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Three-car crash



According to officials, a deer leaped onto I-75 Sunday evening causing this three-car crash near mile marker 67 in Rockcastle County. Police say though the area may be the top location for number of accidents in the state, a deer is rarely the cause. First responders say there was only one minor injury but all three vehicles were severely damaged. The Mount Vernon Fire Department was joined by Rockcastle EMS, the sheriff's office and Thoroughtruck Towing Service. As of Monday of this week, there have been 179 days in 2021. In that time, there have been 174 vehicle accident calls to 911 in Rockcastle County. Many of those have been I-75 accidents. Estimates indicate 10 days per year with no accidents reported in the county.

Blast in the **Valley**

Don't forget the Blast in the Valley event Sunday, July 4 with the gates opening at 5

p.m. and events beginning at 5 p.m. Vendors will be on site but inflatables will not be provided this year. The fireworks show is expected at dark and several bands will provide entertainment. The event is free and open to the public.

Blood Drive

The Kentucky Blood Center will be holding a blood drive at the First Baptist Church Gym at 340 West Main Street in Mount Vernon on Tuesday, July 6 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Donors will receive a "Donate Y'all" hat and be entered to win a 2021 AWD Toyota Camry.

Rockcastle in yellow zone

Rockcastle County is still listed in the "Yellow Zone" due to the COVID-19 incident rate. The rate was 3.4 Monday. No new confirmed cases have been reported again this week.

RCIDA meeting

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

Part of the "new normal"

Trauma programs to begin here

Schools has committed to

creating trauma-in-

formed, resilience-build-

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trict-wide and in all of the

schools so that students,

faculty, staff and families

feel physically and psy-

"We recognize the im-

pact trauma can have on

students and staff across

multiple areas, including

the district's commitment

chologically safe.

The School Safety and implement policies that Resilience Act was passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in 2019 and it requires local boards of education to

promote the safety and security of students attending Kentucky schools.

Rockcastle County

First responders trained in swift water rescue

By: Mike French Editor

Water rescues have been needed in Rockcastle County on several occasions since some areas of the county are prone to flooding. Once last year and once this year already, there have been local residents rescued from rushing water.

Because of this need, some members of the Brodhead Fire Department and Livingston Fire and Rescue took part in the Kentucky State Fire

and Rescue Training at Area 13 recently. This training was centered on swift water rescue.

Livingston Fire and (See "train" on A6) to promoting the guiding principles of trauma-in-

academics, behavior and social emotional success," stated Superintendent Carrie Ballinger. Ballinger went on to share

Nine indictments are handed down

Ten defendants were named in nine indictments handed down by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on Friday, June 25th.

Named in the indictments, and their offenses

Donald F. Abney, Jr., 32, of Gooch Land Cave Road was indicted for possession of a controlled

(See "Indict" on A6)

Council seat still open

City to sell some surplus property

By: Mike French Editor

The Mount Vernon City Council held their regular monthly meeting last week, after postponing the regular meeting from the prior week.

After approving the minutes, city financial adviser Josh Bray presented financial statements to the council saying there were no surprises in this month's report. "I think we are actually in a little better shape than we had even anticipated," said Mayor Mike Bryant.

Council members also approved the 2022 budget and discussed details of

formed systems: safety;

trustworthiness and trans-

parency; peer support;

collaboration and mutual-

ity; empowerment, voice

and choice and equity- for

all students and staff in or-

der to maintain a trauma-

informed climate and cul-

ture that builds resilience,

(See "Trauma" on A6)

the Microfoodery account.

"The newspaper caught an issue that we had overlooked," said Bray. "We had to include the loan payments made on the grant money we got for the Microfoodery plant in our budget. That changed a few numbers slightly but it is money we can't really use yet so it doesn't change the workings of the budget itself."

Bray was referring to a grant the city had gained and then provided to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, who then loaned the funds to the plant to buy machinery. However, those funds repaid cannot be used to lend to other businesses until there are 50 full time positions at the plant, according to conditions of the grant. So, the funds repaid did not yet appear in the budget. "It's money that is there but it is not there because we can't use it," Bray said. "But this way, everything is accounted for and is part of the actual budget."

However, according to (See "City" on A6)

Fiscal Court approves budget and moves funds

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle The County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Tuesday, June 22 to handle year end business.

The budget for 2021-22 must be approved by June 30 and the court held the second and final reading Tuesday. According

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook the budget did not change since the first reading other than an added standing order to pay monthly reoccurring bills, so the second reading of the budget was approved unanimously.

The Rockcastle (See "Court" on A6)

Livingston to consider liquor store possibility

By: Mike French

Editor

After notifying the press of a special called meeting on June 17, the Livingston City Commission dealt with several is-

Most notably is the potential annexation of some property on the

FEMA help is extended

Those who plan to seek assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for recent flooding, may still apply.

Many homes and other property in Rockcastle County were damaged during the flooding in February and March of 2021 and FEMA is offering assistance to anyone

(See "FEMA" on A6)

edge of town where officials say a liquor store

could be located. According

Amanda Thomas, if the property were annexed by the city, there is a liquor

Livingston City Clerk license available that could be used on the property. "I think the argument in favor of the an-

nexation includes the extra income for the city through the regulatory fee (See "Store" on A6)

New cruiser arrives



Livingston Mayor Dwane King and Police Chief Mikie Ashurst are shown with the new police cruiser delivered recently to the City of Livingston. The prior police vehicle was destroyed in flooding earlier this year. The new cruiser, paid for by insurance proceeds from the destroyed police vehicle, is expected to save gas and be more convenient for the city, according to Ashurst.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Democrats have screamed "Defund the Police" for about a year now, against very strong, vocal Republican disagreement

. Democrats have a very superior view of themselves over minorities. Joe Biden said black people are poor people. His words were "poor kids are just as smart as white kids" which obviously shows his true feelings that black kids are poor. He and his party even continue to suggest minorities aren't smart enough to get a driver's license or other identification. He even clearly suggests, besides that black people aren't smart enough to navigate the internet, that minorities are unable to get a job unless the government forces businesses to hire them. He actually said black people don't have a

lawyer or accountant.

Trying to get the minority vote, and using their racist, inferior view of minorities, they thought minorities hated police. So they screamed from the roof tops "DEFUND THE POLICE!"

But after advocating this for months, they discovered crime rose by record rates and that surveys showed that black people actually support police.

I could type for 30 minutes, listing each category of crime that has risen since the "defund" movement began. They turned police into villains through propaganda campaigns that showed only one side of every story.

Suddenly they realized this is not what minorities want. They were

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T.J.'s Journal By: Tonya J. Cook

The Perfect Picture of Family Life, Long, Long Ago.

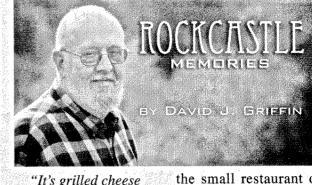
Long Ago.
Dear Journal.

About this time last year Stanley and I stopped at a yard sale. I didn't get out of the car as I tire easily and can't tolerate the sun due to lupus. He came back to the car in a few minutes with a few items. Among them was a picture of a family from back in the seventeen- or eighteen-hundreds gathered around a

piano. He said that he got it for the frame and after I took a very quick glance at it he threw it in the trunk of the car. He wanted to frame something and rather than pay for a professional framing job, he would just use this picture.

When we got home after going shopping, the picture and yard sale finds made it to the front porch and stayed there for about a week. Our porch

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"It's grilled chees o'clock."

My regular readers may have noticed that I have been on a kick about food lately. Well, I guess so. And here is another

I have been recently reminded about how effective television commercials can be. Kraft's ad about grilled cheese gets me every time. The sound of cheese sizzling in a skillet took me back to my childhood.

I have loved grilled cheese sandwiches all of my life, plain or fancy; I am a fan of them all. Thankfully, my wife likes them, too. She even likes grilled pimento cheese sandwiches. Although I have never tried one of those, chances are pretty good that I eventually will.

The sight and sounds of cheese frying in a pan reminds me of my mother (Bee) who, as you can imagine, I believe made the best grilled cheese I have ever tasted. I suppose she learned to make them at the Ideal Café when my parents owned

the small restaurant or Main Street in Mt Vernon. Over the years numerous people have told me how much they loved her grilled cheese That, however, was before my time.

When I was a boy, Bee could get my gastric juices flowing when she asked i I wanted a grilled cheese Sometimes she made them out of commodity cheese that my Dad would bring home. That particu lar cheese was so good when it was converted to a grilled cheese sandwich My wife still maintains that it is the best kind or cheese for a sandwich. really did not care where the cheese came from, i was the final product tha I loved.

One of my favorite meals as a boy was a grilled cheese and a bow of soup. Bee and I shared that combination on many cold afternoons when we lived in the Pine Grove section of Rockcastle County. Many winter lunches were shared with Bee at our small kitcher

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LETTERS

Thank you...

Dear Editor,

The Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition (RHCC) would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to "Longest Day of Play!" There were over 400 participants.

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations: Rock-castle County Health Department, Rockcastle County Middle School, Rockcastle County Schools, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, King Bottling, Inc., Southern

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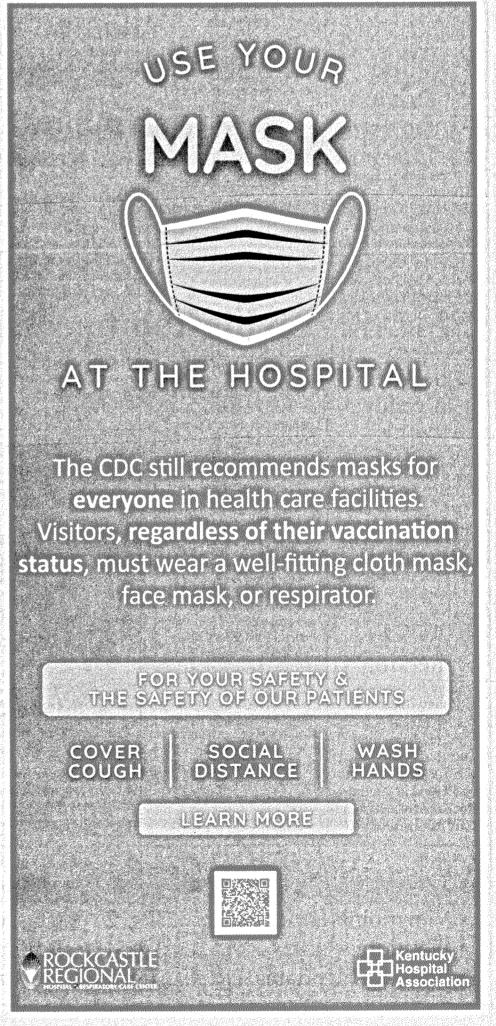
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"Aces"

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wrong...again. It has now been proven that Russian collusion was a lie, quid pro quo was a lie and minorities do not hate police.

So Jennifer Psaki, Biden's mouthpiece, says defunding police was the Republicans' idea. I would laugh here but believe it or not, there are Democrat loyalists stupid enough to buy that out right lie.

Anyone who believes, or even lets it cross their mind for a moment, that Republicans are the party that wanted to defund the police, should consider admitting themselves into a facility staffed by those who wear white coats.

Democrats have lied to the people every day for five years now. But this is the biggest of them all because it should be so perfectly, clearly obviously a lie. Yet there are fools who will buy it. That's the scary part.

For the record, defunding the police is the direct opposite of everything Republicans stand for. When you hear them tell you about bills that Republicans voted against, that would have funded police, it's a word game (LIE).

This is exactly how Democrats play:

If I told you that you can have \$1.000 to use however you wish (including helping sick puppies at the animal shelter) but to get that money, you must kill a stranger. what would you do?

That is the kind of bills Democrats present. If you accept the offer, I will shout from rooftops that you murdered a stranger.

If you refuse the offer, I will shout that you refuse to help sick puppies.

And if you accept the offer but use the money for any other purpose, I can shout that you are a murderer AND you hate puppies.

These kinds of bills work for Democrats. Why? Because their followers believe whatever they are told to believe.

But I will say, if they buy this new lie, even I will be surprised at the blindness of Democrat voters.

Democrats were the party in favor of defunding the police. Not Republicans.

Democrats shut down America's pipeline "for environmental reasons" and then removed sanctions against Russia's pipeline.

Democrats twice impeached a President on charges that have been proven to be lies.

Democrats released thugs and rapists from jails.

.Democrats remove statues of American heroes.

Democrats support and promote abortion to birth.

Democrats voted to re-

move the Ten Commandments from schools.

Democrats let our Am-

bassador be tortured and killed in Libya.

Democrats (Hillary

Clinton) erased 30,000 emails.

Democrats ripped up a Presidential address to the people.

Democrats hope to teach children that America is a terrible country and humans should not be equal through critical race theory.

And yes, Democrats voted 100% to keep slavery in America.

But this new lie, surely, surely even a Democrat voter can see through. Surely no voter will buy the idea that Republicans

wanted to defund the police.

... I guess time will tell.

"Memory"

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table. The sandwich and soup could warm your entire body, especially when we were sitting near the Warm Morning stove.

However, it did not have to be a meal when Bee made a grilled sandwich. She often made them as snacks while we watched our 13" black and white television. I think the snacks were most memorable to me.

Surprisingly enough, the first meal that my wife ever served me was a grilled cheese sandwich and a bowl of tomato soup. (She insists that I inform you that it was an unexpected feeding at a time when the cupboards were pretty bare.)

Of course, she had no idea about my personal history and love of grilled cheese sandwiches. Nevertheless, she has been surprised at how many times I have remembered that occasion over the years. I think I will see if she might make us one tonight for our late night snack while watching television.

So, don't tell me that television commercials are not effective. The first time I saw the Kraft advertisement I almost got out of bed to make one, and it must have been one o'clock in the morning. The "sizzle" is the part that gets me going. I also love the sound of the little boy almost whispering, "It's grilled cheese o'clock." The person who created that advertisement is a genius in my mind. And there is no doubt in my mind that he or she is a longtime lover of grilled cheese.

(You can reach me at themtnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)

"Letters"

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"T.J.'s"

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is used for a "catch all until we get tired of looking at something or finally get around to putting it away. I was out there on the porch one day and looked for the first time seriously at the picture. I thought that this picture would go just right in my living room. It was the right style and the perfect colors. This is one frame that is staying with the picture. I took the picture inside and imagined how it would look over the piano. I have a burgundy and hunter green stripe wallpaper on a tan background. (Idon't care if wall paper is out of style...I like it and that is good enough for me. I've never put a lot of emphasis on style, anyway.) That is the colors used to matte the picture. The living room furnishings are of the same era. (I'm doing some rearranging right now and don't have but very little furniture in the living room at all.)

Let me tell you about the piano in the living room. It belonged to Stanley's mother. It came into her possession years ago, we were told, when Freedom Baptist Church got a new one. It is made of solid oak and is extremely heavy. It is an upright style and it took four men, struggling to excess, to move it. The piano was made about 1890 to 1910 era and has all kinds of ornate carvings on it. It is so heavy that Stanley said that it had been moved for the last time.

I've tried to Google some information about this painting but I can't find anything. I'd love to know who painted it and when. Stanley and I have looked to see if the artist had signed the painting but we can't seem to make out anything.

I love a picture that I can read a story into. I sometimes sit and meditate on this picture and can just imagine being there. In this wonderful picture there is an oldtime family. It could be from the Revolutionary War era in America or even in Victorian England. There is a middleaged couple at a piano. The matriarch is playing a piano while the patriarch is lovingly placing his hand on her shoulder. Their three children. standing nearby, a boy about twelve to fourteen stands between his sisters one is about ten and is rather timid as she can only be partially seen behind her brother and another sister, about five or six years old is standing on his other side next to her mother. She is holding a small doll by her side

side. Over from this unit of family is another unit. There is an elderly couple sitting in very comfortable-looking armchairs near a cozy fire place. They seem to be enjoying the music very much. I suppose they are the parents of one or the other of middle-aged couple or an aunt or uncle. Back then, there were no nursing homes, so the elderly went to live with other relatives when it became necessary. In the floor next to the grandfather sits a lovely young girl in her middle teen years. She has her head ever so slightly resting on her grandfather's knee. She is

holding an open book, possibly of poetry, in her hand as if she had just paused to think of a new beau she had recently

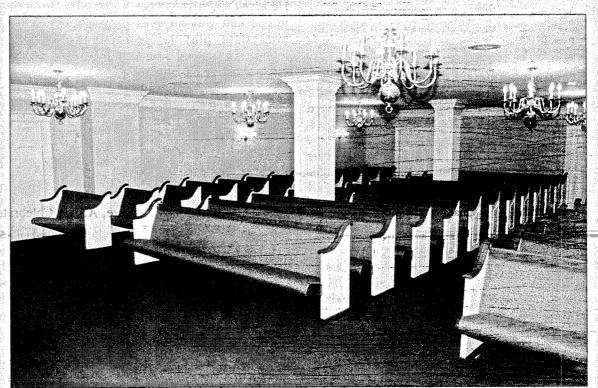
met. They are all very welldressed and apparently of the upper class of society. The floor is covered with a beautiful ornate rug and behind the pictures on the wall and around the mantle of the fire place there are boughs of holly and various clusters of greenery. It must be of the Christmas season as during that era it was common place to bring in greenery for decorating. The drapes are pulled back allowing the sun light to brighten the room. It is all in all quite the cozy scene of family life long, long ago.

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Marcella Carpenter

Marcella Carpenter, 73, of Livingston, died Monday, June 21, 2021. She was born September 14, 1947 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Fred



and Retha Callahan Tankersley. She was a homemaker, enjoyed yard sales, gardening, watching W.L.J.C. and Gunsmoke, loved her family, and was a member of the Holiness

Survivors are: four sons, Randy Tankersley of Livingston, Roger Carpenter of Mt. Vernon, Gregory

Carpenter of Livingston, and Jeffrey Capenter of Brodhead; four daughters, Jennifer Powell of Mt. Vernon, Sharon Wynn of Livingston, Barbara Hall of Mt. Vernon, and Angela Hipps of Stanford; one brother, Billy Tankersley of Mt. Vernon; 18 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Herman Carpenter, and one sister, Rachael Bowman.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 25, 2021 at Red Hill Baptist Church with Bro. Phillip Doan and Bro, Ronald Powell officiating. Burial was in Pine Thicket Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Logan Carpenter, Braxtin Carpenter, Travis Powell, Brian Powell, Mike Hall, and Damien Eversole.

Arrangements by the Cox Funeral Home. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Michael Anthony Bradley

Michael Anthony Bradley, 48, of Sand Springs, Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Baptist Health Lexington. He was born November 17, 1972, in Nashville,



TN, to the late Jackie Ray Bradley, Sr. and Paulette (Sewell) Bradley. He was a diesel mechanic, was of the Baptist faith, enjoyed his family, riding 4-wheelers, and deer hunting.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his three children, Heather Bradley of Brodhead, JD Bradley (Kayla) of Livingston, and Everleigh Bradley of Sand Springs; three grandchildren, Connor Allen, Joslyn

Pittman, and Creedence Bradley; one brother, James Leon Bradley (Jennifer) of Sand Springs; one sister, Nancy Fanett Ramsey (Gary) of Mt. Vernon; and his mother, Paulette Bradley of Sand Springs.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Jack Bradley, Sr.; one brother, Jackie Ray "Jo Jo" Bradley, Jr.; one niece and great nephew: Rebecca and Braxton Barron; and one best friend, Donnie Barron.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Josh Hasty officiating. Burial was in Sowder Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: JD Bradley, Jamie Bradley, Jesse Ramsey, Pate Bullock, Tony Bullock, and Marty Evans.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Vernon Lee Thomas

Vernon Lee Thomas, 49, of Livingston, died Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Stanford Care & Rehabilitation Center. He was born in Rockcastle County on Sep-



tember 19, 1971, the son of Donnie Thomas and Patsy Sturgill Thomas. He was a member of Calloway Holiness Church.

He is survived by: his father, Donnie Thomas of Corbin; his mother, Patsy Thomas of Livingston; a brother, Roger Thomas of Orlando; a half-brother, Dominic; and a half-sister, Heather. He was pre-

ceded in death by a brother, Keith Sturgill. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 27, 2021 at Calloway Holiness Church by Bro. Jason Medley. Burial was in Kirby Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Austin Hubbard, Dawson Mason, Jamie Medley, and Donnie Thomas.

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REWARD OFFER

Local authorities are investigating a rash of vehicle catalytic converter thefts from vehicles operated by Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. (RTEC). These heartless thefts have been harmfully disruptive to critical transportation services they provide to local citizens. RTEC is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person, or people, responsible. Anyone with information is asked to come forward and contact their local law enforcement officials.

Regina Mae Ballard

Regina Mae Ballard, 69, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, June 21, 2021, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Berea to the late John G. and

Lela Ballard. She was a homemaker and member of the Olive Branch Church in Renfro Valley.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her stepfather, William Brooks, and one sister, Penny Pingleton.

She is survived by: her son, Jessie Ballard; one Benjamin grandson, Ballard; one sister, Jewell Parson, and her husband

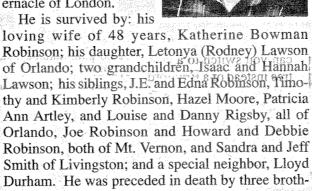
Ronald; and two nephews, Michael Parson and Larry (Kerri) Pingleton. Funeral services were held Friday, June 25, 2021 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Shannon Parkerson and Bro. Buford Parkerson officiating. Burial was

in Cartersville Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Benjamin Ballard, Ronald Parson, Michael Parson, Larry Pingleton, Mark Gray, David Coffey, Dale Howell, and Donnie Hayes.

Donald Ray Robinson

Donald Ray Robinson, 78, of Orlando, died Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Orlando, on October 29, 1942, the son of John and Gladys Baker Robinson.

He was a retired crate assemblyman for the Trane Company in Lexington: He loved southern gospel music and was an avid horseshoe player. He loved working on small engines, as well as spending time with his family and attending church. He was a member of Liberty Pentecostal Holiness Tabernacle of London.



ers, John Jr., Wendell, and Daniel Robinson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Brush Creek Holiness Church by Bros. Lester Carpenter and Lonnie McGuire. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: John Moore, Danny Rigsby, James Robinson, Joe Robinson, Kevin Robinson, Stephen Robinson, and Timothy Robinson. Isaac Lawson was an honorary pallbearer.

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A Day at a Time

Jesus said in Matthew 6:34 Be not therefore anxious for the tomorrow, for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is evil thereof. Jesus was not rebuking preparation for the future, but rather anxiety. After all, the best preparation anyone can make for tomorrow is to do what needs to be done today.

The Master aimed the passage at the common mistake of trying to live life in one day. Trying to solve today the problem of a lifetime is enough to worry and frighten any to the breaking point. Today has enough of its own burdens without our piling on ourselves the ones years ahead. Some people cannot do their duties today for worrying about tomorrow, this is what Jesus rebuked.

Me convincing myself to see good instead of evil in the world is a shield against the darts of worry. Proverbs 16:27 An ungodly man digs up evil. So, if I am complaining about the evil in others, I may be complaining about the evil that exists in me. I am not suggesting that we should not be realistic, but I am suggesting that what we often see in others, is only a reflection of ourselves. We may see good because we are good, fear because we are afraid, defeat because we are defeated, clouds, because we have a haze over our eyes. We have taken a long step in overcoming anxiety when we can see cloudy days as bright days. Psalms 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee, he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. I need to train my eyes to see better, I will see less cause to worry.

> My God, I thank thee who hast made, The earth so bright So full of splendor and joy Beauty and light So many glorious things are here, Noble and bright

Thank you so much for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need and so much more, and that we count our blessings, and we live our days wisely unto the Lord. If you would like to contact someone from the church, you can reach us at these numbers: Bro. Dale MCNew-859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104.

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Citizens Bank

Plaintiff

Melvin Powell, et al

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on June 2, 2021, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND 83/100 (\$89,107.83) plus interest and costs. I will offer at public auction the real property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly described herein. The sale will occur:

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, July 9, 2021 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

The real property (Parcel A & B) to be sold separately, is described as follows: PARCEL A

Lot No. 27; One certain lot or parcel or parcel of ground located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and being known and designated as Lot Number Twenty Seven (27) in what is known as Cedar Heights Subdivision near the city of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, a plat of said subdivision of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Plat Book 1, Page 39, to which reference is here made for a more complete description,

The above lot fronts on Ford Drive 174.2 feet and on Payne Street 121.0 feet.

Lot No. 28: One certain lot or parcel of ground located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and being known and designated as Lot Number Twenty Eight (28) in what is known as Cedar Heights Subdivision near the city of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, a plat of said subdivision of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Plat Book 1 Page 39 to which reference is here made for a more complete description.

The above lot fronts on Payne Street.

Melvin D. Powell, single, obtained title to the real property by deed dated December 3, 2018 executed by Melvin D. Powell, et. al. and recorded in Deed Book 267 Page 150 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. PARCEL B

Beginning at a stake in Popular Street of the Sparks and David Addition, corner also of the A.G. Lovell lot; thence North 203 feet, Lovell's line to an alley; thence with said alley, West 100 feet to the corner of Doc Reynolds lot; thence with Reynolds line, South 203 feet to Popular Street; thence with Popular Street, 100 feet to the beginning.

Melvin D. Powell, single, obtained title to the real property by deed dated December 3, 2018 executed by Melvin D. Powell, et.al. and recorded in Deed Book 267 Page 153 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

The real property shall be sold separately (Parcel A and Parcel B) and for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond bearing interest at the rate of 10% percent per annum approved by the Special Master Commissioner.

Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale (subject to the priority set out elsewhere in this judgment).

The purchaser shall pay the 2021 Local, County, State, and School property taxes on the property. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.

The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required, and the property will be conveyed to the plaintiff in due season upon payment of the expenses of sale.

The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is."

Upon confirmation of sale and distribution of proceeds the parties shall release their liens of record against the real property within 30 days.

> Jerome S. Fish Special Master Commissioner

By Max Phelps
Growing Edibles in the
Landscape

Growing edibles in the landscape consisted of a big garden, a few fruit trees, and maybe some iris or zinnias and marigolds in the front just a couple generations ago. Many more folks lived on the farm, but everyone seemed to have a small garden tucked in the yard

somewhere. As fewer people farmed and many went to an assembly line job, yards became more likely to be an expanse of green grass and a couple maple trees. And supermarkets became the source of food. In the past few years the trend is back to growing at home some of your favorite fruits or vegetables.

Edible landscaping is

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, July 5th: Closed for the Fourth of July Holiday. Tuesday, July 6th: Calloway, Red Hill and Livingston. Wednesday, July 7th: Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax.

Farmer Market Coupons Available

Rockcastle Senior Citizens, on US 25 South of Mt. Vernon, will be giving out Farmer Market Coupons beginning July 6th at 7 a.m. You must be 60 years of age and will need to bring information with your name, address, phone number, number of people living in your household and proof of income. Coupons will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

Hospice Care Plus Volunteer Training

New Volunteer Training for Hospice Care Plus will be held Saturday, July 24 at 9 a.m. at the Madison County Public Library, Richmond. Pre-registration is required. Register online at hospicecareplus.org or by phone at 859-626-9292. Ages 14 and up are welcome. Volunteers support Hospice, bereavement and Pallative programs locally or at the organization's office or Compassionate Care Center. Call 626-9292 for questions or more information.

Brodhead Alumni Banquet October 2nd

The Annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet, originally scheduled for April 10th, has been rescheduled for October 2nd at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School.

Mt. Vernon High School Reunion

The Mt. Vernon High School Reunion is scheduled for September 11, 2021 at the Rockcastle County Middle School, beginning at 6 p.m. The classes of 1970 and 1971 will be honored. Invitations will be mailed out in July.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

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

Rockcstle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. The post is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday frm 5 p.m. to close. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, the post hosts a Vet Help group for those veterans who are struggling. 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 William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882, Post Commander Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360 or Service Office Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

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 Don Gabbard at 859-200-2204 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Katheryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Cen-

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Yards to Paradise

a term that has become popular, especially it seems since the "Great Recession". Though to some it means 'gardening', the practice isn't the same.

In-town or in the subdivisions of suburban areas, landscaping ones's home in a nice manner has become standard paractice. Only in very rural areas or in communities occupied mostly by commuters that hardly have any time to spend in the yard is there a bare yard and no landscaping anymore. Sometimes a young couple may have bought more house than they could actually afford, and landscaping has had to be pushed into the future.

So landscaping for looks but using trees and plants that serve another purpose (food for instance), has been trending for some time. The coronavirus scare motivated a lot of additional homeowners to add some edible things to the yard. Some things like apple or cherry trees, as well as berry bushes and tomatoes. Maybe a raised bed growing strawberries. Or peppers and sweet potatoes in flower pots.

Having so defined the term, how and what and when should you try growing some edibles in your landscape?

Whereas gardening is thought of as a dedicated plot specifically for vegetable growing, edible landscaping is taking advantage of the fact you probably are going to landscape your yard—so why not partially or even wholly with fruits and nuts and vegetables? So, can you switch to a pear tree instead of a Bradford pear, a cherry tree or serviceberry instead of a burning bush, or a pecan tree instead of a maple tree? Hosta and daylilies are already edible, even if you didn't know-but what other flowers or shrubbery can you plant that's edible? Blueberries, gooseberries, honeyberries? Cabbage, kale and okra?

The new home can easily be landscaped with edibles. An older property may need to have the old junipers and burning bushes and weeping cherries and the like removed. Raised beds or planting in new fill dirt behind a retaining wall is a fast and very productive option to just cover the old roots and grow on top of them. Raised beds are more productive in most cases, so it's smart to use them where practical. (I don't mean a 4 x 8 little bed bordered by expensive wooden boards, although this is also a raised bed. I wouldn't describe it as 'landscaping'.)

When should you start? Having a plan is always a good beginning point. But fruit trees are best planted when dormant, and vegetables need to be planted soon enough to mature before frosty weather cuts them down.

Growing everything from strawberries to apple trees is possible anymore in containers on the patio or deck if that's the only space you have for edibles. Creatively finding a spot for a blue-

berry bush instead of an azalea or finding a place for tomatoes instead of marigolds is something most of us could do.

I hope this is useful and provides the spark that sets some to begin thinking or dreaming of how they can grow some healthy food right in their yard: for convenience, for landscaping, for food security, yes and for entertainment. People take a 'field trip' to a farm, spend a day, and spend a small fortune on produce and fruit, candied apples or ice cream for the chil-

dren. I suggest investing in some trees and shrubs and getting the children or grandkids interested in growing, harvesting and eating some treats in their own yard. Growing edibles in the landscape should be easy as growing anything else. Plus it's really nice to step outside and pick items for a salad or fruit for breakfast of a pie for dinner. Harvesting edibles at home can be like living in paradise.

The author is a landscaper, who has written this column continuously for over 20 years. Email:

rockcastles@gmail.com



Rockcastle Co. Farm Bureau Federation is proud to present Andrew Phillips and Aliyah Lopez with \$1,000 scholarships to help with their college expenses. Congratulations to Andrew and Aliyah on their scholarships and college career. We are proud of you both. Pictured from left are: Ashley Harding (Federation Secretary), Andrew Phillips, Aliyah Lopez and Terry Lawson (Federation President).

Upcoming Reunions

Phelps Family Reunion

The Phelps Family Reunion will held at the Kentucky Christian Assembly in Brodhead, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 3, 2021.

Please bring a dish and join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing everyne again. Friends invited.

For more information, contact Sheary Mink 606-758-8617 or 606-308-

Hope to see you all there.

Miller Reunion

The Miller Family Reunion will be held at Maple Grove Baptist Church, in the Fellowship Hall, on Sat., July 10th.

The families of the late Bill and Suzy, John and Mary, Orville and Harriett, Oliver and Idie, Earvin and Lettie, Tyree and Maggie Gray are invited to come and spend the day together.

Bring a covered dish. For more info, call Penny at 758-4489.

Major Reunion

The Major Family Reunion will be held July 10th at Quail Park, from noon to

Bring a covered dish and enjoy the day with family and friends.

Mullins Reunion The Mullins Family and

Friends Reunion will be held Saturday, July 10th from noon to 3 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon. From the CP and Edith Mullins' family. Come join us.

Hayes Reunion

The Thomas C. Hayes, Jr. Family Reunion will be Sunday, July 11th at the Logan/Hubble Park Shelter #3.

Come and bring a dish for the 1 p.m. meal.

All friends and family are welcome.

Thompson Reunion Cancelled

The Thompson Family Reunion, which was scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021, has been cancelled for this year.

Clinton R. Thompson

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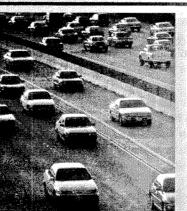
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"Trauma"

(Continued from front) promotes positive mental health and wellness and maximizes learning to reach our potential.

In order to achieve those goals, according to Director of Student Services, Marcus Reppert, Rockcastle County Schools will begin implementing the following measures:

1. All staff will attend training in order to identify students who are exhibiting signs of trauma.

2. All students will be assessed to determine if they have experienced a traumatic event or are undergoing stress related to their social and emotional health.

3. Trauma teams will be established at each school to plan for the social and emotional needs of their school. They will be composed of an administrator, school counselor, school teachers, school mental health staff, as well as other pertinent school staff.

Trauma team plans will incorporate activities targeting the whole school environment, as well as plans to assist students identified with specific needs related to their social and emotional health.

4. A school climate survey will be given to all students and staff to identify areas of growth in each of our schools.

5. All schools in the district will be trained in a trauma informed discipline approach (PBIS, PositiveBehavior Interventions and Supports), to bring positivity and consistency to behavior incidents at schools.

6.Rockcastle County Schools will continue to collaborate with the Kentucky State Police to utilize the "Handle With... Care" program so that school officials are notified when our students. have an interaction with a police agency.

7. Support services that will be offered to identified students include:

a. Targeted group counseling for specific traumas (grief, children of incarcerated parents,

b.Family engagement nights including:

i.Family Cooking Nights

ii.Family Art nights

with Rockcastle Arts Association

iii.Family Music Therapy nights with GEAR-UP and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame

iv.Family Education Nights to learn more about mindfulness and informational sessions concerning digital dangers, drug use, etc

c.Identified students will have access to a mentor that will periodically meet with that student and "check and connect" with students.

8.A monthly newsletter will be distributed among students and staff in order to enhance trauma awareness throughout the school community.

Mr. Reppert, who will help facilitate, implement and monitor this plan stated, "Rockcastle County Schools recognizes the prevalence & impact of traumatic occurrences in our students' lives and we believe that this plan will create a flexible framework that provides universal support, is sensitive to the unique needs of students and is mindful of avoiding retraumatization." For assistance and sup-

port regarding your child's mental health during the summer months, contact Mr. Reppert at the Central Office at #606-256-2125.

"City"

(Continued from front)

Bray, all is going well at the plant. "I talked with Jeff (VanHook, RCIDA Executive Director) and he says everything is going well with the plant," said Bray. "They did ask for an extension to hire the 50 workers but I am told that about 70% of those who had those grants have had to make the same request because of the pandemic last year."

The council closed their regular meeting to begin a closed session to discuss city property. When the meeting reopened, the council voted to sell city-owned property, at the corner of Ford and Liberty Drives (in the Library Subdv.). According to Bray, the property has a sinkhole that costs the city each year keeping the area clean and safe. "The property has been deemed surplus and can now be sold by the bid process," said Bray.

Mayor Bryant said the city will advertise the property for sale, according to KRS requirements and then open bids publicly. Bray said the winning bid is at the discretion of the council.

"The city does not have to take the highest bid," he said. "In this case, the sale will include the requirement that the sinkhole must remain clean and safe and no structure may be built on the property. The council will vote on the best bid and make their choice once the bids are opened."

The council also discussed the resignation of councilman Jackie Weaver and how to fill his position. According to Mayor Bryant, the city has 30 days after his resignation to fill the seat. "The 30 days didn't start until tonight's meeting with his absence," said Mayor Bryant. "We can make the recommendation for who the council wants at our next regular meeting."

However, if the council does not replace Weaver within 30 days, the governor names the new council member. The council members were not certain if an extension would be granted if a person is chosen and then refuses the position but Bray said he will investigate that possibility. If no extension is allowed, the council may call a special meeting and vote on Weaver's replacement before the next regular meeting.

Brian Carter, Chief of police, said his department had 553 calls for service in May with 23 total arrests.

Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales told the council his department has made 45 runs in May.

Councilmember, and director of the All American Club, Wayne Bullock reported picking up 28 bags of trash. Bullock also received an Award of Appreciation from Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray after the meeting.

Having no further business, the council meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 15 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

"FEMA

(Continued from front) who suffered damage due to that event.

The deadline to file for assistance has now been extended to July 8.

To apply for the assistance, you should go to disasterassistance.gov or you may call 1-800-621-3362.

When you call, you should have the address of the damaged property, mailing address, phone number, social security number, insurance information, total household income, check routing numbers and a general description of the damage or losses.

"Store"

(Continued from front)

alone that could affect our budget," said Tho-

There are arguments against the proposal as well and Thomas said the commission and Mayor are currently considering the request. "It has been brought up a few times before and there is a lot to consider," said Thomas. "The commissioners are considering all the different views right now and they will probably make a decision soon."

In Kentucky, the alcohol regulator fee for a city is 5% of the sale of any alcohol beverage. There is also a licensing fee but the 5% fee is not collected until the amount of the license has been equalled.

"It is a lot to think about but we are looking at every angle and I am sure the commissioners and the Mayor will make the best choice for the City of Livingston."

Commission members also discussed a Grand Prix Bike Ride in Livingston on July 10 and the annual George Brockman Memorial Ride on July 11. The memorial ride will begin in London but is expected in Livingston from 1 to 5 p.m., along with a car show at the same time.

Members also said they are working diligently on the annual Homecoming event planned for Labor Day weekend. "We are working on events and entertainment and we believe this could be one of the best Homecoming events to date," said Thomas.

Members also discussed the newly arrived police cruiser for Police Chief Mikie Ashurst. The cruiser replaces a police truck that was destroyed during flooding earlier this year.

"Having this cruiser on the streets of Livingston will provide a much greater sense of safety and protection for our residents," said Ashurst, "This vehicle will save the city a lot in gas milage and we can now respond to any call immediately.'

However, Livingston has had very little activity in recent weeks, Ashurst said. "It has been surprisingly quiet over the past three weeks," he said. "We are not complaining but it has been very quiet and calm here recently."

The well-seasoned Ashurst says he continues to focus on illegal drug activity and has set his sights on stopping any such activity in his city.

Having no further business, the commission adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

"Court"

(Continued from front) County 2021-22 budget

shows total appropriations of \$7,917,583.04. The General Fund shows expected receipts of \$3,198,466, the Road Fund \$1,806,365 and the Jail Fund \$1,591,007.

Another special meeting was called Friday, June 25 due to a deposit error by the State of Kentucky, according to Rockcastle County Treasurer Joe Clontz. Clontz said a little over \$10,000 had been deposited into the 911 account that actually was supposed to be in the Rockcastle Ambulance Service Account so the court had to move the funds into the proper ac-

The court is also expected to hold another special called meeting Friday, July 2 in order to transfer funds. "Some of our bills are due on the 10th but the regular meeting isn't until the 13th," said Clontz. "This meeting will let us get our retirement brought up and pay the health insurance premium. We will likely also transfer some into the general fund and the jail fund at that time."

The regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 13 at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

"Train"

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Rescue, the Brodhead Fire Department and departments from Sand Gap, East Bernstadt, Madison County and Pulaski County were each represented at the training.

The training equipped firefighters and rescue workers in shore, water, boat, raft and self based swift water rescues.

The Brodhead Fire Department now has 16 firefighters and Livingston has 10 trained as swift water rescue technicians.

The training included a 40-hour course and provided training that officials say will likely be needed in Rockcastle County many times.

Graduating the course from Brodhead this session were: Kelsey Hurst, James Brown, Dallas Bussell, Jessica Cameron and Kaitlin Mason. Those graduating the training from Livingston were: Chief Jeff Carpenter, Assistant Chief Bobby Phelps, Dawn Carpenter, Michael Parsons, Jessica Hobbs and Zach Pheanis.

Members of the departments and city officials offered a congratulations and a "thank you" to all who participated in the training.

"It is very likely that some Rockcastle County lives will be saved because of this training," said Brodhead Assistant Fire Chief Brian Bullock. "This is what we do and training is the key to success." has been shared the same

"Indict"

(Continued from front)

substance, two counts, and promoting contraband into the Rockcastle County Jail. He was also indicted for tampering with physical evidence and as a persistent felony offender.

His bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property (c/

Sabrina Nicole Neeley, 33, of Goose Lane, Berea was indicted for the offense of theft by unlawful taking. Her bond was set at \$2,500 c/p.

Darren Joe Bennett, 42, of Locust Street, Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts of receiving stolen property. His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Steven T. Haling, 36, of Maple Grove Road, Orlando was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Dennis L. Doan, 59, of Lake Cumberland Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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

Addie Mae Long, 41, of Stephens Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for receiving stolen property and possession of a controlled substance.

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

Davantae Shaquean Blessett, 27, of Jonesboro, GA was indicted on two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance.

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

Clayton Joshua Emerson, 39, of Winchester was indicted for receiving stolen property.

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

Robert Earl Adams, 45, and Gail Elizabeth Adams, 39, both of Crab Orchard were named in a joint indictment.

Robert Earl Adams was indicted for the offenses of burglary and theft by unlawful taking.

Gail Elizabeth Adams was indicted for receiving stolen property.

Each defendant's bond His bond was set at was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Certificate of Appreciation



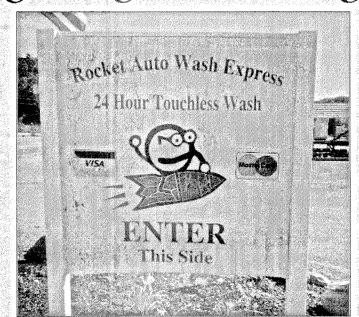
Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray presented Mount Vernon City Councilman Wayne Bullock with a House of Representatives Certificate of Appreciation last week. The certificate honors Bullock's lifelong work with litter abatement programs as well as his work with Rockcastle County Operation UNITE, the Pride and the Adopt-A-Highway programs. The certificate honors Bullock's efforts for the common good of all citizens of Rockcastle County as well as the state of Kentucky. Bullock has been a member of the Mount Vernon City Council for 29 consecutive years. The award was giving at the most recent Mount Vernon City Council meeting.



SEALED BIDS ACCEPTED

The Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission is taking sealed bids for a 2000 Dodge Grand Caravan with 87,456 miles. The van can be viewed at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame 7 days a week between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Deadline for bids is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13th and should be turned in at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. Bids will be opened on Wednesday, July 14th.

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County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. recently swore-in Douglas Hughes as special deputy coroner for Rockcastle County Coroners office. Doug service alongside Coroner Marvin Owens and Deputy Coroners Bill Dowell and Jeff Smithern.

Frankfort Update

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By: Josh Bray State Representative Interim Week in Review: Unemployment Insurance continues to dominate legislative interim

We can all agree that our current



labor shortage has to be addressed if we are going to grow o wu u and r

economy and make a successful comeback. After all, there are more than a hundred thousand available jobs across our state. While some are entry level positions, many pay far more than minimum wage and include benefits and incentive packages. However, like many of you, I am completely floored by the \$1,500 per person return-to-work incentive created by the Governor. Using taxpayer money, even if it is federal funding, to pay people to get a job is simply not logical. It is insulting to those who have worked throughout this pandemic, including many on the front lines.

To compound the problem, the Governor still refuses to end Kentucky's participation in the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Program, which provides an additional \$300 a week to UI recipients who are already receiving benefits from the state program. Other states have already quit offering PUA payments, but the Governor seems committed to continuing until the program ends in September. So, ultimately, the administration is offering \$1,500 to go to work, while paying more than \$3,300 to stay at home.

The Governor's returnto-work announcement came just two days after members of the Unemployment Insurance Task Force held their first meeting to explore possible changes to the program. This task force was created with the passage of HB 413, legislation that contained several provisions aimed at improving how the unemployment insurance (UI) program responds in situations like last year's shutdown. Task force members will spend the next seven months listening to stakeholders and crafting recommendations that may become legislation during the 2022 Regular Session.

The task force hit the ground running this month, hearing testimony about fraudulent claims and other issues plaguing the system. This was particularly interesting to me as I have heard from several constituents who received notification that their information has been used to file for unemployment insurance, while they personally have not applied. While the number of fraudulent claims in Kentucky remains a mystery, a consultant dealing with unemployment insurance claims testified that the increase in claims caused by the state's shutdown led program administrators to make premature eligibility determinations, which made the program more susceptible to fraudulent claims.

Legislators on the task force also asked for more information about existing unprocessed claims. When asked how many remained to be addressed, the administration could provide no concrete number. However, after spending \$17 million in contracts to fix the unemployment backlog, the problem remains more than a year later and Labor Cabinet officials are still saying they need additional staff. Ironically, cabinet officials added that one of the biggest challenges facing the UI Pro-



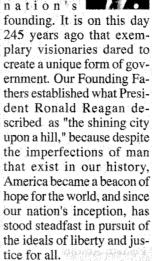
Clifton Boone received his Certificate of Completion from the Campbellsville University School of Barbering on June 14. He will take his state board exam in July and plans to begin his career at Moonlite Barber Shop in Richmond. Clifton is the son of Daniel and Tara Boone of Mt. Vernon.

By Jared Carpenter State Senator

Celebrating

Independence Day Since the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, the Fourth of July has been

observed as a for Americans to stand in unity and in recognition of our nation's



Throughout our past. America has faced trials and tribulations. We have continually confronted the evils of slavery and prejudice. We have produced the greatest generation that answered the call during World War II, storming the beaches and liberating those suffering abroad. We have even put men on the moon. America's history is full of triumphs and tragedies. I believe the story of America is the greatest ever told, and our Founding Fathers' grand experiment of a government of. by, and for the people, is the greatest endeavor humankind has ever embarked on.

Our celebrations this Independence Day will feel especially important given the unprecedented experiences of the last year and a half. We have an opportunity to reflect on our country's past and to take pride in its enduring principles. The Fourth of July marks the first time that all men were declared equal. Despite race or nationality, religion, or political affiliation - we are all born with God-given rights. The Declaration of Independence is still known as one of the most inspiring documents ever written. "We hold these truths to be selfevident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights. Among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Beginning as America's foundation for freedom, these powerful words are the blueprint of the United States of America.

Legislative Update

Our nation—and our state-was founded on a simple principle: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall." In the years leading up to the colonies declaring their independence from Great Britain, the creed was, "Unite, or Die." The importance of our unity has held true throughout our nation's existence. We are a nation that celebrates our differences: we do not persecute them. These values must remain at heart as we navigate today's

political discourse. Just as we remember the history of our Founding Fathers, our nation's past, and the cherished principles of the American way of life, we must honor the brave men and women fighting at home and around the world to preserve them. Civil and international wars have been fought so that all people might live freely. Countless Americans have served on and off the battlefield so that we can enjoy the rights we often take for granted.

In the wake of the

COVID-19 pandemic and all of the challenges it caused, I believe this July Fourth will be most extraordinary. Perhaps more than any other time in our lives, we appreciate the liberties and opportunities America provides. I hope that together, as proud Kentuckians, we will continue to strive for unity and peace for our country and our people. We are one nation and one people under God, and unitedly we will continue to make our Founding Fathers' declaration many years ago a reality today.

I wish you and your family a safe and happy Independence Day, God bless America.



President of the Mt Vernon Lions Club Sandy Dowell (right) presented Brenda Miller a certificate as the winner of the Lake Linville pontoon boat rental. Thanks to all who supported the Lions in this fund raiser. A special thanks to the city of Mt Vernon for their donation.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, HW STEEL KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR **JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022** Ordinance # 2021-1

Whereas, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the legislative

Whereas, the legislative body has reviewed such budget proposal and made modifications.

AS FOLLOWS: SECTION ONE: The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

is adopted as set forth herein."

prCS-	General Fund	Municipal Aid Fund	LGEA Fund	W/S Fund	UDAG Fund
Resources Available					
Cash balances (estimate)	350,000	130,000	56,900	390,000	61,033
Taxes	1,417,000				
License & permits	22,500				
Intergovernmental reciepts	0	45,600	15,000		24,520
Charges for services	0			2,357,900	
Other receipts	848,690				
Project Funding				1,772,250	
Bond Financing			April Medical		
Transfers (in)*	0				
Total cash and revenues	2,638,190	175,600	71,900	4,520,150	85,553
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Police Department	803,244				
Fire Department	129,187				
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Firehouse Loan	2,400				46,400
Streets/Maintenance		40,000		number :	
Water Dept. O & M				1,357,956	
Sewer Dept. O & M	1945 Page 1945			417,883	
Debt Service (short & long term)	72,516			365,959	
Project Development				1,957,608	
Miscelleanous, taxes, etc.				0	
Total appropriations	1,824,498	40,000	12,000	4,099,406	46,400
Balances	813,692	135,600	59,900	420,744	39,153
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* Budgeted transfers per the detailed operating and accounting budget of the MRA and LGEA Funds.

SECTION TWO: This budget ordinance shall be administered by the executive authority as prescribed and set forth in the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Administration shall include but not be limited to at least the following:

- A. Preparation and submission of financial statements which include budgetary comparisons on
- not less than a quarterly basis. Provide for budget amendments if called for by the council or if anticipated through implementation.
- Prepare any financial statements required for publication purposes, pursuant to KRS 424 and 91A.
- Cause each fund of this budget to be audited as prescribed by law.

SECTION THREE: The detailed operating budget, including the water project budget of the funding agencies, is adopted by reference for administration and accounting purposes.

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Posted

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to David and Natalie King and located on Hwy. 3245, Brodhead. Not responsible for accidents. 21x4

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

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

Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

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

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

Miscellaneous For Sale

Cemetery Plot in Cresthaven Cemetery. Asking \$500. Call Larry at 513-659-4547 or 513-607-0116.

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

Classified Deadline is 4 p.m. Monday

Yard Sales

Large Yard Sale: July 2-5, 4380 Blue Springs Road, Mt. Vernon, corner of 1152 and 461. Old spinning wheel, lots of antiques, old tools, glassware, pictures, records and lots of other

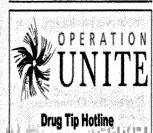
Yard/Garage Sale Muti-Family. Rain or shine at the home of Lesha Cromer, 1091 Wabd Jones Road. Friday and Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. Purses (Vera Bradley and Sak), shoes, clothes, vacuum cleaners, Keurig, home decor and a WIDE variety of many other items.

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Notice is hereby given that Rick T. Fry, 232 Double L

Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Mildred Fry on the 14th day of June, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rick T. Fry, 232 Double L Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. or to Melissa A. Stewart, 326 South Broadway, Lexington, Ky. 40508 on or before December 14, 2021. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Patty A. Nicely, 380 West Level Green Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 Brenda Lovell, 731 Bee Lick Creek Road, Somerset, Ky. 42503 and Sandra Burke, 1436 Ft. Harrod

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Notice is hereby given that Roy Keith Kates, 445 Carpenter Rd., Orlando, Ky. 40460 has been appointed Administrator (with no will), of the Estate of Melvie Cummins on the 17th day of

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June, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Roy Keith Kates or to Jeremy Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 onor before December 17, 2021. 21x3

State of Michigan Judicial District, Judicial Circuit, County Probate. Order for Service by Publication/ Posting and Notice of Action. Case No. 21-39057-DO. Plaintiff: Terence Michael Camburn, 120 N.Stoutenburg Sandusky, MI 48471 v. Shawna Marie Camburn, 433 Russell St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40423. To: Shawna Marie Camburn. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address: 60 W. Sanilac Ave., Sandusky, MI 48471 on or before 09/01/2021. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Sanilac County News and in a newspaper in or near Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 for three consecutive weeks and Proof of Publication shall be filed in this court. 6/10/21, Judge Timothy C. Wrathell P71990. 22x3

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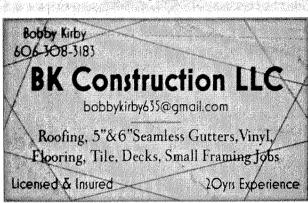


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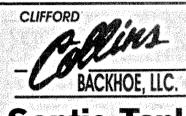
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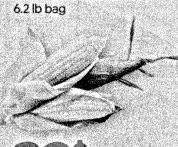
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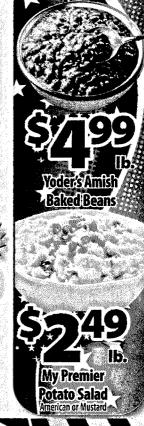




















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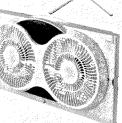


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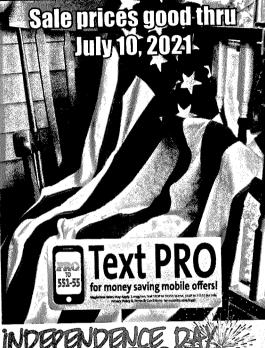
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