

Fires may be more common in winter months



Fires can often start in a fireplace chimney if the chimney has not been cleaned or has build-up inside. Officials suggest having a chimney checked before use each winter season. This fireplace caught fire recently as the blaze spread into the walls causing severe damage.

By: Mike French
Editor

Recent weeks have been busy times for local fire departments, some firefighters say.

The Livingston Fire and Rescue (LFR) Department answered a call on Sunday, December 24 on Mahaffey Road in Livingston after a fire-place blaze spread into the wall of the home.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department and Jackson Energy arrived at the scene to assist in controlling the blaze and to deal with burned electrical wiring.

Firefighters say officials were forced to tear into a wall of the home to extinguish the blaze that had spread through the fireplace walls. Though damage was done to the home, no injuries were reported.

The same afternoon the LFR responded to a vehicle fire just off White Oak Road. The fire destroyed a pick-up truck and spread into a wooded and brush area nearby, destroying about one acre of brush by the time the fire was extinguished.

The department had

responded the previous day to a woods fire on South Wilderness Road which also destroyed an acre of woods and brush.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to a fire in a dumpster near the Shell Station on Wilderness Road Saturday, December 23.

On December 28, the Mount Vernon Fire De-

partment was dispatched to a vehicle fire on Richmond Street at the Shell Station. Upon arrival, the vehicle displayed smoke coming from the hood. Gas pumps were disconnected as a precaution since the vehicle was close to the pumps.

The vehicle sustained major damage, according to reports, but all occu-
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City moving ahead with new water basin

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council heard a presentation from Jason Hawkins of the Kentucky Department of Public Health concerning a bike/walk master plan during last week's regular monthly meeting.

Hawkins said his team has worked since before the pandemic to study the City of Mount Vernon's need in the area of bike paths and walking paths.

Hawkins provided a lengthy presentation, including a slide show and a 47-page master plan. The presentation included other cities with bike paths and explained to the council that having such a plan adopted can help with funding opportunities in the future.

Hawkins said the plan cost the city nothing but the group will help the city seek funding next year if the council votes to pursue the matter.

The council voted to adopt the resolution making the plan the city's official walk/bike plan.

In old business, City Engineer Vaughn Williams phoned into the council chambers to explain the seven-page report concerning the new water basin project that is expected to eliminate the bad taste and odor in the Mount Vernon water system.

According to the report, construction costs for the water basin will be

\$3,015,226 but including all projected expenses the total cost is expected to be \$3,840,000.

Funding for the project has been gathered through an ARC grant of \$165,000, a flood control match grant of \$250,000, through USACE Pride 531 for \$750,000, a rural development grant of \$802,000 and a rural development loan for \$1,872,500. Williams recommended the low bidder for the project.

According to the report the debt of \$1,872,500 will be on a 38 year note at 2.375% with an annual principal and interest payment of \$75,358.

The council plans to adjust water rates for all customers to facilitate repayment of the loan. According to the report, the existing wholesale rate increase will be 47 cents per 1,000 gallons of water. The report says the current rate is \$2.93 per 1,000 gallons and the new rate will be \$3.40 per 1,000 gallons.

As an example the report says the smallest 3/4-inch residential metered customer uses an average of 3,340 gallons of water per month for an average bill of \$22.16. After the rate increase, that customer would then pay an average of \$27.56 for a \$5.40 increase per month. An average customer with a 4-inch meter pays \$274.69 but after the rate increase would pay \$341.69 for an increase of

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Bray and Storm give State of the Region address at Kiwanis meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club hosted the annual State of the District and Region address at the Limestone Grille last week with Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray and Senator Brandon Storm.

Bray said he believes the first thing the legislative body will do, once back in session, will be to pass the house version of the budget. He also stressed how important it is to understand how the budget will affect Rockcastle County.

In the last budget, legislators voted for \$20 million to run a natural gas line into the county. "I don't know that people understand the impact of having natural gas available to industry will have on the county," Bray said.

"Over the summer I have been in several meetings with prospective companies and one thing has been clear, in the past we have been crossed off lists

before we have even known the opportunities were out there. Over the past several decades, we have seen surrounding counties grow and we

Needles, other products causing many sewer issues

By: Mike French
Editor

According to city officials, one of the major expenses in nearly every city is the expense involving operation, maintenance and repair at the water and sewer plant. Rockcastle County's three major cities have sewer plants that require a large part of the budget and a good portion of that budget is used for maintenance and repairs.

"Nearly every week we have to deal with items that have been flushed that should not have been," said Mount Vernon Water and Sewer Supervisor Frank Baker. "When people flush these items into the sewer system that should not be there, it plays a role in the city budget. It costs a city funds to remove these things from the sewer system."

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haven't enjoyed the same growth. This gas line is a major piece of the puzzle to improving Rockcastle County."

Bray also pointed out \$16 million that was included in the last budget for the proposed middle school project. "Unfortunately, with inflation, that wasn't enough. I have been working with Dr. Ballinger and Mr. (Trent) Clark to come up with the gap in funding needed to start construction," he said.

Bray also pointed out the 461/25 widening project that was placed in the last budget. "They have started the utility relocation and have begun finalizing the design from McDonalds to the interstate," Bray said. "Congressman (Hal) Rogers was able to get federal

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Year in review January through June 2023

The year of 2023 is now part of the record books and, as usual, Rockcastle County was filled with activity throughout the year.

The following is a recap of most of the major headlines from January through June in the county. See next week's issue for July through December.

January

To start the year, emergency crews broke several records with the number of calls received related to a winter storm that blanketed the south. I-75 was closed a record ten times in a three-day period due to accidents or inclement weather.

It was in January of 2023 that all three cities in the county had new, first-time mayors take over the reins at the same time. Mount Vernon Mayor Michael Bryant chaired his final public meeting after deciding not to run for re-election. Local barber Tim Roberts was elected as the new Mount Vernon mayor by a tiny margin over Councilman Clifford Mullins. Larry Davidson won his bid for Livingston Mayor by less

than five votes and Jerry Adams won his bid for Brodhead Mayor.

Also in January, the RCHS Boys basketball team took the top prize in the Twin Lakes Holiday Classic. In the same month, RCHS Girl's Basketball Coach Chrysti Noble got her 600th career win by beating district rival Casey County.

Justice Debra Hembree Lambert was named Supreme Court Deputy Chief Justice in January.

February

The Rockcastle County School Board was working to gather funds for a new middle school in February as the price continued to rise during the design phase of the project. By February, the estimated price was over \$40 million. Later in the year, after bids were received, officials temporarily abandoned the project until a later date.

In February the RCHS Cheerleaders finished sixth in the nation at the national UCS High School Cheerleading competition. A few weeks later the team

was named In-Game Regional Champions.

Residents of the Cove Branch area approached the City of Mount Vernon concerning city water availability. After several hold-ups, the community received city water in November.

March

Plans for the 461 widening project were discussed in detail at a Chamber of Commerce Coffee Hour. The project, along with the widening of US 25 is still in the works to take place within the next few years.

Also in March, State Representative Josh Bray matched Rockcastle County by presenting a bill making the entire state of Kentucky a Second Amendment Sanctuary State. The bill, as well as the local version, means that law enforcement will not enforce any new federal laws further restricting citizens' Second Amendment rights.

High winds swept through the county in March causing damage to several buildings and uprooting

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ramblings...
by: perlina m. anderkin

I found myself totally engrossed in the College Football Playoffs this year. I don't really know why but it's probably because there's only so much X (Twitter) and mini-series I can consume for entertainment.

I was of two minds about the playoff game between Alabama and Michigan. On the one hand, I was incensed that Michigan's coach was benched for three games because his team "cheated."

Cheating to the powers-that-be in college football, means that Michigan sent a scout out to opponent's games and, while sitting in the stands, may have read the future opponent's coach's lips when he was sending signals/plays to his team and this supposedly helped Michigan to win their game against said opponent. They have nothing to back up this accusation, that I can see which means to me that Sour Grapes are their favorite fruit of the day.

Maybe Mark Stoops, UK's football coach should utilize this method to help him win a couple more games a season. It's disheartening when, the teams return to the field after halftime and KY fans quickly realize that the opposing coach knew how to make adjustments at the half and Kentucky's coach obviously didn't. Oh well, don't get me started on that.

Anyway, Alabama is an SEC team and I always want to see them do well (as long as they're not

playing Kentucky), but it didn't break my heart when Michigan won that contest.

Now, in the Texas - Washington game, I had no such reservations about being wholeheartedly for Texas but to no avail.

Anyway, the national college football game will be between Michigan and Washington and, once again, I will be saying, go Michigan, go. And for all you people who bemoaned the fact that Florida State didn't make the playoffs, you saw what a drubbing a good football team, Georgia, gave them winning 63-3. That was my only problem with the playoffs, I felt that Georgia should have still had a place in them but evidently the Alabama crowd is more influential.

Okay, enough of trying to convince you all that I know anything about the game, let me voice my opinion on a few of the *disheartening, makes-no-sense whatsoever, there will soon be a day of reckoning and we all better watch out* happenings around our country recently.

Our present regime is still allowing illegal immigrants into our country by the tens of thousands with no vetting of any sort. According to *Newsmax* the illegals are coming in with scabies, leprosy and tuberculosis. (not to mention other infections, viruses, bedbugs, roaches and other

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Another year gone. 2023 was the quickest year of my life. I know it is something old folks say regularly, but it seems to me like about two months ago I was setting up my new 2023 desk calendar from Ford Brothers.

That calendar has magically appeared on my desk at the *Signal* every year for the past nine years. It is my lifeline. Without it, I am not sure how I would remember any of the meetings I cover. I still forget one occasionally but that is only if I have been away from the calendar for a few days. I depend upon it every day.

But this year, 2023 felt as though I had just finished setting it up and going through the pages, marking important events, when I came to work one morning to find my Ford Brothers 2024 calendar ready to go. It was a simple, quick breath of life, and the year had passed.

It makes one reflect. What amazing changes I have seen in my short lifetime. When I was a lad, life was nothing similar to what we have today. I was there when the very first car phone was put in a vehicle in the town. I remember when Kentucky's economy was not based on the evil, family-destructive forces called gambling. It was a huge controversy and many people would not do business where lottery tickets were sold. Of course, it's yet another evil accepted as normal now. I remember when news shows first started having guests on their show to explain the meaning of the word "internet." Nothing, but nothing, was wireless. I remember the first ever music video on television and people thought it would never catch on.

I remember when a Queen video was banned in America, though they were fully clothed and did not curse. It was banned because it had gay references. America had moral values in those days. I remember when not a single TV show or movie had

curse words in them. People showed respect in those days.

I remember the morning task of emptying the ashes from the coal stove so we could stay warm. I remember going to the outhouse when nature called and chipping ice off the pump so that I could hand-pump well water for the tub. I remember no heat in the bedrooms in the winter and there was no such thing as air conditioning. I remember the one phone we owned being attached to the wall. It did not dominate our lives in those days. Parents didn't curse in front of children, it was a positive virtue to be married before sex, children had chores to earn their allowance, church was a welcomed opportunity instead of a forced task, modesty was appreciated, respect was earned and the customer was always right. Unfortunately for an entire political party, all those things are still good things. Some just deny it now.

We have events now that openly advertise that white people are not allowed to attend. In my day, we had eliminated such racism. Anyone who eliminated someone because of their race, was considered a lower form of life. They still are.

But the biggest change of all is the speed in which time passed in 2023. I suppose that's the case for everyone be-

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Rockcastle
Historical
Haven

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By: Markita Proctor

Health and Wellness are common topics of concern at the start of a new year. Many set their New Year's Resolutions for improved health. Whether one is hoping to lose weight, exercise more, give up smoking, or give up an indulgence in alcoholic beverages, the end goal is usually improved health and wellness.

Formal medical facilities were not available to Rockcastle until 1956 with the founding of the Rockcastle Regional Hospital, but that is not to say that there were no individuals practicing medicine in Rockcastle's history. In fact, the February 24, 1888 edition of the Mt. Vernon Signal lists the following physicians: Dr. A. G. Lovell: Physician and Surgeon, with an office located North side of Main St.; J.J. Brown, M.D., located on Main St, but patients were instructed to call the post office or visit the residence at the back of the jail; S. C. Davis, Physician and Superintendent of Schools, with an office located at the first door below Whitehead's drug store; Dr. I.S. Burdette Ooulist and Aurist of Brodhead, Ky.

Dr. Aden Garvey Lovell was born on Dec. 3, 1853, in Lawrence, Indiana. He married Mollie L. Whitaker on August 26, 1882. He attended the Louisville Medical Col-

lege and graduated in 1883. According to the 1910 United States Federal Census, Dr. A.G. Lovell lived in Mt. Vernon on Lovella Lane and had two daughters: Leila. M. Lovell, and Marguritte M. Lovell. Dr. Lovell died on March 11, 1926, and was buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, KY.

Dr. Solomon Cephus Davis was born in Withe, Virginia on January 15, 1845. I found two conflicting reports. One stated that he entered the study of medicine in 1877 entered the Ohio Medical College and graduated in 1879. Another report states he attended the Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville: Central University of Kentucky, and graduated in 1906. In 1886 he was appointed Superintendent of Schools in Rockcastle County. Dr. S.C. Davis specialized in diseases of children and advertised that he was prepared to treat the latest and most approved theories. Dr. Davis married Amanda Suber on November 13, 1870, in Somerset, Kentucky. They had three children: William T Davis, Charles C. Davis, and Roberta Davis. Dr. S. C. Davis died on February 17, 1915, and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, KY.

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cause I heard my father say that many times. It wasn't until recent years that I started to notice and this particular year that it became the biggest change. I never dreamed it would be this extreme. At this rate, I'll be 90 before I realize what happened to January.

I theorize time passes so quickly now because I can't remember many details that happened throughout the year. If I remember less things happening, I suppose the year would seem shorter. But whatever the cause, for me this year shot at the speed of light compared to all others.

So before I knew what hit me, it is time for another New Year's Resolution.

According to national statistics, only 6% of Americans keep their New Year's Resolutions past the first week. I think the number is much smaller because most of those surveyed wouldn't admit they failed miserably. I bet it would be less than 1% that actually stick to their resolution, if the truth were known.

But I think we all do a lot of worthless habits so we may as well follow through on this tradition also.

So, here I go. I resolve to spend more time contemplating those who have gone before me. My parents, my uncles and aunts, grandparents and great grandparents are why I am here. They deserve my thoughts and appreciation. And our forefathers. What brave people they were. Facing a country that was pretty much what America has become recently, they raised up arms, risked their very lives and defied those who would dictate to them. They fought a government for trying to do half of what America does to its citizens now. Without them, none of us would be here. They too deserve respect, admiration and appreciation. So I resolve to ponder, consider and appreciate them more.

Though I have always respected and appreciated all these people, I resolve to try to honor them more. None of them can be over-appreciated.

Peace and happiness is my wish for you and your loved ones for 2024. May your year be as enjoyable as finding yourself sitting in the middle of a tomato patch with a salt shaker.

God Bless and Happy New Year.

Haven

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Vernon, Signal one can also see advertisements for tonics and herbal treatments for all kinds of maladies. Dr. Greene's Nervura Nerve Tonic, for example, claimed to be the great strengthening and invigorating remedy for the positive cure of nervousness, weakness, indigestion, constipation, and kidney and liver disease! It was found to contain mainly alcohol, celery, and ginger. If Dr. Greene's didn't do the trick, one might try Piso's Cure for Consumption. Consumption was the old term for tuberculosis.

Interestingly, Piso's cure wasn't a cure at all at various times it is believed to have contained opium, morphine, hashish, marijuana, chloroform, and alcohol. It was one of the best-selling patent drugs of the time. Also advertised was Ely's Cream Balm the cure for catarrh, snuffles, cold in the head, hay fever, deafness, and headaches. Another treatment that Rockcastle Countians of 1888 might invest in was Hood's Sarsaparilla. For Scrofula or impurity in the blood, which produced painful running sores on the arms, legs, or feet. Which developed ulcers in the eyes, ears, or nose. The advertisement goes on to explain how scrofula could lead to blindness, deafness, cancer, and many other manifestations ascribed to "humors" worse than consumption or cancer! But, Scrofula can be cured by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla! 100 doses one dollar! It contained sarsaparilla root, dandelion, juniper berries, and 18% alcohol among other ingredients. Unfortunately, the appeal of these cure-alls probably led to more problems than they cured.

Another common treatment or approach to good health and wellness was bathing in natural mineral springs. Kentucky has several mineral springs and at one time was the home of several

luxury resorts, a popular pastime for the wealthy. While I could not locate any evidence of actual mineral springs resorts in Rockcastle County, there were two bordering Rockcastle. Rockcastle Springs Resort Hotel was located in Pulaski County on the Rockcastle River. Touted as "A Haven of Rest" and a cure for heat and fever. Crab Orchard Springs, just west of Brodhead in Lincoln County. According to an article by Tim Talbott on explorekyhistory.ky.gov titled "Crab Orchard Springs," "eight natural mineral springs were located at Crab Orchard. Three of the springs contained iron-heavy water, two produced saltwater and three others provided different types of sulfur water...by the 1860s, Crab Orchard Springs had developed into one of the most sought-after hydrotherapy records in Kentucky." It is reasonable to assume that citizens of Rockcastle might have visited these springs for health and hydrotherapy.

As time passed, elixirs, Sarsaparillas, and tonics were curtailed by the US Food and Drug Administration, local physicians came and went, and the mineral spring resorts eventually closed. By 1955 Rockcastle County broke ground on the Rockcastle Regional Hospital and opened in 1956, starting as an acute-care facility.

As we jump into 2024 Rockcastle Countians may be considering a new and improved self, as you do, remember the great gains we have made in health care and treatments. Sure, you might benefit by finding the old mineral springs and taking a chilly dip in the sulfur water, but I would suggest visiting one of our good doctors or the gym instead.

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repulsive things). Over half of the detainees from a recent caravan of thousands, tested positive for TB for which there is no vaccine and which is highly contagious.

In December, a record

302,000 illegals crossed the southern border and, if I understand it right, this does not count those who managed to get across and not be counted, known as "got-a-ways."

The vast majority of these illegals are young military-age men (tens of thousands of them from China) and, I think, we will rue the day we so cavalierly allowed the present regime to begin to destroy our ethnicity, on day one of their taking (and I mean that literally) office. I realize that we are a blessed country (or at least used to be) but why is this present regime so intent on turning our country into a banana republic as we sit idly by and allow it to happen?

I have a theory that it is a plan that has been in place since Obama took office and began deliberately dividing us. He was to be followed by eight years of Hillary Clinton which would have sealed the deal for unelected globalists and those who actually run our world—the elite don't you know. Of course, Donald Trump threw a spanner in the works by capturing the 2016 election and the Democrats have been working since, actually before his election, to make certain this man, who is a billionaire and doesn't have to make his fortune off the backs of taxpayers, does not upset the joint Democrat and RINO applectart.

They have now pulled out every trick in the book to try and take away any chance of his winning the election this year, even to going against our Constitution and taking him off the ballot in Colorado and Maine. In Maine it came down to one woman, the appointed Secretary of State, who decided she had to save Democracy by deciding that he would not appear on their primary ballot. I actually wonder at what point, they will decide that the only recourse left is to assassinate him.

Surely, surely, our Supreme Court will step in and stop this complete foolishness but, who knows?

Our justice system is such a farce at this point. In Utah, two 18-year-olds and a man in his late 20s worked out a plea deal with a Judge who, after the three had served 3 1/2 years for raping a 14-year-old girl, decided they can serve the rest of their sentence on probation. They're African Nationals for whom, evidently, there are special laws.

There's special accommodations anyway.

New York City officials have erected a tent city for illegals which includes TVs, a Nintendo and Xbox entertainment center, laundry service, three meals a day with coffee and snacks available 24/7 and free phone banks to call anywhere. All this while our veterans, to whom we owe everything, are still sleeping on the streets. Meanwhile, not to be outdone, California's governor recently signed into law free medical coverage for illegals and the California legislature voted to lower the age of sexual consent to 12 years of age (nothing to do with illegals but I thought it was abhorrent and wanted to mention it).

Not to be outdone, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu (she of the famed Christmas party for elected people of color only), says that everyone has the right to illegally immigrate to the US and receive temporary housing from the city of Boston. Pretty sweet, right?

The only thing we have going for us at present is that pResident Joe Biden has been in office since January of 2021 and has spent 40% of the time since then on vacation. Can you imagine how much more evil this regime could have unleashed if he had actually spent a normal amount of time working. Every cloud...

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Monday, January 8th: Child Development. Seek 'n Learn, Lisa's Little People. **Tuesday, January 9th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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.

Wednesday-Alcohol Anonymous-Mt. Vernon: 12 p.m. 55 Crawford St., Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 606-308-4893 for info. or rides.

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

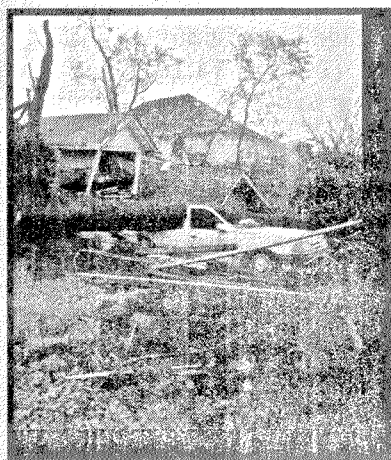
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

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

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Obituaries

Dell Ponder

Dell Francis Ponder, 89, of Livingston, died Sunday, December 24, 2023 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Rockcastle County on January 27, 1934, the son of Frank and Virgie Summers Ponder. He had been an electrician and was a US Army Veteran. A Livingston High School graduate, he was a member of the IBEW Local 82 Electricians Program and loved listening to country and gospel music, as well as fishing.



He is survived by: his daughter, Cynthia Lynn (Robert) of Versailles; grandchildren, James Dell (Rachel) Rauch, Joseph (Nicole) Rauch, Doug (Danielle) Ponder, Ryan (Britni) Lynn, and Megan (Trent) Edwards; and two great granddaughters and four great grandsons. He is also survived by his very good friend, Faye Harper, as well as a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife Gwendolyn; his son, Eric Ponder; his daughter-in-law, Sharon Ponder; and four brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 30, 2023 at Bible Baptist Church by Pastor Matt Merrill, pastor of Wesley Covenant Fellowship Church of Versailles, Bro. Jason Medley, pastor of Calloway Baptist Church, and Mrs. Becky Isaacs. Music was provided by Mr. Billy Wayne Bryant and The Sextons. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery with music provided by Bro. Jason Medley and TAPS provided by Mr. Larry Ponder.

Pallbearers were: Billy Wayne Bryant, Bill Durham, Bob Lynn, Doug Ponder, James Rauch, and Joseph Rauch.

The family requests donations to Red Hill Community Cemetery, PO Box 35, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

Clyde Dewayne Burdette

Clyde Dewayne Burdette, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 31, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born July 6, 1953, a son of the late



Arvel and Elsie Cornett Burdette. He was a member of Brindle Ridge Baptist Church and found great joy in coon hunting, fishing, and raising farm animals. Clyde had previously worked for the Rockcastle School System as a school bus driver. He was an original founding member of the Brindle Ridge Fire Department. On June 22, 1973, he was

united in marriage to Betty Sowder, and from that union came two daughters, Cathy Sue and Tawnya Lynn.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 50 years, Betty Burdette of Mt. Vernon; children, Cathy Sue Jarvis of Richmond, and Tawnya Lynn Bullock of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Ryan Blake Bullock, Jacob Alexander Bullock, Jordan Nathaniel Sizemore, Matthew Hunter Sizemore, and Seth Christian Sizemore; brother, James "Gary" Burdette (Linda) of Mt. Vernon; sister-in-law, Gail Burdette of Mt. Vernon; sister, Janice Jean Chasteen (Steve) of Richmond; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

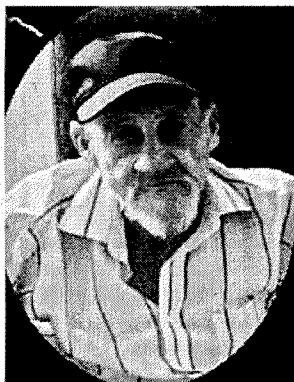
Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Burdette.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 4, 2024, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. A private committal/burial service will be on Friday.

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

Paul McFerron

Paul McFerron, 81, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at his residence. He was born August 22, 1942, in Mt. Vernon, a son of Sam and Flonnie McFerron. He had been a truck driver. On March 14, 1967, he was united in marriage to Janice Bullock McFerron, and they enjoyed 56 years together prior to his passing.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Janice Bullock McFerron of Mt. Vernon; son, Michael Edward McFerron of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Melvin Lee Barron and Crystal Corbin; great grandchild, Elaine Corbin; brother, Bentley McFerron; sister, Frances Bonetti; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his daughter, Tina Gay Barron and infant daughter, Paula Jane McFerron; four sisters; and two brothers.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, December 21, 2023 at Ottawa Cemetery with Carl King officiating.

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

Marie Smith

Sarah Marie Smith, 79, of Mt. Vernon went to Heaven on Monday, December 18, 2023 at her home. She was born April 11, 1944 in Orlando, the daughter of Edd and Hattie (Clark) Rigsby. She retired from Cintas and was a charter member of Higher Praise Ministries. Marie was a woman of great faith and this faith was an anchor during life's trials and enjoyed singing at church while encouraging others to do the same. She and Gordie Smith were married on June 2, 1961, cherishing 62 years together. They were apart for only 11 days before reuniting in heaven.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her sister, Jean Sutherland; her children, Tina Gibbs (Dave) of Brodhead, and Darren Smith (Becky) and Stacy Smith (Nacole), both of Mt. Vernon; nine grandchildren, Mark Hupp-Smith, Jordan Smith, Darby Smith, Dalton Gibbs, Izak Gibbs, Cameron Smith, Kaylee Smith, Bella Smith, and Jenna Smith; two great grandchildren, Ella Smith and Ismira Hupp-Smith; special friends, Lucy Payne and Carolyn Nicely; as well as a several nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors. Besides her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Estill and Neal Rigsby.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 22, 2023 at Higher Praise Ministries with Pastor Chris Davidson and Bro. Lonnie McGuire officiating. Burial followed in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jordan Smith, Dalton Gibbs, Izak Gibbs, Cameron Smith, Randy Rigsby, and Roger Rigsby. Honorary pallbearers were: James Scalf and Billy McKeehan.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Obituary provided by the family.

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Billy Doan

Billy Ray Doan, 74, of Mt. Vernon, went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 22, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Mt. Vernon on November 4,



1949, the son of Raymond Earl and Mary Edith Doan. He had been a meat department manager at Wal-Mart, was a Kentucky Colonel, and was a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

On April 20, 1986, he was united in marriage to Linda Cheryl McFerron and were soulmates until the Lord took him home. He loved the Lord and his church family. He loved his family greatly enjoyed spending time with them, as well as playing PlayStation with his grandsons and nephews.

Those left to celebrate his life include: his loving wife, Linda; his son, Shane (Kelly) Doan; grandchildren, Kathryn, Merrick, and Trevor Doan of Franklin; two nephews, Zach (Lyndsey) Reams of Mt. Vernon, and Noah Reams of Richmond; a great nephew, Axton Reams of Mt. Vernon; and many more friends and relatives. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Eddie Doan and wife Joyce, and Monroe Cromer and wife Sala; a niece, Brenda Prince; and a nephew, Dwayne Doan.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 28, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Ova Baker and Dale McNew, pastors of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. Burial followed in the McKinney Cemetery at Blue Springs.

Pallbearers were: Trevor Doan, Merrick Doan, Zach Reams, Noah Reams, Darren Cook, and Sherman Cook.

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Marie Tomlinson

Marie Tomlinson, 89, died Saturday, December 30, 2023, at her residence in Crab Orchard. She was born July 25, 1934, in Red Hill, a daughter of the late Alford and Delia Angel Allen. She was of the Pentecostal faith and found great joy in floral arrangement and growing flowers. She was a lifelong member of the VFW and AM Vets.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Margie Stamper (Jim) of Ohio and Michael Tomlinson (Tracy) of Florida; grandchildren, Suzie Bannan, Robert Stamper, and Sara Tomlinson; brother, Eddie Allen of Crab Orchard; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

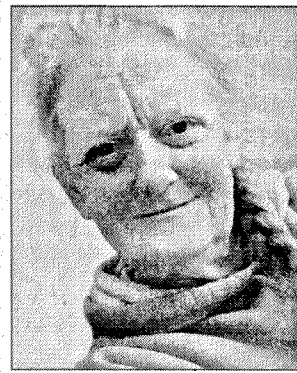
Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Tomlinson.

At Marie's request, cremation was chosen. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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

Barbara Graves

Barbara Sue Graves, 66, of Richmond, died Friday, December 15, 2023 at her home. She was born at Sand Springs in Rockcastle County on July 27, 1957,



the daughter of Earl and Elizabeth McFerron Evans. She was a former waitress at Jean's Restaurant and was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her children, Dallas Wayne "Bo" (Ashley) Graves, Kenneth Joe (Evelyn) Graves, and Bonnie Lynn Graves (Jeffery) Calico; a brother, Jearl Evans; three sisters, Lela Renner, Verla Miller, and Bernice Marler; 13 grandchildren, Patrick Wilkinson and Julie, Cassidy Estep and Zack, Owen Wilkinson, Kaiden Graves, Piper Graves, Megan Graves and Austin, Kenneth John Graves, Brittany Reams and Wallace, Hollie Harrison and Elijah, Katelynn Graves Chestnut and Zachary, Jacob Dunn and Kyra, and Brooklyn Dunn; and 13 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: a granddaughter, Amber Agee; three sisters, Hazel Barron, Glenna Renner, and Maybell Evans; and three brothers, Robert, Gene, and Darrell Evans.

A visitation was held Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in High Dry Cemetery.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

Daniel A. Hosier

Daniel A. Hosier, "Dan," of Mt. Vernon, died January 1, 2024 at UK Hospital in Lexington. He was born in Cornwall, NY on January 13, 1931, the



son of Alfred and Verna Hosier. He was retired from Halo Branded Solutions, Inc. (an advertising company); but as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, he was active in sharing the Bible's hope of a paradise earth under God's Kingdom where mankind will live in peace and happiness. He also liked working in his garden.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 70 years, Mary Jane; Larry (Linda) Hosier of Red Creek, NY; Melany Thomas of Richmond; Paul (JoAnn) of Dunedin, FL; Daniel M. (Jennifer) of Mt. Vernon; a brother Henry Hosier (Anna) of Mexico; Marilyn Kalmanson of Pine Bush, NY; and Ellie Bukovsky, of Cornwall, NY. He also loved his seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in the future.

Is The Devil A Fool

The devil is a wicked spirit, a real person not a myth. Neither Christ or any other inspired person ever made light of Satan. Rather they recognized him and his evil work, and warned against him. (Jas. 4:17) Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. There are many false doctrines in the world today, it will be helpful to study some of them in the light of Satan's work. Thus we ask, "is the devil a fool?"

If universalism is true, the devil is a fool for working to get souls. Jesus said: (Lk. 22:31) "Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat." He desires all of us. Universalism is not true. (1Pet. 4:17) For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? The devil knows what he is doing.

If there is no hell, the devil is a fool, for working to get people to go there. There is a hell. (Matt. 25:41) Those on the left hand of Jesus will depart to this place where the devil and his angels will spend their eternal life. So the devil is no fool.

If there is no power in God's word then the devil is a fool for stealing out of man's heart. He steals the Word from man's heart. (Lk. 8:12) Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. There is power in the word of God. (Rom. 1:16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Satan knows of the power of God's word, while many preachers do not. He is smarter than they, "he is no fool."

If one religion is as good as another, then Satan is a fool for engaging in religious business. He does engage in religious activities: He has his ministers. (2Cor. 11:14,15) Satan has ministers that appear to be ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. One religion is not as good as another. (Gal. 1:8) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. So the devil is not a fool.

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Rhonda McFerron

Rhonda McFerron, 60, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at the University of Cincinnati Hospital. She was born March 19, 1963 in Cincinnati, OH, the daughter of Mrs. Doris Kirby Sowder of Goshen, OH, and the late James Sowder. She was a retired child care worker who enjoyed singing, traveling to the beach, spending time with her children, and was a member of the Sand Springs Baptist Church.



Survivors, besides her mother are: four daughters, Kristi Ann McFerron, Ashley Neal, Tricia Kanipe, and Amanda Ethington; one brother, James Sowder; three sisters, Patricia Coffey, Sheila Slone, and Stephaine Sowder; 14 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Besides her father, she was also preceded in death by: her husband, Robert Eugene McFerron; three brothers, Roger, Rick, and Steven Sowder; and one sister, Joyce McFarland.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Eugene Gentry officiating. Burial will follow in Sand Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers are: Cager Doan, Kaiden Doan, Josaiyah McClure, Matt Ethington, Randy Kanipe, and Coby Neal.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Nadine Burke Yeager

Nadine Burke Yeager died December 18, 2023 in Dayton, OH. She was born July 3, 1932 in Lexington, to Geneva Burke. She spent her early years in the Chestnut Ridge/Sand Hill area of Rockcastle County. As a young woman she moved to Dayton, Ohio where she met and married Hubert Yeager. They were married more than 69 years. She retired from General Motors after more than 30 years of service.



She is survived by her daughter, Karen and granddaughter, Michelle. She was preceded in death by her husband, her mother, and her maternal grandparents, Elmer and Alice Perciful Burke.

A private family gathering was held Friday, December 22, 2023 at Anderson Funeral Home (Springboro, Ohio). Burial followed at Springboro Cemetery, Springboro, OH.

Julia Rowe

Julia Rowe, 78, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Lee "Jack" Rowe, died Saturday, December 30, 2023 at her residence.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and are incomplete.

Tony McGuire

Tony McGuire, 75, of Pleasant View, TN, died Friday, December 22, 2023 at Tennessee State Veterans Home in Clarksville.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View on Saturday, January 6, 2024, between the hours of 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with Military Honors at 3 p.m.

Mr. McGuire was born February 21, 1948, in Mt. Vernon, to the late Manley and Sylvia McGuire. He was a U.S Army Veteran serving in the Vietnam war. He was retired after 31 years as an over the road truck driver. Tony had many talents tinkering and refurbishing tractors. He dearly loved his family and his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Mark McGuire and step-son, Duane Bryant.

Survivors include: his wife of 25 years, Melody McGuire; son, Roderick Dorn; daughter, Deborah (Aaron) Moore; brothers, Bob (Wilma) McGuire, Denny (Carol) McGuire, Truman (Sharon) McGuire, Bruce (Charlene) McGuire, Lonnie (Jean) McGuire, Boyd (Geraldine) McGuire, Mike (Melinda) McGuire, and James Daniel; sister, Dianna (Lonnie) Moore; grandchildren, Abigail Moore, Ian (Ashley) McGuire, Kelsey McGuire, Landon McGuire; and great grandson, Samuel McGuire.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to www.orangeheartmedal.org or Orange Heart Medal Foundation, 13833 Owens Chapel Rd, Springfield, TN 37172.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

BLACK-EYED PEA SALAD

2 cans (15 ounces each) black-eyed peas,
2 cups grape tomatoes, halved
1 each small green, yellow, and red peppers, finely chopped
1 small red onion, chopped
1 celery rib, chopped

2 tablespoons minced fresh basil
DRESSING:

1/4 cup red wine vinegar or balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon stone-ground mustard
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup olive oil

Rinse and drain black-eyed peas. In a large bowl, combine peas, tomatoes, peppers, onion, celery, and basil. For dressing, in a small bowl, whisk vinegar, mustard, oregano, salt and pepper. Gradually whisk in oil until blended. Drizzle over salad; toss to coat. Refrigerate, covered, at least 3 hours before serving.

BLACK-EYE PEA DIP

1 can (14-oz.) black-eyed peas
1/4 onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup sour cream
8 slices pickled jalapeño, chopped
1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
3 tablespoons salsa
Hot sauce, to taste
Salt and black pepper, to taste
Preheat the oven to 350°. Drain the black-eyed peas

and add them to a bowl. Partially mash the peas, leaving some whole. Add all other ingredients, stirring to combine. Spread the mixture into a 1 and 1/2 quart baking dish and bake for 20 to 30 minutes until hot and bubbly. Serve with tortilla chips!

BLACK-EYE PEA SOUP

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
2 medium carrots, chopped
2 medium stalks celery, chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

1 carton (32 oz) Progresso™ reduced sodium chicken broth
3 cans (15.8 oz each) black-eyed peas, drained, rinsed
1 smoked ham hock or shank

Spray a 5-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In a 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion, carrots, and celery; cook and stir 5 to 6 minutes or until vegetables soften. Add garlic and thyme; cook and stir 1 minute. Transfer to slow cooker. Add broth, black-eyed peas, and ham hock to slow cooker. Cover: cook on Low 7 to 8 hours or until meat on ham hock is tender and easily separated from bone. Remove ham hock. Remove ham from bone, discard bone. Chop ham. And return to slow cooker and stir. Skim off any excess fat from soup. serve.

Rockcastle Cemetery Records

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Five Generations

from Liberty Township, Ohio

Ivy Lanier (3 months), Mother Evie Stepaniak Lanier (26 years), Grandmother Detra Shepherd Stepaniak (50 years), Great-Grandpa Lynn Shepherd (72 years), Great-Great Granny Ina Faye Robbins Shepherd (91 years).



Five Generations

from Liberty Township, Ohio

Lainey Stepaniak (4 years), Father Elijah Stepaniak (30 years), Grandmother Detra Shepherd Stepaniak (50 years), Great-Grandpa Lynn Shepherd (72 years), Great-Great Granny Ina Faye Robbins Shepherd (91 years).



Five Generations

from Liberty Township, Ohio

Easton Stepaniak (5 months), Father Elijah Stepaniak (30 years), Grandmother Detra Shepherd Stepaniak (50 years), Great-Grandpa Lynn Shepherd (72 years), Great-Great Granny Ina Faye Robbins Shepherd (91 years).

Church News

Let the Bible Speak

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Homecoming Service at Creekside

Creekside Baptist Church will be hosting their first Homecoming Service Sunday morning, January 7th. Special guest singers will be the Bluegrass Gospel group, *Just Enough*. Dinner will follow the morning service.

Everyone is invited and welcome to come and fellowship with us. The church is located at 2261 Copper Creek Road. Bro. Jack Stallsworth is pastor.

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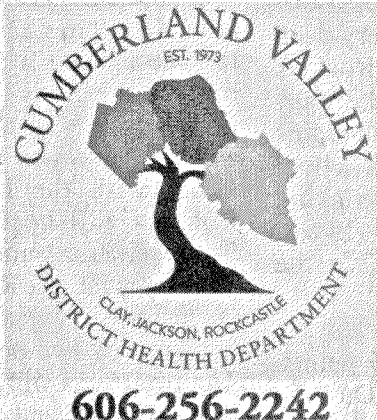
"How do I know what my baby needs?"
"How do I help my baby feel secure and loved?"
"What should I expect as my child grows?"

...a healthy toddler?

"When should my child begin walking and talking?"
"How important is a dad's role in a child's development?"
"What is appropriate discipline?"

...a healthy family?

"How do I manage the stress of having more than one child to care for?"
"How do I discipline my older children without making them feel like I love the new baby more?"
"How do I balance everyone's needs?"



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SPORTS

Lady Rockets go 4-2 in holiday tourney play

The Lady Rockets did well in holiday tournament play this season, going 2-1 in both tourneys they played in. They have played well enough this season, to date, that Dave Cantrall has them ranked 17th of the top 25 teams in the state.

At the Bath County Tournament, the Lady Rockets lost their first game, a heartbreaker, 60-59 to the host team and then went on to soundly defeat their next two opponents.

Lady Rockets 59 Bath County 60

Three Lady Rockets scored in double figures in the game, with Taylor King taking high point honors with 17, followed by Talyne Shearer with 14 -- 10 of them in the fourth quarter when she accounted for all the Rockets' points, except for a three basket by Spivey; Macy Spivey got 13; Haven King added eight points; Camryn Cash got five and Abby DeLeon two to round out the scoring.

T. King also led in rebounding with seven; H. King got six, Spivey four, Shearer two and Ella McKinney two each and Cash and DeLeon one each.

The Lady Rockets shot terrible from the charity stripe, hitting only six of 16 tries for 37.5% and they were only three of 14 from three point land, with Spivey getting two of those and Cash the other.

Lady Rockets 79 Raceland 30

The Lady Rockets bounced back big time in their next game, defeating Raceland 79-30, behind Taylor King's 19 points.

13 Lady Rockets got in the game with 10 of them scoring in the rout.

Besides T. King's 19, Haven King got 13; Shearer scored 11 points; Spivey and Cash put in nine each, all three point baskets for Cash; DeLeon scored 7; Markley Richards got four; Brylee Mullins three and Ella McKinney and Kelsey Maupin, two each.

King got six rebounds; Spivey five; Shearer and Richards, four each, Mullins and DeLeon three each; Cash, Tessa Begley and McKinney two each and H. King one.

Lady Rockets 66 Menifee Co. 38

The Lady Rockets also had no problem with Menifee County, taking that game 66-38 and Coach Chrysti Noble once again got to clear her bench.

Shearer turned in a game high performance of 25 points and grabbed 12 of her team's 32 rebounds. Spivey was also in double figures with 17 points; Taylor King got 6; Haven King five; Cash and McKinney four each; Kinsley Smith two and Brylee Mullins one.

Besides Shearer's 12 rebounds, Cash and Spivey collected five each; Mullins, H. King and T. King two each and

Richards, McKinney, Smith and DeLeon one each.

The Lady Rockets went 18/27 from the free throw line and 4/14 from three point range.

Lady Rockets 59 Westside, SC 58

In their opening game of the Smoky Mountain Classic, the Lady Rockets came out on top of a one point game, beating West Side 59-58 in overtime.

The Lady Rockets overcame a low-scoring first half, 18 points, by coming on strong in the second half and overtime with 41 points.

Shearer scored 19 of her game high 27 points in the second half and scored five of them in overtime which was five of the seven points scored.

Taylor King added 13 points, Spivey got 10 and Cash was credited with nine points in the win.

Shearer also got the most rebounds, nine; T. King, Spivey and Cash grabbed seven each and H. King got four.

Lady Rockets 61 Lebanon, TN 66

The Lady Rockets lost their next game, a close one to a Lebanon, TN team 66-61.

Spivey led this game in scoring for her team with 22 points and she also led in rebounding, getting nine of the Lady Rockets' 31 rebounds and also went 4/4 from the free throw line.

T. King was next with 15 points and Shearer,

Cash and H. King finished off the scoring with eight each.

T. King and Cash each scored two of three three point baskets, the only ones scored by the Rockets out of 12 attempts.

Besides Spivey's nine rebounds, Shearer grabbed seven; H. King and Cash got five each; T. King four and McKinney one.

Lady Rockets 55 Riverside, SC 51

In the final game of the tournament in Gatlinburg, the Rockets won a close one 55-51, ending the game on a 10-2 run to take the win. This win gave them third place in the eight team tournament.

Taylor King came through big for her team in the fourth quarter, scoring 10 of her 16 game high points in that period.

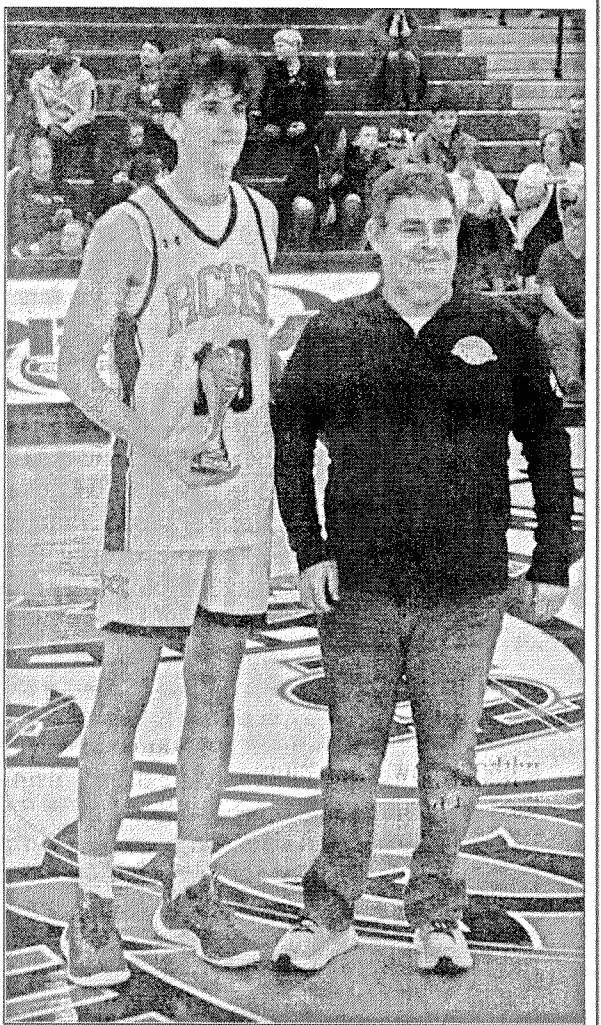
Spivey and Shearer were right behind King with 15 points each; H. King got five and Cash and DeLeon scored two points each.

The Rockets sub-par performance at the charity stripe, where they hit only 10 of 22 chances, made the game closer than it should have been.

The Lady Rockets, now 9-3 on the season, were scheduled to host the Lady Briar Jumpers of Somerset Tuesday night in their third district game of the season, another district foe, Pulaski County, will come to town Friday night for another district game.



Taylor King was named Player of the Game in the Rockets' win over Raceland in Bath County.



Walker Craig was Player of the Game for his performance in the Rockets' 66-57 win over Greenwood High School at South Laurel. Craig was also named to the All-Tournament Team.

Rockets go 3-3 over holidays

The Rockcastle Rockets broke even in their two holiday basketball tournaments, losing two and winning one at the Legacy Nissan Dribble Drive Challenge at South Laurel and reversing it at the Smoky Mountain Winter Classic, winning two and losing one there.

In the first game at the South Laurel tourney, the Rockets defeated Greenwood High School 66-57. After trailing 25-23 at half-time, the Rockets put together a big third quarter, 18-8 and won the fourth by one, 25-24 to get the win.

Walker Craig led the scoring for his team with 20 points, including hitting three three point baskets. Jace Rogers scored 14 points; Connor Hunt and Trent Wilson scored 11 points each; Colton Cash got six and Skyler Durham scored four points.

The Rockets hit 6/19 three point baskets, got 14/28 two point goals, hit 20-27 free throws and pulled down 33 rebounds with Durham credited with 11.

Craig was named Player of the Game and was also named to the All-Tournament Team.

Rockets 35 South Laurel 48

In the next game, South Laurel took command early, winning the first quarter 14-4 and be-

ing ahead 27-14 at the half, and they never let up.

The Rockets shot poorly, hitting only 15-45 two point baskets and Craig accounted for the only three point basket out of 13 team tries.

Jace Rogers led his team in scoring with 19 points; Craig and Durham accounted for seven points each - with Durham again taking rebounding honors with 12 of the team's 30 and Colton Cash got the other two points in the game.

Rockets 62 Corbin 82

The Rockets took it on the chin in their second loss of the tourney, losing to a good Corbin team 82-62.

Corbin took the first half 43 to 28 and the second 39 to 34 for the 20 point win. The Rockets also had 17 turnovers to Corbin's 11 and were outrebounded 35/19.

Craig turned in an excellent offensive game, scoring 24 points, including hitting four three point baskets. Trent Wilson and Skyler Durham each scored eight points, with Durham getting 2 of 3 three point baskets; Jace Rogers and Connor Hunt each got seven points; Colton Cash scored five and Kaleb Alexander got a three basket.

Wilson led in re-

bounding with seven, Rogers got four, Durham and Craig, three each, Hunt two and Alexander one.

Rockets 51 Ezell Harding 28

In the first game of the Smoky Mountain Winter Classic in Gatlinburg, the Rockets easily took down Ezell Harding Christian 51-28 behind Craig's 22 points, which included going 7/8 from the charity stripe and hitting 3 of 5 three point baskets, and Wilson's 15. Hunt scored seven points and led in rebounding with 11. Rogers and Durham scored three points each and Cash got one.

Besides Hunt's 11 rebounds, Wilson pulled down nine, Durham got eight and Craig seven. Cash added four and Rogers and Harper McCool each got two for a total of 45 Rocket rebounds in the game.

Rockets 51 Memphis University High 80

It wasn't a very even matchup in the Rockets next game of the tournament with Memphis University High School out of Tennessee taking the first half 36-14 and the second 44-37 for the final 80-51.

Craig again led the scoring with 15 points, Rogers got 13, Durham had eight, Hunt seven, Wilson and McCool

three each and Ezekiel Fain two.

Rebounds were close between the two teams with Memphis getting the edge by only one 27/26. The Rockets had balanced rebounding with Craig getting six, Hunt and Durham five each, Rogers, Cash and Wilson had three each and McCool pulled down two. However Memphis had only four turnovers to the Rockets 10.

Rockets 58 Douglas, AL 48

The Rockets bounced back in their final game of the tourney, beating a school out of Douglas, Alabama 58-48, which gave them third place in the event.

The Rockets won all four quarters, behind balanced scoring. Craig, Wilson and Durham, all had 11 points. Caleb Moore got eight, Rogers and Hunt added seven each and Cash accounted for three.

The Rockets also won at the free throw line 16 to three and had 10 turnovers to Douglas's 12.

The Rockets are now 8 and 4 on the season. They, along with the Lady Rockets will host the Somerset Briar Jumpers Tuesday night. The Rockets lost the first game to Somerset by two points. The two teams will then host Pulaski County, another district foe, Friday.

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Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) beside the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers/winserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and computer accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

- Brodhead (behind City Hall)
- Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.

"Fires"

(Continued from front) pants escaped the vehicle without injury. Also on the scene was Davis Tire Center and the Mount Vernon Police Department.

On December 29, Brodhead firefighters reported responding as automatic aid to the Western Rockcastle Fire Department to a structure fire on Ottawa Road in Rockcastle County. Units arrived on the scene to find a fully involved camper which was being used as a home. The two departments worked together to extinguish the fire but the camper was destroyed. No injuries were reported.

That same evening, the Brodhead Fire Department was dispatched as automatic aid to the Brindle Ridge Fire Department to a possible electrical fire inside a residence. When firefighters reached the scene, the residence had been evacuated. Investigators found the fire was caused by an electrical appliance. No injuries were reported.

Officials at local fire departments recommend anyone using a fireplace for heat should have the chimney cleaned each year, prior to use, even if the chimney was working properly at the end of last winter.

Officials also suggest there is an increase in danger as homeless victims may seek shelter from the cold weather in the winter and perhaps start fires to stay warm.

"Year"

(Continued from front) some trees. Over 14,000 homes in the state were without power for more than 24 hours.

Local fire departments responded to several fires throughout the year but the month of March included eight to ten residential fires, keeping crews busier than normal.

The Rockcastle VFW Memorial Post 5908 and VFW District 11 won a trip to Washington after being recognized for excellence.

April

A murder/suicide was reported in April as Michael and Tanya Collinsworth were found deceased on Copper Creek Road.

Livingston officials hired Travis Davis as the new Chief of Police. The decision apparently cost the city \$1,000 per month in support from the fiscal court, but officials say Davis will remain in the position.

Forest fires were rampant in April as dry weather and winds continued to cause wildfires to spread across the county.

It was in April of 2023 when Rockcastle Regional lifted the mask mandate at the local hospital. The RCHS Rock's Got Talent show was a huge success with countless entertainers performing for the event.

Past City Councilman Jim Bowman was named as the new Mount Vernon City Administrator and the Historical Society began a campaign to raise funds for a local center in April.

May

Rockcastle County's Ronnie McKinney escaped a close call when his truck caught fire on Main Street in Mount Vernon.

Also in May, the body of Josh Spurlock was

found near railroad tracks in the county.

Suspected gambling machines were confiscated from the Livingston Marathon station as newly-appointed police chief Travis Davis was making an effort to clean up his community.

The 61st Farmers Business Banquet was held in May and the Rockcastle County observance of the National Day of Prayer was held at the courthouse.

On May 18 the primary Election was held and graduation ceremonies were held for 2023 RCHS graduates.

The City of Livingston asked the fiscal court to hang on to a 40-acre spot of land near the city limits so that it may be used in the future for tourism. However, the county later voted to sell the property.

Also in May, the results of the 2020 Census showed a drop in population in Rockcastle County by about 1,000 residents. Most county officials agree that the drop is actually due to a larger number of people who did not fill out the census. However, the drop did affect grant potential for the county, according to RCIDA representatives.

June

RCIDA officials announced in June that the new regional industrial park was ready to be used by any industry looking for a location.

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office announced in June that there is a critical staff shortage in the office and across the state. Constables and all other law enforcement departments in the county have been working together to alleviate the problem.

Rockcastle Regional Respiratory Care Center received the Quality Award for the 13th time. Also Jordan Smith was hired as a meteorologist at WTVQ in Lexington.

Officials continued to address the bad taste and odor in the Mount Vernon water system in June. Later in the year bids were received for a new project that is expected to correct the issue but the lowest bid was over \$2 million more than expected. The project has not yet begun but officials are seeking more funding.

The Grand Opening of the new Veterans Memorial Park near Lake Linville was held as dignitaries were honored with the experience of exploring the park for the first time.

The Friday After Five series began in May, including three events in downtown Mount Vernon.

The Longest Day of Play was called a great success in June.

See next week's issue for July through December.

"City"

(Continued from front) \$67.00.

Wholesale customers, including the city of Brodhead, Eastern Rockcastle Water and Western Rockcastle Water would see an increase of 16.04%. As an example, Brodhead pays an average of \$13,660.42 per month but after the rate increase would pay \$15,851.68 for an increase of \$2,191.26, according to the report.

In other action, after 60 years of service, Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales submitted

his letter of resignation to the city citing health reasons. According to the letter, Bales recommended his son Lieutenant Adam Bales to take over his position. David Bales said he intends to stay involved with the fire department. The council accepted his resignation and his recommendation unanimously.

The council also approved the monthly financial reports.

The All-American Club reported picking up 20 bags of trash and two old tires.

The Police Department report showed 588 calls in November with 44 of those involving traffic accidents. There were 30 total arrests and 19 drug charges. The report says 15 warrants were served.

The Fire Department report listed 59 runs in November using 24,456 gallons of water. Of the runs made, 15 involved vehicle accidents and 13 involved mutual aid given or received.

City Administrator Jim Bowman presented his monthly report to the council with a long list of achievements and goals as well as updates on ongoing projects.

According to the report, city crews have repaired eight water leaks in the city and water crews have been involved in water treatment training. The report also says the public works department has been involved heavily in Main Street beautification and sidewalk repairs. Bowman said repairs on the City Park restrooms will begin in January. Also, officials have begun the effort to create walking and trike paths at Lake Linville. Concrete is expected in the coming weeks. Work has also begun on the shower house at the Lake Linville Park and a gazebo is under construction. Once complete, the structure will be moved to the Veterans Memorial Park.

Having no further business the council was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

"Needle"

(Continued from front)

Recently, the City of Livingston Sewer Department Supervisor Devon Shelton, issued a public plea that citizens stop flushing needles into the toilet. According to Shelton, the needles become tangled into the sewer lines or in valves and equipment causing potential major damage.

"We get things you would never imagine but the biggest problems come from needles, feminine hygiene products, baby wipes and grease," said Baker. "I have equipment failure pretty often trying to get those things out of our sewer system."

Residents are asked to avoid flushing such products. Shelton asks all residents to find another way to dispose of needles and other products that damage the sewer system.

"This is a case where citizens can have an impact on their city's well being," Baker said.

"Kiwanis"

(Continued from front)

money appropriated to the budget so that construction will be put out for bid hopefully this spring."

Another point of focus for Bray, since being elected representative

has been the major expense to the county to operate the Rockcastle County Detention Center. "Over the summer I was put in charge of a task force to study the jail system and how it impacts rural communities," he said. "Current law requires counties to bear the financial burden of incarceration. Rockcastle County loses somewhere around \$1.2 to \$1.3 million every year, which is close to what is collected in occupational tax."

Bray said this is one of the problems he is working to change. "This is a problem that is bigger than just throwing money at it," he said. "Recidivism is a problem that is plaguing the state and we have to make sure programming is the same across the state."

Senator Storm then addressed the crowd thanking the Kiwanis for inviting him to the event. "I wish to thank the Rockcastle Kiwanis for inviting me to their annual State Informational Meeting alongside my friend and colleague Representative Bray, as well as the Limestone Grill for hosting such a distinguished group of guests and local leaders," he

School board seeking District 4 member after Lakes resigns

By: Mike French
Editor

At the December Rockcastle County School Board meeting, District Four board member Misty Lakes announced her resignation a year before her elected term expires.

At the end of the December meeting, during board comments, Lakes offered her appreciation for the board, the staff, the parents and the community but did not present a reason for her decision to leave the seat open before finishing her elected term.

Lakes expressed her gratitude to those who helped make certain children had meals during the COVID mandates. "There were no titles or positions involved," she said. "Everyone just pitched in and cared for Rockcastle's children."

Lakes also praised Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger saying she was a strong superintendent and leads the district with compassion. "I am grateful you are our leader," she said.

Lakes related stories of individuals who performed above the call of duty during her term and included the staff, principals, bus drivers, cooks and more in the accolades. "I saw people in all these positions give hope to our children," she said.

She told the board it had been "a pleasure to serve" with each member and said Rockcastle County is among the best of districts. "I have been a student, a parent, an employee of other districts and a board member and I can say that Rockcastle County has the best of all," she said. "People may not know board members volunteer many hours and this job is not for the faint of heart. But I am grateful for all the time each member puts in to this community."

Ballinger then expressed her appreciation for Lakes' work on the board. "You have been valuable to the district and were always the voice of reason. You could always find common ground," Ballinger

said. Storm said the 2024 session is about to be extremely busy with "the budget and road plans being the primary focus of the general assembly this session."

Storm is vice chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, co-chair of the Aviation Caucus and a member of the Multimodel Taskforce. The senator said as part of these entities he "has spent much of the interim traveling the Commonwealth to research best practices on how the general assembly can improve, invest and sustain critical infrastructure needs for our region of the Commonwealth. With our region's convenient location and easy access to I-75, rail and other major multimodel services, I am extremely excited for Rockcastle County's future."

Storm is also heavily involved in the jail reform efforts. "I had the opportunity to serve alongside Representative Bray this interim as a member of the jail reform taskforce, which he did an excellent job of co-chairing, addressing the needs of our fiscal courts and local communities on

the mounting expenses they are required to absorb, while working with stakeholders to find safe and appropriate solutions has been a taxing, but rewarding experience," he said. "I am proud of Representative Bray and the work of the members of the Jail Reform Task Force."

Storm expressed his appreciation to Rockcastle County and those who work to build a better community. "I am extremely grateful to have the opportunity to serve Rockcastle County in Frankfort. From having the privilege of serving as Co-Grand Marshal of the Livingston Parade, to helping facilitate the transportation and delivery of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle for the Rockcastle County VFW at the Mount Vernon Veteran's Park, to participating in a local town hall at the Rockcastle County Middle School, I am grateful and abundantly thankful for having the opportunity to serve as senator of such a wonderful and inspiring community as Rockcastle County. I am excited to continue serving the county as Senator Frankfort."

said.

Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink also thanked Lakes saying "it has been a true pleasure to witness your passion and compassion for our kids," she said. "Someone will have big shoes

to fill."

The board announced the open seat in the Signal last week and this week and a new member will be appointed to hold the seat until the end of Lakes' term which ends in 2024.

School Board personnel action

By: Mike French
Editor

In the last issue of the Signal, the story concerning the Rockcastle County School Board meeting did not include the Superintendent's Personnel Action report

It is as follows:

Classified staff updates
Jessie Mahaffey, Community School District Director.

Full time classified employees hired

Brett Noble, full time substitute bus driver; Angela Carrie Alcorn, bass fishing coach at RCHS and Digital Learning Coach at RES; Courtney Bottoms, Itinerant Hearing Impaired Teacher; Jameson Mink and Dawson Gibbons, first shift custodians at RCMS; Joshua Spencer, FS cook/baker at MVES; Kayla Abney, girl's tennis coach at RCHS; Kimberly Woods, FS cook/baker MVES; Nancy Ramsey, FS cook/baker at RCMS; Peyton Pugh

and Zachary Taylor, assistant baseball coach at RCHS.

Resignations


Brett Noble, vehicle maintenance manager; Janice Poynter, first shift custodian at RCMS; Quintin Wyatt, second shift custodian at MVES.

Certified substitutes

Alecia Hammock, Destiny Hamm and Dalton Gibbs, substitute instructional assistants; Heather Allen, substitute bus driver; Kathy Dees, substitute bus monitor; Janice Poynter and Samuel Grinstead, substitute instructional assistants.

Volunteers

Johnathan Adams, Renee Parker and Kacey Nicely, volunteers at BES; Kyle Sillis, volunteer archery coach at RCHS; Stella Rostkowski, volunteer track and cross country coach at RCHS; Sydney Hager, volunteer cheerleading coach at RCMS.



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Raised over \$5,000 to provide Christmas gifts for RCHS students

SCC Cosmetology programs served local communities during the holidays

Community College (SCC) Cosmetology students held their annual Christmas fundraiser this year. The three Cosmetology programs (Laurel, Clinton and Somerset locations) collectively raised over \$10,000.

The Laurel Campus Cosmetology Club raised over \$5,000 through their annual Operation Kids fundraiser to provide Christmas gifts for Rockcastle County High School students in need.

The school resource center chose the children. They each received clothes, coats, shoes, blankets, a food basket, and hygiene products, among other things that they asked for. Many SCC faculty and staff donated money or shopped for a child.

The cosmetology students at the Clinton Center sponsored nine children from Clinton County

Elementary School. The chosen children spent the day with the SCC students, had donuts, made crafts, watched a movie, and had happy meals. Santa made a surprise appearance bearing a stocking for each child.

Somerset Campus Cosmetology students chose their holiday initiative to serve local rehab facilities. Lake Cumberland Recovery and Sky Hope.

The ladies in treatment at the rehab facilities enjoyed a spa day where SCC students completed manicures, pedicures, haircuts, facials, and waxing services for over 60 women over three days.

The women were also served breakfast and lunch and received gifts purchased by the SCC cosmetology department.

Somerset received thank-you notes from some of the women they

served.

One of the cards Cosmetology received after the event read, "Thank you, you were all so kind. You all made me feel like I was normal and cared for. The food was great! The haircut was awesome. At a time in my life when I feel less than, you all made me feel good. Thank you for all the gifts from someone who doesn't have anyone. I'm greatly appreciative."

Brandy Brock, the program coordinator of the SCC Cosmetology program, said the event is a blessing to her, the students, and the faculty and staff at SCC.

"Giving back to the community is one of my passions, and I feel that exposing my Cosmetology students to this type of community service is a life-changing experience," Brock added.



Brandy Brock, program coordinator of the SCC Cosmetology program.

KY HELP Statewide Call Center extends weekday hours

To better serve Kentuckians seeking assistance related to substance use issues, the KY HELP Statewide Call Center has expanded its hours of operation by 90 minutes effective January 2, 2024.

Screening & Referral Specialists will now be

available from 7 am to 10 pm (Eastern) Monday through Friday. The extended morning hours represent the time of day when most "missed" calls are received, said KY HELP Statewide Call Center Director Jamie Gilliam.

For now, Saturday and Sunday hours will remain from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Operation UNITE staffs the KY HELP Statewide Call Center, a toll-free line providing personalized, compassionate assistance and resources for Kentuckians

seeking help for a substance use disorder and offering support to their families.

Individuals seeking treatment for themselves or others—as well as family members who have questions or are in need of support—can call 1-8338-KY-HELP (1-833-859-4357) toll-free and speak with a specialist about available services most relevant to their needs.

Calls received outside the posted hours are monitored and, if a crisis situation arises, staff will attempt to provide immediate assistance regardless of the time of day, Gilliam stated. Otherwise, calls are returned the next business day.

Since its opening on December 1, 2017, through the end of November 2023, KY HELP staff have received more than 24,500 inquiries and referred nearly 5,400 individuals to treatment. In addition, staff has made more than 53,000 calls to follow-up with requests.

Outreach services are provided by KY HELP staff for up to one year. All calls are kept confidential.

In addition to the toll-free number, individuals may also receive assistance via email to KYHELP@OperationUNITE.org.

Traffic safety checkpoint announcement

The Kentucky State Police, London Post which provides coverage for Clay, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne and Whitley counties, will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints at approved by the Kentucky State Police Policy and Procedures Manual. These checkpoints will

be conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Special attention will be paid to occupant protection (seatbelt adherence). Sobriety, insurance and registration violations.

The Kentucky State Police utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for mo-

torists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

A complete list of traffic safety checkpoints location can be found at <http://kentuckystatepolice.org/post11checkpoints/>

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- 5) La ___ (Italian opera house)
- 10) Fully qualified
- 14) Name on many jeans' labels
- 15) He was pic'd in Hamelin
- 16) Use a cat-o'-nine-tails on
- 17) Genesis garden
- 18) Manner of speech
- 19) "Can't complain"
- 20) Many are guarded
- 23) Had children, old-style
- 24) Place for a watch
- 25) Cut the fat
- 28) Coal locale
- 30) Petri dish content
- 31) At right angles, in sailing
- 33) Fond du ___, Wis.
- 36) Agree to wed
- 40) Beast that bore Balaam
- 41) Commando incursions
- 42) Equine dinner
- 43) "The Golden ___" (Drake's ship)
- 44) Stagecoach robber
- 46) Bowling rentals
- 49) "All kidding ___"
- 51) Have nowhere to go but up
- 57) Babble on
- 58) Store-hours word
- 59) 5-Across highlight
- 60) With the bow, musically
- 61) Part of some chains
- 62) Place for figure eights
- 63) One who changes colors
- 64) Wrongful acts, in law
- 65) Ox-cessory?

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- 1) Naval Academy freshman
- 2) Provide with a new look
- 3) Dreaded word on "The Price Is Right"
- 4) It might cause rosy cheeks
- 5) Poinsettia, for one
- 6) Pancho's TV amigo
- 7) No longer together
- 8) Big name in construction
- 9) Hawkish god
- 10) Maintain to be true
- 11) Russian pancake
- 12) Has a hankering (for)
- 13) Discharge, as undigested waste
- 21) Common Market, for short
- 22) Recipient of many questions
- 25) Hindu noble
- 26) Hollywood giants?
- 27) Banquet speaker's spot
- 28) Puts in rollers, as hair
- 29) Ability to distinguish pitch
- 31) At the center of
- 32) Poorly behaved
- 33) Laundry measure
- 34) Prefix with trust or social
- 35) Dermatological diagnosis, sometimes
- 37) Emerald Isle folk
- 38) Ber's fictional twin sister
- 39) Like some rewards
- 43) Trojan War hero
- 44) Sworn-upon stack
- 45) "Without further ___"
- 46) Expensive violin, for short
- 47) White-haired with age
- 48) An ___ of prevention ...
- 49) He may play a part
- 50) Woman's garment
- 52) What stainless steel doesn't do
- 53) More than suspicious of
- 54) Foursome minus one
- 55) Pig sound
- 56) Produce

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U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker
Renfro Valley, Ky.
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhdp@ymail.com

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231 US 25 South
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Pastor: Bro. Gregory Isaacs
Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
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e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
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Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

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Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
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RAs & 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

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Terry Orcutt, Pastor
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
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Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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606-355-7595

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Mt. Vernon, KY
Sunday 2 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Matt Griggs
859-582-2553

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Capps Chapel Holiness
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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
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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.
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
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Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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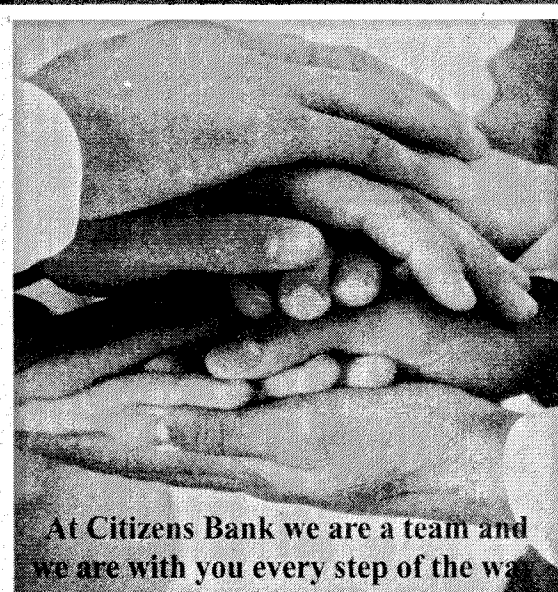
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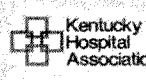
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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on Carlton Hunt Property, located at 230 Frosty Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 43x2p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on the former Berl Hopkins' land (now belonging to Judy Hopkins Marsh) on KY 461 near US 150 and KY 461 intersection. 40(23)x25

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

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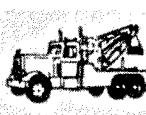
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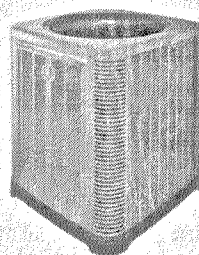
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License plates stay with drivers beginning in 2024

Building on the states plans to migrate from an outdated vehicle registration database to a modern, more efficient system beginning in January, Kentuckians will now keep their license plates when transferring vehicle ownership- a move that will improve convenience and save money for Kentuckians.

This is a change from the current practice where plates were linked to the vehicle.

Upgrading to a new vehicle information system unlocks opportunities for us to implement new ways to make the process of transferring vehicle ownership better for Kentuckians, and in some cases, keep more money in their pockets, said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Jim Gray.

Kentuckians will now retain both unexpired registration and the license plate when transferring ownership- a common practice when selling a vehicle. Also, owners of specialty license plates nonprofit and military plates - will save money by no longer paying for a standard license plate to go with the transferred vehicle and paying to place their specialty plate on the new vehicle.

Currently, when a vehicle with an unexpired registration is transferred, a standard issue plate and registration are transferred with the vehicle to the new owner. Once the new Kentucky Automated Vehicle Information System (KAVIS) is available statewide in mid-January, when a vehicle is transferred with unexpired registration, the plate is retained by the seller. Additionally, the seller gains the ability to apply the plate and unexpired registration, including standard-issue plates, to any other vehicle they own of the same class, including a newly purchased vehicle.

This change improves things operationally as well as makes things more convenient for Kentuckians, said Department of Vehicle Regulation Commissioner Matt Cole.

By keeping your plate, you don't have to deal with surprise toll charges from the new owners trips and you don't have to memorize a new plate number when you get a new car.

KAVIS Transition Reminder

Kentuckians are reminded that the full launch to KAVIS is slated to begin at the end of the month through early January, which means vehicle and boat related services will be temporarily paused at county clerk offices. This will mainly impact anyone who plans to sell, buy or renew a vehicle in Kentucky in January. KAVIS replaces a 40-year-old platform with a more efficient operational system to maintain more than 350 million vehicle records. This system change will not impact driver license issuance at Driver Licensing Regional Offices.

The following services will be unavailable during the migration: vehicle and boat registration renewals, vehicle and boat titling and transfers, disabled parking permit issuance and license plate issuance. Vehicle owners due to renew in December are encouraged to do so early before holiday closures.

•Online vehicle registration renewal: Unavailable starting Dec. 28, 2023. Online renewal will be restored the week of Jan. 8, 2024. Visit drive.ky.gov for updates.

•County Clerk Offices: Motor vehicle and vessel related services, including issuance of disabled placards, will be unavailable as early as Friday, Dec. 29. All offices will pause services starting Jan. 1, 2024 and gradually resume services the week of Jan. 8, 2024. Some offices will choose to close to the public during this time while others may be open to perform services not related to vehicles or boats.

Kentuckians should check with their county clerk in January to see when they plan to resume services as it will vary by county.



As part of their outreach to the community, the Mt. Vernon Lions Club helped sponsor the residents at Rockcastle Rehabilitation Center with a Christmas gift bag. Shown receiving the gifts are employees Sonya Roark (left) and Katelyn Sizemore.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Rockcastle Farm Service Agency Announces County Committee Election Results

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Rockcastle announced that Brenda Parsons of Wildie, KY was elected to represent her Local Administrative Area (LAA) during the recent county committee election.

"County Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA," said Warden Alexander, county executive director. "They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected county committee members will take office in January 2024."

Every FSA office is served by a county committee made up of local farmers, ranchers and foresters who are elected by local producers. Other members currently serving on the FSA county committee include Billy McKinney, Barry Hurst, and Carol Jean Sigmon (advisor).

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

For more information, visit the FSA website at fsa.usda.gov/elections or contact the Rockcastle County FSA office at 606-256-2525.

Important program dates and Interest Rates
 Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 5.750%
 Farm Ownership Loans-Direct= 5.875%
 Limited Resource Loans= 5.00%

Cotton named to Dean's List

Lee University congratulates Ethan Cotton of Orlando, KY, on earning Dean's List honors during the Fall 2023 semester.

Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, undergraduate students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
 Corner Garden Inspiration

Some fresh plantings replacing some lawn seldom fails to give a place a quick new look. But, what about those corners in the yard that look awkward and are also difficult to mow or care for? Many a city lot has one or more corners you can't think of how to make it pretty. From the utility box to the view of the neighbors doghouse or outbuilding, corners of the yard often are the neglected ugly duckling when it comes to landscaping a home. Let us consider a few possibilities to remedy this problem.

If you or your neighbor has installed a good fence that provides a visual barrier, there are more options, but a bad corner to a yard can be made to look more interesting in all cases with some creative designs.

Planting a flowering tree and surrounding it with evergreen shrubbery is one way to make a curved corner or one with an additional set of angles. Putting some bulbs or annuals just in front of the other plants can give color highlights much of the entire year to that useless corner you may have.

A shed or pergola are possible structures to add, also a gazebo could be worked into a corner and plants installed around it's foundation. If there's a fence already, a private nook or patio could be placed in a back corner, and fronted with some lovely shrubs to turn it into a private little retreat area.

Along that same theme is a secret garden. This is

an area that you create in such a way it is not visible except when you go behind the curtain, so to speak. Behind a literal wall or a wall of plants or vines on lattice.

An elevated corner lookout, or perhaps a treehouse...as in a small deck on stilts and a tree planted in front of it.

The opposite would be a sunken, excavated area, like with stairs of stone descending into a private pit with seating and a firepit, perhaps.

Trellis or lattice can support a barrier of plants. Such could be in the middle of the yard even--blocking out the corner from primary viewing locations.

A garden or mini orchard combination could go in a corner, making for a more interesting, and useful, area.

A seating structure with a back and a roof...even a place to lounge with a book could be placed in a back corner, and the back of this structure would be the 'fence' to block folks next door from observing you as you relax.

And, does making a corner interesting have to pertain only to a back corner? Of course not. The corner in front could have a couple sections of rail fence or a couple sections of picket fence and a big boulder and a couple plants could be placed inside for interest. Even a low stone wall could add some solid structure and lovely looks to a front corner.

Consider fancying up a corner of your yard this coming year.

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