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## National Champions



RCHS Cheer has won the 2024 National Championship in the National High School Cheerleading Championship Medium Varsity Division II Non-Tumbling 2.5 Division and third place in the nation in Game Day Division II Super Varsity Non-Tumbling this week in competition at Orlando, Florida. Team members are shown above, front row from left: Coach Joanie Lake, Alivia Shepherd, Kameryn Medley, Bailey Terry, Ashleigh Abney, Raychel Carpenter, Alexis Martin and assistant coach Sydney Hager. Second row from left: Kayden Collins, Kovey Payne, Allie Cable, Makena Weaver, Brooke Dunn, Brooklyn Hebson, Brianna Hensley, Victoria Dykes, Lila Holt and Keathlee Justice. Back row from left: Kathryn Coffey, Chelsea Cox, Bevin Baker, Chloe Taylor, Morgan Hocker, Emma Hensley, Maggie Reynolds, Lexie Burkhart, Marley Gibson, Sidney Doan, Jenna Eaton and Ally Hayes. Not pictured: assistant coach Vee Anderson.

*Christopher Whicker*

## Livingston mayor swears in new Police Chief

By: Mike French  
Editor

On Saturday, the City of Livingston announced they now have a new Chief of Police.

Christopher (Chris) Whicker, of Madison County, has taken over the reins and was sworn in by Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson last

week. Chief Davis said he is moving to another department in Kentucky but due to his new duties, he cannot say where at this time.

Whicker served the Berea Police Department for 18 years and stepped away from the field two

years ago. According to Whicker, he is glad that Davis convinced him to return to the field of law enforcement and utilize his degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University. "It is good to be back in police work and I am looking

forward to serving the good citizens of Livingston," he said.

Whicker was sworn in during a ceremony last week in a special called closed meeting at Livingston as Davis

(See "Chief" on A5)

## Mount Vernon receives \$88,000 security grant

By: Mike French  
Editor

The City of Mount Vernon has been awarded an \$88,200 grant from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

City officials applied for the grant in 2023 and

received a letter from the governor's office last week, informing local officials of approval.

According to Mayor Tim Roberts and City Administrator Jim Bowman,

(See "Grant" on A5)

## Mount Vernon Fire Department Social Media page is deactivated without warning from Facebook

By: Mike French  
Editor

Many have expressed questions concerning the Mount Vernon Fire Department's social media page recently.

Officials at the department say they have received many calls from citizens wondering why

the popular page cannot be found.

The department, along with nearly all other fire departments, uses the public space to make announcements and inform the public about certain events planned by the department on a regular basis.

(See "Social" on A5)

## Burglary at Dollar General ends quickly as police find suspect

By: Mike French  
Editor

Patrons of the Dollar General Store on US-150, likely noticed the cardboard front entrance Monday morning, installed after a burglary.

According to a uniform citation from the Mount Vernon Police Department, Jose Rodriguez, 38, of Somerset, was arrested after the incident and charged with the burglary.

The citation says police received an alarm notice that glass had been broken and there was movement inside the store Monday

morning just after 3 a.m.

Upon arrival, Mount Vernon Police discovered the front door glass broken. A manager came to the location and provided security footage for police who were able to watch Rodriguez breaking the front door glass with a brick. The suspect then used a grocery bag to take candy, chips, Little Debbie cakes, and a Power Aid, and then left on foot.

Officers cleared the building but later found the stolen goods behind the Family Dollar Store

(See "Dollar" on A5)

## Woman caught taking lottery tickets from Livingston Marathon

By: Mike French  
Editor

Leanne Spoonamore, 29, of Mount Vernon was charged with theft by unlawful taking, after apparently stealing lottery tickets from the Livingston Marathon station.

Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan

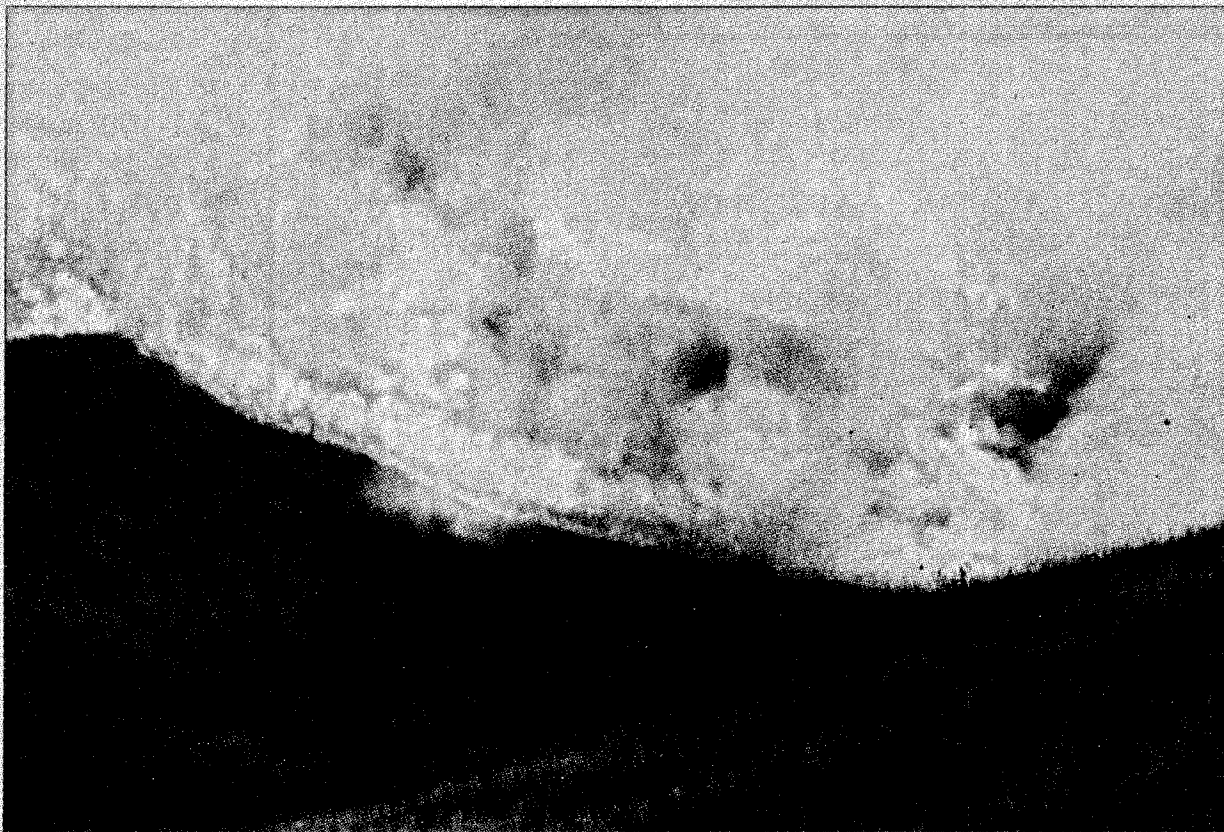
Loudermilk received information about the theft and watched security video, that had been saved by the district manager at the store. According to the uniform citation, Loudermilk confirmed that Spoonamore had stolen lottery tickets valued in excess of \$27,000.

The day before, January 27, Spoonamore was arrested after a traffic stop on Higher Ground Lake Road on drug charges.

The January 27 citation says Spoonamore was in the back seat of a vehicle, driven by Phillip Spoonamore. After receiving consent to search the vehicle, KSP Trooper Ben Allen found sus-

(See "Tickets" on A5)

## Wildfire



Another 13 acres was destroyed in Rockcastle County last week as local fire departments report a large number of wild fires this year. Shown above, this fire destroyed 13 acres of grass and woods on Hawk Road near Livingston last week. Livingston Fire and Rescue responded to attack the blaze with Mount Vernon Fire Department paged for mutual aid. The fire was extinguished and the cause is unknown at this time.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

The Senate worked on Super Bowl Sunday and pulled an all-nighter to pass a \$95B bill that sends foreign aid to Ukraine (\$60B), Israel and Taiwan. 18 Republicans, including our very own Swamp Creature RINO Mitch McConnell, voted with Democrats. (Thank goodness, our other Senator Rand Paul, is against this bill, calling it "rotten" but his attempt to filibuster to keep it from a vote failed with the desertion of the 18 Republicans).

This came after the failure of the last \$115B foreign aid spending bill that included \$60B for Ukraine and \$14B in aid for Israel but only allotted \$20B for security at our southern border.

I certainly wasn't in favor of the original bill and am even less so in favor of this one.

I do think we should support Israel in their effort to destroy the Hamas terrorist group but, I am virulently against more funding for Ukraine for a war that should have been settled peaceably in May of 2022. That effort was nixed, as I understand it, by then UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who had just returned from the Switzerland, headquarters of the World Economic Forum (WEF) an avid supporter of the war on Ukraine's side.

They do not like Russia's Premier Vladimir Putin since he has made his position clear that he will **never support** their New World Order for a one world government. Thus, Johnson had to hasten to Ukraine to keep hostilities going against Putin. Putin does not want Ukraine to

join NATO because he does not want a NATO country on his doorstep and Ukraine had always promised not to join NATO.

Anyway, as I have researched it, Putin and Zelensky, Ukraine's President (actually installed by the US), negotiated a treaty and Putin withdrew troops as a sign of good faith. Then Johnson arrived on the scene with millions in aid for Zelensky from the UK to continue the war and to convey his masters' wishes (the WEF).

Neither leader cared about the generation of young men and women the war is wiping out or the infrastructure damage being done, mainly to Ukraine, only of their own selfish motives to continue the bloodshed.

But, back to the most recent outrage our "leaders" in Washington are attempting to perpetuate upon us. Not only does this latest bill **not include one penny for our southern border**, over which 200,000 illegal immigrants crossed during December of 2023 but, buried deep in this bill, is the provision that a future President cannot stop aid to Ukraine, under penalty of impeachment!

The amazing part is that Bernie Sanders (D) voted no on this bill which puts him more in tune with Republicans than 18 actual, or RINO, Republicans.

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson has said that the bill will not be brought up in the House which will "work its own will" on these issues. "Ten months ago, the House passed the Secure Our Border Act

and, since then, the Senate has failed to meet the moment," Johnson said.

The most puzzling thing to me is that, best I can tell, there would not have to actually be any money allocated to secure our border. pResident Biden keeps saying he needs millions to hire more border patrol agents and lawyers to help with asylum claims, but what he actually needs to do is put things back the way they were when Trump was President and the border was secure with illegal crossings at a minimum.

But, no, being over \$35 trillion dollars in debt isn't enough for Democrats -- they haven't completely sent us spiraling into a third world country yet, but it's won't take much more of their out-of-control spending measures.

I have a really hard time reading some of the woes that have been inflicted on this country because of one of Biden's first actions in office being inviting the world into our sovereign country. In this fiscal year, which began in October of 2023, over 800,000 have crossed already and that's the ones recorded. There have been thousands of "gotaways" that no one has any idea where they are or what they're doing.

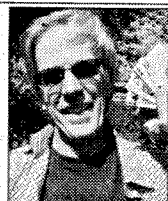
Millions of mainly military-age young men have been let into our country with young men from China among the highest numbers. If that doesn't make you shiver when you think of it, you're not thinking.

There's other news I would like to "ramble" about, such as the report of a special counsel appointed by AG Merrick. This report finds that Biden's action of taking top secret documents, when he was a senator and vice president, was illegal but that no charges would be filed because his memory of his action is now faulty (and *ma'ny* because he's a Democrat, and, as we all know, they're Teflon).

But, Paige just gave me my cut off signal so I'll have to wait until next week to vent more of my feelings on the state of our nation and the small chance we will survive this Democrat regime's administration.

## Aces Over

By: Mike French



As I have pointed out many times, I feel like America has changed a lot in my few, short years.

But the truth is, I don't know if anything has changed any more than television.

Some younger people may not understand what life was like back when televisions were a rare thing. Unfortunately, I remember it very well and can easily compare 1960 and 1970 television to today's pornographic, strip-club, foul-language, smut.

My grandmother, with whom I stayed a lot as a youngster, had no television. She had a little, white radio and that was the entirety of their entertainment. Well, that and watching the fireplace.

We had a fancy, black and white console tv about the size of a refrigerator. The roof antenna had to be adjusted almost every night and more than once if the wind was blowing.

But I had the opportunity to watch as television became more and more popular across the country.

When color television began to become popular, the world started to change.

Up to that point, about everything on all three channels of our television was moral and ethical and provided Christian lessons for the watcher.

Lassie, The Rifleman, The Andy Griffith Show, Leave it to Beaver, the Waltons, game shows, and Disney movies, all

had tear-jerker, moral lessons at the end of each program. The idea that someone on my tv would speak a curse word, or be shown sleeping in a double bed - even if married, was completely impossible.

Every show left one thinking about good, clean, positive, family values as it ended.

But when color tv became popular, it started to

go downhill from anyone's perspective, except perhaps some demons.

It was a national uproar when Barbara Eden became the first female to show her belly button on tv. I remember it well. News shows and legislators and even the President talked about such lewd, depraved behavior on national television. It was called "communism" and an effort to erode society. Well guess what? It worked!

By the late 70s and early 80s one would begin to hear minor curse

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Passing of Toby Keith  
Dear Journal,

It has only been a handful of days since I first heard the news about the passing of country superstar, Toby Keith. Although I knew that he had cancer, I was still rather shocked. The last I had heard he was getting progressively better, slowly. That was only about two months ago.

When I first married Stanley, I didn't care much for country music. It was all whiney and made me think that I was at a funeral. About the only subjects were people cheating on each other, drinking beer and other subjects that didn't interest me. By the time we married in 2003, Country had evolved and was almost rock and roll, soft rock, anyway.

There weren't that

many female singers, however. I came to enjoy George Strait, Alan Jackson, Garth Brooks, Randy Travis and Toby Keith. Now Toby has left us.

I liked almost everything he sang. My personal favorite is Courtesy of the Red White and Blue. It was a rallying cry following the 9-11 disaster in New York. Alan Jackson had such a song out about then as well. I think it was Where Were You? Alan was scheduled to sing on an awards show but they weren't going to let him sing that song. Ole Alan walked out on stage and started belting out that very song. When he was through, he walked off stage and kept on going. Alan had left the building.

Toby will be greatly missed. He had a large following and won't be forgotten. RIP, Toby.

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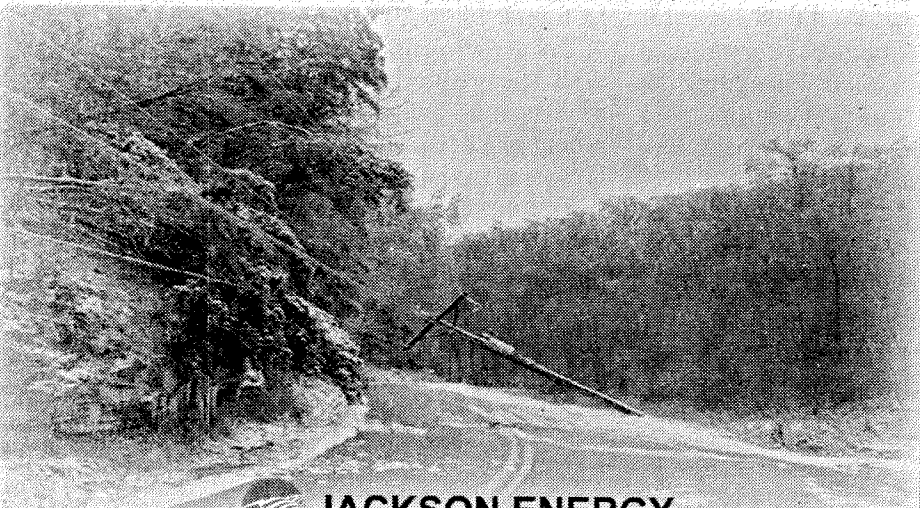
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# Hospice Care Plus to host new volunteer training

Hospice Care Plus, Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative and bereavement care, is hosting a new volunteer training on Saturday, March 2, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library in Richmond.

The training is for individuals who would like to help provide care and support for those with a serious illness, their caregivers, and the bereaved, either directly or indirectly.

Mariah Smith, volunteer coordinator at Hospice Care Plus, says vol-

unteers are central to the organization's mission.

"Our volunteers enhance our care in meaningful ways, even when they choose to do more behind-the-scenes work. They are essential to our mission," she said.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed at [hospicecareplus.org](https://hospicecareplus.org), 859-986-1500, or [hospice@hospicecp.org](mailto:hospice@hospicecp.org). Lunch and refreshments are provided.

Smith says there is something that will fit everyone's schedule, regardless of how much

time one has to volunteer. There are opportunities to work with patients and caregivers or in non-patient care roles such as mailings, office support, and more. Many roles require only an hour or so a month.

Several programs give new volunteers a wealth of choices. A complete list of programs is available at [hospicecareplus.org](https://hospicecareplus.org). In all cases and programs, Hospice Care Plus staff are available to support volunteers.

"Our staff welcomes volunteers as part of the team," said Smith.

"They're supported and appreciated as making real, meaningful contributions."

To learn more or to register for the training, visit [hospicecareplus.org](https://hospicecareplus.org) or contact Mariah Smith at 859-986-1500 or [hospice@hospicecp.org](mailto:hospice@hospicecp.org). Registration can also be completed via the Facebook event page. For those interested in self-paced, online training options, contact Smith.

Hospice Care Plus is Rockcastle County's

provider of hospice, palliative, and bereavement care. The organization also serves Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison and Owsley counties and owns and operates the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Relying on contributions

from individuals and groups, all care is provided regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. To learn more, donate, or explore career and volunteer opportunities, visit [hospicecareplus.org](https://hospicecareplus.org) or call 859-986-1500.

## Deadline for CSP applications for local farmers is March 15

The next deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications to be considered for funding this year is March 15, 2024. Through CSP, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps farmers, ranchers and forest landowners earn payments for expanding conservation activities while maintaining agricultural production on their land. CSP also encourages adoption of new technologies and management techniques.

CSP is the largest conservation program in the United States and continues to be a very effective tool for private landown-

ers working to achieve their conservation and management goals on agricultural and forest lands, said Eric Allness, NRCS state conservationist in Kentucky.

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by the deadline to ensure their applications are considered for 2024 funding.

**About the Program**  
CSP is offered in Kentucky through continuous signups. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improve-

ments and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, rangeland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of a tribe.

For additional information about CSP, contact your local service center. Find your local NRCS, Farm Service Agency, or any other Service Center agency at USDA Service Center Locator.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### GLAZED CINNAMON APPLES IN CROCKPOT

8 large Granny Smith apples  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
6 tablespoons melted butter  
Place apples in slow cooker. Drizzle lemon juice over apples. Mix sugar, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg in a small bowl. Sprinkle mixture over apples. Stir gently to coat apples. Drizzle with butter. Cook 2 to 3 hours on low or 1 to 2 hours on high. Serve with ice cream, if desired.

### PUMPKIN AND APPLE SOUP

2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion, thinly sliced  
9 apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced  
1 teaspoon allspice  
1 can pumpkin puree  
1 quart chicken broth  
1 pint heavy cream  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
In a stockpot heat oil. Add onion, half of the apples, and allspice. Cook over medium heat until soft.  
Add pumpkin puree, chicken broth, and cream. Bring to a simmer. Cook for 30 minutes, then season with salt and pepper. In a

separate pan, cook the rest of the apples with the cinnamon and butter over medium heat until apples are soft. Serve hot with baguettes, toasted bread, or your choice of crackers. If you want a smooth soup, add cooked mixture to a blender and blend until smooth.

### APPLE BUTTER SPICE CAKE

1/2 cup shortening  
1 cup granulated sugar  
3 eggs  
1 cup apple butter  
2 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 cup buttermilk  
Preheat oven to 325°. Grease and lightly flour 9 x 13 pan. Cream shortening and sugar. Beat in eggs, one at a time, beat until light and fluffy. Stir in apple butter. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add mixture to apple butter mixture alternately with buttermilk. Turn batter into cake prepared pan. Bake 30 to 40 minutes. After cake has cooled for at least 10 minutes, spread additional apple butter on top if desired.

## Aces

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words occasionally but only on certain shows. Those are the shows most people avoided.

I started thinking about this because I spent this weekend watching a lot of old 1960, black and white tv shows and I could not believe how much cleaner they were.

The transition to pure filth had been so gradual that even I hadn't noticed until I watched those old shows again. I was conditioned and didn't even realize it.

Over the years television has moved from a moral, ethical, family form of entertainment, to a filthy, depraved, sickening kind of brain washing.

I can't turn on my television anymore without having to see two men do things that men were not meant to do with each other. There are curse words coming from the mouths of children, cartoons filled with filth and women simulating sexual acts dressed in dental floss.

And yet they have warnings on the screen that someone may have to watch a man smoke a cigarette.

Our priorities have become backwards.

I believe television to have been one of the most influential entities in America over the past 50 years. And where Hollywood has taken it is not what is best for the country.

It is a shame that such an influential part of society has leaned so far to the left kind of filth that modern society wants everyone to accept as normal.

For we who remember the difference, what we see on television today is not normal.

But it isn't all Hollywood. I believe in the freedom to put anything out there that they want. The fact that we the people watch it, subscribe to it, support it and promote it is the problem. If we didn't watch it, they would stop showing it.

Still, I don't know why television had to become so filthy no matter how perverted society became.

I just know that if I had a five-year-old, I would likely have to join those conspiracy theorists who have no television. Maybe that little old radio of Grandma's wasn't such a bad thing after all.

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
**Monday, February 19th:** Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge. **Tuesday, February 20th:** Ottawa and Bee Lick.

**Rockcastle Retired Teachers Meeting**  
The Rockcastle Retired Teachers will meet Wednesday, February 21st at 11:30 a.m. at Limestone Grille.

**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](https://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](https://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**  
**February meeting cancelled**  
The meeting of the Rockcastle County Historical Society that was scheduled for February has been cancelled. Officials say some members are unable to attend on the planned date.

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

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

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

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

**Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA**  
**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.  
**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon:** Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.  
**Tuesday - MARA - Medicated Assisted Recovery Anonymous - Mt. Vernon:** 2 p.m., 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon. Contact: 606-308-8900 for info  
**Wednesday-Air-All In Recovery-Mt. Vernon:** 12 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY. Contact: 606-308-8900 for more info.  
**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only:** Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.  
**Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous-Brodhead:** 7 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: 606-308-8900. Please park in the Coffey & Ford parking lot  
**Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only.** 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.



# Obituaries

## Daniel James Hunsucker

Daniel James Hunsucker, 37, husband of Mary Hannah Hunsucker of Richmond, died February 10, 2024 at his residence. Daniel was born October 31, 1986, in Painesville, Ohio to the late Harry James Hunsucker, Sr. and Janet (Fleming) Busenlehner of Brodhead.

On May 13, 2007, he married Mary Hannah Hunsucker. From that union came two children, Maelee and Daniel. He was of the Christian faith, and he enjoyed fishing and spending time with family. He also enjoyed helping others who are active in addiction recovery programs.

He is survived by: his wife, Mary Hannah Hunsucker of Richmond; one daughter, Maelee Hunsucker of Waynesburg; one son, Daniel Hunsucker of Barboursville; five brothers, Ronald McFadden (Shannon); Scott McFadden (Tabitha); Harry Hunsucker (Vanessa); Buddy Herring (Kristen) and Avery Hunsucker; and a sister, Kayla Delong (Brahm).

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry James Hunsucker, Sr.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 16, 2024 at the Marvin E. Owens Chapel with Bro. Jason Medley officiating. Burial was at Scaffold Cain Cemetery.

## James Williams

James Williams, 79, of Brodhead, died Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Rockcastle Health and Rehab in Brodhead. He was born August 20, 1944, in Leslie County to the late Elijah and Emily Williams. Mr. Williams worked most of his life as a handyman and farm hand and enjoyed spending time in the woods and hunting Ginseng as well as mowing his yard.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his five children, Emily Worley, Jonathan Bowling, Anna Smith, Dillis Smith, and Merry Smith; eight grandchildren, David Beard, Alisha Worley, Shirley Bowling, Jordan Turner, Jonathan Bowling, Jr., Taylor Roberts, Angel Bowling, and Ashton Turner; a great grandchild, Kember Beard; and two brothers, Paul Williams and Joe Williams.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: a grandson, Charlie Bowling; and four sisters, Barbara Napier, Cornia Whitehead, Rebecca Williams, and Faye Williams.

Cremation was chosen by the family with a possible memorial service to be held later.

## "Juicy" McGuire

Gary Wade "Juicy" McGuire, 76, of Mt. Vernon, widower of Roberta McGuire, father of Tim McGuire and Tammy McGuire, died Saturday, February 10, 2024.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at Brush Creek Church. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.


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

## Church News

### Special Service, Preaching and Singing

There will be a special service, including preaching and singing, at Sand Springs Baptist Church, Saturday, February 24th, beginning at 6 p.m. with Bro. Ben Jones and the Chimney Rock Boys.

*"The Depot"*  
*Friday Night*  
*Gospel Singing*  
*Proudly Presents!*



*"Pentecostal Pickers"*

**Free Admission**  
**February 16th at 6pm**  
**9174 Main Street Livingston KY**

## Scott Smith

Scott Dwain Smith, 52, of Orlando, died Sunday, February 4, 2024 at his home. He was born in Mt. Vernon on April 2, 1971, the son of William Denzil and Beverly Ball Smith. He had been an automobile finish technician for Sherwin-Williams Company and was a member of Pine Hill Holiness Church. He had been a Rockcastle Little League and middle school baseball coach for many years. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed playing golf and dirt track racing, as well as hunting and fishing.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 33 years, Rebecca Burkhart Smith; his children, Samantha Parker and husband Dustin, Christian Smith, and Riley Smith, all of Mt. Vernon; his mother, Beverly Smith; two brothers, Tim Smith of Orlando, and Dakota Smith and wife Stephanie of Mt. Vernon; and his grandchildren, Cooper Smith, Emmersyn Parker, Bella Smith, Lylah Parker, and a baby boy on the way. He was preceded in death by his father, William Denzil Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 8, 2024 at Brush Creek Church by Bros. Scott Gaines and Lonnie McGuire. Burial followed in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Logan Bowman, Dustin Parker, Christian Smith, Dakota Smith, Riley Smith, and Tim Smith.

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## Card of Thanks

### Judy Hopkins Mize

We, the family of Judy Hopkins Mize, would like to thank each and everyone that sent flowers, brought food, sent cards and gave monetary donations.

Special thanks to Bro. Randal Adams and Bro. Mike Chism for their comforting words, also Brodhead Baptist Church for the meal and Brooke Bishop for the beautiful song she sang for Judy. Also thank you to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and staff.

God bless each and everyone.

*Her Children: Donnie Ray Moberly, Shannon Lee Mize and Shawna Lynn Harris, her Grandchildren and Brothers and Sisters*

## The Difference Between a Trial and Temptation

Often, it is easy for us to think of trials as the same thing as temptations. We sometimes hear people say that God will never put more on you than you are able to stand. This statement is usually inference to 1 Corinthians 10:13, There hath no temptation taken you, but such is common to man: But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that you may be able to bear it. If you look at the 11 verses prior to this, Paul is referencing to God's children in the Old Testament. He is telling those at Corinthian church that no matter what God did to deliver his people, they were still unfaithful to him. God proved his power repeatedly by performing miracles to save them out of the hands of their enemies, but they still were caught up in the sin of idolatry and fornication.

The point here is sin is something we much engage in when temptation is presented unto us. Were as with trials, they are going to come in this life. So, with temptation it is a choice. But with trials we have no choice. For example, I had a person tell me one time that drug usage was a disease like cancer. I responded by saying, I never heard of anyone choosing to have cancer, seems to me that drugs are a choice. She went on to explain that there is a chemical dependence that occurs. I do not understand that. With all that said, we must go to the temptations, in the case of trials they come to us.

For we do not want to be ignorant brethren of our trouble which came to us Asia, that we were burdened beyond measure above strength, so that we despair even of life. Yes we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead. Who delivers us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us.

We are not the only ones that are tempted and have trials. Jesus our savior was also tempted. We see in the temptation in Matthew 4:1, then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. We see here that Jesus withstood the temptation and said in Matthew verse 10, then sayeth Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.

Jesus also went through trials and one that affects us all deeply, is when Jesus was preparing to hang on the cross. We read in Luke 22:40-44, And when he was at the place, he said unto them, pray that ye not enter into temptation and he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thy will be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven strengthening him. and being in an agony he prayed more earnestly" and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

We need to use this example, and when we are comforted with trials that are had to bear, pray to God. He will never leave you nor forsake you, Duet 31:8

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CHURCH of CHRIST

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

## Yvonne Carmack

Ms. Barbara Yvonne Carmack, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 5, 2024 at her home. She was born in Brodhead on January 3, 1954, the daughter of Coy, Jr. and Helen Bishop Carmack. She was a retired employee of PPG Industries and was of the Christian faith. A proud graduate of Mt. Vernon High School, she enjoyed taking care of her family and spending time with her grandchildren, as well as tending to her flower and vegetable garden, sewing, singing, and reading.

She is survived by: her daughters, Rebecca Hope Sturgill and husband Donnie of Mt. Vernon, and Jennifer M. Durham and husband Austin of Lexington; her grandchildren, Emily Grace Sturgill and Jasper Lane Durham; and her brothers, Daniel Ray Carmack and James Dale Carmack, both of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, Stephanie Hines and husband Scottie, Cheyenne Haste and husband Matt, Haddon, Anna and Adeline Haste, Jasmin Johnson, Isaiah and Randall Johnson, Kellen Carmack and wife Tori, Danny Ross Carmack, Katie Brown and husband Brad, Layne and Riley Brown, Allison Hemsley and husband Jordan, and Asher Hemsley.

She was preceded in death by: her father, Coy Carmack, Jr.; her mother, Helen Carmack Renner; her step-father, Billy Gene Renner; a brother, Charles Dean Carmack; her maternal grandparents, Luther and Sallie Bishop; and her paternal grandparents, Charlie and Stella Carmack.

Memorial services were conducted Friday, February 9, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Matt Haste. Burial followed in Providence Cemetery.

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## SUGAR'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

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## I Will Not Be Negligent

2 Peter 1:12

I will not be negligent to put others in remembrance of God's word. This is the context. A great responsibility.

I will not be negligent of my relationship to the Lord and His church. Attend. (Acts 20:7) And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. (Heb. 10:25) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Work. (Phil. 2:12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

I will not be negligent of the physical needs of my family. (1Tim. 5:8) But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

I will not be negligent of the spiritual needs of my family. (Eph. 6:4) And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

I will not be negligent of the needy. (Jas. 1:27) Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows and their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Summed up. I will not be negligent of the great salvation; because if I am there is no escape. (Heb. 2:3) How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him.

## Don't Be Negligent

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch and articles to read on our Face Book website. Yellow Banks Church of Christ. The church assembles for worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. The church is located at 3600 Frederica Street Owensboro Kentucky. Everyone is welcome. We offer free Bible correspondence course. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church, you can either call or text this number 606-224-1480.

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# RCIDA deals with city annexation of industrial park

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting last week, expressing some surprise about a recent city annexation of the Rockcastle County Industrial Park.

RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig agreed with others that not enough notification was given that the property had been annexed. "Did anyone from the city come to an RCIDA meeting and ask our opinion about annexing the property?" he asked.

Executive Director Jeff VanHook said the RCIDA had received a Letter of Intent to Annex about a year earlier but he was not aware the action had moved forward. "This could help us. One of RCIDA's biggest expenses is the utilities at the Industrial Park. Now that the park is apparently part of the City of Mount Vernon, that means the city gets to pay the utilities and repair the road, etcetera," VanHook said. "That is the way it is done everywhere. When a city annexes property, they take over the utilities and upkeep." VanHook says those utilities alone are typically over \$2,000 per month.

"I think there was some miscommunication somewhere and we all should have talked about this in detail before the annexation was complete," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

In a later interview, City Administrator Jim Bowman and Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts agreed they believe the city went through the proper channels. "We held a public meeting, we announced our intent to annex, we ran the information in the *Mount Vernon Signal* twice, as required by law, and we held first and second readings," said Bowman. "We did everything we knew to do making sure everyone had a chance to express any concerns. But we will work it out fairly for everyone."

Mayor Roberts said he is confident the issue can be resolved. "We have a good relationship with RCIDA," he said. "There was just a miscommunication of some kind."

The county currently collects City of Mount Vernon occupational tax on all employees at the courthouse, the annex, the sheriff's department, the detention center and more, sending a check to the city each quarter.

The county will now withhold the City of Mount Vernon occupational tax from workers at all operations in the industrial park.

The board also approved the sale of Livingston property by the fiscal court as a "technical function." The court agreed to sell the 40+ acres for \$85,500 and officials agreed the RCIDA board approval should be a part of the process since the board was involved in the ownership of the property. The motion, for

the sale of the property, passed unanimously.

RCIDA financial statements were also approved. The summary of account balances show a total IDA balance of \$1,132,935.27. Within the balance sheet is the

\$234,955 which is the ending balance of the RCIDA CBDG revolving loan fund and the \$38,324 ending balance which is the interest received on that loan. VanHook said the \$38,324 is available for

use now by the RCIDA board. The \$234,955 will be available for use by the board once the revolving loan board has convened and released the funds. VanHook said that board will schedule a meeting for that purpose.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

## RCMS Honor Roll

**Enterprisers-** Kaylea Abrams, Kyleigh Abrams, Sadie Adams, Gus Akin, Torrie Anglin, Aniya Barnett, Noah Barricks-Ketchum, Buddy Barron, Chloe Barron, Bradley Bauer, Xian Berger, Jacob Bolin, Lillian Bowman, Lucinda Brown, Casen Burdett, David Burgess, Aaliyah Caldwell, Jayden Caldwell, Kynlee Calico, Parker Cash, Makenzie Clark, Nikolas Couch, Ava Craig, Nikko Dandreano, Carlee Davidson, Reed Day, Noah Denny, Brycen Dollins, Jordan Elder, Eliza Evans, Isabella Flannery, Kerri Fox, Emily Frazier, London Freson, Eli Graves, Kassidy Graves, Jaylen Hager, Keileigh Hall, Taylin Hembree, Alia Hensley, Brylee Hiatt, Bryce Hunt, Astrid Isaacs, Daniel Jackson, Kaydence Johnson, Hazelyn Jones, Hailey Kirby, Cecila Krebs, Kaleb Lamb, Charlie Laws, Madden Leger, Bryson Maggard, Bella McClure, Wesley Maupin, Londyn McHone, Bryson Miller, Ember Miracle, Lexi Morgan, Ayden Nolan, Atlee Northern, Emerson Northern, Lauren Overbay, Gracie Parker, Hunter Patterson, Chase Prewitt, Noah Rader, Katie Renner, Kaylee Robinson, Kylee Robinson, Logan Rogers, Eddie Santiago, Mia Scalf, William Schulz, Vivie Short, Brylee Silcox, Raidyn Singleton, Wesley Thompson, Carlie Vance, Nathaniel Vandusen, Christian Willis, Brooklyn Wren, Chloe Wren, Breylan York.

**Voyagers-** Layla Armstrong, Charles Ashcraft, Lilyanna Asher, Kaden Baker, Paisley Bishop, Xzavier Bond, Trapper Bray, Nathaniel Brockman, Lincoln Bryant, Parker Burdette, Nick Cain, Hannah Capps, Molly Carosello, Sydney Carpenter, Arden Carrera, Krysta Chasteen, Layla Childress, Daejah Coates, Jayla Coleman, Avery Gatliff, Christian Ginter, Ethan Hall, Ryli Harris, Donna Hasty, Eli Hayes, Kennedy Hopkins, Kadan Jackson, Jada James, Colten Johnson, Connor Johnson, Sophia Johnson, William Joynier, Milanah Keathley, Jase Lear, Jace Lutes, Desmond Martin, Ryan Martin, Conner McClure, Titus McGuire, Makenna McNally, Carabella Mink, Liam Mitchell, Lacey Mize, Audrey Mullins, Chloe Mullins, Abigail M. Northern, Abigail I. Northern, Landon Ray, Allen Reed, Jacob Renner, Jasper Reynolds, Melindsey Reynolds, Theo Riggs, Dawsynn Santo, Addison Smith, Beckham Smith, Isabella Sowder, Makenna Stanley, Christian Taylor, Allison Tritt, Chloe Ward, Molly Willis, Aubree Winkler, Spencer Woods, Kylee Yates.

**Adventurers-** Bailey Baker, Darius Bubulici, Eyan Bussell, Sawyer

Cash, Hagyn Coleman, Wyatt Craig, Jaxon Cromer, Arianna French, Aryanna Group, Josie Hall, Franki Henson, Grace Lambert, Emmett Lutes, Laurel Lyons, Jacob McClure, Khloe McFerron, Mason McKee, Alyssa McKinney, Lucas Millett, Carson Neeley, Aubrey Neikirk, Hunter Newcomb, Serenity Owens, Stryder Owens, Lacey Prewitt, Zayden Riddle, Jaden Robinson, Patience Rohrer, Elizabeth Santo, Zaydon Scalf, Caleb Smith, Ethan Stallsworth, Kylie Sturgill, Sophia Thornton, Sydney Tracy.

**Shooting Stars-** Levi Adams, Landon Alexander, Natiliegh Anglin, Cayson Bell, Courtney Bohn, Grayson Bowles, Dillion Bradley, Madison Bradley, Kolton Burdine, Kaleigh Carpenter, Ashtin Carter, David Chasteen, Kimberly Childress, Jaydon Clemmons, Gabriella Collins, Jaydon Convery, Bella Cox, Harrison Craig, Aiden Daugherty, Brynna Davis, James Dobbs, Rebecca Dodson, Jacob Dykes, Jamie Fleming, Rayleigh Hancock, Madison Hasty, Lucas Hayes, Colson Hensley, Amaya Hess, Michael Hiatt, Dakota Higgins, David Huff, Ayden Isaacs, Jackson Isaacs, Raegan Joseph, Emma King, Trevor King, Josiah Lankford, Bennett Lear, Sophia Lewis, Olivia Linville, Albert Martin, Maycee McIntosh, Hailey Mize, Zeik Mullins, Sophiea Owens, Hinal Patel, Addie Payne, James Perkins, Lila Rigsby, Lily Robbins, Kendall Santo, Jasmyn Savage, Coleson Shepherd, Sophie Singleton, Danika Sizemore, Lattisha Smith, Olivia Spencer, Chandler Spires, Xavier Stallsworth, Vanessa Steiner, Lexie Stevens, Macensie Strunk, Aubrey Thompson, Bailey Tompkins, Evelyn Warrick, Jacob Wynn.

**Challengers-** Maddy Alexander, Kylee Ashcraft, Davin Barnes, Sami Bellville-Powell, Autumn Bengie, Rayne Bennett-Couch, Tatum Bishop, Zane Bullock, Lexi Burkhart, Adeline Bussell, Clay Cash, Kortney Coy, Sarah Davis, Noah Dulaney, Jazline Durham, Conner Ford, Allie Frazier, Katelyn Hagen, Sydney Hall, Brooklyn Hebson, Emma Hensley, Lauren Hensley, Alivia Hopkins, G Isaacs, Hailee Jordan, Camden Larkey, Zakkary Lawrence, Grace Lofton-Ringrose, Kiyee Mahffey, Drake Martin, Joe McClure, Matthew Moore, Travenna Neal, Bobby Noble, Jessalyn Pennington, Leah Permenter, Jalie Peterson, Ethan Phillips, Alexis Ramsey, Gabe Ray, Jasper Rogers, Kambri Saylor, Clara Shaffer, Sophia Smalling, Mollie Taylor, Brayden Thacker, Brook Thompson, Abigail Todd, Alexander Vandusen,

Lakota Wilder, Ella Williams.

**Comets-** Aaliyah Abney, Katie Adams, Derrick Arthur, Bevin Baker, Nelson Baker, Lujcero Beciez, Samantha Bengie, Shaun Boyd, Chloe Burke, Abby Bussell, Jacob Camel, Caylee Cash, Madison Caruso, Jacob Catron, James Coldiron, Jaden Davidson, Jacob Dobbs, Sam Elam, Ethan Fields, Brady Gibson, Alexis Gilbert, Madison Grant, Evan Hayes, Lacey Hayes, Marrick Hester, Azzy Howard, Avery Ingram, Taylor

Jones, Aidanni Lear, Amber McClure, Jaycee McIntosh, Leighton McKinney, Abigail Miller, Landon Navarre, Landon Paquette, Madelynn Parsons, Mason Payne, Sophia Pendrey, Zoe Phelps, Cal Rader, Courtney Rice, Kaleb Rigsby, Beatrice Robinson, Emilee Robinson, Chase Sandusky, Kinley Shearer, Landyn Shepherd, Baylee Taylor, Caleb Thomas, Luis Utrera, Katie Valle, Mia Waldron, Makenna Weaver, Olivia Weaver, Abigail Wilson.

## Dollar

(Continued from front) nearby. The citation says the officers recognized Rodriguez from previous incidents. Rodriguez was located moments later by Constable Steve Griffin, walking along US-461.

Rodriguez was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with third degree burglary, criminal mischief and shoplifting.

## Grant

(Continued from front) the city plans several projects to improve security in the city, including new, more secure computers, IT assistance, creating a new and improved city website domain and more.

The grant will be awarded after a meeting between local officials and Homeland Security but, according to Bowman, how the money may be used is extremely specific. The funds cannot be used for any purpose not approved by the grant specifications. In fact, the letter demands the city spend no money expecting grant reimbursement, until the specific uses of the funds are presented by Homeland Security.

"This is another step forward for the city and we are proud to upgrade and improve the computer systems the city uses to serve the people of Mount Vernon," said Bowman.

## Tickets

(Continued from front) pected meth and suspected heroin. The citation says Leanne Spoonamore later admitted the drugs were indeed meth and heroin. Drug paraphernalia was also found in the search. Spoonamore was arrested and charged with possession of meth, possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and trafficking in a controlled substance.

After viewing the se-

curity video at the Marathon the following day, Detective Loudermilk traveled to the jail to speak with Spoonamore about the lottery ticket thefts. The citation says Spoonamore admitted to stealing the tickets over a longer period of time.

Spoonamore was then charged with theft by unlawful taking over \$10,000.

The citation says Trooper Allen then apparently watched a video on Spoonamore's phone to discover there might have been more drugs concealed in the vehicle. After conducting an additional search, more heroin was found in the vehicle, the citation says. It is not known how much money, if any, was won with the stolen lottery tickets.

## Social

(Continued from front) sis.

However, without notice, the page disappeared about three weeks ago.

"Apparently we broke some kind of Facebook law," said Chief Adam Bales. "We have no idea what rule we could have broken and we can't get in touch with them to get a response on any requests."

Social media companies across the country have begun blocking and removing any statement the social media company owners or boards disagree with, causing countless popular pages to be removed without warning.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department has now started a new page and asks local citizens and firefighters to look for the new page which is simply called *Mount Vernon Fire Department*.

News and events concerning the local fire department, police and government agencies and other public services can also be found in the *Mount Vernon Signal* each week.

## Chief

(Continued from front)

handed his badge to the new chief. "I have some big shoes to fill in Travis Davis. He has done some good work in cleaning up some of the drug problems in the town but I am excited to pick up where he left off and keep the pressure on," he said. "The city commissioners have asked me to focus a lot of my attention on the drug problem in Livingston and to clean up the town from the drug class. That is exactly what I will do."

Chief Whicker also said he has a social task at hand. "Not many people in Livingston know me yet," he said. "I plan to spend some time at first just meeting the

people of Livingston and finding out from them what their main concerns and hopes are out of their police department," he said.

Though Whicker started his position last week, Davis says he will be around for a while helping Whicker learn details about the town.


"I would like to thank Travis for talking me into getting back into police work and Mayor Davidson and the city commission for putting their trust in me to serve their town. And mostly, thanks to the people of Livingston for giving me a chance to serve the community. I will work hard and together we can make a better, safer community."

## New Chief



Shown above, Livingston Police Chief Travis Davis handed his badge to the newly appointed Police Chief Christopher Whicker (center). Whicker was appointed last week by Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson (right). Whicker took over duties in Livingston this past weekend after retiring after serving 18 years as a police officer in Berea. Whicker says he will spend time getting to know the wants and needs of residents of the City of Livingston so that he can better serve the people.. Davidson said he is proud to have Whicker on the force.

### Town and Country



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# SPORTS

## Rockets beat Wolfe; lose to Mercer Co.

The Rockets split in their last two outings, beating Wolfe County last Tuesday night and losing to Mercer Friday night.

Against Wolfe County, the Rockets were only ahead 27-26 at the half but came back to put together a great second half, winning it by 22, 42-19, for the final 68-45.

Walker Craig led the scoring for his team with 25 points, hitting three threes; Jace Rogers was also in double figures with 12 points and also got four assists; Colton Cash scored eight points; Trent Wilson six; Skyler Durham five, Harper McCool and Connor Hunt each scored four points and Blake Mullins got two points. Rogers and Durham each added a three point basket in the

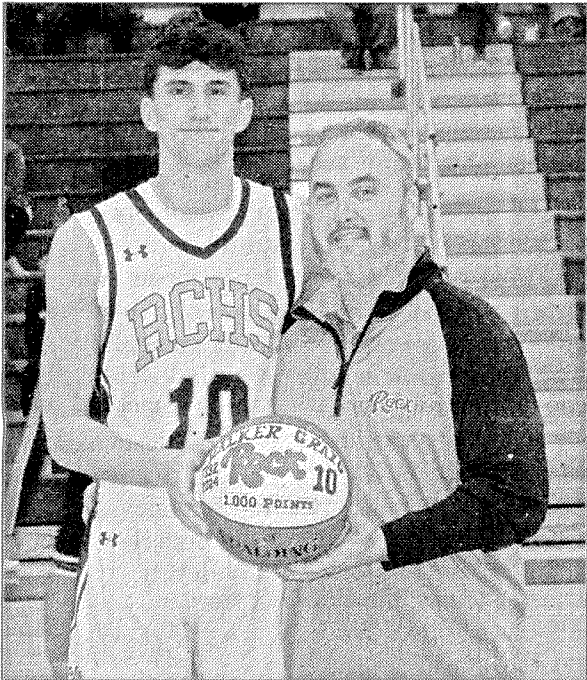
game.

Craig had a big night in the rebounding category, pulling down 11. He also handed out two assists and got one steal and one block. Durham got six rebounds and dished out five assists and was credited with one steal. Cash and Hunt were each credited with three rebounds and Cash also had two assists. Wilson had two rebounds and two assists and Caleb Moore and Kaleb Alexander each had one rebound and Caleb Moore also got one steal.

**At Mercer County,** the Rockets had a rough night, being down at all the quarter stops, 13-10, 35-22, 39-25 and the final 62-47.

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## 1,000 Point Club



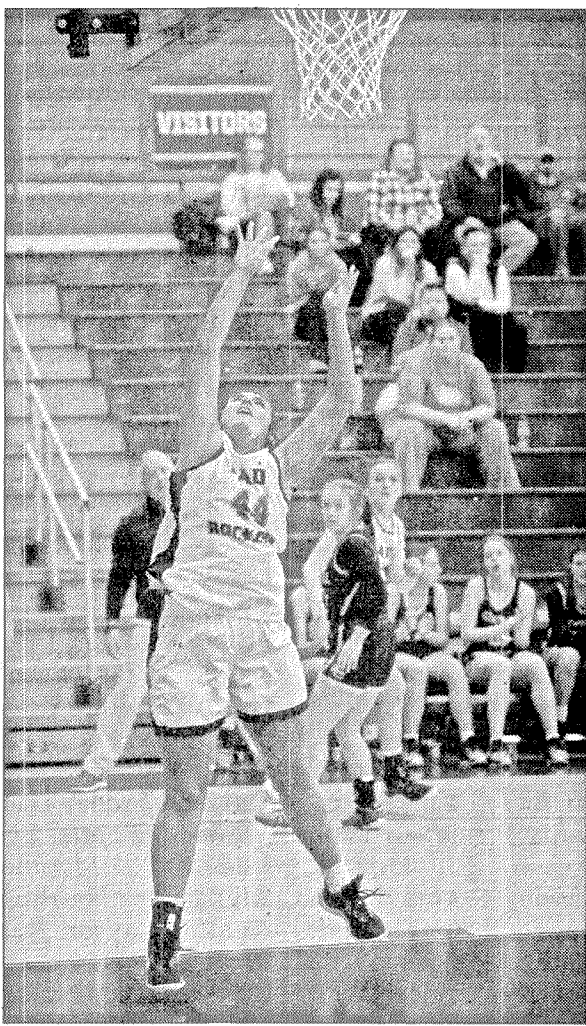
RCHS head coach Andrew Cash presents sophomore Walker Craig his commemorative ball in honor of Craig joining the 1,000 Point Club at RCHS.



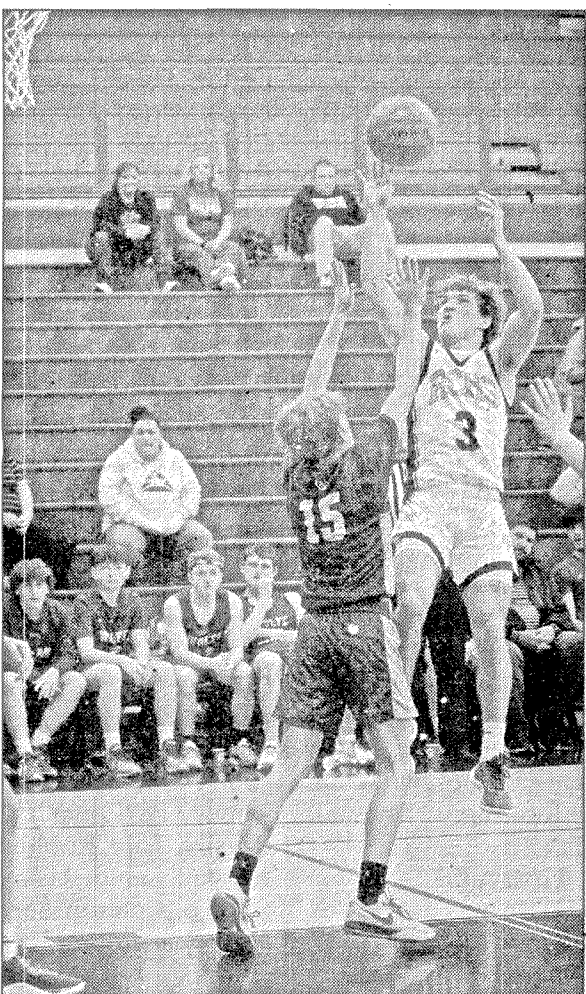
Jace Rogers drives the baseline during the Rockets' win over Wolfe County last week. Rogers had 12 points and four assists in the victory.



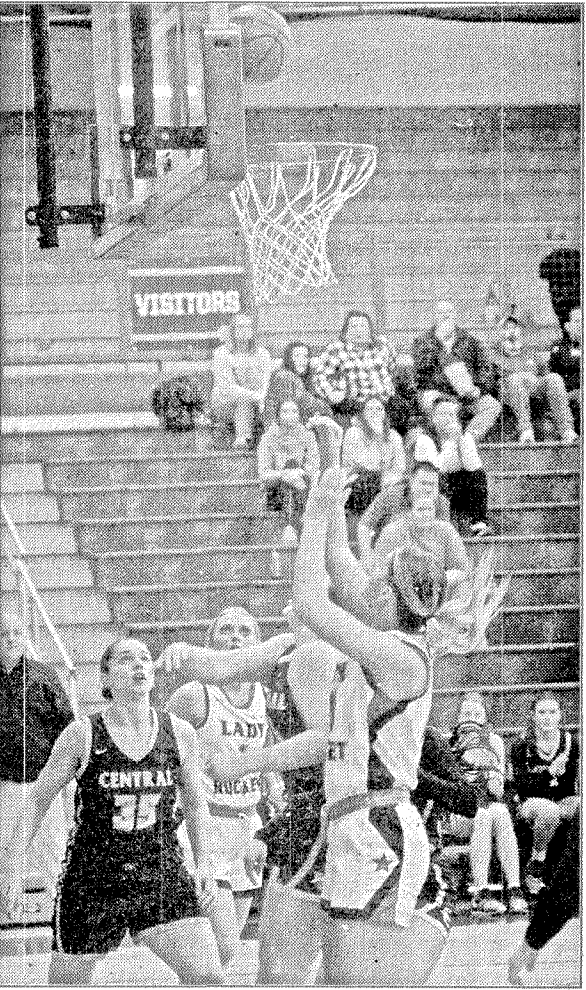
Skyler Durham makes a pass in the Rockets' win over Wolfe County last week. Durham had five points, six rebounds and five assists in the Rock win.



Abby DeLeon goes for two of her 10 points in the Lady Rockets' loss to Knox Central last week.



Caleb Moore puts up a jump shot during the Rockets' 68-45 win over Wolfe County last week.



Talynne Shearer puts up a jump shot in the Lady Rockets' loss to Knox Central last week.

## Lady Rockets lose last three of four

The Lady Rockets, after defeating the Pulaski County Lady Maroons on a last second shot earlier in the season, went down 78-54 in a return district matchup Tuesday night at PC.

The Rockets actually took the first quarter 12-9 and were only down 30-27 at the half. But, a hot third quarter for the Lady Maroons, when they hit six three point baskets, gave them 27 point quarter and a 57-39 lead at the third quarter stop. They added four more threes in the 4th quarter for the lopsided win.

Macy Spivey led the scoring for her team with 22 points, getting 14 of them in the first half. She went 4/6 from the free throw line and hit two three point baskets. Talynne Shearer scored twelve points, including two threes; Taylor King and Camryn Cash each had nine points with Cash getting two three point baskets and King one and Abby DeLeon rounded out the scoring with two points.

Altogether, the Lady Maroons hit 12 three point baskets and were 14/17 from the free throw line. The Lady Rockets got seven threes and were 7/9 from the charity stripe.

**The Knox Central Lady Panthers** came to Rockcastle County last Thursday night and defeated the Lady Rockets 52-37.

The Rockets got off to a great start, leading 7-2 in the first quarter but the Lady Panthers sunk three three point baskets and went on a 13-5 run to finish off the quarter ahead 15-12.

The Panthers drew first blood in the second quarter, but the Rockets came back on three baskets by Camryn Cash and Macy Spivey to tie the score at 17 all and then went ahead 19-17 on free throws by Taylor King and had a 23-22 lead at the end of the half.

The Panthers got the ball to begin the second half and immediately got a basket to retake the lead 24-23. The Rockets regained the lead on a bas-

ket by Abby DeLeon, 25-24, but then had a series of turnovers and missed shots which gave the Panthers the lead which they never relinquished. The score was 28-25 when the Panthers went on an 8-4 run to close out the third quarter ahead 36-29.

In the fourth quarter, the Rockets committed eight turnovers to the Panthers two, while only scoring eight points to Knox Central's 16, for the final 52-37 loss.

Spivey led the scoring for her team with 13 points, and accounted for the only three point basket the girls had in the game; DeLeon scored 10 points; Talynne Shearer 6; Taylor King four and Ella McKinney and Camryn Cash had two points each.

The Rockets were perfect from the free throw line, hitting 14 of 14 while Knox Central hit 14 of 17.

Spivey also took rebounding honors with seven; King and Shearer accounted for five each; Cash got three; Markley Richards two and DeLeon one. Cash also had five steals and Spivey one.

**At Mercer Co. Friday night,** the Rockets had a great first half, outscoring the Lady Titans 36-25 and they hung in close in the second half, losing it by only four points, 31-35, for the 67-60 win.

King had a great night, getting 15 of her game high 27 points in the first half, including three three point baskets. Spivey scored 18 points, including going 8/10 from the free throw line. All total, the Lady Rockets went 15/21 from the free throw line and King and Spivey scored 14 of those free throws.

Other Rockets scoring were: Shearer with seven; Camryn Cash got six; Markley Richards four; Ella McKinney hit a three and DeLeon scored two.

Mercer hung in the game as well as they did by hitting threes-- nine of them for the game against four for the Rockets. But Mercer only had nine opportunities at the free throw line, hitting five.

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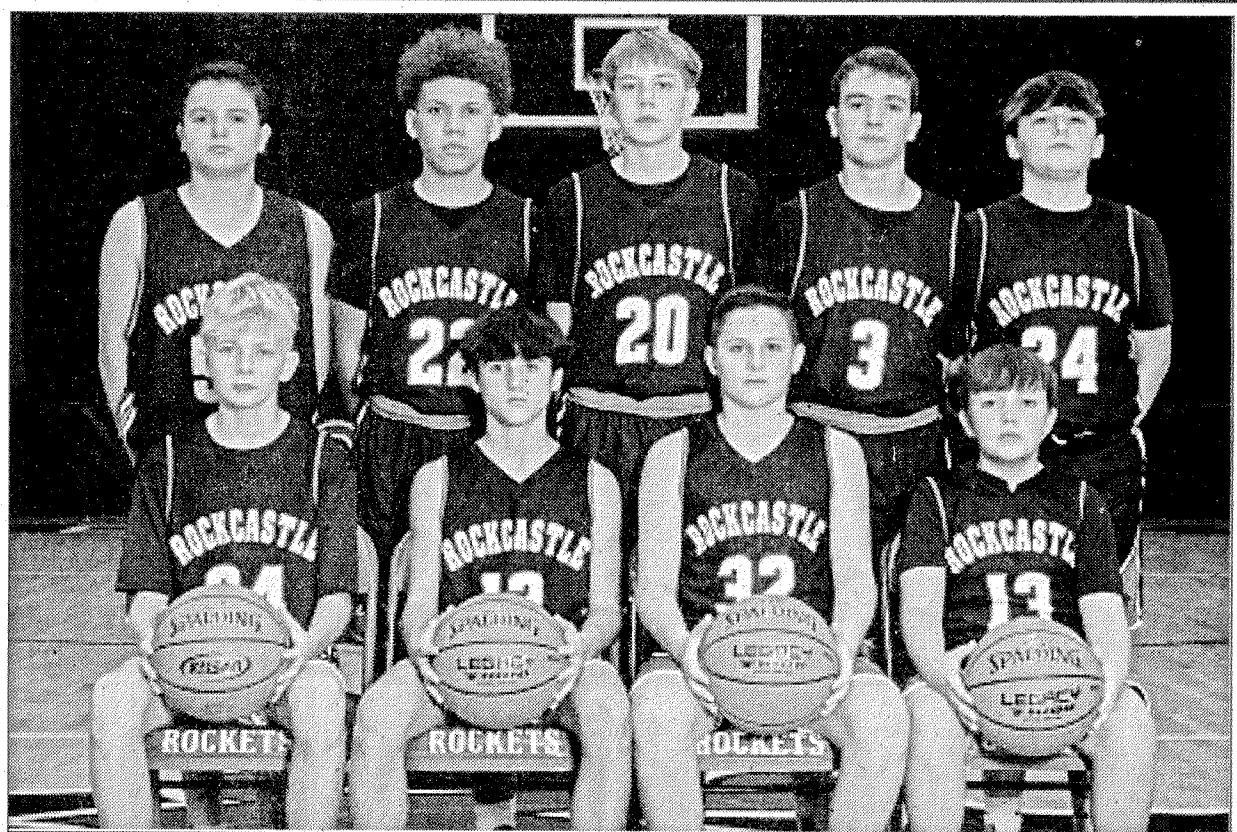
Markley Richards runs a fast break during the Lady Rockets' loss to Knox Central last week. The Lady Rockets host Lincoln County Thursday night and will also be Senior Night.

*RCHS to host  
47th District  
Basketball Tourney...  
Details next week*





RCMS 8th grade recently won the Round Ball Classic in Henry County. The eighth graders were recognized along with friends and family during recent eighth grade night ceremonies. Team members are shown above, from left: Josiah McClure, Jacob Camel, Camden Larkey, Brayden Thacker, Zane Bullock, Leland Hughes, Sam Elam, Gavin Isaacs, Baylee Taylor and Ethan Phillips.



RCMS 7th grade finished runners-up in the Round Ball Classic in Henry County. Team members are shown above, front row from left: Zaydon Scaff, Dalton Bullen, Colson Shepherd and Carson Neeley, Back row from left: Gabe Powell, Zayden Riddle, Wyatt Craig, AJ Martin and Sawyer Cash.



RCMS 6th grade finished were champions of the Round Ball Classic in Henry County. Team members are shown above, from left: Camden Richards-Powell, Kaden Baker, Trapper Bray, Madden Leger, Gus Atkin, Brycen Dollins, Logan Rogers, Casen Burdette, Landon Ray, Eli Graves, Parker Cash and Beckham Smith.

## Kentucky Senator Rand Paul speaks about foreign aid bill

Monday U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), in a continuation of his efforts to protect America's borders instead of Ukraine's, spoke on the floor as part of a talking filibuster to force debate on the foreign aid spending bill. Dr. Paul spoke once Monday afternoon, and again that evening.

Below are excerpts from his remarks in the afternoon:

"I care about the bankrupting of America. I care about the looting of our Treasury. There can be an honest debate over national security or what is in our vital security. But there never is a debate. If you look closely at what people say, they'll simply declare it's in our national security to send money to Ukraine. There isn't really a debate.

"I actually think it's the opposite. I think sending you money to Ukraine actually makes our national security more endangered. I think it threatens our vital national security to send more money to Ukraine. Why? Because I think it threatens the fiscal solvency of our country. I think it, along with so much of the rest of the spending, is dragging America down and threatening a day of destruction."

"Only two thirds of the spending in Washington is paid for. An entire third of it is borrowed. And yet they want to send money to a foreign country to deal with their problems. Shouldn't we try to take care of our own country first? Shouldn't we try to do something to actually, you know, quit the destruction of our own currency?

"How do they get away with it? It's incredibly unpopular. If you were to take this position in my state and ask everybody in Kentucky, how many of you think that we should send \$100 billion overseas and do zero for the southern border? Not a penny. Not one policy change, nothing for the southern border. How many people believe that?

"In my state, it's close to zero. Very few people believe that. So how does it happen up here? It happens because there's not enough sunlight. There's not enough transparency. So that's part of what a filibuster is. This is a talking filibuster today. And the reason we talk is to try to broadcast this message, to get the message home so they can send us better people."

Below are excerpts from his remarks Monday evening:

"What we have here is a Ukraine first bill. This bill was never really about securing our border, but about securing another country's border.

"What we have here is a failure of the elites of Washington on both sides of the aisle, the leadership of the Democrat Party, the leadership of the Republican Party. What we have here is a failure of these elites to understand that the American people want to put America first.

"61 percent of Americans live from paycheck to paycheck, and they want to put Ukraine first. I want you to talk to your constituents at home, the ones who live paycheck to paycheck and tell them why you're shipping \$60 billion to Ukraine. This will be \$170 billion. We have never before in the history of the United States bled so much money into another country."

"What about tackling the problems of America first? Instead, this bill is a Ukraine first bill. It's a Ukraine first policy. According to the Ukraine first party, which includes elites of both parties. War is good. War is useful. War profits make us stronger. Sounds a bit Orwellian.

"They say that war profits will build the defense industrial base. This is the part they used to say quietly. They used to whisper this. They used to never say it out loud that war profits fund the defense industrial base...According to the Ukraine first party, war is not so bad, war profits make us stronger.

"Lost in this reprehensible argument is any sense of grief over the 500,000 dead. For the mothers and fathers weeping graveside. Little sense of grief, little sense of understanding that supporting and lauding grief is supporting and lauding the death of war."

"There is no money to give to Ukraine. It's not like we've got a pot of money. There is no surplus. There is no rainy-day fund. This money will be printed up or borrowed from China to send to Ukraine. It makes us weaker.

"Once the border bill failed and they decided that this wasn't really about the border, that this was about Ukraine's Border. The American first was plowed out, plowed on with a more intellectually honest proposal. Nothing for America. Everything for Ukraine.

"That's what this bill is. Nothing for America. Nothing to stop the invasion of nearly a million people across our southern border. They offered a border bill that would have said, well, if we have an emergency - the emergency has already happened. Nearly a million people came in in the last two months. That is the emergency. This is a bill that is Ukraine first and America last and ought to be defeated."

Take Action

What is the Safe Haven Law?

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

Safe Haven Baby Boxes

There are currently 136 SHBB

16 of those boxes are located in KY

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

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

For more information, or to make a donation contact  
**Makaela Brooke Abney**  
makaela.abney@rockcastle.kyschools.us

## Poet's Corner

The following is a poem written by Nora Poynter and appeared in a book of poems called *Timeless Voices* over two decades ago. Family members asked that we publish the poem once again this year in honor of Valentine's Day

### My Valentine

There doesn't have to be  
A special place or time,  
For someone you love,  
To ask you to be his Valentine.  
And when you tell that special someone  
"That's just what I had in mind.  
Don't you know that I will love only you  
Until the end of time?"  
I remember 50 years ago  
When someone said to me,  
"Will you be my Valentine?"  
I said, "I'd really like to be."  
God knew what he was doing  
When he planned for us to meet  
And I knew the feeling was mutual  
When my heart fell at his feet.  
God loans us our wonderful children,  
We have a total of nine,  
And now I feel so blessed because  
I have a lot of Valentines.  
So if you have a Valentine,  
Remember what I say  
If you love each other like we did,  
You'll always be soul mates.

Nora Poynter

## Lady Rockets

(Continued from A6)

Shearer was a boss on the boards, pulling down 12 rebounds; Spivey got six; King five; Cash four; Richards two and McKinney and Deleon one each.

The Lady Rockets traveled to Jackson County Monday night and lost 54-46.

The girls took the first half 28-24 but the Lady Generals came back strong in the second half, outscoring the Rockets 30-18.

Taylor King led the scoring with 15 points and got one of the two three point baskets the Rockets had on the night. Tallyne Shearer scored 11 points, Macy Spivey got 10, Camryn Cash seven, including the other three basket; Abby Deleon two and Markley Richards one.

The girls will host Lincoln County Thursday night and it will also be Senior Night for the Lady Rockets.

On Monday, February 19th, the girls will travel to Garrard County and to Danville Christian Academy on Thursday, Febru-

ary 22 for their final game of the regular season.

## Rockets

(Continued from A6)

Trent Wilson took scoring honors with 20 points; Jace Rogers scored 13, including going 2-4 from three point range; Walker Craig and Connor Hunt each scored six points and Skyler Durham got two.

Craig and Durham led in rebounding with five each, Durham also had three assists, one steal and one block and Craig got one assist and one block. Rogers, Hunt and Wilson each grabbed three rebounds and Cash was also credited with one assist and Wilson got three steals in the game and the other three point basket scored. The Rockets went 3/14 from three point range.

The Rockets were scheduled to play Southwestern Tuesday night, along with recognition of their seniors. They will travel to Pulaski County Friday night for a make-up district game and will play at Model next Tuesday night to round out regular season play.

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## Agricultural News

By: Lindsey New, FSA Director

### Farmers Can Now Enroll for the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs the 2024 Crop Year

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that agricultural producers can now enroll in the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2024 crop year. Producers can enroll and make election changes for the 2024 crop year starting Dec. 18, 2023. The deadline to complete enrollment and any election change is March 15, 2024.

On Nov. 16, 2023, President Biden signed into law H.R. 6363, the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-22), which extended the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334), more commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill, through September 30, 2024. This extension allows authorized programs, including ARC and PLC, to continue operating.

### 2022 Crop Year Payments

This fall, FSA issued payments totaling more than \$267 million to agricultural producers who enrolled in the 2022 ARC-ICO option and the ARC-IC option for covered commodities that triggered a payment. Payments through the PLC option did not trigger for the 2022 crop year.

ARC and PLC payments for a given crop

year are paid out the following fall to allow actual county yields and the Market Year Average prices to be finalized. These payments help mitigate fluctuations in either revenue or prices for certain crops. Payments for crops that may trigger for the 2023 crop year will be issued in the fall of 2024.

### Crop Insurance Considerations

ARC and PLC are part of a broader USDA safety net that also includes crop insurance and marketing assistance loans.

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

Producers on farms with a PLC election can purchase Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider; however, producers on farms where ARC is the election are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres for that crop on that farm.

Unlike SCO, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by an ARC election. Producers may add ECO regardless of the farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

### Web-Based Decision Tools

Many universities offer web-based decision tools to help producers make informed, educated decisions using crop data spe-

cific to their respective farming operations. Producers are encouraged to use the tool of their choice to support their ARC and PLC elections.

### More Information

For more information on ARC and PLC, producers can visit the ARC and PLC webpage or contact their local/USDA Service Center. Producers can also make elections and complete enrollment online with level 2 eAuth.

Committee Meeting Date: March 6, 2024 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

### Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 5.125%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 5.375%

Limited Resource Loans = 5.00%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.875%

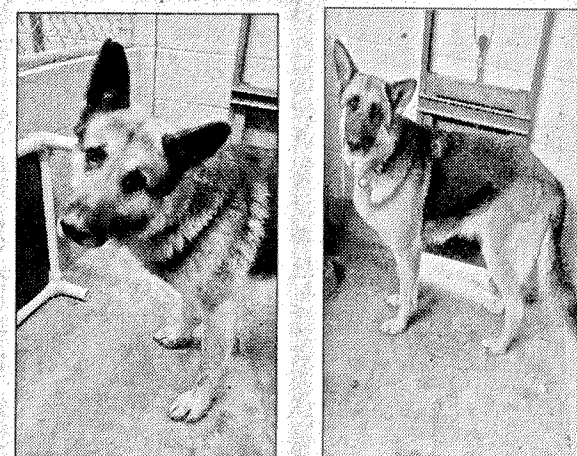
Emergency Loans = 3.750%

Farm Storage Loans = 3 yrs. = 4.125% 5 yrs. = 3.875%, 7 yrs. = 4.000% 10 yrs. = 4.000%, 12 yrs. = 4.000%

Commodity Loans = 5.750%

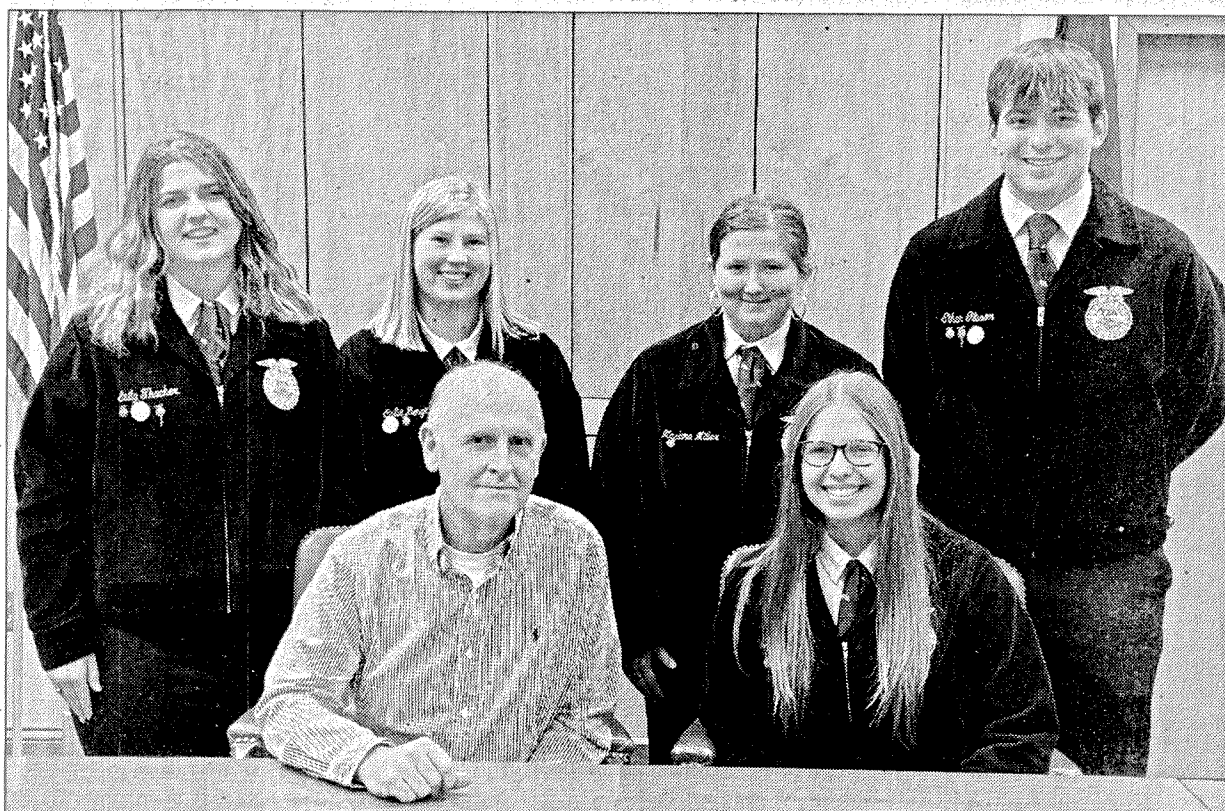
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## Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets features two German Shepherds. At left is a 6 year-old male named Pretty Boy. He is house trained and very friendly. Shown at right is a 4 year-old female named Sienna who is spayed and house trained and very friendly. Visit or call the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter at 256-1833 to take one of these animals home as your new forever friend. A \$20 adoption fee will apply.

## FFA Week



Rockcastle County Judge Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. recently signed a proclamation declaring the week of February 17th-24th to be National FFA Week in Rockcastle County. FFA is a national organization of young men and women who engage in leadership development, personal growth and career success through Agricultural Education. Pictured with Mr. Holbrook are seniors members of the Rockcastle County FFA Executive team. Seated is Paige Cash and standing are (L to R) Emily Thacker, Callie Bengel, Marlana Miller and Ethan Gibson.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, February 15, 2024

## Annual awards presented at VFW Post 5908

By: Mike French  
Editor

Seven Rockcastle County first responders and teachers have won annual awards in the Rockcastle County VFW Memorial Post 5809 contest. Four of those winners went on to win a district VFW award and then went on to win state VFW awards. Each state winner is now being considered for national recognition.

Each year, local VFW Post 5809 picks the top first responders and teachers in several categories and then enters those winners in the district contest. Those who win the district contest are sent to the state contest and those winners are entered in the national contest.

Each year, local citizens write a nomination for the first responder or teacher of their choice. A board then reviews those nominations and chooses a winner in each category. The 2023 winners were clearly the right choices as four of those won the district contests and state contests as well.

The district includes VFW posts in Rockcastle County, Laurel County, Williamsburg, McCreary County, Mill Springs and Ravenna. There are over 80 VFW

posts in the state contest and the national contest includes over 6,000 VFW posts, representing over 1.5 million members.

The winners are: Larkin Prewitt, Firefighter of the Year. Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department. Winner of the local VFW, winner of district and state competition and now being considered in the national contest.

Jessica Parsons, EMS of the Year, Rockcastle EMS. Winner of the local VFW and runner-up in the district contest.

Richie Baxter, KSP Trooper of the Year. Winner of the local VFW and runner-up in the district contest.

Carol Elliot, Dispatcher of the Year. Winner of the local VFW contest, winner of the district and state and now being entered in the national competition.

Shelby Wynn, Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Winner of the local VFW contest, winner of the district and state competition and now being considered for the national contest.

Melissa Renner, Middle School Teacher of the Year. Winner of the local VFW contest and runner-up in the district contest.

Darrell Sundy, High School Teacher of the Year in the local VFW competition, winner at

the district and state levels and now being considered for the national contest.

Officials from each represented department or school have expressed public appreciation to the VFW for recognizing excellence in the community and to the winners who have

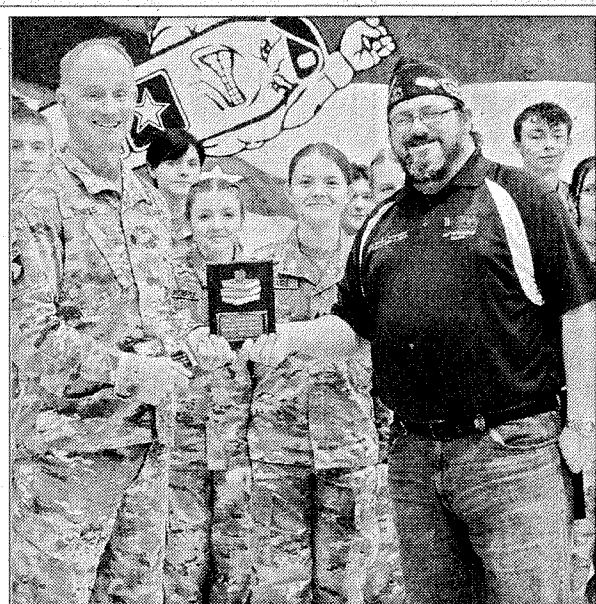
shown their commitment and dedication to their duties.

Anyone interested in nominating anyone for the 2024 awards should write a nomination and deliver it to the Rockcastle County VFW Post 5908 before October 31. All entries will be considered.

Michael Parsons of the Rockcastle County VFW Post 5809 is shown presenting all the awards. Not shown is Dispatcher Carol Elliot.



KSP Trooper Richie Baxter, Police of the Year. Winner of the local VFW competition and runner-up in the district contest.



Darrell Sundy, High School Teacher of the Year. Winner of the local VFW contest and winner at the district and state levels and now entered into competition in the national contest.



Shelby Wynn, Elementary School Teacher of the Year in the local VFW contest, winner of the district and state competition and now a contestant for national honors



Melissa Renner, Middle School Teacher of the Year. Winner of the local VFW contest and runner-up in the district contest.



Jessica Parsons, EMS of the Year. Rockcastle EMS. Winner of the local VFW competition and runner-up in the district contest

## City of Livingston holds regular monthly meeting

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Livingston City Commission held their regular monthly meeting last Thursday at City Hall with a short agenda.

As the first order of business, Mayor Larry Davidson opened the floor for guest comments. Only Livingston resident Melissa Hahn spoke during guest comments. Hahn asked about some rumors she had heard involving the city's computer system and the city police department, but in both cases, officials at the meeting suggested the rumors were unfounded.

A report from Police Chief Travis Davis suggested the police department is being effective in reducing drug issues in the city. "It is clear we are making a difference in our community as we have made two drug arrests last month. It may be helping that I am patrolling in the wee hours of the morning and keeping a close watch on potential drug activity." Davis also reported a reduction in speeding citations.

The chief also reported receiving about \$2,500 in forfeiture funds from seizures he had made. "There are restrictions concerning how this money can be used," he said. "We can purchase police equipment and provide a better department for the City of Livingston at no cost to

the taxpayers."

Davidson and City Clerk Samantha Smoker announced a new location for the Reading Across Rockcastle program that appeared in a feature story in the *Signal* last year. The new library book location will be behind city hall.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Devin Shelton informed the commission that the water system is in good condition. "We were lucky during the cold snap and didn't have the broken water lines that most towns had," he said.

Shelton also said during the snow storm recently, his department chose to estimate the water bills in the community rather than read the meters. "We may be off a little if people ran water much during the extra cold spell we had. But we don't expect it to be off by a lot." Shelton indicated some of the meters may have been difficult to reach during the snow storm.

Shelton said he used the previous month's bills to determine the current water bills and next month the meters will likely be read to catch up.

The commission then entered into closed session to discuss personnel issues. No further items were on the agenda and the meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 at 4 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Fiscal Court about to have building available once repairs are made

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting last week to deal with a few time-sensitive issues.

The court agreed to accept the state's recommended calculations for magistrate and coroner's salaries. The court agreed the recommendation from the Department of Local Government (DLG) that magistrates salary be increased to \$667.93 per month. The DLG also recommended raising the Coroner's salary to \$610.95 per month.

In other action, the court discussed concerns about a building recently left empty by Exela Technologies Company.

According to RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook, the company leased two buildings in Mount Vernon when the business located in the county. Officials say management made the recent decision to consolidate the operations by locating their entire Mount Vernon operations under the roof of one of the buildings.

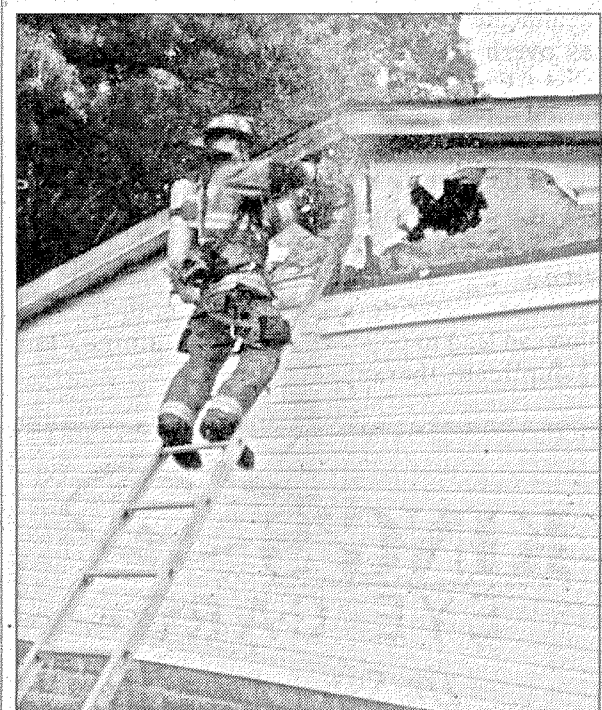
However, according to officials with the fiscal court and RCIDA, the building was abandoned without proper notice and was not put back into the

condition that it was in when first leased, as the lease agreement requires. "We aren't talking about normal wear and tear. Management had removed some walls and electrical wiring to better service their own use," said VanHook. "They just need to build the walls back where they were and replace the electric wiring as it was, so it will be ready for any new company that may lease the building and it will be ready."

The good news, according to both VanHook and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., is that the county now has another commercial building that will soon be available. "This is a good thing," said VanHook. "We will start marketing and advertising the building as soon as it is in proper condition."

Holbrook said he looks forward to a new company in the county. "This is a large building and, once it is put back in proper condition, I think it will be easy to find interest in the location."

The court also agreed to a purchase of a new computer for the local detention center. Officials say the funds will be reimbursed.



Larkin Prewitt, Firefighter of the Year. Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department. Winner of the local VFW contest, winner of district and state competition and now an entrant in the national contest.

### Historical Society meeting cancelled

The meeting of the Rockcastle County Historical Society that was scheduled for February has been cancelled. Officials say some members are unable to attend on the planned date. Look for upcoming information concerning the next regular meeting of the Historical Society



# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

## District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Justin Chasteen, \$754 plus claimed due.  
LVNV Funding LLC v. Anita Vanwinkle, \$1,289 plus claimed due.  
Mariner Finance LLC v. Laura Cahill, \$1,253 plus claimed due.  
LVNV Funding LLC v. Samantha Robbins, \$1,114 plus claimed due.  
Discover Bank v. Lauren A. Carter, \$1,854 plus claimed due.  
Portfolio Recovery Asso. LLC v. Jeffery B. Ingram, \$2,990 plus claimed due.  
Calvary SPVI, LLC v. Jonimae Jones, \$2,990 plus claimed due.  
Castle Village Apartments v. Melissa Owens, forcible detainer complaint.  
BSP Capitol Holdings v. Anthony Jewett, et al, forcible detainer complaint. C-00027

## Circuit Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Harreschou Brock, \$10,184 plus claimed due.  
Melora Rae Baker v. Ronald Galen Baker, pe-

tion for dissolution of marriage.

Discover Bank v. Megan J. Pingleton, \$7,594 plus claimed due.  
Discover Bank v. William T. Robbins, \$12,990 plus claimed due.  
ADS Tax Lien Co. LLC v. Joshua Daniels, et al, complaint for foreclosure CI-00033

## Marriage Licenses

Desiree Alexis Mason, 25, Brodhead, SRNA and Markus Ryder Hupp-Smith, 29, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 2/2/24  
Amy Jo Johnson, 29, Mt. Vernon, Family Preservation Specialist and Corey LaShawn Walker, 29, Mt. Vernon, student. 2/6/24

## District Court

**Hon. Benjamin R. Hardy**  
Deborah A. Anderson: failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine; improper display of registration plates, \$50 fine/costs waived.  
Amber Hope Carter: fines/fees due (\$393), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/eight days in jail or payment in full.  
Jobie A. Fox: fines/fees due (\$233), bw is-

sued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Speeding: Riley Craig Jones, \$38 fine plus costs; Jared B. Judd, \$48 fine plus costs.

Richard A. Lovell: fines/fees due (\$307), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full.  
Robin Mason: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Timothy Proffitt: fines/fees due (\$793), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Roland M. Tankersley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

David B. Thompson: fines/fees due (\$1,093), bw issued for fta/22 days in jail or payment in full.

Matthew Trent: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Jeffrey Twist: public intoxication controlled substance, 1st degree possession of CS/Cocaine, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.  
Mathieu L. Warf: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; driving motor vehicle using hand-held mobile telephone, \$25 fine plus costs.

Travis W. Watson: fines/fees due (\$393), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

# Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm  
State Senator  
Week 6 of the 2024 Legislative Session

The Senate recently received budget recommendations from the state House of Representatives. House Bill (HB) 1 and HB 6, along with related appropriation and revenue bills, will shape the state's next two-year operating budgets for the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. In its unique constitutional role within the budget process, the Senate exercises patience in reviewing proposals, crafting recommendations grounded in disciplined use of taxpayer dollars.

I was pleased to present Senate Bill (SB) 127, the AERO Act on Wednesday. The bill passed unanimously and now qualifies for House consideration. This is the bill I have outlined in recent legislative updates that is focused on establishing workforce and communication pipelines with the aviation and aerospace industry. It would establish a fund to support higher-learning relevant to this \$20 billion Kentucky industry, which supports nearly 100,000 jobs. The bill rightly leans in to industry leaders investing private funds into the established education fund. In the budget process I will be an advocate for wise investments that can help the industry, because I believe a regional airport is a sign of economic life for communities. This is certainly true in London and the surrounding area here in the 21st Senate District. Our region is doing well and I think the sky's the limit.

The budget bills, particularly the one-time funding proposals from the House, are promising. I believe the Senate aligns with the proposal's general philosophy, especially the wise use of the budget reserve trust fund. A decade ago, Kentucky lacked rainy-day funds; but through conservative spending and business-friendly economic policies, the current reserve has soared to a record \$3.7 billion. Moreover, following

the historic shift in control of the House from Democratic to Republican in 2017, both chambers now share a unified vision for budgeting, economic policies, and comprehensive tax reform, resulting in the replenishment of the trust fund alongside a reduction in state income tax, as evidenced by the recent half-percent decrease effective January 1.

Conservative fiscal strategies have positioned Kentucky to prioritize investments in critical areas such as modern and traditional infrastructure, along with stabilizing teacher and state employee retirement systems. It is imperative that these one-time funds should only be allocated to corresponding expenses, rather than being diverted towards establishing new programs that could potentially burden taxpayers in the long term.

While Kentucky currently operates state programs designed to assist residents in need, the Senate exercises caution in the establishment of new initiatives, mindful of the challenges confronting existing programs like Medicaid. Rejecting the tax-and-spend policies of the past century, the Senate directs its focus toward fostering future growth, enhancing economic competitiveness, and fortifying resilience against the uncertainties of the global economy.

As the 2024 Legislative Session approaches its midpoint, the Senate has approved several bills that are now advancing for consideration by the House. Here's an overview of the legislation approved by the Senate during the sixth legislative week. I was a co-sponsor of each of the following three bills:

SB 70 seeks to safeguard donor intent in charitable contributions by requiring organizations to honor donor-imposed restrictions unless compelled otherwise. Donors or their representatives, upon notifying

the organization of a violation, can initiate legal action seeking relief within four years. Courts may order remedies aligning with the charitable purposes expressed in the agreement.

SB 145 seeks to allow Kentucky health facilities and Medicaid-enrolled health care providers to submit their current and prospective employees to child abuse and neglect or adult abuse background checks. The checks would utilize the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Human Services' existing child abuse and neglect and adult caregiver misconduct registries.

SB 151 aims to incorporate new foster care supports and services for relatives and fictive caregivers to access funding support in their care for a child. The bill would allow children to suggest potential relatives or fictive kin caregivers to a district court if they are removed from their homes. Additionally, it would set criteria for when a relative or fictive kin caregiver can apply to be certified as a child-specific foster home through the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Finally, we also passed SB 18, which would enable school districts to purchase bus equipment meeting federal safety standards from various manufacturers, promoting cost savings and supplier diversity. The bill mandates the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to provide standards to the Finance and Administration Cabinet for monitoring price contracts.

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 and Legislature.ky.gov.

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

# Rockcastle Regional Mobile Health Clinic next stop February 27th

## Free Medical Reviews

Rockcastle Regional's Mobile Health Clinic is scheduled for its next stop on February 27 at Higher Praise Ministries where free medication reviews will be offered from 4:30pm until 6:30pm.

Free medication reviews, sometimes called "brown bag checks," allow patients to bring in their bag of medicines they are currently taking and have a Rockcastle Regional pharmacist review those medicines at no cost.

"Medication management is a critical aspect of healthcare, yet it often goes overlooked," said Melissa Fain, PharmD, director of the inpatient pharmacy at Rockcastle Regional. "Many patients may be taking multiple medications, prescribed by different healthcare providers, which can lead to potential duplicate therapy,

drug interactions, adverse events, or inadequate treatment outcomes."


During the reviews, pharmacists meet one-on-one with the patient, ensuring they understand the purpose of each medication, how it should be taken, and what to expect in terms of potential side effects, and interactions with other medications.

Fain explained that during these reviews, patients have the opportunity to discuss their medications, ask questions, and receive personalized recommendations tailored to their specific healthcare needs.

"These free medication reviews also extend beyond just prescription medications. We encourage patients to bring all of their medications, including over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and

supplements, for a comprehensive assessment of their entire medication regimen."

If you are interested in getting a free medication review on February 27, you are invited to simply stop by, as walk-ins are welcome, or you can schedule an appointment by calling (606) 256-7381. This event is being held in conjunction with Rockcastle Regional's annual Love Your Heart event, also held at Higher Praise Ministries.




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Dr. Ashley Lane  
Dr. Gary King  
Dr. Taylor Waggoner

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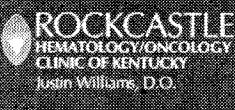
854 Ridgewood Dr. • Berea, KY 40403  
[www.eyedoctorberea.net](http://www.eyedoctorberea.net)  
859-986-7027

All past & present cancer patients & families are invited to join us for a "RHOCK Out"...



Thursday,  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2024**  
6 PM (Doors open at 5:45)  
Rockcastle Farmer's Market  
180 Richmond St • Mt. Vernon

To sign up or for more information, please call 606-256-7798.





# Church Directory

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

**Berea Gospel Tabernacle**  
231 US 25 South  
Berea, KY

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

**Pastor: Bro. Alan Dodson**  
**Blue Springs Church of Christ**  
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on  
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
*Services:*  
*Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Preaching Brethren*  
*Marcus Reppert*  
*Phillip Permenter*  
*Eric Bullock*  
Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794  
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

**Brodhead Baptist Church**  
Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8316  
*Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.*  
(Nursery Provided)  
*Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Children's Programs:*  
*RA's & GAs*  
*Mission Friends and Creative Ministry*  
**Ralph Baker, Pastor**  
**Brodhead Christian**  
237 W. Main St. Brodhead  
606-758-8721

*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
**Tracy Valentine, Preacher**  
606-758-8662  
Cell 606-305-8980

**Brodhead Church of God**  
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead  
758-8216  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday evening 7 p.m.*  
**Terry Orcutt, Pastor**  
**Brush Creek Holiness Church**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.*  
**Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor**  
**Buffalo Baptist Church**  
Located 15 miles south of  
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249

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

**Central Baptist Church**  
86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning 11 a.m.*  
*Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
"Central Time" Radio  
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.*  
**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**  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Thursday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Robert Miller, Pastor**  
**Fairview Baptist Church**  
520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday Services*  
*Sunday School 9:45 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Choir 6 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.*  
*Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Services*  
*Creative Ministry 6 p.m.*  
*Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.*  
*RA's and GAs 7 p.m.*  
*Mission Friends 6 p.m.*  
606-256-3722.  
email: fellowshipping@fvmc.com

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Jack Carpenter, Pastor**  
**First Baptist Church**  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
**Dennis Wilder, Pastor**  
**Jesse Wright,**  
**Assoc. Pastor/Youth**  
website: www.fbcmtv.org  
email:fbcmtvmon@kynvtwc.com  
Every Sunday:  
*Morning Worship: 9 & 11 am*  
*Sunday School/Growth Groups 10 am*  
WRVK 1460AM at 11 a.m.  
LiveStream at fbcmtv.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 Baptist**  
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
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.  
**Randal Adams, Pastor**  
**Youth Pastor, Scott Adams**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*

**Living Word Community Church**  
"About our Father's Business"  
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead  
*Sunday School 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship Noon*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor**  
606-308-4312  
**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
**Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor**  
**Maple Grove Baptist**  
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873  
**Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor**  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
**Maretburg 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.maretburgbaptist.org  
maretburgchurch@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 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)  
Berea, Ky.  
www.newheightschurchky.com  
*Sunday 11:00 a.m.*

**Providence church of Christ**  
1 mile off Hwy. 775 on Hwy. 618  
758-8524  
**Robby Cable, Evangelist**  
*Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning Worship 10:20 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com  
**Red Hill-Union Baptist**  
4308 Highway 1955  
Livingston, KY  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
**James Hayes, Interim Pastor**  
606-392-1826  
*Everyone invited to come and worship with us*  
**Roundstone Baptist Church**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Night 7 p.m.*  
**Sand Hill Baptist Church**  
Sand Hill Rd.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.*  
*Thursday Night 6 p.m.*  
**Pastor Tommy Miller**  
**Sand Springs Baptist Church**  
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go  
exactly 5 miles, church on right  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Bro. Denzel Jones**  
**Scaffold Cane Baptist**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Night 7 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Bro. James Hardin**  
**Skaggs Creek Baptist**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
**Pastor: Bro. Richard West**  
*Everyone Welcome!*  
**Tabernacle of Love**  
244 Old Somerset Rd.  
Mt. Vernon • 606-256-5894  
*Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Clyde Hodge**  
**Union Chapel Pentecostal**  
1505 Union Chapel Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
(3 miles out of Brodhead)  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.*  
*Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Walter Bowling**  
*Everyone Welcome!*  
**United Gospel of Christ**  
4 miles off US 25 on Wildie Rd.  
*Church welcomes everyone*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.*  
**Valley Baptist Church**  
4482 Copper Creek Rd.  
Berea, Ky. 40403  
*Organized in December, 1908*  
*Sunday School 9:45 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Jeff Draper, Pastor**  
**Watts Chapel Baptist Church**  
1462 KY Highway 2750  
Crab Orchard, KY  
606-879-8183  
Join us for service!  
*Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 7 p.m.*  
Come in person or  
watch live on Facebook®  
Watts Chapel Baptist Church  
(religious organization)  
"We are not here by accident,  
God put us here for a reason."  
Call for more information  
**Dan Gutenson, Pastor**  
**Wildie Christian Church**  
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie  
606-256-4494  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.*  
*Family Fellowship 6 p.m.*  
*Bible Study 6 p.m.*  
**Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor**

**Worship & Children's Church**  
*Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.*  
*Midweek Gathering for all ages; prayer & Bible study, youth worship, and Children in Action*  
**New Hope Baptist**  
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor**  
**Northside Baptist**  
777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
**Kenny Allen, Pastor**  
**Sunday**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
**Tuesday**  
*Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9*  
**Wednesday**  
*Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.*  
Time Warner Cable  
Tues., Thurs., Sun.  
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.  
**Ottawa Baptist Church**  
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead  
**Pastor: Bro. John McPherson**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Services*  
*Service 7 p.m.*  
758-8453  
ottawabaptist@windstream.net  
**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church**  
525 Williams St.  
(across from MVES)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
**Mass Times:**  
*Tuesdays at 5 p.m.*  
*Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.*  
*Holy Days 5 p.m.*  
**Father Alfredo Basulto, Pastor**  
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance  
**Philadelphia United Baptist**  
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Gordon Mink, Pastor**  
606-308-5368  
**Pine Hill Holiness**  
5394 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Thursday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.*  
*Children's Church 7 pm Thurs.*  
**Pastor Ashley Noe**  
**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
**Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor**  
859-986-1579  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.*  
*Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting monthly every*  
*2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.*  
**Pleasant Run Missionary**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.*  
*1st Sunday in Month Church at 2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care*  
**Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor**  
**Poplar Grove Baptist**  
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor**

**Pharmacy**  
Main Street • Brodhead  
R 606-758-4373 R  
Howard Saylor  
Pharmacist  
Open:  
9:30 to 5:30  
Mon. - Fri.  
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Brodhead  
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**Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter**  
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*Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.*  
*Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*

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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.*  
**Livingston Christian Church**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.*  
**Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church**  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
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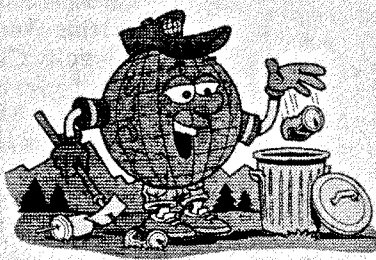
## Notices

**Notice is hereby given that** Rhonda Jean Nottingham, 1651 Poplar Grove Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Executrix w/will attached, of the Estate of Frances E. Jones (deceased) on the 7th day of February, 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rhonda Jean Nottingham on or before August 7, 2024. 52x3

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**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.
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- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
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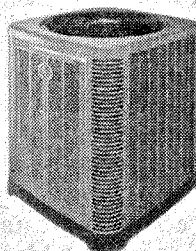
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**Wednesday,  
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Valentine's Day!**

Many may dismiss Valentine's Day as a fake holiday. We do not get time off from work or school. There are no real religious connections to the day. It is not celebrated because a famous American was either born or died on this date. So, why then do we celebrate? Was this holiday created merely to "indulge the consumerist habits of wealthy Americans..." (keylife.org). History.com has a lot on the history of Valentine's Day. As stated on the site, "...February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and St. Valentin's Day...contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition." There are at least three known saints named Valentine or Valentinus, each was martyred.

One story goes like this: "Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome." The emperor decided it was better for single men to serve than marry and as a result, he outlawed marriage. Valentine performed marriages in secret. When he was discovered, he was put to death.

Another story, states that

"Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday." This Valentine was also beheaded.

Yet another theory says yet another Valentine was helping Christians escape Roman prisons, but another says that this Valentine "sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl...before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed 'from your Valentine'..."

Regardless of which Valentine is celebrated, the truth is Valentine's Day is quite the holiday.

Interestingly, modern-day Americans have become quite cynical about Valentine's Day and love itself. Many argue that love is dead. Statistics show that Americans are even avoiding marriage. Spectrum News said in 2023, "U.S. marriage rate falls nearly 60% over the past 50 years." But others (myself included) will argue that love does indeed deserve to be celebrated. I think about the opening lines of the movie "Love Actually"

"Whenever I get gloomy with the state of

the world, I think about the arrivals gate at Heathrow Airport. General opinion's starting to make out that we live in a world of hatred and greed, but I don't see that. It seems to me that love is everywhere. Often, it's not particularly dignified or newsworthy, but it's always there: fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, husbands and wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, old friends"

I argue that love is still very much alive and has been throughout the history of Rockcastle County.

From the Mt. Vernon Signal, February 9, 1900

Over 100 years ago--

"On February 1, 1871 Miss Betty Lewis and Mr. William B Whitehead were united in Holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. David N. Lewis. The Rev. Ben Chesnut officiated on February 12, 1921. Mr and Mrs Whitehead celebrated their golden wedding at their country home Whitehaven. Their married life has been one of perfect harmony and happiness. There were four children all of whom are still living and were with their parents for their happy occasion their many friends remembered them with greetings and gifts."

From the Mt. Vernon Signal, February 9, 1900

"At the residence of Dr. G.B. Lawrence, Wednesday (February 07, 1900) afternoon, J.J. Lawrence and Miss Lena Newcomb were married, the Rev. Mills officiating. Only a few near relatives and friends were present. Miss Lena is the youngest daughter of the late M. P. Newcomb and a charming woman. Mr. Lawrence is a telegraph operator and has been in the employment of the L & N for some years and stands high with his employers. The couple have taken rooms at the Mullins house, Livingston, so as to be near Mr. Lawrence's work."

Sol Ball and Miss Dora

Anderson were married last Saturday. They have our Best wishes."

Jump ahead a few years to Thursday, March 29, 1928.

"Married--Authur Ramsey, age 20, and Mis Ida Logsdon, age 18, were married March 17. Mrs. Ramsey is the daughter of John Logsdon. Mr. Ramsey is the son of Mr. and Mrs Ben Ramsey. This is a fine young couple and their many friends wish them much happiness."

Throughout the years there have been many marriages and anniversaries celebrated in Rockcastle County. Love has always been celebrated here.

Another love story does stand out for me. One that began in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 2, 1965, with two Rockcastle Countians. Their families had both moved to Ohio, as many did, for work. Her family was from Sand Springs, Bullocks, and Millers. His was one of the Brodhead Bussells. He lived in High Point and attended Princeton High School. She lived in Reading and attended Lockland High School. Their families were not connected, but as a chance of fate, they met, fell in love, and married. Willis Joe Bussell, the son of Mrs. Martha Messer and Joyce Marie Bullock daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bullock were wed. No, this is not a famous love story, but it is a story of love.

My parents loved each other. It was a tumultuous, passionate, crazy love that often led to screaming matches over whatever thing my dad had done that had not set right with Mom. But they loved each other. And they stuck together. Through good and bad, sickness and in health. My dad held Mom's hand as she passed away and promised her that he would see her tomorrow. The tomorrow ended up being a few tomorrows and I held his hand as he passed away



and whispered in his ear to tell Mom that tomorrow finally came.

She told me they met one afternoon when she was out in the yard with a friend doing cheers. That he was a friend of her friend's brother and that he had asked her out. They met in the summer and were married in October.

My dad had a great smile and shockingly blue eyes. I do not doubt that he flirted his way right into her heart. She was a dark beauty. Brown skin, dark hair. She was so tiny he could cover her entire hand with his. They married and promised to love each other forever. And for the most part, they did. She left him a few times, I think to remind him that she could.

After my brothers and I grew up they grew closer. They would go to Wal-Mart at 1:00 am just to look around and just because they could. They ate dinner out more often than not. And everyone loved to sit and drink coffee with them.

She knew exactly what time he got home from work and had a cup of coffee warmed for him so that when he walked in it was waiting for him. He would sit down at the table and they would talk.

She let him nap in his recliner in front of the television until dinner because she knew he got up early and was tired. They didn't travel a lot. They didn't have hobbies, they simply built a life together.

She spoiled him and he liked to fuss a little when she spent too much money. She knew exactly how to fry an egg the way he liked them. She knew that he liked cheeseburgers and smoking cigarettes. She wasn't the perfect wife, but she was perfect for him.

He thought she was beautiful, he carried a picture of her in his wallet, now I carry it in mine...

Theirs was not a unique love story, but it was special to me. I don't mean for it to sound as perfect as it seems because they had their share of troubles, but to me they were perfect. And I like to think that now they are together That tomorrow finally came. They are buried side by side in Pine Gove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Maybe this story is not a great love story for the ages, but it is a love story that is great in my eyes. This week is Valentine's week and this hopeless romantic chooses to believe that love actually is all around.



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### ACROSS

- 1) Certain term of respect
- 5) Caliph's faith
- 10) Dishonestly acquired booty
- 14) "The Princess Diaries" star
- 15) Diving gear
- 16) Succulent plant
- 17) Picnic item, sometimes
- 20) Wound from a boxer?
- 21) Elbow conspiratorially
- 22) Short, straight punch
- 23) Homer's "Heck!"
- 24) "Caught in the act"
- 26) Ophthalmologist's concern
- 28) Schooner's cargo, often
- 29) Shopping outlet
- 31) Little laugh
- 32) "Dog Barking at the Moon" painter Joan
- 34) "Christ the Redeemer" city
- 35) That lass
- 36) Picnic items, sometimes
- 41) Sound of pleasure
- 42) Big Band or Victorian
- 43) "Listen!" old-style
- 45) Hollywood's Eastwood
- 48) Lancelot and others
- 50) Wing-tip tip
- 51) Stumbling blocks
- 54) Busy pro in Apr.
- 55) Give a pink slip to
- 56) Possessive pronoun
- 57) Satisfy, as a debt
- 59) Enjoy a mystery
- 61) Picnic items, sometimes
- 65) Look \_\_\_\_ (explore)
- 66) Syllables sung while skipping
- 67) City near Lake Tahoe
- 68) Too inquisitive
- 69) Sprinkle all about
- 70) Former Soviet inits.

### Valentine's Day

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- LOVE  
LONELINESS  
VALENTINE  
DINNER  
HOLD HANDS  
PARTY  
DANCING  
LETTERS  
SWEETS  
CARD  
ROMANCE  
ROSES  
WHISPER  
FLOWERS  
DATE  
COUPLE  
HEARTS  
MOVIES  
KISS  
FLIRT

### DOWN

- 1) "Gaping" gullet
- 2) Like some steroids
- 3) Unlikely protagonist
- 4) High school sports event
- 5) Suffix for "Marx" or "capital"
- 6) Screenwriter's creation
- 7) Humdrum
- 8) Home
- 9) Rundown and filthy
- 10) Close friend
- 11) Wood of Hollywood
- 12) Vicinity
- 13) Debilitated
- 18) Photocopier tray filler, perhaps
- 19) Be hot under the collar
- 23) Hoover construction
- 25) Draconian
- 27) Tree with edible nuts
- 30) Firms up, as muscles
- 33) Ape of Borneo
- 35) Mentally acute
- 37) Word with "second" or "laws of"
- 38) First wheels, for many
- 39) Scanes
- 40) Widens
- 44) Baseball's Griffey
- 45) Pay one's share
- 46) Spanglish speaker, often
- 47) Map parts
- 49) Kolkata dress
- 52) Creatures with six or more legs, typically
- 53) Baseball or tennis
- 58) At some distance
- 60) Stocking shade
- 62) Flirtatious
- 63) Bit of hesitation?
- 64) Word in the Postal Service creed