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## Missing Person

On Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at approximately 2:54 p.m., Kentucky State Police Post 11 received a call of a missing person in Rockcastle County.

Joseph D. Miller, 36, of Orlando, was last seen around 12:00 P.M. on Friday, June 21, 2024. Miller is approximately 6'0" tall and 150 pounds. He has short brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information about Miller's location should contact Kentucky State Police Post 11 at 606-878-6622 or 1-800-222-5555.

Trooper Austin Cornett is currently continuing this investigation.



Joseph Miller

## KLC attorneys hold "Governance 101" meeting for Mayor Roberts and council

By: Mike French  
Editor

Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts called a special meeting last week so that he, and the council, could meet with two attorneys representing the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) to discuss "City Governance 101." KLC represents nearly 400 cities and municipal agencies.

There had been some recent discussion among city officials concerning any councilmember's role in dealing with personnel issues and other subjects. Mayor Tim Roberts called the meeting in an effort to clarify the roles of elected officials and ensure the city operates according to Kentucky laws, said City Administrator Jim Bowman.

Attorneys Megan Griffith, KLC Municipal Law Attorney and Michael Simon, KLC Personnel Service Attorney, have spoken at over 100 cities helping elected and appointed officials better understand their roles.

The experts spent slightly over an hour on an overhead presenta-

tion giving details of the duties, actions, expectations and guidelines of the executive branch and legislative branch of a mayor/council form of government. The attorneys said the rules

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## Little World's Fair coming in August

By: Mike French  
Editor

Once again it is almost time for the annual Little World's Fair in Brodhead.

This year's midway event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13 through Saturday, August 17.

The Horse Show will be held Saturday, August 10 while the pageants are set for Sunday, August 11. On Tuesday, Paradise Entertainment will have the midway up and running.

Also on Tuesday, the annual Demolition Derby will be held with an admission of \$12.

On Wednesday, organizers have planned the ATV/SXS/Dirtbike Obstacle Course. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids under 12.

On Thursday, the

cerning shots fired at a home in Sunnydale Estates last Monday, June 24.

Upon arrival, Sheriff's deputies confiscated firearms that were present at the scene and locked them in a police cruiser while investigating the incident.

Officers then talked

with Kelsey Ski Duncan, 27, of Mount Vernon, who admitted to drinking alcohol and to driving a vehicle that was at the scene. Duncan also admitted that an eight-year-old, six-year-old and one-year old were with her at the time. Also, according to the citation, the deputy on the scene suspected Duncan

had a suspended license, due to another recent traffic stop. After investigating, officers discovered her license was still suspended.

Duncan was arrested at the scene and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with

(See "Child" on A5)

## CSEPP closing down

*Emergency management is better prepared because the program existed*

By: Mike French  
Editor

For 85 years, residents of central Kentucky have

had a worry that will be gone in early 2025, according to local experts. Along with losing the worry, counties across the region are also losing millions of dollars in funding and countless jobs in the emergency response field.

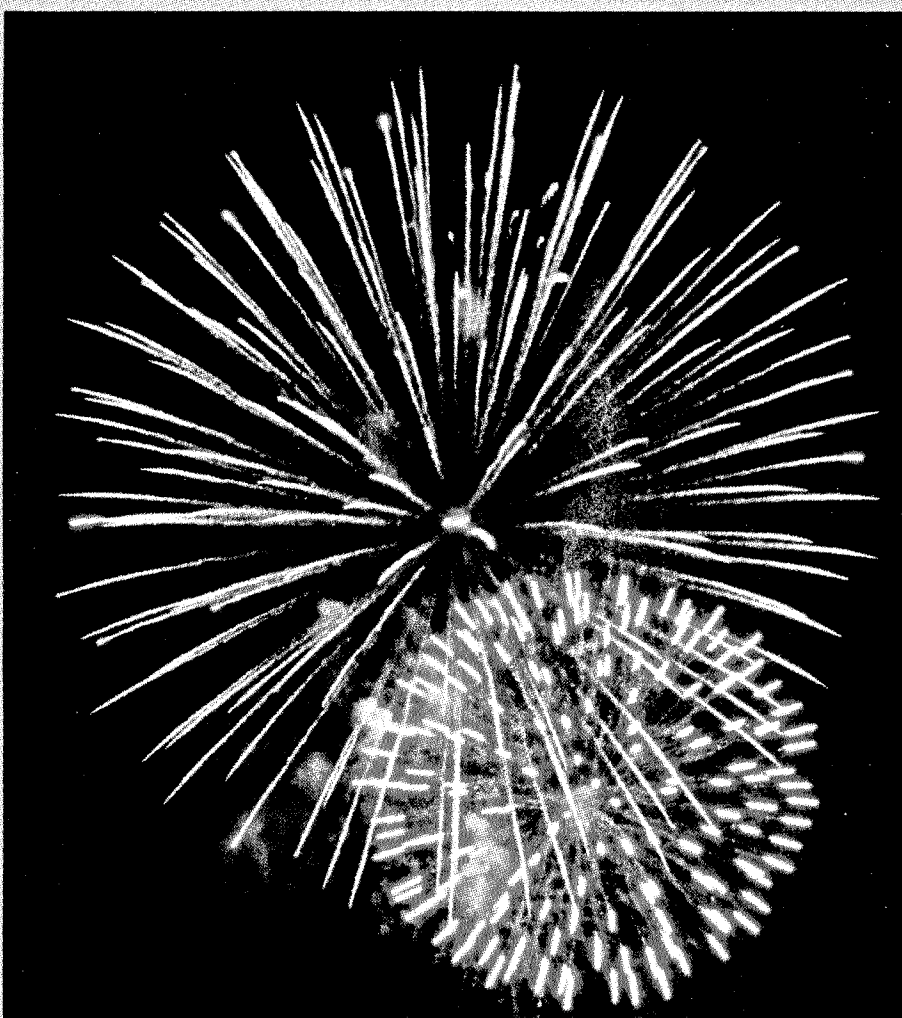
CSEPPs (Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Programs) across the region are expected to close by early

2025 since the last Sarin Nerve Agent M55 rocket at the Army Depot in Richmond was destroyed in July of 2023.

The rockets were moved and stored at the Bluegrass Army Depot in Richmond in the 1940s but, by 2019, experts began eliminating all 500 tons of the deadly chemical. Since the chemical is one of the most deadly

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## And the rockets red glare.....



A huge crowd showed up for the fireworks display at the Western Rockcastle Fire Department Independence Day celebration last Saturday. The large crowd sat on blankets and cars in the steaming, hot temperatures waiting for the display. But once the fireworks began, the crowd cheered with excitement.

## Woman charged with endangering a minor

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle 911 dispatch received a call con-

## Fight leads to stabbing of local man

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle 911 dispatch contacted the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office on June 17, indicating a caller claimed to have been stabbed.

Upon arrival at a home on Davis Street in Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Police Officer Dylan Hensley observed a male sitting on the porch with an injury. Hensley and other deputies entered the home to perform a safety sweep and, when officers returned to the porch, EMS workers were working with Johnny Williams on the porch to bandage a wound.

Officers located three females inside the residence who told police that Williams, of Davis Street, had been "talking down to the females and cussing and calling

names." The citation says the females agreed that Donald Charlton, 30, of Mount Vernon, then became irate and hit Williams several times, and then pulled a knife and stabbed him. Charlton then left the scene on foot.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Ben Allen later located Charlton on Poplar Street where he was detained and transported to the Mount Vernon Police Department where he was read his Miranda Rights. The citation says Charlton admitted to the altercation and to hitting Williams but denied stabbing him.

Mount Vernon Assistant Police Chief Brian Carter spoke with the victim at Rockcastle Regional Hospital where he stated that Charlton pulled the knife and "stuck it to his throat."

The citation says the victim also said Charlton

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## River Sweep scheduled for Aug. 3

By: Mike French  
Editor

It is once again that time of year to help clean up the Rockcastle River.

The 2024 Rockcastle River Sweep is planned for August 3 from 8 a.m. to noon. The event will help remove tires and trash from the river.

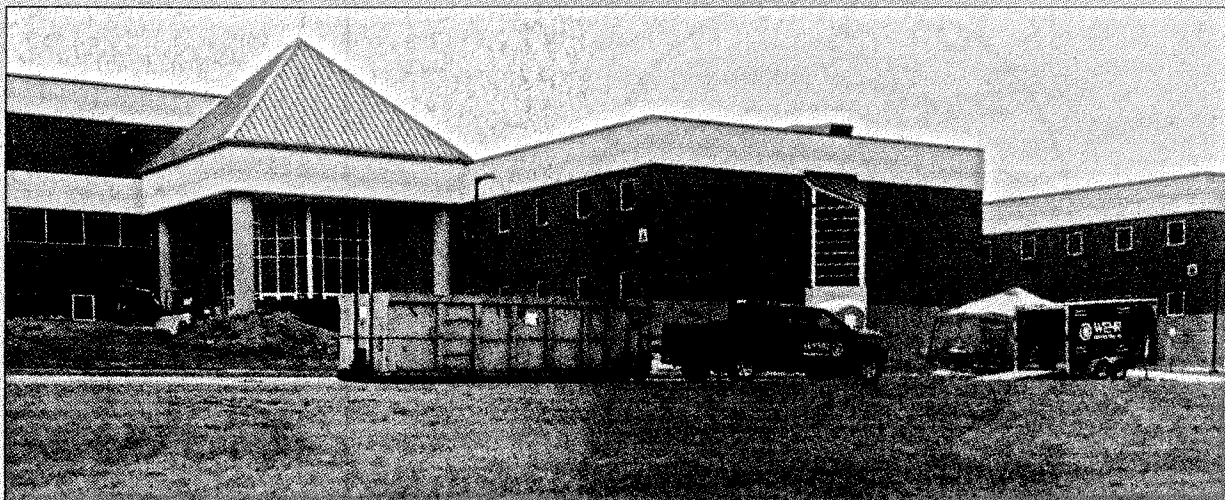
Organizers say anyone willing to help should bring a canoe or a flat bottom boat and be ready to get muddy and wet.

Those interested in helping may meet at the river at the crossover to Wildcat Mountain.

Lunch will be provided after the clean-up.

For more information or details, call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste office at 606-256-1902.

## Upgrading at RCHS



Construction at the Rockcastle County High School is underway. Officials say the work includes repaving and adding handicapped accessibility as well as adding parking and a student drop-off lane. The work is expected to be complete before school starts after the summer break.

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# ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

This has been an interesting week. First there was the Presidential Debate last Thursday night, between former President Donald Trump and incumbent pResident Joe Biden.

I have to confess, I didn't watch the majority of the debate. I already trust that Trump has the best interest of our country at heart -- I DO NOT, and never will accord Biden the same confidence.

However, I dislike somewhat Trump's bombastic manner of speech (although I do, for the most part, like his governing methods) and often question his selection of those with whom he surrounds himself. BUT, I dislike even more the fact that this country -- not me -- supposedly elected a man who, it is verified: showered with his daughter (when she was way too old for the practice); colluded with China to enrich himself and his family; has lied his entire career about his accomplishments; committed the actual offense of removing classified documents from the White House without any authority; threw our southern border wide open allowing in, in my opinion, the dregs of society from other nations, many of whom have raped and/or killed innocent U.S. citizens; defied the Supreme Court and gave out student loan forgiveness in a craven attempt to gain votes; caused, immediately upon taking office, historic inflation with his monetary policies (and then preceded to pat himself on the back this last year for inflation lowering from 9% to 3.3% still over twice as high as under the Trump administration; provides millions of illegals w/free healthcare, housing, food and spending money and enabled

the largest fentanyl smuggling operation from Mexican cartels in history and, there's more, but how many ways can you say most vicious, corrupt administration in history with only one goal, destroying this nation entirely.

According to the main stream media, Trump lied 30 times during the debate with nary a word said of Biden's transgressions, which included asserting that no U.S. soldiers have been killed during his administration and that he has the full endorsement of the border patrol.

He has obviously forgotten the 13 U.S. Servicemen and women who were killed by a suicide bomber during his disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan.

As to the border patrol endorsement, the National Border Patrol Council (NBPC), quickly took to X Thursday night to rebuke the assertion. "To be clear, we never have and never will endorse Biden."

But, unsurprisingly, none of the main stream media mentioned those blatant lies but they sure pointed out how many times, in their opinion, that Trump lied.

The Democrats were terribly upset with Biden's performance at the debate with several calling for him being replaced with a younger more eloquent candidate.

However, the powers-that-be in the party have evidently decided to stick with him, after word came down that he wasn't going to withdraw voluntarily (mainly at the behest of his family).

On Tuesday, it was reported by Bloomberg, that the Democratic National Committee wants to "stamp out" calls to replace him by formally nominating him as early

as July 21 when the credentials committee of the DNC meets to finalize procedures before the convention in Chicago in August.

We'll soon see how much confidence the Democrats have in their "enhanced election returns for Democrats" method!!

As best I understand the immunity ruling handed down by SCOTUS, in a 6-3 vote Monday, it was a win (not a complete one) for Trump and that must be true because Democrats, en masse, are melting down. It's glorious!! The Supreme Court emphasized that immunity did not apply to a President's private actions. The SCOTUS sent this case back to a lower court to define which acts are "Official" and which are "Personal."

This was one interpretation of the SCOTUS ruling that made the most sense to me: The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that former President Trump has immunity for some of his conduct as President in his federal election, interference case, but maybe not for other actions, adding another obstacle for special counsel Jack Smith taking the case to trial.

Anyway, a lower court will also have to decide if the indictments, procured against Trump by Smith, are still in force.

If you're against mistreatment of animals, you'll be happy to know that the White Coat Waste (WCW) Project just scored a huge victory against the mistreatment of animals during lab testing.

In May, WCW project's BeagleGate investigation exposed that the National Institute of Allergy and infectious Diseases (NIAID) -- Dr. Frakenfauci's division of the NIH -- was planning to waste \$1.8 million in taxpayer funds to abuse puppies in a series of five painful and unnecessary experiments to test an experimental new drug for "allergic rhinitis," also known as hay fever (also known as a runny nose).

There has already been a number of these experiments carried out using Beagle pups and, after exposure by WCW, Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC), led a WCW-backed bill to defund Fauci's dog tests, calling the puppy tests "barbaric."

Senator Joni Ernst

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



**Sarcasm: The use of irony to mock or convey contempt.**

The worst thing has happened. It is devastating to every person. The end is near.

Unfortunately for humanity, and for any hope of the survival of human kind, Louisiana has passed a devastating law. I feel so sorry for the children of Louisiana. They are about to be faced with something that will destroy their minds and cause them to become horrible human beings. Luckily, we have these good people of the Democrat party who are fighting it with all their liberal might. They are shouting against it with all their hearts, thank goodness.

What terrible law, you ask? Louisiana schools must now display a copy of the Ten Commandments in every classroom. Oh my! What a devastating thing for children to have to look at. We can only hope that some children will not look at the destructive display and instead will continue to concentrate and focus on important things like how to hate white people and how to destroy the Constitution and how to become a different gender.

Heaven forbid the child learn right from wrong and good from evil. Or maybe even how to write in cursive. Who

do they think they are by forcing upon young, impressionable minds that killing people is bad? If the people of Louisiana let this go without rioting, who knows what state leaders will come up with next to distort young minds. They may even try to teach children that it is bad to steal other people's stuff like the eighth commandment says.

That crazy ninth commandment suggests people be good to others. What if your child accidentally read the words, "thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor?" OH NO! If we aren't careful, children may actually say good things about others and help their fellow man.

And it goes without saying that we can't really teach an 8 year-old how to use a condom or explain to them how two men marrying is a beautiful thing or have men dressed in their mommy's teddy speaking to them in a drag show, when a sign on the wall says, "thou shalt not commit adultery." Talk about confusing a young mind.

We mostly have to feel sorry for the parents of every student in Louisiana. That fifth commandment is so dangerous for our children and their families. Those poor parents may find

themselves sitting at the dinner table and their child may show some respect or appreciation. Then what would we do? How could we fight against a child who would "honor thy father and thy mother?"

But it is that first commandment that is causing the most trouble among the progressive world. The idea that a child may read the words, "Thou shalt have no other God before me," is just too terrible for some to let it go. The same bunch of swine that introduces their child to church and the Bible could soon expect our children to stop rioting or mutilating themselves. Before we know it, little boys may not want to marry the same sex or wear their mother's underwear anymore if they keep reading that kind of stuff in the classroom. If we aren't careful, murdering babies may become a thing of the past.

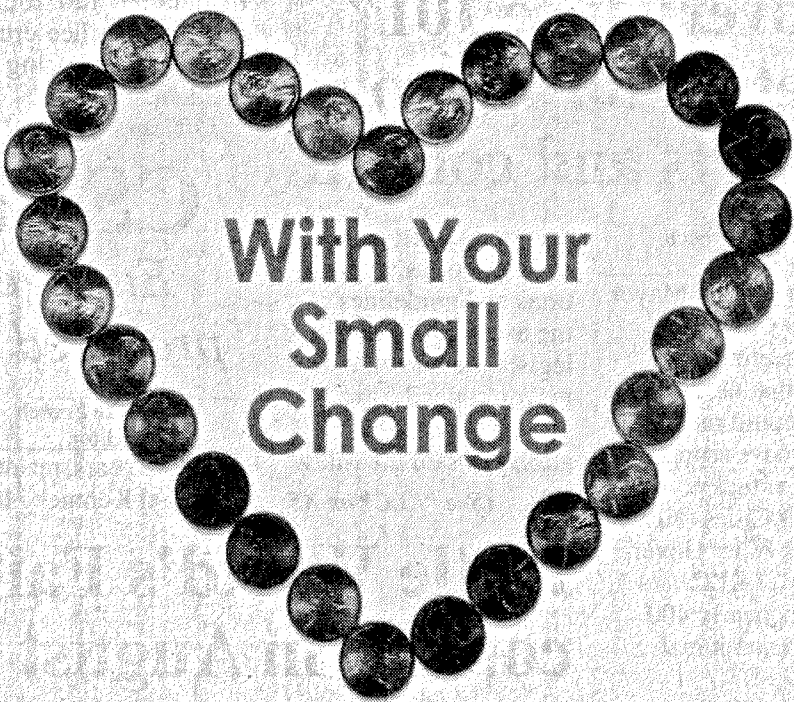
We must protest and cry from the rooftops that our children should never know the Bible exists. Oh, the shame of learning about history.

Anyway, the law was put into effect last month and now every classroom will have those awful ten rules posted that so many "modern people" apparently think give such terrible advice.

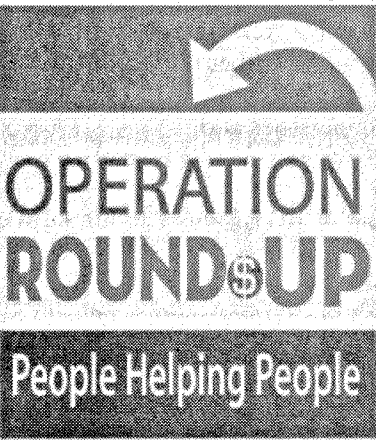
As for me, I think everyone who fights against any display of the Ten Commandments should not be allowed to use money. After all, our national currency states clearly, "in God we

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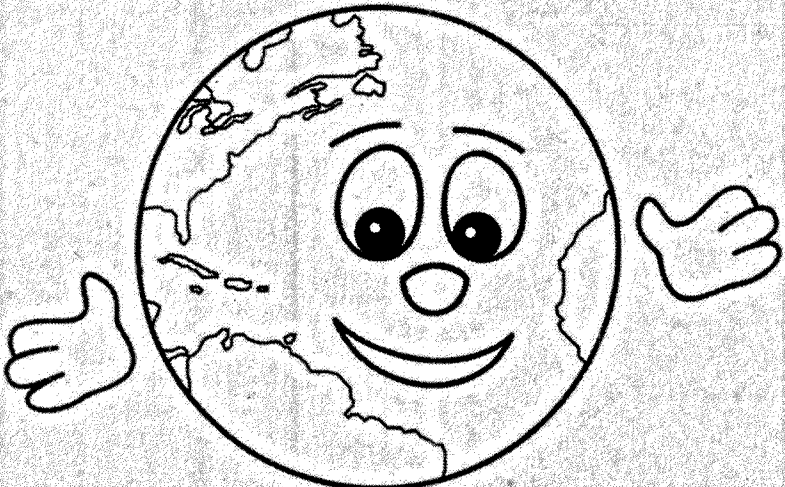
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## 2024 Rockcastle River-Sweep

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Bring a canoe or flat bottom boat and be ready to get wet and muddy!

Meet at the Rockcastle River where you cross the River over to Wildcat Mountain!

Lunch will be provided after the cleanup!

Call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for more information.







# Obituaries



## Rocky Boswell

Rocky Boswell, 67 of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, June 24, 2024 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Fredericksburg, VA on July 23, 1956, the son of Alton Lingsburg and Mildred Evelyn Rickels Boswell. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Central Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his mother, Mildred "Midge" Smith of Mt. Vernon; and his siblings, Sherri Hansel and husband Garry of Mt. Vernon, Mark Boswell and wife Cristina of Sarasota, FL, Alisa Davis, also of Mt. Vernon, and Shawn Boswell of Robbins, TN. He was preceded in death by his father, Alton Boswell and a brother, Chris Boswell.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 29, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Branden Nolan. Burial with military honors followed in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jesse Childress, Shawn Boswell, Bryan Hansel, Jason Hansel, Nick Nolan, and Ed Sturgill.

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## Johnny Doyle McKinney

Johnny Doyle McKinney, 63, died Thursday, June 20, 2024 at his home. He was born September 3, 1960 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of Lloyd McKinney, Jr. and Martha Randolph McKinney, both of whom preceded him in death. He served four years in the United States Army, where he worked as a mechanic. He served with the 34th Signal Battalion in Germany. He retired from Trane. Johnny was a member of Poplar Grove Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie McKinney.

Survivors include: three sons, Jay McKinney (Leah), Michael McKinney, and Jeff McKinney (Elizabeth), all of Richmond; four grandchildren, Madeline McKinney, Grayson McKinney, Logan McKinney, and Lincoln McKinney; one brother, Jimmie McKinney (Wilma); one aunt, Glenda McKinney; and a special dog, "Bo".

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on July 6, 2024 at Poplar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, 145 Richlands Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409.

Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home is in charge of Services.

## Cards of Thanks

### Sandy Whitaker

On behalf of the entire Whitaker family we would like to thank everyone who supported us during the passing of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother Sandy Whitaker. To everyone who brought food, baled hay, sent cards, prayed for us, or simply came to visit, there are no words to express how grateful we are for everything. In the midst of this tragedy it was overwhelming to see the amount of love and support received from our community and it makes all of us very thankful to have such wonderful friends and neighbors who are willing to pick you up when you need it the most.

One thing that has been frequently mentioned to us by people is how Sandy always had a smile on her face and how she treated people with kindness. It is absolutely certain that she is smiling down on this entire community because of the love you have shown to us.

Thank you,  
The Whitaker Family

### Lela Mae Harrison

The family of of Lela Mae Harrison would like to thank everyone that called, text, came to visitation and sent food and prayers.

Thanks to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals' staff for their help and for being so kind.

Thanks to the pallbearers and honorary pallbearers, to Becky Reynolds and Brian Harrison for singing and to all the doctors and staff that took care of her over the years.

A special thank you goes to Bro. Raymond Offutt and Bro. Matt Lunsford for their consoling words and to Grace Baptist Church for providing the meal.

Melvin • Gayle and Michael  
Tim, Ben and Ashley

## Free lunch for Veterans

ATTENTION ROCKCASTLE COUNTY  
VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Please join us at the Rockcastle County Veterans Center (Formerly the VFW) on the 4th of July from 11-3 for a free lunch, music and games.

If you have any questions, call Rick Bobo at 606-308-2271.

## Jack Swinney

Jack Swinney, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, June 23, 2024 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on April 24, 1960, the son of Leonard and Martha Marie Barnes Swinney. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed taking care of his farm animals.

He is survived by: his wife, Linda Harrison Swinney; his brothers, Clell Swinney and wife Lola, Glen Swinney and Linda Whitaker, and Denver Swinney, all of Mt. Vernon, Mildy Swinney of Morehead, and Everett Swinney and wife Rose of Orlando; and his sisters, Evelyn Swinney of Mt. Vernon, and Christine Amburgey of Paint Lick. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Walker, Walter, and Leonard Swinney and a sister, Losie York.

The family of Mr. Swinney chose cremation with no services. Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## Walter T. Sniff

Walter Thomas Sniff, 40, of Livingston, died Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan Hospital in Stanford. He was born in West Palm Beach, FL, the son of Alva Joseph and Donna Montgomery. He had been an electrician.

He is survived by: his mother and "second Dad", Donna and Brady Durham of Livingston; and his siblings, Donnie Sniff, Paul Sniff, Emmett Sniff, Anthony Dattilo, Homer Lawson, Jr., Deloris Sniff, and Brady Ray Durham.

The family held memorial services on Friday, June 28, 2024 in the Bales Cemetery in Livingston. Bro. Jason Medley officiated.

Other arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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## Herbert Robbins

Herbert Ray Robbins, 88, of Sand Springs, widower of Nettie Catherine Isaacs Robbins, died Friday, June 28, 2024 in Lexington.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Luther Allen. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

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

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## Upcoming Reunions

### Majors Reunion

The Majors Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 13th, beginning at noon at the Woodstock Community Center.

### Phelps Reunion

The Phelps Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 6, 2024 at the Kentucky Christian Assembly Camp in Brodhead. Gate opens at 11 a.m., lunch will be at 1 p.m.

Bring a covered dish and plan to stay all evening. There will be games and Corn Hole for all ages.

Please help us spread the word.

For more information, contact Sheary Mink at 606-758-8617 or 606-308-1886.

## Rockcastle Health Department closed July 4

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed on July 4, 2024, for the Independence Day Holiday. We will reopen on July 5 at 8 a.m.

## Evelyn Lackey

Rita Evelyn Lackey, 91, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, June 23, 2024 at Laurel Heights Home for the Elderly in London. She was born in Orlando on June 14, 1933, the daughter of Logan and Mary Singleton McGuire. She was a retired cook for Rockcastle Hospital and was a member of Pine Hill Holiness Church. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and quilting.

She is survived by: her son, Gary Lackey and wife Charlotte of Mt. Vernon; four grandchildren, Vanessa Padgett, Michael Gosnell, Kyle Lackey, and Kalynn Lackey; two great grandchildren, M. J. Gosnell and Mason Lackey; and a sister, Alma Vanzant of Mt. Vernon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Ellis Lackey; sisters, Cuma Abney, Sally Jennings, Stella Allen, Vermetta Lake, and Wanda Mason; and brothers, Manley McGuire, Dewey McGuire, and Raymond McGuire.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 28, 2024 at Higher Praise Ministries by Bro. Chris Davidson. Burial followed in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Michael Gosnell, M. J. Gosnell, Kyle Lackey, Frankie Mason, Eric VanZant, and Rodney VanZant.

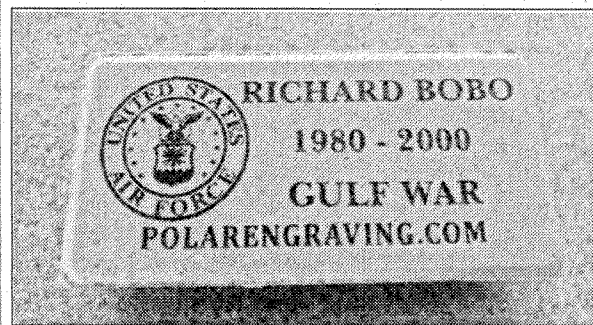
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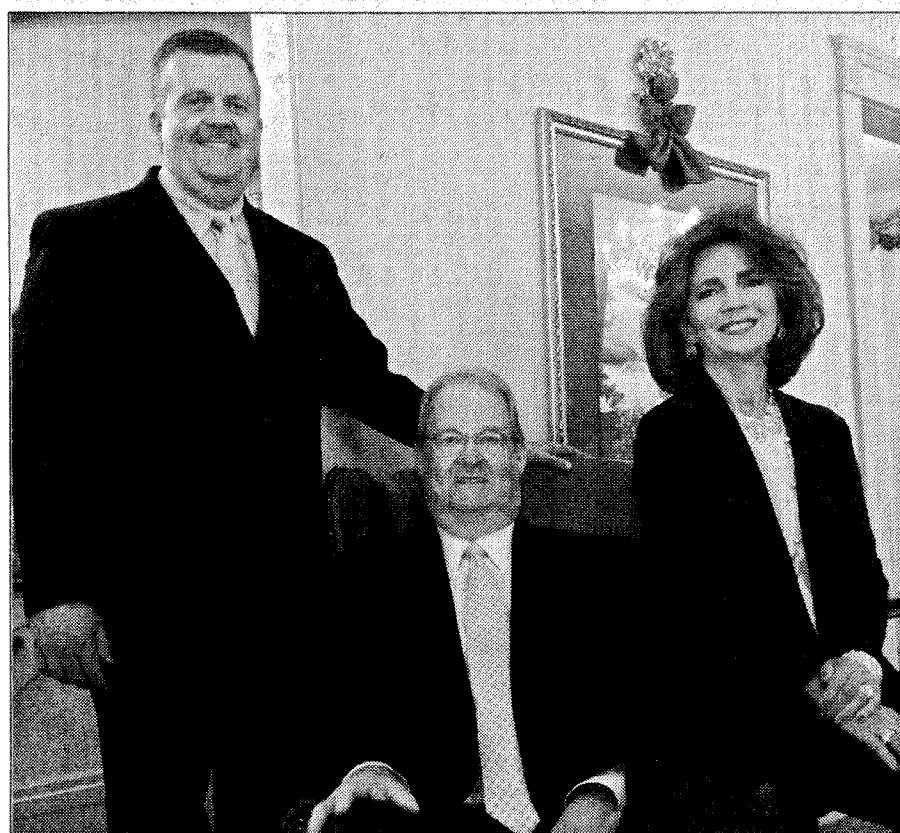
## "Walk of Honor" Fundraiser

The "David M. Smith" American Legion Post 71 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5908 are holding a brick fundraiser to construct a "Walk of Honor" at the recently opened Rockcastle County Veterans Park.

Engraved bricks will be the foundation and will honor Rockcastle County Veterans, past and present. Order forms will be distributed by members of the two organizations. If you have any questions or would like an order form contact Richard Bobo at (606) 308-2271 or email [boborichard719@gmail.com](mailto:boborichard719@gmail.com).



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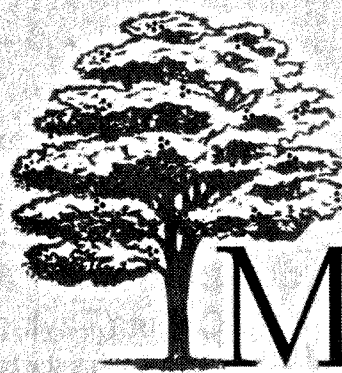
Steve Martin Roy Martin Pam Cummins Martin

We, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, would like to say to the Cox Funeral Home families, congratulations for your long time service to families of Rockcastle County for over 100 years. Some folks may say we have been competitors for all these years, but I like to say we were colleagues.

From the families and staff of the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, we wish you nothing but the best in your retirement.

Kevin Fletcher, formerly with Cox Funeral Home, has joined our staff as a licensed funeral director. We are glad to have Kevin with us.

We will honor all pre-arranged funeral contracts from Cox Funeral Home. If you have any questions, please call us or stop by.



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## “Character Education”

By Jerry Hopkins

There are qualities we need to develop as we get an education. As students in school we are not just to learn information and skills through study, conversational exchange, scholarly observation and experience. Our education should also include the development of character, as well as abilities in thinking, communicating, social and civil relations. Whatever we gain in education we should grow in understanding, in discernment and in character. Education is learning about who we are as individuals and as a people. In teaching history I have sought to communicate more than just the historical facts of our past, but also encourage students to think about evaluating the character and contributions of our people and leaders.

We all need to recognize that we have limitations, weaknesses, sins, strengths, failures and successes. This must always be a consideration in school and beyond—to understand our human limitations, our personal failures, even our moral failures as human beings. Even great men in biblical times, men such as King David, the Apostle Paul, struggled with failure and difficulties. Even great men today struggle with problems and failures in their lives—even the great evangelist and Christian Billy Graham is a human being. Dr. Graham himself would be the first to tell you of his short-comings. It was for this reason that he kept others close around him so that they could hold him accountable. Leaders, even the best, must always remember this tendency of human nature and the lurking of sin at the door to disrupt and destroy. Churches, Christian institutions and organizations have many times failed and fallen because their leader or leaders have not understood the danger of pride and human fallacies.

Jacques Ellul, the renowned French scholar and social theorist, confesses in his autobiographical explanation of his life, titled, *What I Believe*, “The whole educational system is based on belief. Students believe what their teachers or their books say; they learn on a basis of belief. We also believe spontaneously the witness of our senses, even when they are disturbed. We believe similarly in certain words, such as the good, or freedom, or justice, which we do not define plainly or consistently but to which we cling firmly no matter what their content. A society could not function if it did not rest

on beliefs hidden in the deep recesses of each of its members and producing coherent sentiments and actions. A society without collective beliefs (which are, of course, individual in the eyes of each member) would soon fall into lawlessness and enter a process of dissolution. Beliefs are definitely the *raison d’être* of society.”

Part of this important educational experience is the development of character. Out of his understanding of social engagement and education development Ellul confesses, “I am human like everyone else, and I have failed some of the tests of love and not met all the challenges. I simply know what is true even though I have sometimes lived out what is false.” In such a confession there isn’t an exaltation of weakness; a pride in failure or moral collapse. This is merely an honest, humble confession acknowledging human frailties, flaws, sins and weaknesses. There is the reality of fact—we all fail in some way, at some time and must struggle to recover or regain what we lose in such behavior. Life’s reality is that we sometimes fail, sometimes succeed, sometimes make mistakes, sometimes do what is not right, sometimes do what is right.

The Apostle Paul, as great a man as he was, struggled with weaknesses, satanic buffetings, infirmities, failures. In one instance he asked God “three times” that an evil problem would be taken away, but it wasn’t. The Lord instead said to Paul, and He says to us, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” In this the great Apostle then confesses, “Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:8-10).

We often wrongly associate education with youth as though there comes a time when we no longer learn. That is a terrible state that leads to utter failure, particularly in regards to moral and social life and community. Education is a lifelong experience. This is why I’ve been stressing in these columns the importance of reading, thinking, writing, communicating. There are certain elements in our youth that we need to be sure to gain the best

moral and civil education possible so that we can come to the conclusion that Solomon wisely reached and shared for our benefit. Solomon wisely advised, “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’ . . . Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden

## Stabbing

(Continued from front) then left the altercation and went into another room but then returned and pushed the victim down. When Williams put his hands over his head to block the second attack, he was stabbed in the arm with what he called a small hunting knife.

Charlton was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was held on a \$10,000 cash or property bond, according to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe.

## CSEPP

(Continued from front) substances known to exist, CSEPP was formed in 1985 as a way to educate the public and help prepare all citizens for a possible leak of the agent into the atmosphere during the destruction process.

For the next 39 years, CSEPP experts developed safer methods and procedures for citizens in the event of a leak. Millions of dollars in state and federal funds were used to purchase equipment and materials as workers spent each day making sure the public knew what to do in the event of a chemical leak.

Locally, Andrew Pensol, Director of the Rockcastle County CSEPP, has joined the rest of the workers across the region in preparing to shut down the program now that the agent has been destroyed. For the previous 18 years, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. was the director but he left the position when elected to office.

Officials say all the rockets are gone but it will take until early 2025 to eliminate all residual waste and ensure no contamination from the rockets. “It is great that the threat is gone,” Pensol said. “But of course that means a lot less funding for each county and the CSEPP is expected to be gone by early in 2025.”

Pensol has been named to the Rockcastle Emergency Management Director position, as co-director along with David Colson, since his emergency training over the years has prepared him for such a position, says Holbrook.

Pensol said those involved with the CSEPP knew that closing down was the plan from the beginning, and so planning for the future was in his mind all along. “Knowing that this day would come, all the equipment CSEPP has purchased over the years, now belongs to the county and can now be used with the Emergency Management Programs,” Pensol said. “We used a lot of our equipment and expertise during the train derailment and we can use it all for any other type of disaster as well. The Emergency Management operations have

bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it” (Ecclesiastes 12:1, 6-7). Then Solomon concludes by stressing moral accountability before the Supreme Judge of all, “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether

## Child

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driving under the influence of alcohol, driving on a suspended license and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Sheriff’s Detective Sam Brock said the shots fired call stemmed from a fight that had occurred earlier. Brock said someone fired into the ground to break up the fight.

No arrests or charges were filed dealing with the shots fired.

been tied to the CSEPP operations all along and this should be a smoother transition because of that.”

Each year, CSEPP directs a county-wide exercise helping emergency services to be prepared to act in the event of any type of emergency. “This has been a very useful program that has helped many agencies become more prepared for the unexpected. But if all goes as planned, the last exercise, was our last one,” said Pensol.

And the last one was a great one, according to officials. “We just completed the CSEPP and Hazmat situation exercise on I-75 and our teams did exceptionally well,” said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. “According to local and federal evaluators, Rockcastle is well prepared for emergencies,” Pensol agreed. “All the fire departments and police organizations received a very good report. There were no finding, which means there was nothing left undone,” he said.

“It was an excellent exercise in preparedness and cooperation among local agencies,” said Sheriff Franklin. “Our county is blessed to have leaders with training, experience and commitment to respond to many types of emergency situation.”

So after 85 years of preparing, no substantial leak happened and no nerve agent caused damage. Officials say part of the reason why, may be the preparedness of everyone involved, including those working to eliminate the agent.

“Rockcastle will have a well organized emergency management program,” Pensol said and Holbrook agreed. “I knew all along that the program would end and we kept that in mind through all the training and all of our purchases,” Holbrook said. “Pensol has ideal experience to become the Emergency Management Director and our county will have a much better Emergency Management program because CSEPP existed. I know it was a bad thing to have a few miles away, but that nerve agent created a much better prepared and better equipped Rockcastle County.”

good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). We should remember in life’s crises that character certainly counts, but that in all things and at all times, God will hold us all accountable.

There are many more things that need to be said about character, but I believe we can calmly agree on these matters in community conversation. We need one another in the moral and civil development of our lives. Let me

hear from you on what you think about character; about valuing people and establishing relationships with others, particularly those closest to us. What do you think? Share your thoughts with me at [drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com](mailto:drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com). You may also reach me by “snail” mail at Dr. Jerry Hopkins, P. O. Box 1363, Marshall, Texas 75671. Dr. Jerry Hopkins is an historian and retired university professor..

## KLC

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for commission and city manager governments are slightly different than Mount Vernon’s mayor/council/city administrator form of government.

The attorneys agreed the first rule of business should be used for all elected officials who may not be aware of certain guidelines or requirements. “Do the best you can, till you know better. And then do better.”

The presentation listed duties and activities for a mayor as well as duties and activities for a council member. Throughout the meeting council member Shelly Lewis asked several questions with council member Gertha Mink and City Clerk Crystal Rush also participating. Council member Julie Asher was not present though the remaining council members and assistant police chief were present.

The two attorneys alternated speaking on each of many subjects, including the separation of executive and legislative powers, open meeting requirements, special/called meeting requirements, personnel duties, executive orders, conflicts of interest, using city equipment or materials, abstaining from a vote, accepting gifts, appointments, department heads, salary schedules and more.

The attorneys explained the duties of the mayor and the council in each category with a longer discussion and attention given to open meetings, guests at meetings and appointment regulations.

The attorneys said there is a clear separation of powers and the mayoral duties focus on executive powers, including personnel hirings, terminations, recommending salaries and dealing with daily activities, as well as daily operations of the city. The mayor recommends ordinances and enforces laws and ordinances upon citizens and is also responsible for communications and preparing and administering the budget, as well as other operations of the city. The mayor recommends ordinances and enforces laws and ordinances upon citizens and is also responsible for communications and preparing and administering the budget, as well as other operations of the city. The mayor recommends ordinances and enforces laws and ordinances upon citizens and is also responsible for communications and preparing and administering the budget, as well as other operations of the city.

Council members may not perform executive branch duties and are considered council members only while sitting in their seat in an official capacity. Otherwise council members are ordinary citizens, Griffith said.

The council performs the legislative duties, including establishing ordinances, approving the appointment of officers, adopting resolutions and has the power to override a mayoral veto with more than one majority. The council also appoints members in the case of a resignation.

Griffith said that allowing guests to speak, or providing time for public comment at a public

meeting, is not required in a mayor/council form of government. Although the practice is allowed if a council agrees to include guests as a portion of the agenda, but there is no state requirement to allow guests to speak, unless they are on the agenda. “Even when a guest does speak, I highly recommend that no one engage in dialog with the guest speaker,” said Griffith. “If you choose to allow public comments, let them say their peace and then move on.”

However, the attorneys also said citizens can ask to be included on the agenda and the decision to include the guest is at the mayor’s discretion. Mink recommended the city provide information to the public about how to have a guest’s name added to the agenda or how to sign up to speak at a public meeting. “If we don’t allow people to speak unless they sign up, we have to let them know they need to sign up and how to do it,” she said.

Some time was spent on the subject of the Open Meetings Act which requires elected officials to provide 24-hour notice to the public and the media of any regular or special called meeting. Questions centered around budget workshops and other meetings of less than a full council to work out details that can be addressed at a public meeting. However, Griffith said she recommends that the safest way to avoid potential issues would be to “treat all meetings as public if two or more council members are present.” The attorneys suggested it is better to err on the side of notifying the media to avoid potential issues.

The attorneys also explained the two acceptable reasons for a closed session (executive session) and informed the council that they should inform the public of the topic of the discussion before entering a closed session. The two reasons include personnel issues and acquisitions.

Countless other details describing the separation of powers and the duties and responsibilities of the mayor and a council member continued as Griffith and Simon answered questions throughout the presentation.

Officials thanked the KLC attorneys and agreed the presentation was informative and helpful for all involved. After the meeting, Mayor Roberts said, “The city’s membership with the Kentucky League of Cities is extremely beneficial in many ways. Having the opportunity for their team of attorneys to present city governance information to the council will make all city officials more productive in our efforts to improve the quality of life for our citizens.”

## Fair

(Continued from front) the KITPA Truck Pull will be held with admission at \$15. On Sunday, officials will hold the annual Mud Run with admissions set at \$15.

All admissions will include all track events and unlimited midway rides.

The gates will open at

5:30 each night.

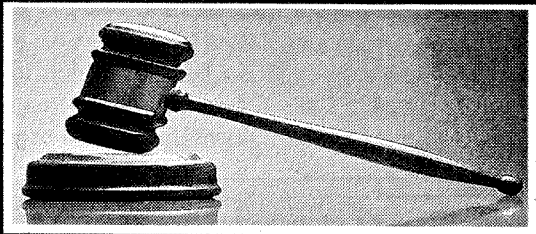
The event is the biggest fundraiser for the Brodhead Fire Department and has become a statewide event with guests from across Kentucky and other states.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the events and the shows as well as the countless midway attractions

**Signal office closed**  
**July 4th & 5th**  
*Happy Independence Day*



# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Deeds Recorded

Lazara G Villar Hidalgo and Ana R. Marin, property on Green Fish Hill, to Taylor Jordan Wiseman and Ryan Michael Pettit. Tax \$240

Timothy Alan Wilson Canter and Jennifer Louise Canter, property on Pike Street, to William Michael Moorehead and Mallory Lynn Mingus. Tax \$30

Owsley Co. Chip Co., property in Rockcastle County, to Nancy and James Cutway and Adrienne Nicole Cutway. Tax \$160

Estate of Robert Bustle, Lisa and Timothy Durham, Anthony and Janet Rader, property on Jim Halcomb Road, to Noah Charles Prickett. Tax \$175

Bert Peterson, Earl Johnson Lots, to Mark Peterson. No tax

Matthew and Victoria Caldwell, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Anthony Noel and Tanner Noel. Tax \$16

Eugene T. and Lori E. Caldwell, Co-Trustees, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Anthony Noel and Tanner Noel. Tax \$16

Marty A. and Christy Cox, property in Hunters Ridge Subdv., to Billy R. Nelson and Lisa Parks. Tax \$330

## Marriage Licenses

Jennifer Lynn Rowland, 48, Mt. Vernon, Hyster Yale and Luke Edward Unker, 36, Mt. Vernon, production supervisor. 6/20/24

Cheyenne Elizabeth Parman, 26, Mt. Vernon, receptionist and Michael Patrick Crawley, 24, Crab Orchard, diesel mechanic. 6/20/24

Carlee Taylor Cash, 24, Brodhead, student and Caleb David Costin, 25, Sellersburg, Indiana, unemployed. 6/21/24

Cassandra Gail Hibbard, 28, Mt. Vernon, medical assistant and Ryan Patrick Chappell, 26, Mt. Vernon, health care security. 6/21/24

Kelly Michelle Thompson, 52, Newport News, VA, LPN and William Marvin Jr. Smith, 54, Mt. Vernon, mechanic. 6/24/24

## Circuit Civil Suits

Andrew Didelot v. Hannah Mayo Didelot, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kayla Lay v. Javier Aponte, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Shanna Baker, complaint for child support and medical support.

Jefferson Capital System, LLC v. Taylor Carter, \$5,768 plus claimed due.

Credit Corp Solution, Inc. v. Joel Lakes, \$6,766 plus claimed due.

Julie Taylor v. Billy Taylor, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Shellpoint Mortgage Service v. Timothy Jenkins, et al, complaint for Reformation, Declaratory Judgment and Mortgage Foreclosure.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Sara Snyder, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00155

## District Civil Suits

Credit Corp. Solutions, Inc. v. Kimberly K. Bowling, \$1,526 plus lclaimed due.

Midland Credit Mgmt., Inc. v. Stacy York, \$1,502 plus claimed due.

Cash Express LLC v. Armanda King, \$611 plus claimed due.

Cash Express LLC v. Lisa Bowling, \$601 plus claimed due.

Cash Express LLC v. Marcus Bolyard, \$313 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Jimmy Gross, \$600 plus claimed due.

Cash Express v. John Bray, \$313 plus claimed due.

Cash Express v. Robert Means, \$614 plus claimed due.

Cash Express v. Christopher Mullins, \$347 plus claimed due.

Cash Express v. Kenshawanna Ginter, \$201 plus claimed due.

Credit Corp. Soluions Inc. v. Kelda L. Messer, \$1,480 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Joseph Robinson, \$843 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Joseph Robinson, \$835 plus claimed due. C-00129

## District Court

**June 24-26, 2024**  
**Hon. Benjamin R. Hardy**  
Edna Baker: Failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Steven Blackwell: no operators license in possession (four counts), \$50 fine each count plus one costs; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, 10 days in jail/suspended 24 months on condition.

Donovan Tyler Bray: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Jason Bullock: alcohol intoxication in a public place and criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.

Rhonda Cromer: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, license to be in possession, court notice sent.

Gail S. Garrison: failurel to wear seat belts, no expired registration plates, \$25 fine each count; failiure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., \$25 fine plus costs.

Robert L. Ledford: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances, possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Jeremiah Marks: fines/fees due (\$198), in lieu of fines, four days in

jail/credit time served.

Jaymie Shayne Mays: violatio of conditions of release, bw issued for fta.

Larry McClure: driving on DUI suspended license, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, dismiss w/leave per commonwealth on condition defendant finish drug court.

Donald Monk: possessin of marijuana, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Zachary Robinson: public intoxication controlled substance, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Michael Lee Sims: failure to wear seat belts; no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, bw isued for fta.

Speeding: Timothy Dwight Sizemore, Austin Ray Henson, Noah Edwin Stutzman, Richard A. Burge, Tamela Goff Napier, license suspended for fta; Christina Ann Podesta, \$20 fine plus costs.

Jacob Neil Herpin: driving motor vehicle texting Viol. 3912 Fed Safety Reg., agreed order entered.

Michael Sims: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Jason Karl Vanzant: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Hannah Volter: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to noify address change to dept. of transp., failure to register transer of motor vehicle, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw

issued for fta.

Daniel Alan Williamson: harassing communications, agreed order entered.

Bobby Edward Stalcup: failure lto wear seat belts, driving comm. motor vehicle while out of service, improper use of farm plate, P. 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance, \$25 fine each count; violation part 383 Fed Safety Reg-Ciommercial Driver license, \$25 fine plus costs.

Jessie Loomis tyree: operating motor vehicle under influence of substances, sentencing order entered; possession of marijuana, \$100 fine.

Tasha R. Alexander: license to be in possession, \$25 fine plus costs.

Matthew Charles Haynes: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, eight days in jail/credit time served/costs waived.

Scottie Hensley: public intoxication, 15 days in jail/credit time served/costs waived.

Jason E. Smith: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 10 days in jail/credit time served/costs waived.

Jeffery Bond: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of ransp., bw issued for fta.

Kohl Trace Centers: Improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, \$25 fine plus costs.

Michael W. Denny: no operators/moped license, \$50 fine plus costs.

Jessie Tyler Lee Edelen: careless driving and failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine each; operating on suspended/revoked opera-

tors license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Orlin A. Flores: speeding and no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Katelynn Elizabeth Gibson: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., obstructed vision and/or windshield, bw issued for fta.

Harinderdeep Singh Gill: following another vehicle too closely, license suspended for fta.

Kareem Hamdiyah: perjury-1st degree (three counts), bw issued for fta.

Irvin Demario Haynes: driving motor vehicle texting, Viol. 392 Fed Safety Regs, agreed order entered.

Toni I. Holmes: speeding and possession of marijuana, agreed order enered.

David Jones: failure to wear seat belts, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Bobby Lee Kirby: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.

Theodore C. Lewis: operating on suspended/revoked operators li-

cense, failure to surrender revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, improper registration plate, bw issued for fta.

Caleb Nathaniel Miller: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Luis Ortiz Ojeda: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Christie Samples: hindering prosecution or apprehension, 90 days in jail/probated two years on condition/costs waived.

John David Saylor: assault, 90 days in jail/probated one year on condition/costs waived.

James Smith: operating vehicle w/expired operators license, no/expired registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Benny Spoonamore: careless driving, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no/expired registration plates - receipt, failiure of owner to maintain req. insurance/scurity, failure to produce insuance card, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Joe Michael Spoonamore: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, possession controlled substance, resisting arrest, menacing, fleeing or evading police, bw issued for fta.

Call change of addresses asap to 606-256-2244 or email us at [mvsignal@windstream.net](mailto:mvsignal@windstream.net)

## LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING THE WESTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that because of an increase in the cost of water purchased from the City of Mt. Vernon, the Western Rockcastle Water Association will increase its rates for services effective July 16, 2024. An application requesting the proposed rates was filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission on June 17, 2024, to increase rates as follows:

	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
<b>5/8" x 3/4" Meters:</b>				
First 2,000 Gallons	\$28.94 Minimum Bill	\$30.62 Minimum Bill	\$1.68	5.81%
Next 3,000 Gallons	\$0.00827 Per Gallon	\$0.00911 Per Gallon	\$0.84	10.16%
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$0.00763 Per Gallon	\$0.00847 Per Gallon	\$0.84	11.01%
Next 15,000 Gallons	\$0.00698 Per Gallon	\$0.00782 Per Gallon	\$0.84	12.03%
Over 25,000 Gallons	\$0.00637 Per Gallon	\$0.00721 Per Gallon	\$0.84	13.19%
<b>1" Meters:</b>				
First 5,000 Gallons	\$47.25 Minimum Bill	\$51.45 Minimum Bill	\$4.20	8.89%
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$0.00763 Per Gallon	\$0.00847 Per Gallon	\$0.84	11.01%
Next 15,000 Gallons	\$0.00698 Per Gallon	\$0.00782 Per Gallon	\$0.84	12.03%
Over 25,000 Gallons	\$0.00637 Per gallon	\$0.00721 Per Gallon	\$0.84	13.19%
<b>1 1/2" Meters:</b>				
First 10,000 Gallons	\$84.65 Minimum Bill	\$93.05 Minimum Bill	\$8.40	9.92%
Next 15,000 Gallons	\$0.00698 Per Gallon	\$0.00782 Per Gallon	\$0.84	12.03%
Over 25,000 Gallons	\$0.00637 Per gallon	\$0.00721 Per Gallon	\$0.84	13.19%
<b>2" Meters:</b>				
First 25,000 gallons	\$187.10 Minimum Bill	\$208.10 Minimum Bill	\$21.00	11.22%
Over 25,000 gallons	\$0.00637 Per gallon	\$0.00721 per gallon	\$0.84	13.19%

As noted above, based on the increased cost of water from the City of Mt. Vernon all rates will increase \$0.84 per 1,000 gallons. The monthly bill for a customer using an average of 5,000 gallons of water each month will increase from \$53.75 to \$57.95. This is an increase of \$4.20 or 7.81%.

The charges/rates contained in this notice are the charges/rates proposed by the Western Rockcastle Water Association. However, the Public Service Commission may order charges/rates to be charged that differ from these proposed charges/rates. Such action may result in charges/rates for consumers other than the charges/rates detailed in this notice.

Any person may examine this application at the offices of the Western Rockcastle Water Association office located at 371 New Brodhead Road in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. In addition, any person may also examine the application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Any comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The Public Service Commission can also be contacted at 502-564-3940.

This notice is published pursuant to 807 KAR 5:068 - Purchased Water Adjustment for Water Districts and Water Associations.

**WESTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION**  
s/ **Darrell Whitaker, President**



# VFW honored at state convention

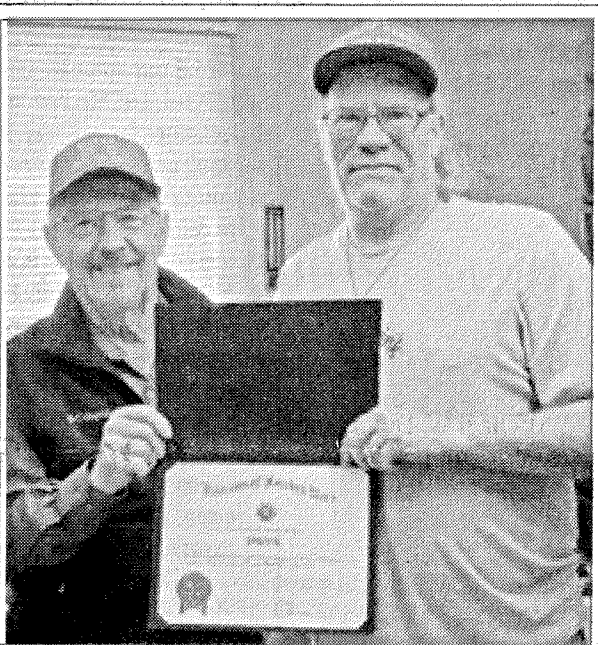
Rockcastle VFW Memorial Post 5908 was honored at the VFW Dept. Of Kentucky's State Convention, held in Bowling Green. Awards won by the local Post included; High School Teacher of the Year, won by JROTC Instructor Colonel Darren Sundys; Elementary Teacher of the Year, won by Shelby Wynn; JROTC Cadet of the Year, won by Cdt. LTC. Cerrina Henson; Firefighter of the Year, won by Larkan Prewitt; Dispatcher of the Year won by Carol Elliott; and the Jeff A. Phillips Memorial Award for Post Honor Guard of the Year, presented to Rockcastle Veterans Honor Guard. Those that are now competing for National titles are Cerrina Henson, Larkan Prewitt and Carol Elliott. We would like to thank all those people in the County that nominated these individuals in recognition of their hard work. Whether they be educators, students, or public safety, these men and woman go above and beyond their calling on a daily basis to improve and safeguard the life's of the their fellow Rockcastle Countians and Kentuckians. Other local awards were also presented to WRVK and the Mt. Vernon Signal for their continued support of the VFW and it's members.



Perlina Anderkin of the Mount Vernon Signal.



VFW State Surgeon B.J. Thomason and Dispatcher Carol Elliott



Charlie Napier and Mike Tussey



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## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Landscaping to Survive Droughts

Some geographic regions of the United States are perpetually dry desert or low rainfall areas. The native plants that dominate can take that. The part of the country that this column goes to typically gets about 45 to 50 inches of annual rainfall. Xeriscaping or desert landscaping, often struggles in soils that become saturated and waterlogged for long stretches of time. Let us examine dealing with dry spells, but not forget many dry land plants will be challenged by too much moisture in the soil. How then do we deal with dry seasons and keep our landscapes alive and well in challenging occasional hot and dry times?

From the Ohio Valley, Tennessee Valley, to the Piedmont of the Carolinas, having irrigation, as in "automatic rain", is quite rare except for the nicest communities or the country clubs. Obviously, watering your landscape as you sleep is going to take care of landscapes during dry periods. (Unless there are municipal water shortages and restrictions on use of irrigation.) Hand watering of annual flowers and recently installed trees and shrubs will be required, at a minimum, in the absence of irrigation.

Trees, plants, grasses,

(and humans and animals) naturally become stressed or wilt in abnormal heat or with lack of a timely drink.. Healthy, established plantings usually come through the hot, dry times just fine. Besides praying for rain, how else can the homeowner get his/her landscape plants to survive lack of timely rainfall?

Here are a few of the trees that handle dry seasons well. Burr oaks and red oaks and chestnut oaks, native eastern red cedar (junipers), Kentucky Coffee tree, Arizona cypress, Colorado spruce, Virginia and Ponderosa pines, hackberry, smoke trees, service berry or sarvis (especially amelanchier lamarkii), and perhaps surprisingly the Jacquemonti birch. Avoid native dogwood (cornus Floridus) if your yard has a hot sunny exposure or dries faster than normal—this is just one example of a shallow rooted tree that often gets thinned out in a very dry season.

And you may try to grow a Joshua tree, monkey puzzle tree or sagebrush—if you can give them sand or gravels to grow in—but remember trees from the deserts have troubles in the years there isn't a drought. If you're pushing your luck, an olive tree might be worth experimenting with.

Boxwoods, barberries,

gogi berries, nandinas, Japanese plum yew (cephalotaxus), bluebeard, strawberrybush euonymous, arrowood viburnum, chokeberry, beautybush and vitex make drought and heat tolerant shrubbery that also handles rainy seasons and humidity quite well.

Some perennial plantings that survive in challenging conditions include thyme, rosemary, sage, oregano, lavender, sedums, sempervirens, ice plant, asters, euphorbia, coreopsis, lamb's ears, Russian sage, cacti, and yucca (these latter two are useful in the edible landscape as well). Grasses might include hairgrass, blue-eyed grass, switchgrass and bluestem.

Worthy and wise practice to get your plants through dry periods include mulch (a good idea anyhow), putting shade cloth over particularly vulnerable plants if their value merits the expenditure on shade fabric, collecting rainwater (in barrels at the downspout, or into a swale or pit or raingarden as retained water is a much better option than it ending up in a creek or storm sewer every time there's a scattered thunderstorm). Paved streets, drives, etc., are a big source of flash flooding in a municipal setting—if you can figure how to keep your rainfall on your own property you will be helping to solve multiple problems. And there'll be more moisture in your soil for trees to tap

in those month long droughts and you'll come through a dry spell better than your neighbors.

I'm not aware of any watering restrictions on any of my customers as I write this, but should you face those type of emergencies, use whatever water you are allowed to on your most valuable larger trees—as you can replace dead flowers so much easier and cheaper than a large shade tree or landscape specimen.

Another good idea is to raise your lawnmower blades an inch or more from the usual height you cut your lawn grass (or skip mowing altogether even) until more normal rains return.

This current dry and

hot stretch is not likely to set any records in terms of heat or length of drought. Probably not even a 'top 10' event. (Think 1921, 1931, 1936, 1954, 1980, 2012 and check weather.gov if you really desire to have that scoop...a heat index of 110 is not the same as the 113 real record in Lexington, Kentucky all-time!)

In conclusion, try to postpone major landscaping until there's some rains, make smart choices in buying plants, realize those having deep taproots are going to come through in much better shape if you do nothing than plants having shallow root systems, try to retain runoff water, plant in groups things that need regular water so you're

not having to water everywhere in dry times, and select plants common to your area that seem to do fine in all seasons. Prevention is worth a pound of cure they say. So, use hot dry times to build a road, pave a drive or build a retaining wall or a patio. And postpone new plantings until conditions improve some. I'll end by suggesting if there's a boggy area typically too soggy to do anything—now may be the right time to do a project in that area and not get machines or equipment stuck up in the mud. Dry, hot, stressful times do not have to end in a calamity for one's landscaping.

The author is a landscaper. Feedback welcome. 606 416 3911 and rockcastles.net



Leslie Rigsby was the lucky winner of the Blackstone grill that was raffled by the Mt Vernon Lions club . Sandy Dowell secretary of the Mt Vernon Lions club presented the grill to Leslie . Thank you to all who supported the fund raising raffle for the Lions club .



# Help prevent impaired driving during holiday

As Independence Day quickly approaches, Kentuckians are reminded to plan for a safe ride home if celebrations include alcohol.

Unfortunately, the holiday can turn tragic when individuals drive while impaired. It is never acceptable to drink alcohol and drive even after just a few drinks. Making a plan for a sober, designated driver before celebrations begin will help prevent tragedies on Kentucky roadways.

Ensuring safety on our highways requires a collective effort, said Gov. Andy Beshear. As Kentuckians celebrate the Fourth of July, we urge everyone to celebrate responsibly so we all return home safely to our friends

and loved ones.

Impaired driving crashes typically increase over holidays, so Team Kentucky is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind drivers that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

If you are under the influence of any substance and choose to get behind the wheel, you put everyone on the road in danger, including yourself, said Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. Drugs or alcohol not only hinder your ability to drive but also affect your judgment about whether you can or should drive. You may think you're fine; however, impairment slows judgment, coordination and reaction times.

According to the Kentucky State Police database, last year in Kentucky there were 79 crashes involving a drunken and/or drugged driver over the Fourth of July holiday period, resulting in 57 injuries and four deaths.

To prevent tragedies from occurring, follow these recommendations:

- Before the festivities begin, plan a way to get home at the end of the

night safely.

- If you're impaired, use a ride-sharing company, taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation to get home safely.
- If you see an impaired

driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the Kentucky State Police toll-free line directly at 800-222-5555 or call 911.

- If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely.
- Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law; it is the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if involved in a crash.

For more information visit [kyhighwaysafety.com](http://kyhighwaysafety.com).

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### PEACH CHEESECAKE CRESCENT BARS

These are incredibly easy and taste like you worked all day on them.

2 cans crescent rolls  
2 packages (8 ounces) cream cheese, room temperature  
1 cup granulated sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
4 or 5 ripe peaches, peeled and cut into cubes  
4 tablespoons butter, melted

**TOPPING:**  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon cinnamon  
Preheat oven to 325°. Lightly grease or spray a 9 x 13 glass baking dish.

**NOTE:** If you use a non-glass dish bake at 350° and reduce cooking time to 25 to 30 minutes. Unroll one can of crescent rolls in the bottom of prepared dish, spreading to fit and pinching seams together. In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, eggs, cinnamon, and vanilla on medium speed until smooth. Fold in peaches and spread evenly over dough in pan. Unroll the second can of crescent roll dough over

filling carefully, pinching seams closed. Melt butter. Using a pastry brush (or spoon) brush butter evenly over crescent dough. Prepare topping by mixing sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle bars with sugar/spice mixture. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until edges of dough to start getting dark. Let cool for 30 minutes, then cover and place in the refrigerator. Serve chilled.

### PEACH SCONES

2 cups flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
6 tablespoons butter  
2 eggs  
1/3 cup sour cream  
1 cup fresh or canned peaches, diced

Heat oven to 375°. Grease or spray a baking sheet or muffin tins. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, sugar, nutmeg, and baking powder. Cut in the butter using a fork. In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs and sour cream. Stir this mixture into the dry mixture until well combined. Add the peaches

and stir until combined. Drop about 1/4 cup of dough on the baking sheet or into muffin tins. Bake until golden brown, about 16 to 18 minutes. (Muffins should take a couple of minutes more than on the baking sheet.)

## Local Honey for Sale

Buy honey right on the farm. Yes, Doug Brock will be selling honey again this Saturday starting at 9 a.m. until noon.

Brock's Honey Bee Farm is the next drive past the Mareburg Spiro Road, #2108. The farm is one mile from 461 and US-150 toward Brodhead. Just look for the honey signs. I just want to let everyone know how to get some of that wonderful honey. Will have lots of regular honey plus some ghost pepper honey and will have free samples of both. Say you saw this ad in the Mount Vernon Signal and get a free honey straw.

## What Does God Expect From Us Today?

In our own life we have many expectations from things, like from our spouses, children, our jobs, our employers, employees, etc. We become upset, often times when those expectations are not met. How do you think God feels when we don't meet up to His expectations. Do we strive to be the person God wants us to be?

In Micah 6:8 it tells us, He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? God is not expecting us to do extraordinary things that would be out of our reach. God makes his expectations simple and easy for us to succeed as a Christian.

A few examples shown to us in the bible such as Ephesians 4:32 where it says to be kind and compassionate one to another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you. God does not expect anything different than what he expected from his own Son that walked as man upon this earth. Another example would be in Ephesians 6:1-2, Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your Father and Mother, which is the first commandment with promise. Obedience to God is a key in reaching the goal of many expectations.

Having expectations as a Christian, is a goal we should all make for ourselves. It's simple and easy to obtain. And that is all that God expects from us today.

Everyone Welcome  
Robby Cable - 606-305-8452  
109 Providence Cemetery Rd. • Brodhead

Providence  
CHURCH of CHRIST

Come Worship With Us! Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

## A Message From God

1 John 1:5-7

This is a message of God to God's people. It is therefore a message of vital importance. The writer speaks of light, of movement, of benefits. Upon these three things let us focus our attention.

**LIGHT.** This is the most pure and unsoiled of all things. It stands for purity, intelligence, and wholesome influence. The son of God is light. (John 1:4) In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. The word of God is light. (Ps. 119:105) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

**MOVEMENT.** The word "walk" is not merely movement, but habitual movement, or action. It refers not to isolated words or deeds, but to the settled manner of life.

**Walk In Darkness.** This we do when we walk in ignorance, in sin; when we disregard divine instruction and walk according to our own judgement. (Prov. 14:12) There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

**Walk In The Light.** And this we assuredly do when we are guided by the example of Christ or the teaching of Christ, "His manner of life," in service we render, in the worship or devotion we offer to God.

**BENEFITS.** On the condition ("if") that we walk in the light, two great blessings enter our lives.

**A Fellowship.** We have fellowship with God, with God's Son, with God's children, "one with another". This implies unity, cooperation, association.

**B. Cleansing.** Oh, the necessity of cleaning. God's children sin - in thought, in word, in deed - by neglecting to do good. (1 John 1:8-10) The blood of Christ is the cleansing power. When we walk in the light, the cleansing power of the blood of Christ is applied. In obedience we are purified. (1 Pet. 1:22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, unto and unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

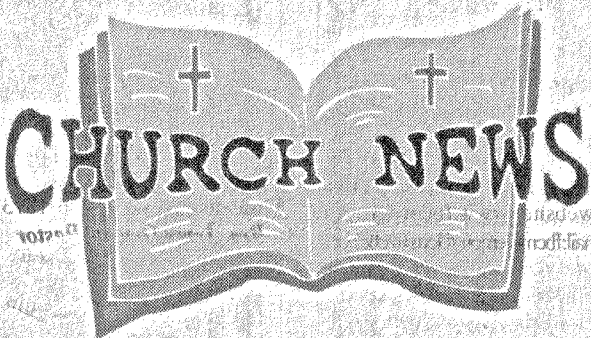
(Rom. 6:17) But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. The erring Christian is cleansed as he continues to follow

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch, articles to read. On YouTube. Chestnut Ridge Church Of Christ We want to hear from you, whether you agree or disagree, your suggestion is important to us. "REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU". You may contact me at: 606-224-1480 or [ovabaker@windstream.net](mailto:ovabaker@windstream.net).

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome  
Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021

Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25



### Let the Bible Speak

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

### VBS at Pine Hill

Vacation Bible School will be held at Pine Hill Baptist Church starting Sunday, July 7th through Thursday, July 11th from 6 to 8 o'clock each evening. A meal will be served each night, starting at 5:30.

Classes for pre-school through 12th grade (ages three and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Local transportation provided by messaging or calling 859-582-0439.

The church is located at 81 Lime Plant Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon (just three miles south of Exit 59).

### Revival at Sand Hill Baptist

Everyone is invited to attend a Revival at Sand Hill Baptist Church July 10-13 at 7 o'clock each night.

Pastor Harold Harris will preach on July 10th and 11th and Pastor Danny Robbins on July 12th and 13th.

The church is located at 2726 Sand Hill Road, Livingston. Tommy Miller is pastor.

Everyone welcome!

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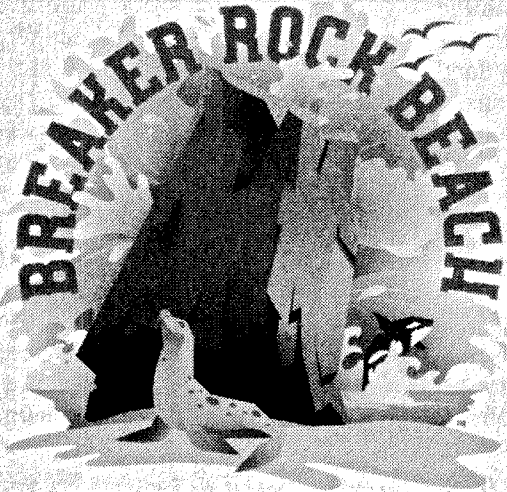
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# Church Directory

## Believers House of Prayer

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

## Berea Gospel Tabernacle

231 US 25 South  
Berea, KY  
Monday Night 7 p.m.  
Pastor: **Bro. Gregory Isaacs**  
**Bible Baptist Church**  
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
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## Blue Springs Church of Christ

7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on  
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
Services:

Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

## Preaching Brethren

**Marcus Reppert**

**Phillip Permenter**

**Eric Bullock**

Contact Info:

Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794

223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.

Mt. Vernon, Ky.

marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

## Brodhead Baptist Church

Corner of Silver & Maple St.

Brodhead, Ky. 40409

606-758-8316

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

(Nursery Provided)

Sunday Youth Bible Study

5 p.m.

Wednesday Adult & Youth

Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.

Children's Programs:

RA's & GAs

Mission Friends and

Creative Ministry

**Ralph Baker, Pastor**

**Brodhead Christian**

237 W. Main St. Brodhead

606-758-8721

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Tracy Valentine, Preacher**

606-758-8662

Cell 606-305-8980

## Brodhead Church of God

Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead

606-758-8216

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday evening 7 p.m.

**Terry Orcutt, Pastor**

**Brush Creek**

**Holiness Church**

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

**Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor**

**Buffalo Baptist Church**

Located 15 miles south of

Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249

(Sand Springs Rd.)

606-256-4988

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

**Bill Mink, Pastor**

## Calloway Baptist Church

76 Calloway Branch Rd.

(Off US 25) • Calloway

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.

**Jason Medley, Pastor**

606-308-4543

## Central Baptist Church

86 Maintenance Rd.

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

606-256-2988

centralbaptistky.org

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning 11 a.m.

Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

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Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

**Bro. Ova Baker**

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**Bro. Philip Scott**

**Church of Christ on**

**Fairground Hill**

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Different speaker each

Sunday

**Clear Creek Baptist**

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

**Climax Christian Church**

Hwy. 1912

308-2806 • 256-4138 • 256-5977

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**Climax Holiness Church**

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.

Thursday Nights 7 p.m.

3rd Sat. of every month at 7

**Community Worship**

**Church of God**

758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard

**Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor**

Worship Service

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship

11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service and

Bible Study 7 p.m.

Youth Meetings:

Sunday 5 p.m.

Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Bobby Turner, Pastor**

**Cove Branch United**

**Baptist Church**

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

1st Saturday of month singing

6 p.m.

**John Vanwinkle, Pastor**

**Crab Orchard Pentecostal**

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.

606-355-7595

## Creekside Baptist Church

2261 Copper Creek Rd.

Sunday morning breakfast: 9:30

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

**Pastor Bro: Jack Stallsworth**

## CrossPoint Church of God

211 Industrial Park Rd.

Mt. Vernon, KY

Sunday 2 p.m.

Thursday Evening 7 p.m.

**Pastor: Matt Griggs**

859-582-2553

## Crossroads

**Assembly of God**

Hwy. 150 • Brodhead

**Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor**

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

**Cupps Chapel Holiness**

Copper Creek Rd.,

Brodhead

Sunday 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

**Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter**

**Fairground Hill**

**Community Holiness**

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Sunday Service 7 p.m.

**Robert Miller, Pastor**

**Fairview Baptist Church**

520 Fairview Loop Road

Mount Vernon, Ky.

Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Children's Choir 6 p.m.

Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.

Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.

Wednesday Services

Creative Ministry 6 p.m.

Bible Study 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.

RA's and GAs 7 p.m.

Mission Friends 6 p.m.

606-256-3722

email: fellowshp@fvmhc.com

## Faith Chapel Pentecostal

S. Wilderness Road

Mount Vernon, Ky.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Saturday Service 7 p.m.

**Jack Carpenter, Pastor**

**First Baptist Church**

340 West Main Street

Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922

**Dennis Wilder, Pastor**

**Mike Howard, Assoc. Pastor**

website: www.fbcmvky.org

email:fbcmvmon@kymvwc.com

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Morning Worship: 11 am

WRVK 1460AM at 11 a.m.

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Student Worship at 6 pm

**First Christian Church**

West Main St. Mt. Vernon

606-256-2876

**Bro. Richie Smith, Pastor**

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship

11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Flat Rock Missionary**

**Baptist**

504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004

Orlando, Ky.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Fountain of Life**

**United Pentecostal Church**

80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon

Sunday 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

**Pastor: James Blanton**

**Freedom Baptist Church**

Freedom School Rd.

Mt. Vernon

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Meeting 6 p.m.

**Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst**

859-200-6331

**Hickory Grove**

**Pentecostal Church**

Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)

Brodhead, Ky.

**Randal Adams, Pastor**

Youth Pastor, Scott Adams

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

**Higher Praise Ministries**

4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.

Mt. Vernon

**Chris Davidson, Pastor**

Sunday 11 am & 6 pm

Wednesday 7 pm

Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777

**Life Church**

1225 West Main



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**Posted**

Posted: No trespassing on property located at 6633 Red Hill Road, in Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 19x6  
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**Suicide Warning Signs for Youth**

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

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

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

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



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

**Garage Sale**

4 Family Garage Sale: Rain or shine Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. till all gone at 148 Spring Hill Lane (Houston Point Subdv.). Sale will also continue the following week. We have a nice queen size bedroom suite w/mattress and box springs -- really good condition. New twin bed box springs and mattress, lamps of all kinds. Metal dog crate w/panels, lots of furniture, buffet, D-28 Martin Guitar, window fans, sheet sets in packages. Eden Pure heaters, C.D. players, warm and cool mist humidifier, like new Shark sweeper. Diamond rings, Gold necklaces and bracelets. Lots of large framed Mitchell Tolle pictures, 55 inch TV, acoustic bass guitar - four string. Ladies clothes -- all sizes; men's pants, 38-40-42, men's shirts, large, XL, 2X, 3X, like new. Call 606-224-0501 for more information.

**Miscellaneous For Sale**

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

**Motor Vehicles For Sale**

For Sale: 1952 Chevy Show Truck, \$15,900, 1957 Chevy Show Truck, \$14,900. 2002 Chevy 3/4 Ton Truck, \$10,900. Call 606-386-1470. 19x5

**Notices**

Notice is hereby given that Eric Edmonds, 216 Valley St., Apt. A, Richmond, KY 40475 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Joyce Edmonds, deceased, on the 26th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Eric Edmonds or Hon. B. Travis Newman, 2420 Frankfort Avenue, Ste. 300, Louisville, KY 40206 on or before December 30, 2024 at 11 a.m. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Patsy N. Baker, 442 Scarlett Sage Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33955 has been appointed Executrix (with will attached) of the Estate of Charles Tuck Baker, deceased, on the 26th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the Registered Agent of Service - Karen Powell, 286 Hemlock Circle, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 or to Hon. John D. Ford, 45 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before December 30, 2024. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that William Walker, 339 Center Street, Berea, KY 40403 and Casey Atwood, 2265 KY Hwy 1194, Stanford, KY 40484 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Charles C. Walker, Jr., deceased, on the 26th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said William Walker and Casey Atwood or Hon.

Vanessa Lominac Haste, Elder Law Guidance, P.O. Box 2036, Richmond, KY 40476 on or before December 30, 2024 at 11 a.m. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that William Kermit Blair II, 2185 Little Clear Creek Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and Laura Casey Chattelle, 2185 Little Clear Creek Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Sandra Lee Johnson Blair, deceased, on the 12th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said William Kermit Blair II and Laura Casey Chattelle or Hon. William A. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before December 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. 18x3

Notice is hereby given that James Cope, 777 Dicy Cope Chapel Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Larry Lee Cope, deceased, on the 12th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said James Cope or Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before December 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. 18x3

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Notice is hereby given that Charles Alan Day, 307 Cedar Ridge Rd., Stanford KY 40484 and Angela Faith Day, 463 Dix River Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Gloria Faith Day, deceased, on the 1st day of July, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Charles Alan Day and Angela Faith Day or Hon. William A Leger, P.O. Box 2250, Mt Vernon, KY 40456 on or before January 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 20x3

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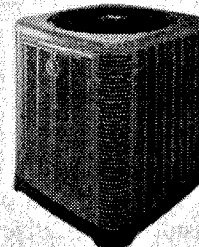
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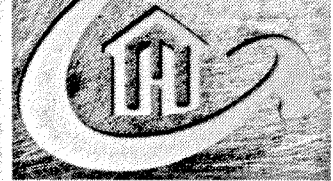
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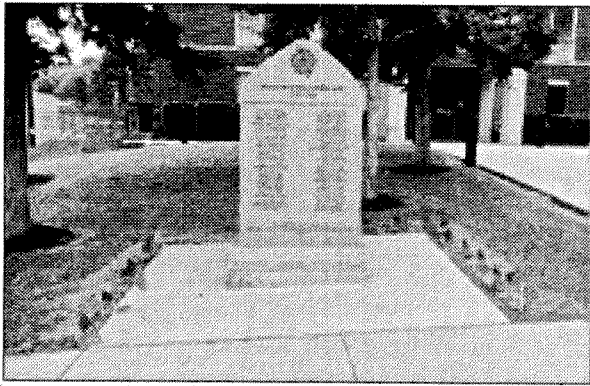
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**DAR flags**  
Rockcastle Chapter DAR prepares for our nation's 248th birthday on July 4th by placing U.S. Flags at the war memorial, the patriot monument and the never forget garden at Elmwood Cemetery.



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Legislative Update

**By: Brandon Storm  
State Senator**  
Let us reflect on our nation's remarkable journey, which started as a country that sought freedom from British oppression over 4,000 miles away. Our nation's founders, driven by enlightened thought, fought tirelessly for the most extraordinary human experiment in self-governance the world has ever known. Today, our men and women in the armed forces continue to serve with unwavering dedication to maintain this precious gift.  
Thirteen colonies, under the thumb of a king an entire ocean away, took a courageous stand and declared independence against tyranny, a testament to the indomitable spirit of our nation. The colonies became the United States and defeated the most powerful army the world had ever known. Inalienable rights were declared for all the world to hear. Those who courageously outlined the

philosophical and practical grievances against King George became marked men, along with all sympathetic to the words penned on the Declaration of Independence's five pages of parchment. The price of the birth of a new nation was blood, sweat, tears, and death. Enlightenment ideas and patriots' sacrifice formed a government of, by, and for the people that, above all else, must recognize and protect the God-given rights endowed to all.  
While not a perfect union, America's Independence Day began a journey towards a more perfect union. Since the sun set on the British flag and dawn first graced the stars and stripes of Old Glory, America has stood as the shining city on the hill for all to see. Today, the great nation we will celebrate once more on the Fourth of July remains a beacon of hope for the weary traveler—those who dream. As President Ronald Reagan


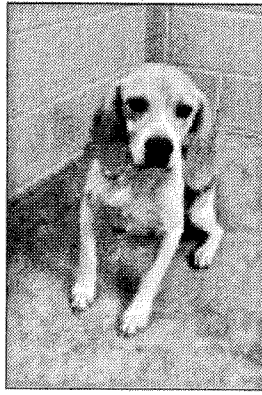
once said, America is built on rocks stronger than oceans, windswept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds, a testament to our resilience and diversity.  
Reagan also spoke of living in harmony and peace. While it may not always appear to be true in this modern era of hyperpolarization, social media, and a news cycle with no clear beginning or end, we should count ourselves fortunate to live in a nation where our differences are debated, though feverishly, within the bounds of a constitution that—like the Declaration of Independence signed on July 2, 1776, and adopted on July 4—recognizes the rights endowed to all and provides a framework of government by which our differences can be settled.  
Embracing this and our responsibilities as citizens of the United States is imperative.  
What does citizenship truly mean?  
Consider citizenship as

legal status and a profound commitment to civic responsibility. Imagine it as a vibrant tapestry of rights and duties, where each citizen is a unique tile in the mosaic, representing a piece of the American spirit. It's like donning a cloak woven from the threads of belonging, responsibility, and shared destiny. Imagine it as a passport to a grand carnival of civic engagement, where every citizen becomes a performer in the dance of the republic, adding their unique hue to the canvas of society. Each citizen's voice, when harmonized, has the power to build communities, shape policies, and weave the fabric of our nation's identity.  
Despite our differences, we are united in our desire to achieve the American dream. Whether through service to others in the armed forces or the public sector, starting a family, becoming a homeowner, achieving higher educa-

tion, or building a career, we are all part of the same narrative, the same dream of self-governance.


I hope you and your family have a safe, happy, and freedom-filled Independence Day!

**Pawfect Pets**



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Rosco, the 5 year-old male Beagle who is very friendly and Maggie, the 1 year-old female Beagle who is also friendly and a little shy. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

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9) Glide on the ice  
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20) "Falstaff" composer Sir Edward  
21) White halos, as around suns  
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26) Fortunate  
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32) Skillful quality  
37) Broad-winged hawk  
38) Decision-maker's critical moment  
41) Nice forecast  
42) Pick out of a lineup  
43) Former items  
44) Breakfast side  
46) \_\_\_\_\_ capita  
47) Scoundrels, in British slang  
53) Divide

- 58) Goldfinger's first name  
59) Disgust  
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63) Gather leaves, in a way  
64) Line-\_\_\_\_ veto  
65) Other nations, to Israelites  
66) Chinese monetary unit  
67) Extinct bird not known for its smarts

DOWN

- 1) Builders' offices  
2) Eyes, to Nero  
3) Smithy's furnace  
4) Kournikova and Kendrick  
5) Fall back, tidewise  
6) D.C. dealmaker  
7) What hiphuggers hug  
8) Vancouver hockey player  
9) Nap  
10) Boxing victory  
11) Biblical shepherd  
12) Big bag  
13) Cupid, to Greeks  
18) "How Great Thou \_\_\_\_\_"  
19) Low, sturdy cart  
23) Tenor's neighbor

- 24) Navigate waves, in a way  
27) Glass-half-empty sort  
28) Golf's shortest stroke  
29) Toiletries case  
30) Lord's subject  
31) Lead Soprano?  
32) It abuts the bema  
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34) Pitchfork piece  
35) Quaint lodgings  
36) Barnyard home  
37) "Gentle" TV bear  
39) Strong smell  
40) Western Nevada city  
44) Jumping, kidney or lima  
45) Blood line  
46) Introduction to a book  
48) Way of Lao-tzu  
49) Puffy  
50) Poetry Muse  
51) Prepared hashbrowns, say  
52) Average Joe  
53) Doe's mate  
54) Currency on the Continent  
55) Mouse, to a mouser  
56) "Freeze" or "dote" preceder  
57) Grandson of Abraham  
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61) Countdown start, often

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