with kid-

napping of an adult, assault of an officer, fleeing and evading police, possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, driving under the influence of a substance, wanton endangerment and no registration.

Randolph was not charged in the incident.

## Auction

(Continued from front) ships for youth in Rockcastle County.

Organizers say anyone can follow progress, get the latest updates, news and initiatives of the event on Facebook.

All items purchased through the auction may be picked up at the Farmers Market Building on Richmond Street on March 8th from 1 to 5 p.m.

## Court

(Continued from front) County. The board, led by RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook, will now begin marketing and advertising the 165-acre property for industry. Board members say their top goal will be to find a company that will provide high-paying jobs and be "the best possible fit for the community."

At the board's first meeting last week, VanHook was given authority to market and pursue grant opportunities in order to facilitate the economic development the park is expected to provide, according to stated goals.

The court approved all documents unanimously.

The court also authorized Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., to sign paperwork involved with the sale of the county-owned property in Livingston. The court previously agreed to sell the property for \$85,500.

The court also agreed to purchase about \$10,000 in election equipment with a \$1,200 maintenance and service agreement.

The court also agreed to pay two minor claims and there were no transfers.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Indict

(Continued from front)

Fraud (Medicaid) also for failing to report changes affecting eligibility.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Ashley Irene West, 39, of Livingston was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance (meth).

Her bond was set at \$5,000.

Karl Wayne Pittman, 50, of Mount Vernon, was indicted on one count of trafficking a controlled substance (meth), one count of assault in the fourth degree by causing physical injury to his wife, Georgia Pittman, and one count of assault in the fourth degree by causing physical injury to his minor daughter.

His bond was set at \$7,500 c/p.

Nicholas Darrell Hauger, 44, of Mount Vernon was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance (meth) and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Hauger was also named in a separate indictment on two charges, possession of a controlled substance (meth) and pos-

session of drug paraphernalia on a different date than the above indictment.

His bond on this indictment was also set at \$5,000 c/p.

Timothy E. Jones, 61, of Lexington, was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance (meth), one count of possession of a controlled substance (Buprenorphine, aka Suboxone) and one count of possession of a controlled substance (Alprazolam), one count of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at \$7,500 c/p.

Rebecca Rhodes Skinner, 49, of Shepherdsville was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance (meth).

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Leslie Goosey, 35, of Mount Vernon was indicted on one count of rape in the third degree, of a person under 16 years of age, one count of sodomy by engaging in deviate sexual intercourse, with a person under 16, rape in the third degree by being at least 10 years older than the victim and one count of sodomy in the third degree by being 10 years older than the victim.

His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p.

Dillard C. Norman, 42, of Mount Vernon was indicted on one count of receiving stolen property valued over \$1,000.

His bond was set at \$1,000 c/p.

Tisha S. Sanker, 41, of Bloomington, Tennessee was indicted on one count of trafficking in a controlled substance (mixture of Fentanyl and meth), one count of tampering with physical evidence and one count of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

His bond was set at \$7,500 c/p.

Richard Allen Lovell, 27, of Orlando was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance (meth).

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Logan Russell McGuire, 33, of Mount Vernon was indicted on

one count of possession of a controlled substance (meth), one count of possession of a controlled substance (Gabapentin) and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Lyndsey Brooke Charlton, 27, of Mount Vernon and Angela Lee Jones, 50, of Mount Vernon were named in a

joint indictment. Count one was for the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance (meth), count two was for the offense of trafficking in synthetic drugs (MDMB-4en-PINACA), count three and four were for the offense of endangering the welfare of a minor, having been legally charged with care or custody.

Their bond was set at \$10,000 c/p each.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### CHICKEN AND DUMPLING CASSEROLE

The secret of this is not to stir anything. That's what makes your dumplings.

1/2 stick of butter  
2 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded  
1 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon dried sage  
2 cups whole milk  
2 cups Bisquick®  
2 cups chicken broth  
3 teaspoons of chicken bouillon granules  
1 can cream of chicken soup

Preheat oven to 350°. In 9 x 13 casserole dish, melt 1/2 stick of butter. Spread shredded chicken over butter. Sprinkle black pepper and dried sage over this layer. Do not stir. In small bowl, mix milk and Bisquick®. Slowly pour all over chicken. Do not stir. In medium bowl, whisk together 2 cups of chicken broth, chicken granules and soup. Once blended, slowly pour over the Bisquick® layer. Do not stir. Bake casserole for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the top is golden brown.

### CHICKEN PARMESAN MEATBALLS

2 tablespoons of your favorite marinara sauce  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 cup Italian breadcrumbs or Gluten-free breadcrumbs  
1 package (1 pound) ground chicken  
1 cup grated parmesan cheese

2 teaspoons Italian seasoning

Preheat oven to 400°. Spray baking sheet with non-stick spray. Place two tablespoons of marinara sauce in mixing bowl. Add egg and breadcrumbs. Stir to moisten all. Add chicken, cheese, and Italian seasoning. Mix until all ingredients are incorporated. Roll into 1-inch balls and place on prepared baking sheet. Bake for about 25 to 30 minutes until fully cooked. Serve as appetizer with toothpicks or mix with marinara sauce and serve with spaghetti or any pasta.

### SLOW COOKER CHICKEN PICCATA

4 chicken breasts  
1 stick of butter  
1 packet of dry Italian dressing  
1/2 cup lemon juice  
1/2 cup chicken broth  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
4 tablespoons capers (drained)  
Pasta of your choice  
Slice each breast lengthwise to make 8 thin slices. Cut the butter into slices and spread them out on the bottom of the crock pot. Place each chicken breast on a slice of butter. Sprinkle with Italian dressing and garlic. Pour the lemon juice over the chicken; pour broth over the chicken. Cook on high for 4 to 5 hours, or low 6 to 8 hours. When finished cooking, add the capers. Serve over your favorite cooked pasta.

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*Lose to Southern and Wayne County; beat Barbourville*

## Rockets lose two; win one

The Rockets came out on top last year, in their annual slugfest with the Madison Southern Eagles, but it was a different story this year.

The game was moved from the former neutral site of Berea College to Southern's gym and the game was played to a packed house.

Rockcastle didn't have their mojo this year as they were never in contention in the game, trailing 22-10 at the first quarter stop; 39-22 at half-time; 62-47 at the end of the third quarter and losing the fourth quarter 13-10 for the final 75-57.

Rockcastle, who usually sinks a high percentage of their shots from three point range, going 3/25 in the game while Southern was hitting 10, five of them in the first quarter. The Rockets had a higher percentage at the free throw line, hitting 11 of 17 but Southern had more chances, making 17 of 30.

Walker Craig led the scoring for his team with 32 points, including going 8/11 from the free throw line and getting two three point baskets. Connor Hunt scored eight

points, going 3 for 3 in field goals and 2/2 in free throws. Jace Rogers scored seven points, getting the other three point basket for his team. Rogers also dished out five assists on the night, the most for his team. Trent Wilson scored six points and Skyler Durham got two.

Rebounding wise, Craig pulled down nine; Rogers got seven; Wilson six; Durham five and Hunt three.

Besides Rogers five assists, Craig, Wilson and Durham got two each and Hunt one. Craig and Durham were each credited with a steal and Hunt got the only block.

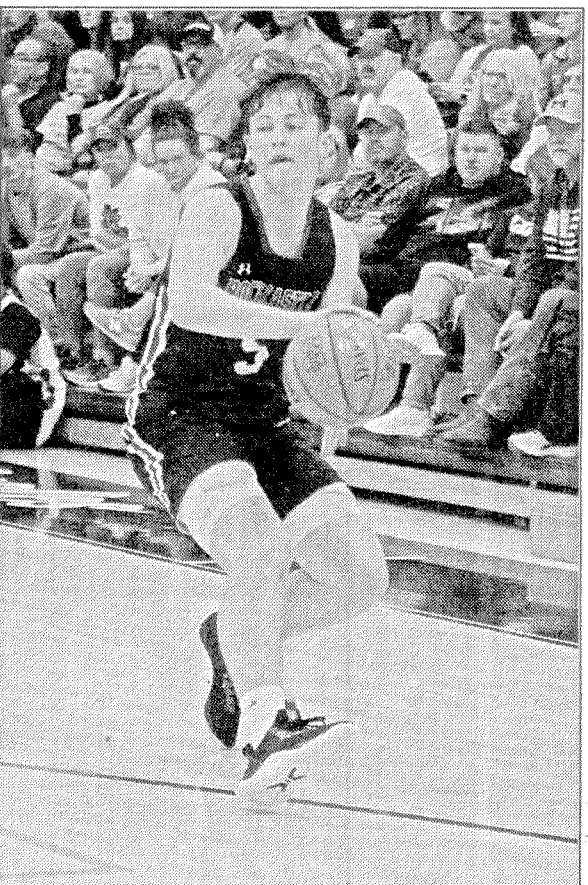
Against Wayne County last Tuesday night, the Rockets led 48-45 at the third quarter stop but Wayne came on strong in the fourth quarter, 21-10, to get the 66-58 win.

Craig again led the scoring with 15 points, including three of the team's six three point baskets. Durham picked up the other three. Hunt scored 14 points; Durham got 11 points and, along

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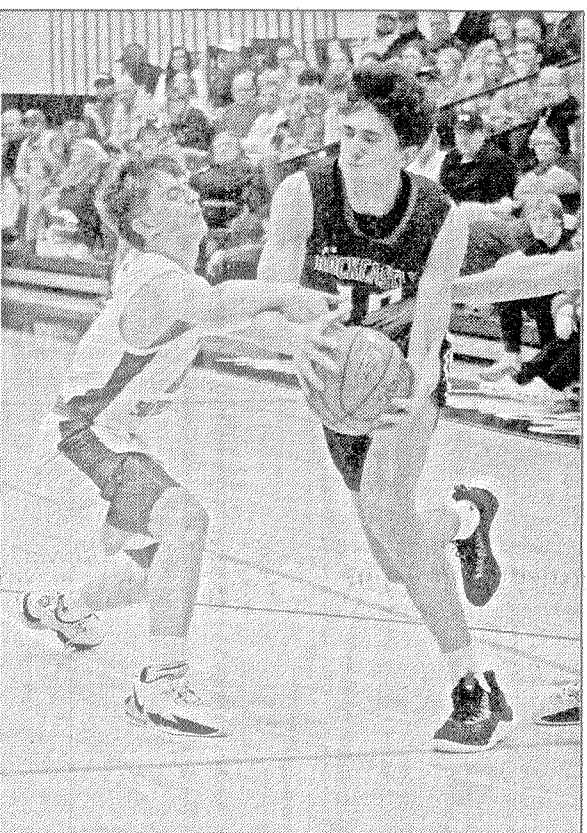
Connor Hunt makes a pass down low in the Rockets' loss to Madison Southern Friday night. Hunt led the Rockets with 26 points in their win over Barbourville Monday night.



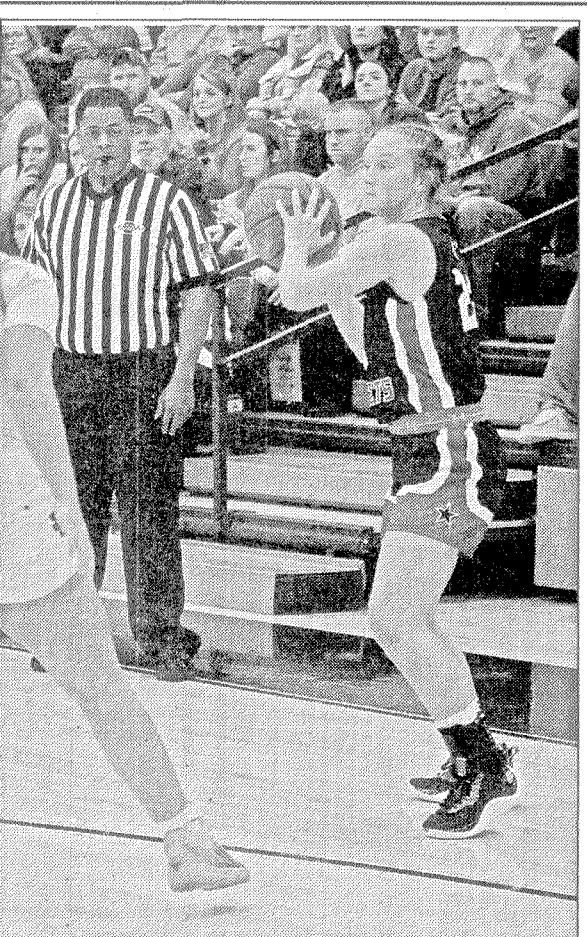
Jace Rogers makes a pass inside during the Rockets' loss to Madison Southern Friday night.



Skyler Durham finishes off a fast break during the Rockets' loss to Madison Southern Friday night.



Walker Craig gets fouled driving to the basket in the Rockets' loss to Madison Southern Friday night. Craig led his team with 32 points and with this past week's games joined the 1,000 Point Club at RCMS.



Ella McKinney hit a crucial three late in the fourth quarter during the Lady Rockets' overtime loss to Southern Friday night.

## Lady Rockets beat Bell; lose nail-biter to Madison Southern

The Lady Rockets lost a heartbreaker to the Madison Southern Eagles Friday night, losing 48-45 in overtime but they bounced back Saturday with a 67-59 win over the Bell County Lady Bob Cats.

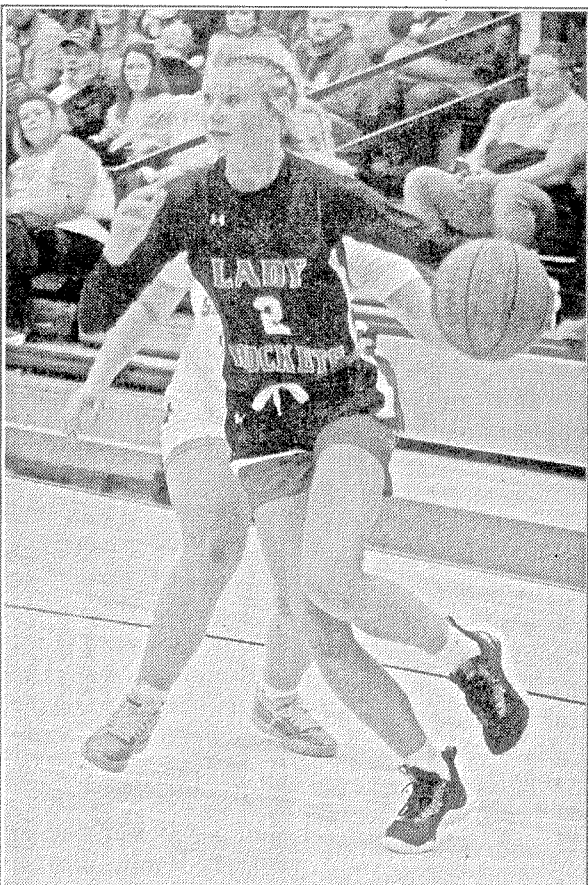
At Southern, the Rockets took some time to get in gear, trailing 10-4 at the first quarter stop and 23-18 at the half but, in the third quarter, Markley Richards put her team ahead for the first time at 27-26 and Tallyne Shearer put in a three to put the Rockets up 30-28 at the end of that period.

Southern drew first blood in the fourth, tying the score at 30 all and then hit a three to go up 34-32. Ella McKinney came back with a three for the Rockets to give her team a 35-34 lead. Taylor King, at the 36.3 mark, hit two free throws to increase the lead to 37-34, with 33.8 to go in the game, but Southern had the ball. A foul on Macy Spivey put Southern on the line and the Lady Eagle connected on both

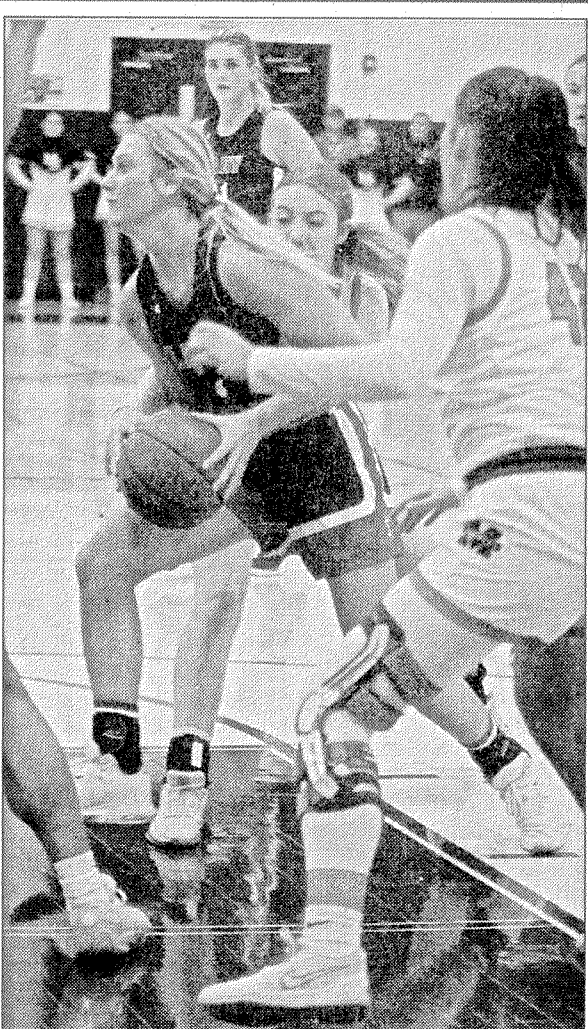
shots for a 37-36 Rocket lead. King then sank two more free throws to make it 39-36 and a Southern player then, with 14 seconds left in the game, hit a three at the buzzer for the tie game.

Southern grabbed the jump ball to begin overtime, was fouled and the player hit the first free throw but missed the second. Rockcastle's Macy Spivey was then fouled and hit both free throws for a 41-40 Rockcastle lead. Southern then hit a basket and Spivey sank two more free throws for a 43 all score. The Eagles scored and got the ball back but missed another shot and Spivey came down with the ball and got it to Shearer on a run out. Shearer hit a basket for a 45 all tie and the Rockets wound up with the ball with 45 ticks left on the clock. It appeared that Shearer was tripped and lost the ball with 40 seconds left in the game and a Southern player completed an old-fashion

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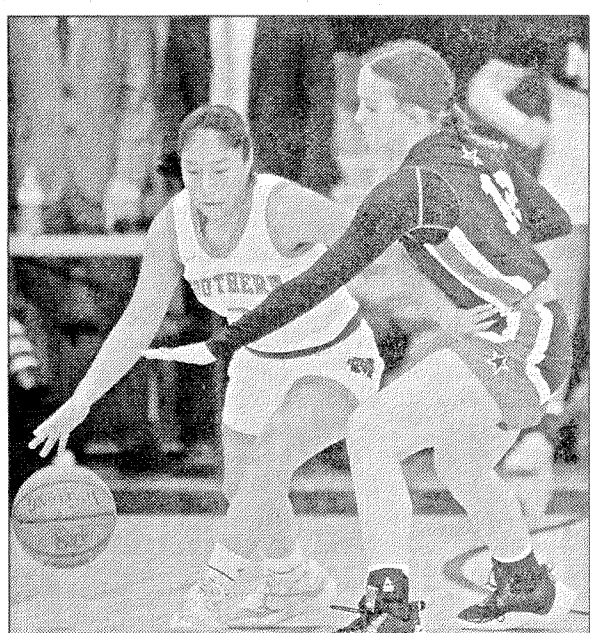
Macy Spivey drives the baseline during the Lady Rockets' loss to Southern Friday night.



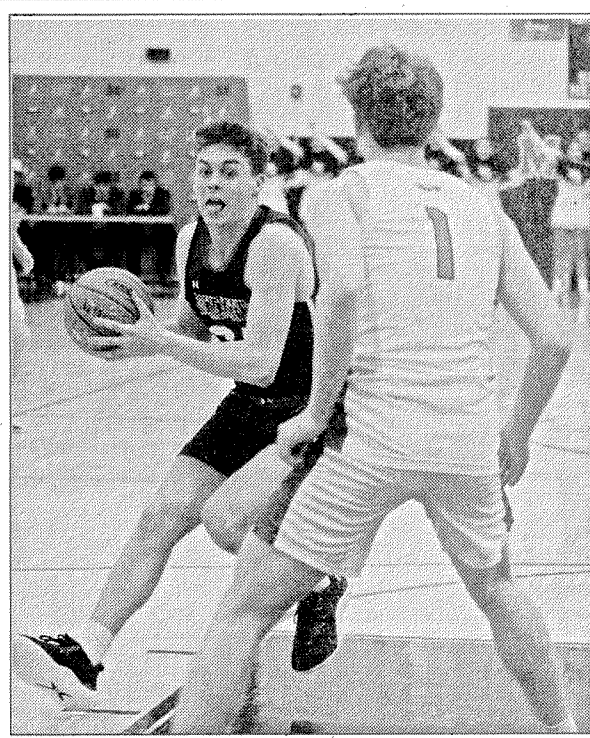
Taylor King works hard in the lane during the Lady Rockets' loss to Southern Friday night.

*Be on the lookout  
next week for  
RCMS Boys'  
Basketball*





Camryn Cash applies defensive pressure during the Lady Rockets' loss in overtime to Madison Southern last Friday night.



Trent Wilson drives to the basket in the Rockets' loss to Madison Southern Friday night.

## Lady Rockets

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three point play for the 48-45 final. There was 7/10 of a second left on the clock when Spivey came up with the ball on a long inbounds pass but, a Southern player grabbed the ball. Spivey hit the deck and the buzzer sounded with no call.

Shearer led the scoring for her team with 18 points; Taylor King and Spivey each scored 10 points; Richards scored four points and McKinney three. Very few fouls were called in the game with Southern hitting 5/9 and the Rockets perfect with 8/8, four each from King and Spivey.

Spivey won the rebounding wars with 13; King grabbed seven, Shearer got 7; Camryn Cash six and Richards and Abby DeLeon were each credited with three.

At Bell County Saturday, the Lady Rockets had a big first half, doubling the score on the Lady Bob Cats 36-18. The Bob Cats took the third quarter 19-11 but the Rockets came back to take the fourth quarter 20-18.

In the fourth quarter, Spivey got 11 of her game high 23 points, going 5/5 from the free throw line in that period. Shearer added 17 points; King got 13, hitting 6/7 free throws; Cash added nine point and Richards got five.

Shearer pulled down 10 rebounds for her team; Spivey got five; DeLeon four; King three; Cash two and Richards and McKinney one each.

The Lady Rockets traveled to Pulaski County Tuesday night for a district make-up game and were then scheduled to travel to Mercer County Friday night for a doubleheader game with the Rockets.

## Rockets

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with Rogers, dished out five assists and got the only steal for his team; Wilson scored 10 points and Rogers eight.

Wilson pulled down the most rebounds, 8 and was also credited with two assists; Hunt grabbed seven; Durham got six; Rogers and Craig had four each and Colton Cash two. Hunt also was credited with three blocks and Rogers and Craig with one each.

Against the Barbourville Tigers, the Rockets won by more than doubling the score, 77-35.

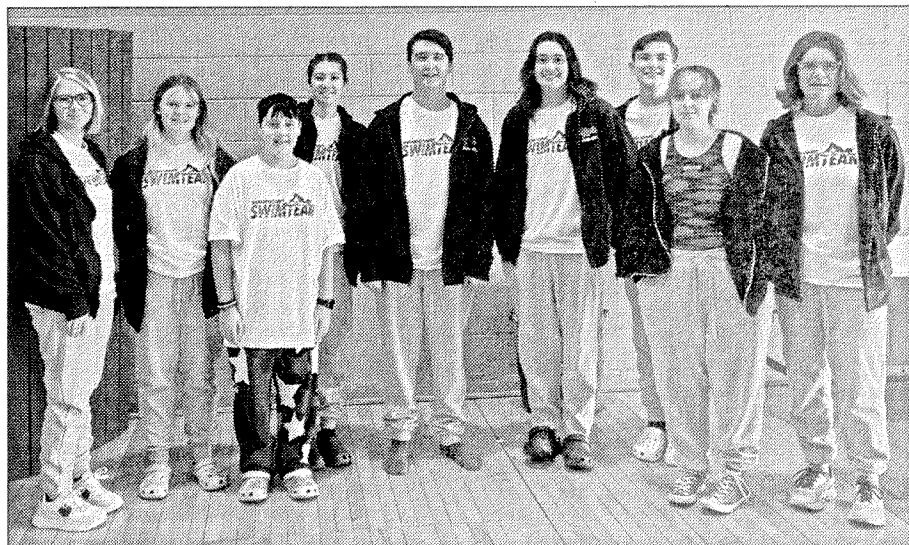
The Rockets were up 30-8 at the first quarter stop, 57-22 at the half and 67 to 25 at the end of the third quarter.

Connor Hunt took scoring honors in this game, hitting 11-14 field goals and 4-5 free throws for 26 points; Craig and Rogers each scored 14 points, including four threes for Craig and two for Rogers; Wilson and Durham got eight points each, with Durham going 2-2 from three point range; Maddux McClure scored five points, also hitting a three and Xavier Leger got two points at the free throw line.

Hunt and Durham tied for rebounding honors with seven each; Colton Cash got three; Rogers and Wilson two each and Caleb Moore, Craig and Kaleb Alexander one each.

The boys were scheduled to play Wolfe County Tuesday night at home, host South Laurel Thursday night before traveling to Mercer County Friday night and hosting Southwestern on Tuesday night, February 13th. They also have a make-up district game scheduled with Pulaski County on Thursday night, February 15th. After that, they have a home game with Russell County scheduled for Friday, February 16th and their final game of the season at Model will be Tuesday, February 20th.

The 47th District Tournament will be held at Rockcastle County this year.



The RCHS Swim Team competed in KHSAA Region 9 championships on Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3. There were several personal best records this weekend and Jackson Stallworth qualified for finals on Saturday. Swim team members are Lyn Amburgey, Harrison Craig, Caleb Kendall, Grace Lambert, Gracie Peavie, Jackson Stallworth, and Xavier Stallworth. Coached by Charon Burton and Lauren Smith.



Senior Lyn Amburgey was recognized at the RCHS Swim Team's last regular season meet at Madison Central on Tuesday, January 23rd. Following in her mother's footsteps, she began swimming as a young child and has swam for The Rock for three years. She plans to attend college after graduation to obtain her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She will be greatly missed. The swim team would like to wish her the best. Pictured from left are: Coach Lauren Smith, Lyn Amburgey and Coach Charon Burton.

By D1Baseball.com

## Shaffer among three Colonels recognized as top Major League Draft prospects

Three Colonels were recognized as top Major League Baseball Draft prospects in the Atlantic Sun Conference by D1Baseball.com. A fourth was listed by the organization among the top freshmen in the league.

Luke Reed (<https://ekusports.com/sports/baseball/roster/luke-reed/9701>), a right-handed pitcher, is the 14th ranked prospect in the ASUN for the 2024 Draft. Chase Alderman (<https://ekusports.com/sports/baseball/roster/chase-alderman/9683>), a right-handed pitcher,

is the fourth ranked prospect for the 2025 Draft. Silas Shaffer (<https://ekusports.com/sports/baseball/roster/silas-shaffer/9716>), a catcher, is the 12th ranked prospect in the conference for the 2025 draft.

Bradley Stewart (<https://ekusports.com/sports/baseball/roster/bradley-stewart/9712>), a left-handed pitcher, is ranked second on the D1Baseball Impact Freshmen list for the ASUN.

Reed, a senior from Louisville, Kentucky, made 17 appearances last season and struck out 47 in 44 and one-third innings. Alderman, a sophomore from Morehead, was chosen to the 2023 ASUN All-Freshman Team after going 2-4 with two saves, a 4.43 ERA and 43 strikeouts.

Shaffer is a freshman from Mount Vernon. He earned all-state recognition during his senior season at Rockcastle County High School after hitting .433.

Stewart, a Fort Lauderdale, Florida native, was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 17th round of the 2023 MLB Draft. He struck out 15 in five innings as a senior at Cooper City

High School. Stewart was a Perfect Game All-American as a junior.

The Colonels will begin the 2024 season at Auburn on Feb. 16. The 2024 home-opener is slated for Feb. 23 against Oakland University at Earle Combs Stadium.

Season tickets for the 2024 Eastern Kentucky University baseball season are on sale now. The season ticket package guarantees fans the best seats for all 30 home games, including Kentucky's visit to Earle Combs Stadium, three games against NCAA Regional participant Wright State, a home game against long-time rival Morehead State, two games against in-state rival Northern Kentucky, a game against Marshall and ASUN Conference series against North Alabama, Stetson, Queens, Bellarmine and Jacksonville.

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*Will celebrate her 100th birthday this month*

# Laura Wallace returns to Mullins Station to live out her last years on family property

**By: Nancy Mullins**  
Laura Wallace's recommendation for staying fit, and living to be 100 years old, is to dance, something this upbeat lady used to do at the German clubs in Cincinnati a few years ago. She still fervently believes in staying active. when the local hospital offered an exercise program called Silver Sneakers, she was a regular. These days, she eagerly awaits nice weather so she can work outside sweeping the driveway and putting around picking up branches and such. She doesn't hesitate to add that a little wine helps, too. She personally favors white Zinfandel.

Laura was born February 18, 1924, about half a mile from the Mullins Station Quarry in a beautiful part of the county that, back then, was a thickly-populated area with not only the quarry (which employed around 50-75 men) but also boasted stores, homes, a train depot, churches and schools.

It's hard to imagine what the area looked like in 1924. The rugged beauty is still there, a few trains come by, the abandoned quarry is there and now, after an absence of about 70 years, Laura Wallace is back there.

In 2001, she, her son Jerry and his wife Molly, her granddaughter Beth Brickley and her family, returned to the property Laura has held onto for years. Both families carved out beautiful homes, just a little up the hill behind her family home site. The old house sat empty for years before someone burned it.

Laura remembers her growing up years and going to school at Fairview. Nancy Helton and Virginia Mink (Jones) are two teachers she remembers well. Miss Helton boarded with her

family and once gave her a handkerchief (which she still has). Her full name then was Laura Belle Baker and somehow that prompted unwanted taunts by some of her classmates who would chant, "Laura Belle Baker shirtail shaker." She hated that. She vividly remembers Grace and Estil Bullock and their daughter Pauline. They ran a store at the Station and Grace "was so nice" she says and would often have her come in and eat with them. She remembers the great food Grace served and how pretty their house and table settings were.

Most of the school children brought biscuits and jam or meat but she remembers, with a smile, that one family of 13 children would bring a bucket of beans and they all ate lunch out of it. She says, "We walked everywhere back then, to visit friends, to school, to church, to the store." The trains brought the mail to the store/depot and people all across the mountains could hear the whistle and knew what time of day it was without a watch. Often, Laura's cousins would send her a box of fruit which came on the mail train. When she picked it up, her friends would be so excited and they would often follow her home eager to see her open it and hoping, no doubt, she would share.

The names of Laura's family on both sides are familiar to many still living in the area. An only child, Laura was born to Tom and Effie Mullins Baker. Effie was the daughter of George and Belle French Mullins. When Laura was in her teens, she and her mother moved North to Cincinnati before WWII. She said she went to work at an early age. She, and her mother, were both lucky to find work in a

bakery. It was while working there that she met her husband, Clyde Vernon Wallace. They were married in 1942 when she was 18. Clyde worked as a tailor. Later he was a switchman for the New York Central Railroad and, at the time he passed away at 54, he was working for the Ford Motor Company. When she left the bakery, Laura went to work at Arnold Printing and retired from there in 1989.

Laura loves to go camping and traveling is in her blood. She has done a lot of it - vacationing in Florida in summers and traveling, with friends, to many places, including Germany. However, probably her most memorable trip was to Kenya, Africa with her son Jerry, who toured with other zookeepers in search of animals to bring back to U.S. zoos. Jerry's very interesting career has included various positions,

including curator at zoos in major cities, including Birmingham and Cincinnati.

Molly smiles and says, "She loves to go. You just have to mention going and she's ready! She will go anywhere, anytime." Her granddaughter Beth smiles and nods. She accompanied her grandmother on several trips to Florida and often takes her shopping on the weekends. Laura admits she loves to go shopping and, on a recent shopping trip with Beth, she got sticker shock. She laughs when she tells about it. "I like to wear Coach brand shoes but I couldn't believe the ones I looked at were \$145!" She refused to buy them. "I'll just wear the ones I have."

When asked if she has regrets, Laura nods and says she wishes she had gone on to school. Her favorite food is "anything sweet" Molly says and the only foods she

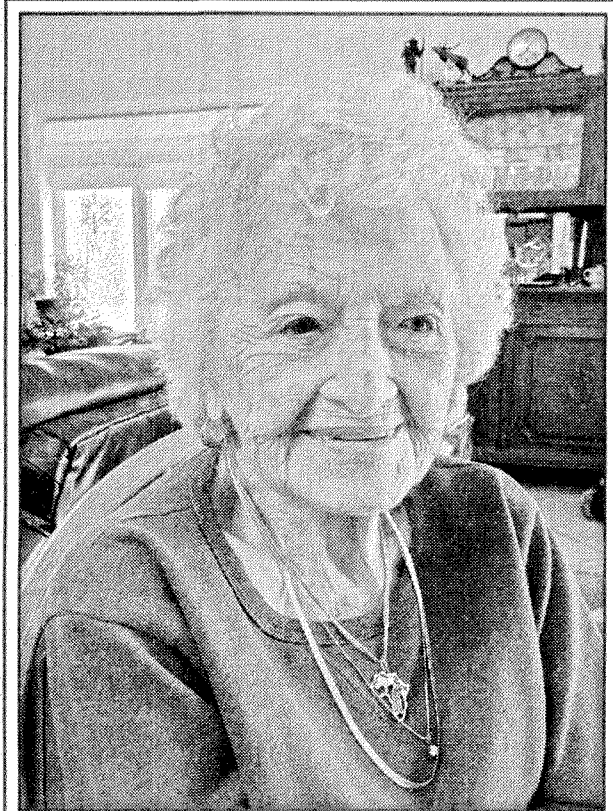
doesn't like are liver and oatmeal. She takes only two prescriptions.

Laura took care of her mother until she passed away in 1999. She found herself living alone in the city and thinking about family acreage back in Kentucky. It was about this time that Jerry was looking for a

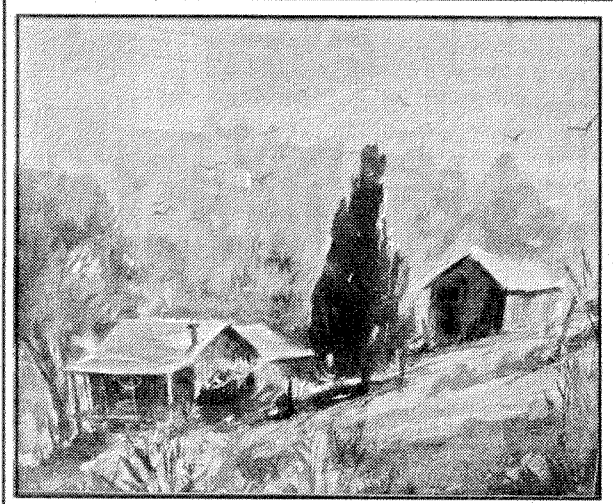
place to retire. They came to an agreement to join forces and make the move together. Laura feels at home on the old familiar territory but hates that the old home is no longer there. However, she has a lovely big watercolor of the house in the great room of the house she shares with her son and his wife.



Laura Wallace



Laura Wallace



Painting hanging in the great room

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## Kentucky Governor visits Mount Vernon



Governor Andy Beshear shakes hands with one of the RCHS JROTC Color Guard before a grant presentation Monday at the Area Technology Center.



Governor Beshear shook hands with Delta Natural Gas Director of Administrative Services Jeff Steele at the local school Monday.

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle County was visited Monday by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear.

Unlike a visit in 2021 by Senator Mitch McConnell, there was no long train of black SUVs or overwhelming police presence. No roads were blocked and no caution tape sealed off the area.

However, television cameras and media from across the state, and some national networks filled the front rows and lined the walls at each event Beshear attended.

Beshear arrived at his first stop at the Christian

Appalachian Project in one state vehicle and only those few in the vehicle with him provided security.

To the surprise of many, Beshear walked among the crowds, shaking hands and chatting with local residents and dignitaries, throughout the events he attended.

Beshear then traveled to the Area Technology Center at the local high school where once again, only three men appeared to provide security.

The Governor stood with ROTC members for photos and was then joined by several Frankfort officials,

including Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray (R) of Mt. Vernon, an advisor Rocky Adkins and others. Local dignitaries joining the event included Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County School Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger, Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts, Brodhead Mayor Jerry Adams, Mt. Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman, school board chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink, Mayor's assistant Nicole Roberts, RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook and RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig, Livingston Commissioner Sandi Singleton, and many other citizens and officials from throughout the county.

Beshear spoke at the two events about the subject at hand but also used the opportunity to discuss the current state budget and list recent accomplishments in Rockcastle County and throughout the region and state.

The governor told those present that Bray, VanHook and Holbrook have played vital roles in bringing the new regional industrial park to the county and that their work will have generational effects on the community. Beshear and Adkins agreed that VanHook "is a bulldog" when it comes to convincing state officials to support Rockcastle County.

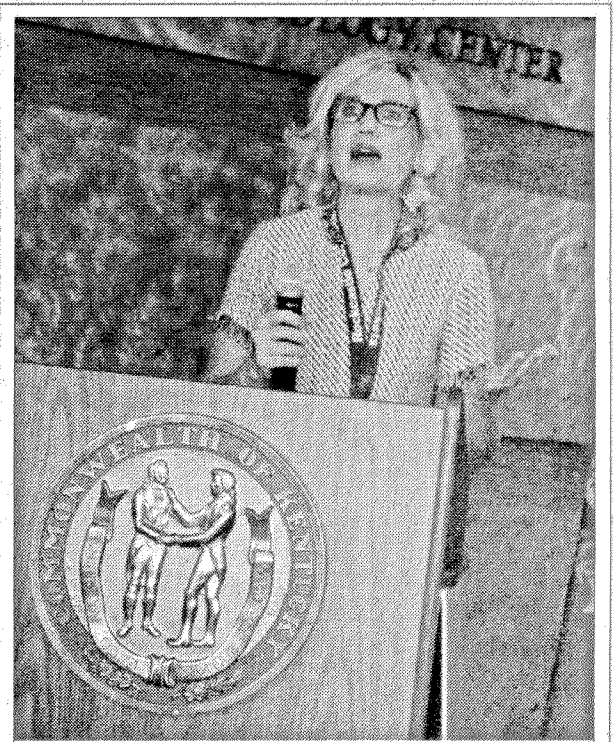
Beshear said Rockcastle County is growing fast and he and Bray alluded to a potential project that could transform the region that is currently being discussed. However, neither would give details about the potential project.

Several times through the day, Beshear mentioned that he will provide the same attention to conservative counties (such as Rockcastle) as he does to democrat-dominated counties. "There is no red or blue counties when it comes to the growth and betterment of the State of Kentucky," he said. "All counties must have the same opportunities to grow and develop."

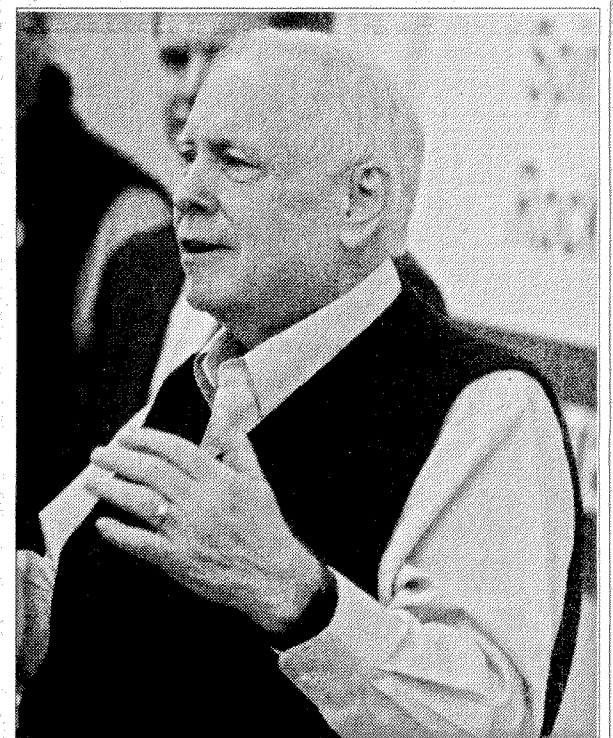
The governor drew applause each time he mentioned his plans to see that every home in the state has access to high speed internet and his goals to provide an 11% raise for every employee of every school system in the state.

Access to Beshear was available for all who were present.

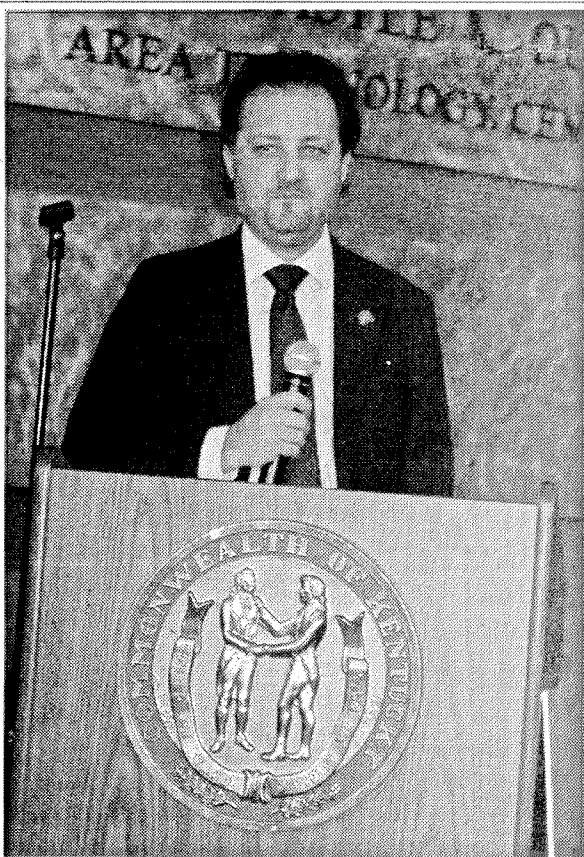
Holbrook said he was pleased with the visit. "It was an honor to have Kentucky's Governor in Rockcastle County focusing on local growth and economic development," he said. "Any time we can further the cause of our county and bring attention to our community, I am proud to be one of those who are a part of that process."



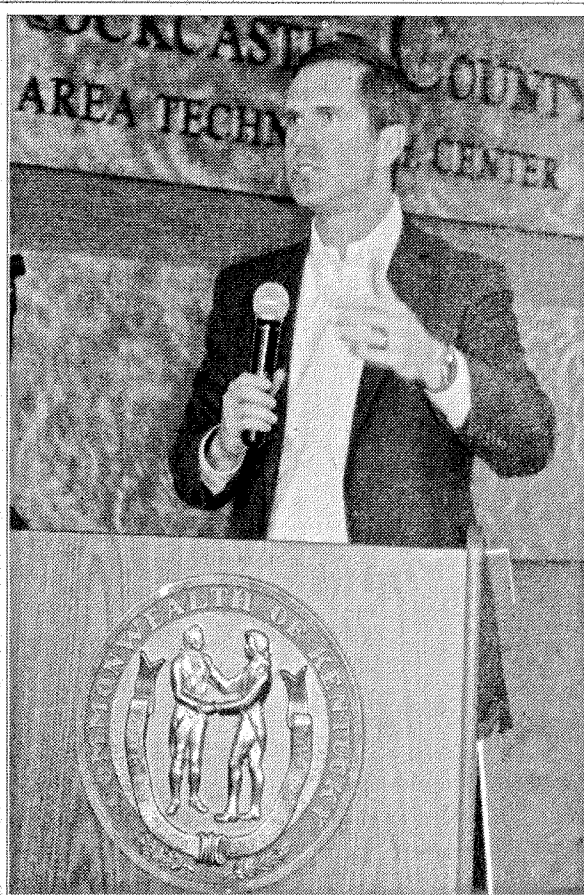
School Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger announced a \$4.4 million grant for the school system during the industrial park grant presentation.



President and CEO of the Christian Appalachian Project Grateful Bread Food Pantry spoke before Governor Andy Beshear Monday at the grand opening of the new building expansion.



Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray spoke at the grant presentation Monday. Officials say Bray played a huge role in helping bring the industrial park to the county.



Governor Andy Beshear spoke at the Area Technology Center where he presented a check for \$800,100 for the new regional Industrial Park.

## School district receives \$4.4 million grant

By: Mike French  
Editor

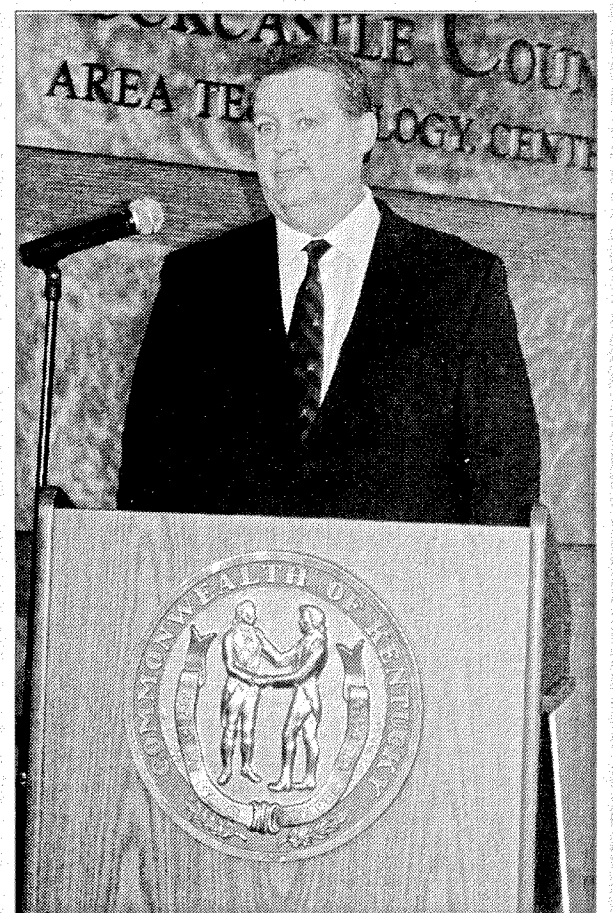
It was announced Monday that the Rockcastle County School District will receive a \$4.4 million grant after being chosen from 160 applicants to receive one of the Federal Innovation and Modernization Program Grants.

According to a press release from the Perkins Collaborative Resource Network, the grant was set up to support and rigorously evaluate evidence-based and innovative strategies and activities to improve and modernize career technical education (CTE) and to

ensure workforce skills taught in CTE programs. The program is funded under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to align with labor market needs.

School Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger announced the award during Governor Steve Beshear's visit Monday to the Rockcastle County Area Technology Center. Governor Beshear presented the new Regional Industrial Park with a check for \$800,100 and discussed the new natural gas pipeline and

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RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook welcomed the Governor and received accolades from the Governor and his staff for his work to bring the park to Rockcastle County.







# Church Directory

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
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Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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bhdp@ymail.com

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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship/Children's  
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Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
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Phillip Permenter  
Eric Bullock  
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marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

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Located 15 miles south of  
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(Sand Springs Rd.)  
606-256-4988  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Bill Mink, Pastor  
Calloway Baptist Church  
76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
Jason Medley, Pastor  
606-308-4543

## Central Baptist Church

86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.  
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
"Central Time" Radio  
Broadcast  
WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m.  
WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m.  
Transportation and Nursery  
provided for all services  
Home of Well of Pure Water  
Radio - 93.3 FM  
Mark Eaton, Pastor  
Church of Christ at  
Chestnut Ridge  
2 miles south of Mt. Vernon  
Turn left off US Hwy 25  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Bro. Ova Baker  
Bro. Dale McNew  
Bro. Philip Scott

## Church of Christ on

Fairground Hill  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Different speaker each  
Sunday  
Clear Creek Baptist  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Climax Christian Church  
Hwy. 1912  
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Climax Holiness Church  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at  
7 p.m.  
Community Worship  
Church of God  
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard  
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor  
Worship Service  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
www.cwchurchofgod.com

## Conway Missionary

Baptist  
116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY, 40403  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service and  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Meetings:  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Bobby Turner, Pastor  
606-758-4007

## Crab Orchard Pentecostal

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.  
606-355-7595  
Creekside Baptist Church  
2261 Copper Creek Rd.  
Sunday morning breakfast: 9:30  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Pastor Bro. Jack Stallsworth  
CrossPoint Church of God  
211 Industrial Park Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
Sunday 2 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Matt Griggs  
859-582-2553  
Crossroads  
Assembly of God  
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead  
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Cupps Chapel Holiness  
Copper Creek Rd.,  
Brodhead  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter  
Fairground Hill  
Community Holiness  
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Fairview Baptist Church  
520 Fairview Loop Road  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
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First Baptist Church  
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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
Dennis Wilder, Pastor  
Jesse Wright,  
Assoc. Pastor/Volunteer  
website: www.fbcmtvky.org  
email: fbcmtvmon@kymtvc.com  
Every Sunday:  
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Sunday School/Growth  
Groups 10 am  
WRVK 1460AM at 11 a.m.  
LiveStream at fbcmtvky.org  
Wednesdays: AWANA 6-8pm  
Student Worship at 6 pm  
First Christian Church  
West Main St. Mt. Vernon  
606-256-2876  
Bro. Richie Smith,  
Pastor  
Bro. Josh Haines,  
Youth/Family Minister  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

## Flat Rock Missionary

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Orlando, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Fountain of Life  
United Pentecostal Church  
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon  
Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome  
Pastor: James Blanton  
Freedom Baptist Church  
Freedom School Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer  
Meeting 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst  
859-200-6331  
Hickory Grove  
Pentecostal Church  
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)  
Brodhead, Ky.  
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Little Country Church  
Jarber Rd.  
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop  
onto Jarber Rd.  
Jack Weaver, Pastor  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Livingston Baptist Church  
Pastor: Josh Hasty  
606-392-3809  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
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606-256-1709  
Living Word  
Community Church  
"About our Father's Business"  
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Noon  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor  
606-308-4312  
Macedonia Baptist  
Church  
6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor  
Maple Grove Baptist  
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873  
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Home Phone 606-256-3075  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Mareburg Baptist  
Church  
2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Bro. Tony Smith, Pastor  
Phone: 256-8844  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
(all ages)  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening  
Bible Study  
6 p.m.  
www.mareburgbaptist.org  
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

## McNew Chapel Baptist

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
John Vanwinkle, Pastor  
Mt. Vernon Church of God  
1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Bobby Owens, Pastor  
859-986-1317  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
606-308-3293  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.  
New Heart Baptist Church  
1505 Coin Rd. • Somerset  
Pastor: Rick Lawson  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.  
New Heights Church  
316 Mini Mall Dr.  
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:20 a.m.  
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www.WhatSaiTheScriptures.com  
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Pastor Tommy Miller  
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606-256-4494  
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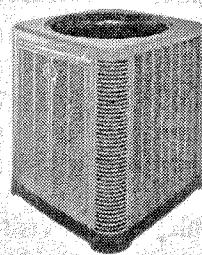
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Park facilities are coming back

City officials finding new ways to avoid waste

By: Mike French Editor

The Mount Vernon City Park will once again have public restrooms and facilities available to the public.

The local city park in Mount Vernon had elaborate restrooms installed many years ago, as part of a park project. However, due to extensive vandalism and transient people attempting to stay in the facilities at nights, the areas

became unsafe for residents as well as unclear for guests. "We were having to deal with finding people setting up house in the restrooms almost every morning," said City Administrator Jim Bowman. "There were needles on the floor and facilities broken and the area was simply in disarray. It was not safe for the public or our workers." The facilities had to be closed and

portable restrooms delivered.

However, when Bowman took over as City Administrator, he and facilities director Frank Baker and his crew, with support of Mayor Tim Roberts, began looking closely at city-owned facilities and properties and began to do something about the areas and property that had not been taken care of in the past, Bowman said.

that was supposed to benefit the city, let's deal with the issues and use it. If something breaks, we don't need to push it aside and buy a new one. If a building is sitting there, let's not forget about it. Let's clean it up and use it. I believe one of our most important duties is to avoid waste and use taxpayer funds properly with due diligence," he said.

So, workers pushed their way into a building recently that had not been used for some time, only to find lawn mowers, generators, equipment, tools and other items that the city could use. "Rather than let it die or rot away, we fixed all this stuff and now we have a nice mower and a nice generator and several

items the city actually needed." Not to mention that now there is a building that can be utilized for countless purposes.

Also one of the items discovered recently was a metal building kit that was purchased in the 1990s and was still in the box. "We don't have the instructions but I bet we can find a way to put it together," Bowman said. "Now we will have a place to store our road salt to keep it dry and we will have better access to it."

mowers busy this spring, and notice nice restroom facilities at the local parks and the city appears better able to function, it may be partly because of the due diligence of Mayor Tim Roberts's, Supervisor Frank Baker's and City Administrator Jim Bowman's efforts to avoid waste.

"School"

(Continued from B1)

planned highway widening projects, while Ballinger announced the \$4.4 million federal grant, demonstrating the unusual growth in development in Rockcastle County recently.

Officials say there were 160 grant applications from 43 states that qualified for the application process asking for \$860 million in grants. However, only 19 entries were selected with 11 of those being rural-based school districts. Rockcastle County was one of the 11.

According to the release, solutions include innovative partnerships, post secondary navigators, career coaches, new approaches to family engagement, personal development for educators and new state-wide governance structures.

"I am proud to announce that our district has been awarded this grant," said Ballinger. "With these funds we can make changes and additions to the way we approach such partnerships and can make lasting changes for the better for each and every one of our students."

RCHS Academic Team does well in competition

By: Mike French Editor

The 2023-24 RCHS Academic Quick Recall Team placed second overall and some individuals brought home trophies in a Governor's Cup competition last week.

According to Rockcastle School District Finance Director Jenny Sweet, the team competed in the Governor's Cup competition and brought the second place trophy back to Rockcastle County.

Senior Jeremiah Mikeworth placed first in the social studies category and second place in math written assessment.

Senior Alivia Kirby placed fourth place in math written assessment

and sophomore Gracie Burdette placed first in arts and humanities written assessment.

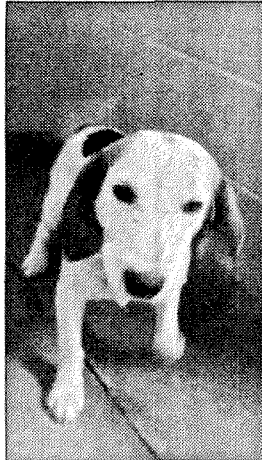
Sophomore Kaity Carter placed third in language arts assessment and freshman Wyatt Rigsby placed fifth in language arts written assessments.

Mikeworth, Kirby, Callie Bengé, Carter, Burdette, Matthew Eversole, Janaye Burton and Rigsby make up the RCHS Academic Team.

The team will now move on to the Regional Governor's Cup competition in February.

Officials at the school would like to congratulate the team and thank them for bringing more trophies back to their community.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets include Jim, a two year-old, male Beagle (left) and Molly, a three month-old Lab mix. Both are very friendly and looking for a home. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or looking over the others that are available, should visit or contact the Rockcastle county Animal Shelter at 256-18334 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$20 adoption fee will help get your new family member to their forever home.

As for the restroom facilities at the park, Bowman said the city had been forced to pay for portable restrooms (about \$100 per month) that were placed on the site. "The portable restrooms weren't as nice as our facilities and vandals were turning them over regularly," he said. "That wasn't very efficient."

Bowman had a local business fabricate steel bars to place over the windows and create an entry way on the existing facilities that can be locked at night. Police agencies have scheduled almost constant patrols of the parks now and there are other security measures in place as well but officials ask that they not be revealed.

"We aren't like the big cities. If something doesn't start on the first pull, they put it up and go buy a new one," Bowman said. "We take our job seriously and we are not going to waste taxpayer money."

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- 51) Spiral-horned antelope
- 52) "Art of Fugue" composer
- 53) "Wheel of Fortune" action
- 54) Time for cartoon watching
- 57) Donned the feedbag
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- 1) Coffin
- 2) Certain citrus fruit
- 3) Come out with a modified version
- 4) Homophone of 46-Down
- 5) Actor Mineo
- 6) "It's \_\_\_ Rock and Roll to Me"
- 7) Destroy completely, as a car
- 8) Some meadow creatures
- 9) "With this ring, I thee \_\_\_"
- 10) Like some blouses or shoes
- 11) Pretentious
- 12) Partly coincide
- 13) Old-fashioned suit?
- 18) "7 Faces of Dr. \_\_\_" (1964 flick)
- 19) Cul-de-
- 24) Beside the point
- 25) Stingless male honeybee
- 27) Blue shade
- 28) College course division
- 31) Bagpipers' garments
- 32) Aces, sometimes
- 33) O'er and o'er
- 34) "Do you want to hear a secret?"
- 35) Filled to the gills
- 36) Appliance for smoothing cloth
- 37) Assemble in proper sequence
- 39) Victim of Brutus
- 40) Short-tailed lemurs
- 42) Hitting the bottle
- 43) Demonstrate clearly
- 44) Traveled far and wide
- 46) African antelope
- 47) Batman Bruce
- 48) Apexes
- 49) Greek "P"
- 52) Canaanite deity
- 53) Like a bug in a rug
- 55) FBI evidence, at times
- 56) Lobster coral

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