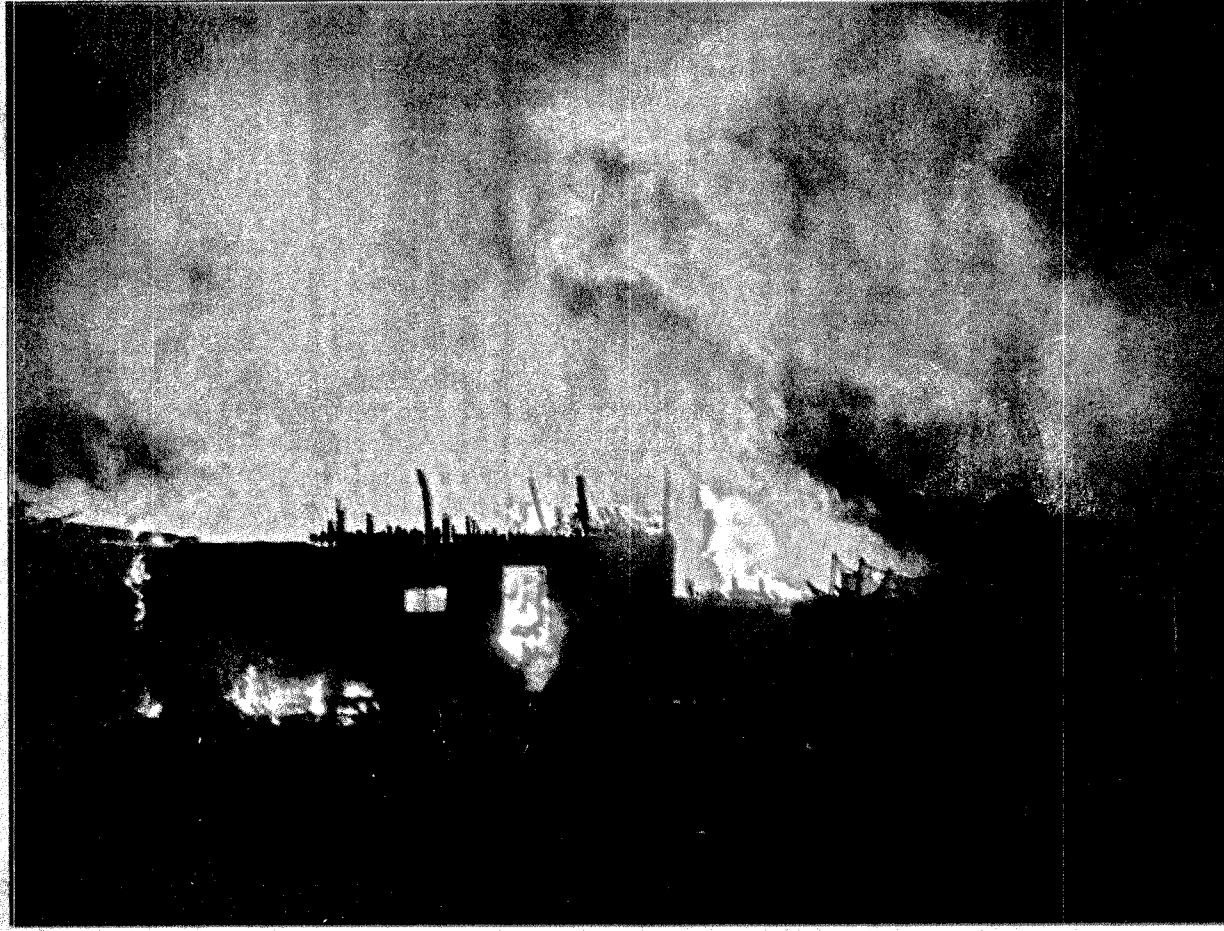


Barn blaze



Members of the Brindle Ridge Fire Department were called to a barn on fire near Brindle Ridge Road in the early morning hours Monday. Officials say the blaze was threatening a home and a vehicle nearby. Firefighters were able to gain more water from a nearby creek and keep the blaze from expanding to the home or the vehicle with 18,000 gallons of water. However officials say the home and the vehicle suffered heavy external damage from the heat of the blaze while the barn and its contents were a total loss. Also responding at the scene were the Mount Vernon Fire Department, the Brodhead Fire Department and the Berea Fire Department. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is unknown at presstime.

Winds cause minor damage

Blast in the Valley cancelled due to storms

By: Mike French
Editor

Due to threatening weather conditions, the Rockcastle County Judge/Executive, Mount Vernon Mayor, representatives of Renfro Valley and others made the decision to postpone the Blast in the Valley last weekend.

According to officials, storms were predicted for the area on both Friday and Saturday and organizers made the call to postpone the event 24 hours before the event was scheduled to begin. "No one wanted to cancel the event but the fields were already saturated with mud," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. "Even if it happened not to rain at that time, the fields would have been full of stuck vehicles and trailers. And

you can't set off fireworks in the rain. We really had no choice. It would have been a mess."

As promised, rains and storms rolled into Rockcastle County Friday and continued on and off through most of the

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Blood drive

The Kentucky Blood Center will host a blood drive on Tuesday, July 11 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service Community Room at 1050 West Main Street in Mount Vernon. Donors will receive a free t-shirt while supplies last.

School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. A workshop is planned for Monday, July 10 at 4 p.m. in the same location. The public is invited to both meetings.

Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, July 13 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Mount Vernon budget approved

New budget gives raises and funds new projects

By: Mike French
Editor

City employees will be getting a 2.5% raise and other needed projects are being funded in the new budget, according to Mount Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman.

The draft budget was presented to the City Council on June 15 after Bowman, City Clerk Crystal Rush and City Consultant Josh Bray had created the rough draft. After the first reading, a meeting/workshop was held with three council members and then another meeting with the remaining council members to work out details of the budget.

The final budget was approved unanimously last week at a special called meeting after several changes were made during the work sessions.

The budget is not a zero-balance budget since it shows a balance at the end of the fiscal year. Bowman says the city has historically kept a balance at the end of each year. "I think everyone is pleased with the budget," he said. "The city has historically been very conservative when drafting the budget and this (budget) reflects that approach." The draft budget was

changed in several ways before the final adoption, according to Bowman. "We included the 2.5% raise for city employees and budgeted \$20,000 for a badly needed new roof on City

Hall." Bowman says he hopes the new roof costs slightly less than the budgeted amount but the city can approve amendments depending upon changes needed throughout the fiscal year.

The budget also includes work on Main Street to improve the electrical service for events such as the Bittersweet Festival, Bowman said. "Some of the outlets on Main

Street do not work and the electrical system needs a general upgrade."

The final budget also includes \$7,000 for a new thermal drone for

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Fiscal court holds special meeting

Hears property tax settlement

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting last Thursday evening to deal with several issues.

First on the agenda was Deputy Dale McNew of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department who presented the property tax settlement report to the court. McNew said the 2022 report shows the department taking in

more collections than ever before. The department also worked with new software for the report and provided new details concerning the money collected.

According to the report the department was responsible for collecting \$5,316,279, which was \$35,000 more than the previous year. Total credits, including exonerated decreases, delinquents and discounts totaled \$289,601.

McNew said the Rockcastle County School Board accidentally entered a wrong number into the new software and owed \$28,143 back to the county but that amount has now been paid in full, he said.

"We were given well over \$5 million to collect this year," said McNew. "The year before we had \$4.6 million and it keeps going up every year."

McNew said the most recent audit was complete

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Meth arrest made in City of Livingston

By: Mike French
Editor

Livingston Police Chief Travis Davis reported getting a small amount of methamphetamine off the streets of Livingston last week.

According to a uniform citation, Amanda Gibbons, 39, of Livingston was arrested Tuesday, June 27th on several charges, including possession of methamphetamine.

Davis said he witnessed the vehicle driven by Gibbons traveling 65 in a 55 zone and upon stopping the vehicle, found Gibbons had no license in her possession and no license plate.

According to the citation, Gibbons told the officer that the vehicle had not been transferred into her name. Davis said when Gibbons turned her pockets out, upon request, a pill suspected to be Suboxone, fell out.

The citation says that Davis was then given permission to search the vehicle and Gibbons then told the officer where to search. During the search, Davis located a white powder, suspected to be meth, and a glass pipe where Gibbons had told him to search. The citation also says Gibbons admitted to using meth.

According to the report, While being questioned, Gibbons also told Davis of a gun located near her breasts.

Gibbons was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with speeding, failure to register a motor vehicle, no registration plates, possession of a controlled substance, no registration receipt, prescription not in the proper container, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth and no license in possession.

County applies for USDA grants for police cruisers

May apply for more

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a public hearing last Thursday regarding a grant application written by the Cumberland Valley Area District Development

(CVADD) for a new police cruiser for the Sheriff's Department.

Shelby Jones, of CVADD opened the hearing for questions concerning the 75/25 grant application and asking for Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr.'s signature on the documents.

The 2023 Dodge Durango contract is set at \$42,308 with the grant paying 75% which is \$31,731 leaving the fiscal court responsible for

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Community yard sale

The Mount Vernon-Rockcastle Tourism Commission is hosting a Community Yard Sale Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8 in the field in front of the John Lair House on US-25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Space may be rented for \$20 per spot. To reserve a spot, call 606-256-1000. The deadline to reserve a spot is today, Thursday, July 6.

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ramblings...

By; perlina m. anderkin

The Supreme Court really stirred up another hornet's nest last week when they decided on three issues... Biden's student loan forgiveness program; Affirmative Action as regards using race as a factor in college admissions and freedom of conscience rights for Christians.

In a 6-3 vote on all three issues, the justices ruled that the \$400B student loan forgiveness is unconstitutional, even citing in their majority opinion California Democrat Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, who said that pResident Biden did not have the power to forgive the loans, it would take an act of Congress.

Biden, and his administration, and, the main stream media lost their minds immediately, with Biden declaring "The Court misinterpreted the Constitution."

Because of this renegade regime, I have read my handy pocket size Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America completely through twice in the last two years and no where - NO WHERE - can I find any reference to forcing citizens to pay off another citizen's debt, just as I was never able to find where the government had the authority to dictate that I buy a product - health insurance.

I decided that by stretching the meaning of the constitution's guarantee of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" into meaning that the only way Democrats can be happy is if they have total control over every aspect of our lives, and our

country, then we should allow them to do whatever the heck they want so they can be "happy."

There are some questions about Biden's loan forgiveness that were never answered any way with one in particular being, does this forgiveness apply to all future borrowers? I've never heard this issue addressed and I think it is an important one.

One action that might help the situation greatly is to lower the interest rate, which is much higher than it ever was when student loans were acquired through private entities.

But, never fear, the same day the SCOTUS decision came down, the pResident immediately announced that he had a backup plan. This plan, as I understand it, is for the Department of Education to revise their Income-Driven Replacement (IDR).

Currently any student loan borrower, who does not make over the poverty level of \$33,000 and change, has a zero monthly payment but gets credit for paying the loan anyway. The DOE plans to raise that amount to \$80K-\$90K, creating a zero monthly payment for those borrowers.

So, look for another upcoming vote buying ploy by this regime.

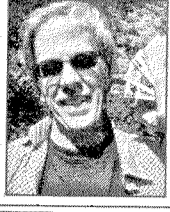
And, then of course, there is the ever controversial Affirmative Action, that universities and big businesses have employed for many, many years which was also overturned by the Court.

Harvard, as a private school, and the Univer-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Somehow we have become a nation that punishes innocent people, when others break the rules. People have adopted this attitude that they are going to do something about a problem and it doesn't seem to matter to them if the solution makes the problem worse.

I call it the "drive through basket syndrome." Make new rules to pretend they are some wonderful, brilliant helper to society, when in fact they are making things worse.

During COVID, some drive through restaurants put the food in a bag, then put the bag in a basket and handed you the basket. As if they were putting an end to COVID. "Look at me. I'm doing something." They completely ignored the fact that they touched the food to start with. Then touched the bag that they put in the basket. Then touched the basket exactly the same as they would have touched the bag. In reality, it was three times the surfaces to deal with that could have the COVID virus on it. It was so childish and useless and made the problem worse. "Hey, at least they did something." I would much prefer doing nothing before making a problem worse.

The most stupid idea I have ever seen is to pretend one is some big social hero by placing a "gun free zone" sign on property. Yeah right, that is solving the problem.

So about 15 people (out of 8 billion) go nuts and shoot up a crowd and their solution is to forbid 7.9999 billion citizens from being able to stop a shooter on their property, who can then shoot as many people as they desire. Smooth move Einstein.

Eighteen minutes later when cops arrive, I hope they don't obey your sign. This isn't even addressing the fact that such signs are in direct conflict with the Constitution and is infringing on my rights as a citizen. But hey, "they are doing something."

Yes, they are. They are helping mass shootings succeed and infringing

upon my rights. A sign won't stop a potential shooter. But will stop law abiding citizens who could have stopped the shooter.

Pharmacies have a new rule too. You may purchase an entire month's supply of YOUR medicine, that your doctor has prescribed for you, anytime you want. But if you can only afford half of them at a time, you aren't allowed to buy the rest when you have the money. You have to wait 14 days to buy the meds you could have already bought in the first place if you had the money. They refuse to sell YOUR meds to you. Yeah, that sure takes opioids off the streets.

It does nothing but punish those who are doing the right thing and trying to purchase their meds, when money is available. What if that elderly person doesn't have the money in 14 days? Tough! The pharmacies don't care. "Just follow my rules! I'm doing something."

Again, such rules do nothing to help the problem but everything to cause pain, suffering and hardship on the innocent.

There are some rich people who cheat on their taxes. They hide receipts or launder money or sink money in nonexisting companies, or whatever. But us poor people can't

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



It Might Just as Well Be Winter

Dear Journal,

Here it is the peak of summer and people are running around doing all of the good old summertime things that people do except for me. The worst part of it is that I don't have anyone to blame but myself.

Two nights ago was the fireworks show at London Stanley and I always attended. I didn't even feel like getting ready to go, much less going. Besides, there came a terrible storm that almost blew us away. Our dogs would have been horrified especially to find themselves here all alone. It seems that I've just lost all of my strength of late. If and when I am able to get a good night's sleep, I can function somewhat better.

I have to be careful not

to get into the sun very much due to my lupus. If I get too much sun I'm sick for several days. Tomorrow is the 4th of July and I hope to get out some. It is supposed to be cloudy but dry. If I can sleep and rest enough, everybody look out here 'cause here I come. I don't know exactly what I'll do but going to a nice restaurant will definitely be in the picture. There may be a movie too if I can find anything worth seeing which is unusual to find now. Stanley and I don't go to the movies but two or three times a year. I really hope there are some fireworks to be seen somewhere, too. Maybe I can take in seeing them, too.

I've really missed this summer so far; it might as well have been winter with the cabin fever I feel.

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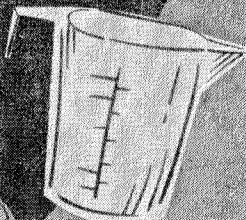
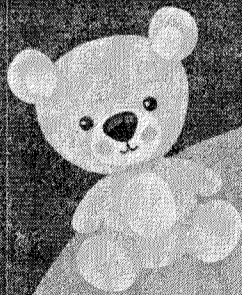
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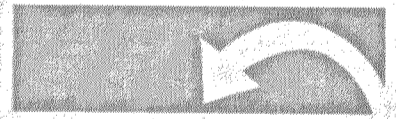
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ramblings

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sity of North Carolina, as a public college, were involved in the decision and some of the statistics from Harvard are eye-opening to say the least.

Under the Affirmative Action program, Harvard admits 12.7% Asians, 15.3% Whites, 31.3% Hispanics and 56.1% Blacks.

At Harvard, North Carolina and Yale, black students can score about 1100 and get an invitation to apply but Asians and White students have to have over 1300 on the PSAT to get the same invitation.

I cannot imagine a minority student being proud of their accomplishment (depending on their race for advance-

ment) when it has nothing to do with their achievements and everything to do with the color of their skin.

Ironically, the Supreme Court did allow the nation's military academies to continue considering the race of would-be students.

At the same time, I have to also say that these colleges' practice of admitting students because they are "legacy" students is also ridiculous and demeaning.

Why should they have a better chance of being admitted because their parents, or grandparents, or other prominent members of their family, went there?

Our colleges in this country have a lot to atone for and to set right in the coming years.

By the way, Berea College has announced that they will not change anything about their admissions practices. Their new President Dr. Cheryl Nixon says they already have a process geared toward admitting those who face social and economic hardships-- based on a "holistic" review of applicants' life stories -- the sort of consideration endorsed by Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority.

Currently, Berea's enrollment population is: 49.7% White, 17.6% Black, 14.1% Hispanic or Latino.

It seems that race relations are at an all-time low in this country and they are certainly not being improved by remarks coming out of the black community.

Aces

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cheat. What do we have to hide? We have no money to put away where government can't find it. And where would we put it if we did have it, in an "off shore account?" Yeah, I have a bunch of those.

So what happens? Joe Biden uses that tax money we have paid in already, to hire 87,000 more IRS agents to audit every poor citizen in the country if they wish. The innocent getting punished. I am betting the rich will never see a difference.

We have become a nation of people whose need to say they are "doing something about the problem" is more important than actually helping the problem. In the middle of

it all, we don't hesitate to punish the innocent for things criminals do.

To "do something" about racism and discrimination, Joe Biden picks out an entire race of people and refuses to appoint them as a judge because their skin is too light and their gender is wrong. The prime, perfect example of racism and discrimination. Punishing the innocent. It's what we do. Discriminate to stop discrimination. Genius! That

sure helped!

It would clearly be a better world with less gap between the rich and the poor and the sick and the healthy if companies and agencies and government would STOP "doing something" even if it is wrong. Making a situation worse is never the solution for any problem. It is only the solution for those with a personal agenda. "Look at me. I am helping."

Helping themselves maybe.

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Mt. Vernon Lions Club Notice

To all current members of the Mt. Vernon Lions Club: The club is in the process of revising our Constitution and by-laws. A vote on the revisions will be held at a meeting at Limestone Grille on Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

MVHS Reunion is September 9th

The Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Reunion Committee has scheduled the annual reunion for September 9, 2023 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Middle School in Mt. Vernon. The reunion will recognize and celebrate the classes of: 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963 and 1968. The committee needs a contact person to assist in contacting your classmates from these five featured classes. Please contact Mae at 859-749-2185 or Glen at 859-582-8745 if you can help in planning for your class reunion. **Invitations for the reunion will be mailed out the last of July and the deadline to return them is August 31.** The fee for tickets is \$20 for each and reservations must be made in advance, due to the increase of food prices for the meals. We look forward to seeing everyone September 9th.

Weekly Grief Support Group

A weekly grief support group meets each Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hospice Care Plus and Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond. Please pre-register at hospicecareplus.org or by calling 859-986-1500. Open to anyone whose loved one was cared for by Hospice Care Plus. If travel is an obstacle, contact Abby at 859-986-1500 to request alternative grief support options.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

CrossPoint Missions hosts a Celebrate Sobriety Service on Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon City Park. For more information call John Burton, Pastor, 606-392-6141.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

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

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

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

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

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

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"We will never create enough laws to control evil -- evil does not obey laws!"
--author unknown

Obituaries

Glen Edward Ellison

Glen Edward Ellison, 71, of Copper Creek, died Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born August 25, 1951, a son of the late Henry Robert and Ollie Myrtle Cupp Ellison. Glen was a long-time employee of Western Rockcastle Water Co. He was a member of Hickory Grove Holiness Church, and he found great joy in hunting, fishing, farming and spending time with the grandchildren.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his grandchildren, Zachary Ellison (Brittany) of Copper Creek, Sarah Saylor of Lexington, and Emma Ellison of Richmond; siblings, Darrell Ellison (Wanda) of Brodhead, Opal Leece of Mesa, Arizona, Verlyan Ramsey (Kenneth) of Winchester, Jean Fuson of Middletown, OH, Ruby Brock (Dallas) of Copper Creek, and Sandra Gisler (Gary Freeman) of Quail; great grandchildren, Oakley, Jace, Marvie and Jake; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Marsha Riddle Ellison; his son, Dana Ellison; and siblings, Reba Short, Lelia Durham, Estline Noe, Zella Lawson, Hester Leece, Elsie Ellison, Maggie Ellison, Joe Ellison, Henry Ellison, Jr., Bobby Ellison, and Herman Ellison.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 1, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Contributions may be to St. Jude in Glen's memory. Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Carl H. Alsip

Carl H. Alsip, 84, died June 20, 2023. Beloved husband of Beulah Alsip. Beloved son of the late Morley and Lottie Alsip. Loving father of Carla (Chris) Koonce and Chris (Chrissy) Alsip. Dear papaw of Abigail Koonce and Isaac Koonce and brother of Ann Nantz, Rita Lynn Davidson, and the following deceased: Jean Elliott, Lela Peace, Frances Jones, Gladys Brock and George E. Alsip. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-laws.

Services were held Friday, June 30, 2023 at Vorhis & Ryan Funeral Home, 11365 Springfield Pike, Springdale, OH 45246. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Queen City Hospice in his memory.

Timothy Jerome Anderkin

Timothy Jerome Anderkin, 55, of Mt. Vernon, passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at St. Joseph in Lexington. Born January 14, 1968 in Madison County, the son of the late Loretta Anderkin Smith, Tim worked for more than thirty years as a hair stylist and beautician in Lexington. Tim enjoyed gardening, chatting with his clients, and rescuing animals in need, including dogs, cats, birds, and horses.



He is survived by his brothers, Joshua (JoAnn) Smith and Jason (Maggie) Smith as well as his sister, Cassandra Smith.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Loretta Anderkin Smith, sisters, Chrystal Lamb Smith and Famey Anderkin Hellard and his brother, Christopher James Smith.

Tim will be interred at Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Nora Ross

Nora Ross, 64, of London, died Thursday, June 29, 2023 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born December 10, 1958 in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of the late Kinky Winstead and Florence Hoskins Winstead. She had been an RN at St. Joseph Health in London for 37 years. Nora found great joy in spending time with her family particularly her grandchildren.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her mother, Florence Winstead of Brodhead; her children, Billy Combs and Stephanie of Lancaster, Leah Combs Fields of Brodhead, and Carrie Ross Thompson of London; her grandchildren, Raelyn Combs, Kenzie Fields, Madilyn Combs, Kenny Lee Thompson and Eli Combs; brother, Clinton Winstead of New York; nephew, Alex Winstead of Maryland; as well as friends and neighbors.

Memorial service was held Monday, July 3, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

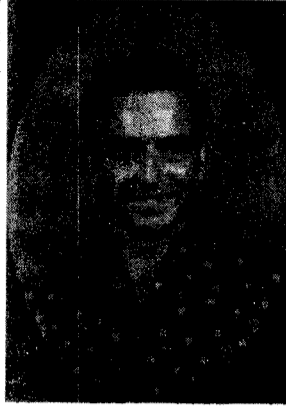
In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in Nora's memory, to St. Jude's.

Let all that you do be done in Love.
1 Corinthians 16:14

Virgil Lee Brock

Virgil Lee Brock, 81, of Slaty Branch, passed away Saturday, July 1, 2023, at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation, Brodhead, after a long illness.

Virgil was born on May 2, 1942, at Copper Creek to loving parents, Mose Bradley and Verla Brummett Brock. He was a lifelong farmer, loved to visit family and friends, various churches, discuss the Bible, and had a sweet tooth for chocolate.



Virgil is survived by three sisters and three brothers: Evelyn Hilton Abbott of Berea; Francene Brock Ledford of Crab Orchard; Lavena Faye (Gary) Gregory of Indianapolis, IN; Proctor Brock of Copper Creek; Mose (Naomi) Brock of Kings Mountain; Dallas (Ruby) Brock of Copper Creek. He is also survived by a large host of nieces and nephews: Joyce Sulfridge, Betty Petrey, Darlene Brenda, Judy Baker, Jackie Proctor, Beverly Brock, Verlie Gregory and Lisa Gregory and a special friend, Faye Burns (Caregiver).

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, Mose Bradley and Verla Mae, baby sisters, Matilda and Corine, nephew, James Avery Ledford, and infant nieces, Benita and Renita Brock.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 5, from 5-8 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. The funeral will be on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Bro. Randal Adams and Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Burial will be at Negro Creek Cemetery in Brodhead.

Pallbearers will be his nephews and honorary pallbearers, Dale Brock, Roger Brock, Charles Ledford, Gary Ledford, Doug Ledford, Kenny Brock, Derek Brock, Jimmy Brock, Tim Brock, and Gabriel Gregory.

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

Peggy Campbell Owens

Peggy Campbell Owens of Somerset, daughter of the late Arnold E. and Carolyn Hayes Campbell, died June 21, 2023, at Lake Cumberland's Jean Waddle Hospice Care unit.



Born in Louellen on January 14, 1940. She attended Highsplit Elementary and graduated from Everts High School. She attended Cumberland College as well. She was a Kentucky Colonel, past president of the Somerset Jr. Woman's Club, co-coordinator of the Somerset Special Olympics area games for 10 years, President of her PTA, and worked diligently for the mentally handicapped.

As well as her parents she is preceded in death by: a brother, David A. Campbell. She is survived by: her husband of 62 years, Dr. Byron M. Owens of Somerset; her son, Byron Patrick Owens of Somerset; brothers, Larry D. Campbell (Shirl) of Watertown MN, and Danny K. Campbell (Deanna) of Calvin; sister, Pamela C. Kelly (Colen) of Closepoint; and a niece, Heather K. Eldridge, who she claimed as her daughter.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask donations to be made to the local or KY Special Olympics.

Celebration of life was held Monday, July 3, 2023, at "The Bridge" First Baptist Somerset by David Pendley.

Arrangements by Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Reunions

Major Reunion

The Major Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 8th at Woodstock Community Center on Hwy. 39 from noon to 4 p.m.

Mullins Reunion

The Mullins Family and Friends Reunion will be Saturday, July 8th at Fairview Baptist Church, 520 Fairview Loop Road, Mt. Vernon with lunch at noon. CP and Edith Mullins' family. Come and join us.

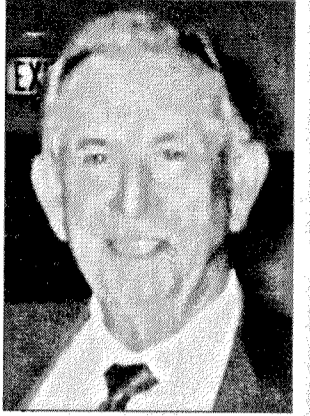
Church News

Benefit Singing

Roundstone Baptist Church will hold a Benefit Singing for Bro. Gary Burton on Saturday, July 8th, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be food and music. Please come and join us.

Jearl Dean Cromer

Jearl Dean Cromer, 90, died peacefully at the Veterans Home in Georgetown, OH on June 28, 2023. He was born in Somerset to Edney and Lucretia (Rash) Cromer.



He is survived by: his daughter-in-law, Tami Cromer; grandchildren, Anthony Conway, Kelsey (Michael) Rosales and Elise Strickland; sister-in-laws, June Burton, Billie Burton, and Ruth (WA) Owens; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Berniece (Burton) Cromer; his son, Derwin Cromer; and siblings, Wanda Hood, Lester Cromer, Joe Cromer, Ed Cromer, Ina Bullock, Lina Dilbert, Essie Payne and Dessie Bullock.

As a young man Jearl served his country in the Army during the Korean war. He was a faithful, active member of Goshen Church of Christ. We take comfort knowing he is resting in the arms of Jesus and reunited with Berniece and Derwin. Jearl was a kind and loving person and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. He lived life to the fullest, enjoying simple pleasures. He was quick-witted, always joking, smiling and eager to help others.

Jearl's family would like to extend gratitude to the Veterans Home in Georgetown for the excellent care he received.

Visitation will be held at Evans funeral Home 1944 State Rt. 28 Goshen, Ohio on Monday, July 10th from 6 to 8 p.m. A graveside ceremony will be held Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at Fairview Church of Christ cemetery, 213 Old Bandy Rd., Brodhead at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



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What Was The Fan?

John the Baptist said. (Matt.3:12) Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, gather His wheat into garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. The fan was a winnowing fan, that was used to separate the chaff from the wheat. Jesus came under the law of Moses. He came to fully obey that law, fulfill it, and take it out of the way. Like all laws and institutions, it had been defiled by many additions and changes by men. In the very beginning of Jesus's public ministry, Jesus began to separate the true laws of God from the additions and modifications of men that had been added by man through traditions. The Sermon on the Mount is a separating of the true teachings given by God from the additions and changes by man. Even the things not approved by God, but tolerated because of the hardness of the people, were purged out from the law of God. These all constituted the chaff that was purged out and burned up by the unquenchable wrath of God. The truths that were pleasing to God and that were eternal were brought over by Jesus Christ in the kingdom of God.

The laws and institutions given by Jesus Christ, while being operated by man, will be contaminated by his touch and defiled by additions, as was the law of Moses. The church will undergo a purifying process before it is given up to the Father. The "wood hay and stubble;" of man's additions will be burned up, and the gold, silver and precious stones will remain approved, "but all must go through the trial of fire". (1Cor.3:12-13) Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood hay, stubble. Every mans work shall be manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. (1Cor.15:24-27) Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is accepted, which did put all things under him. Jesus said once again. (Matt. 15:13) Every plant, that my Heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up the last day.

Friends we need to be sure our life and way of worship is not, wood, hay, or stubble, the way we can know, did it come from men or God?

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube channel. The church is located in Mt Vernon Kentucky. The church worships every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. We also have free Bible Correspondence courses. If you would like to contact someone from the church, you can call this number 606-224-1480 or you can email me at ovabaker@windstream.net.

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Cashless society is long way from becoming reality

By: Mike French
Editor

Have your parents ever slipped you a \$20 bill for no reason? Did you ever get a \$10 bill in a Christmas Card? Has anyone ever paid you in cash for helping them with a task? Do you have a \$50 bill tucked away somewhere for a rainy day?

According to several banking websites, if a cashless society becomes a reality, none of these situations can ever happen again. Every cent you spend and every cent you earn will be on record and followed by someone you never met. That same someone will know every cent you possess and be aware of everything you buy, sell or give away for the rest of your life.

Still, many support the idea of a cashless society citing convenience and fairness as the top arguments for no cash in America. Bribery, blackmail and other illegal cash transactions would be easily traced and evident immediately, according to proponents of a cashless society.

The first coin ever created is believed to have been made 700 years before Christ (2,700 years ago) in Turkey. Since then, nations have risen and fallen over the quest for the mighty dollar.

However, rumors, innuendo and some real plans are circulating concerning ending the cash monetary system around the world, including in America.

A new, entirely electronic digital system of trade would replace cash as the newest form of currency. A swipe of a card or an embedded microchip or even facial recognition software would instantly transfer funds from your personal or business federal account for any and all transactions. If you give your child \$20, the federal government will know about it...and tax it, according to the World Economic Forum website.

However, local officials say this generation should not concern themselves with the idea. "If it happens at all, it would be another 40 to 50 years down the road. We aren't talking about anything like this happening any-

time soon," said Keith Pierce of Community Trust Bank.

A cashless society would provide instant commerce with the swipe of a hand or a card and a computer system would update your account and transfer funds as required. As long as everything worked perfectly.

According to many reports, including the Pacific Coast Banking (PCB) system and Thehill.com, China is leading the way to a cashless society with facial recognition software that prevents another person from taking funds from any account other than their own. According to reports, over 80% of people in China use no cash when performing

transactions. Those same reports say 41% of Americans used no cash in 2022.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has been advocating for a cashless society for several years and a visit to their website quickly informs the reader of the great potential of a cashless society and suggests a one-world government state-backed utility would be responsible for handling all transactions around the world.

Several supportive sites explain the safety of such a system that would protect citizens from fraud and corruption and would reduce costs putting a freeze on inflation for years to come. Such sites explain the e-pay-

ment structure and point out how negative transactions such as illegal drugs, sexual activity, illegal political donations, alcohol, cigarettes and other "unhealthy transactions" could be "flagged" and "investigated."

Rumors on social media pages often suggest such a system is imminent and will be enforced at any time. However, Corey Craig, CEO of Citizens Bank said he had not heard anything about an imminent cashless system.

Pierce agreed, "Nothing like this is in the works or even being considered in the banking system," he said. "A lot of people utilize VENMO or PAYPAL or their debit card. This is a growing, popular method of trade. But nothing about doing away with cash is being discussed in the banking system."

Pierce also said privacy may be an issue that will slow the progress of a cashless society. "One issue is that they, whom ever 'they' are, will know every transaction and a lot of people don't care for that," he said.

Still, cash money is being used less every year in America, according to many sources. Some motels and hotels already refuse to accept cash and many businesses do not accept larger bills. In fact, according to a survey by PCB, 60% of Americans say they made very few or no cash purchases last year. The same survey, five years ago, resulted in 13% saying they made very few or no cash purchases indicating the trend is moving toward a cashless society anyway.

Going cashless is either a worry or an anticipated improvement for many Americans. But, according to local banking officials, no such system is being currently considered and most social media posts about the matter are greatly exaggerated.

"Blast"

(Continued from front) weekend. In fact, heavy rains and strong winds caused some damage to trees and other property in the county over that period, according to officials. Local fire department volunteers, as well as the Rockcastle County Road Department, received calls to remove large limbs from local roadways throughout the weekend.

Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray lifted restrictions on vehicles including trucks and equipment, moving to help in clean-up efforts across the state immediately after the storms.

Officials say some of the expense of the event, such as portable restroom, had already been paid but the extra fireworks that had been purchased are expected to be stored until the event is rescheduled.

The funds are placed in a special account to be used for the event, according to Holbrook, but some funds were already used. However, officials say they expect enough funds to remain to cover the costs of rescheduling, especially if refunds are given since the event was postponed.

Organizers say they will inform the public as soon as a new date is scheduled, unless bad weather postpones the event so long that officials decide to cancel until next year.

According to Mt. Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts, all those involved will have to take part in the rescheduling. "We have to find a time when Renfro Valley doesn't already have an event planned and the inflatables are available and other events won't interfere," he said. "It will have to be a collaborative effort to choose the best time for everyone. We will let the public know when we are able to reschedule."

"Budget"

(Continued from front) the fire department as well as several new bullet-proof vests for police officers, whose vests are more than five years old.

According to officials, the cost of water plant chemicals have also risen sharply and the budget includes access to more needed chemicals in order to avoid some of the bad taste and odor in the water that is possible until the new reactive basin is completed. The budget helps improve chemical treatment for the next year and the issue will be

addressed again in the next fiscal budget, Bowman said.

Officials agree the added chemicals will not remove the taste and odor from the local water system but will improve the taste and odor slightly. "Frank (Baker, Water and Sewer Supervisor) is doing a wonderful job in keeping the taste and odor to a minimum. until the new project is completed," said Bowman. "The water would likely have more taste and odor than it does but Frank and his crew work very hard keeping it to a minimum until the new basin is complete."

Bowman also said revenues raised from the alcohol tax do not appear in the budget. "That money is very restricted and so it doesn't show up in the budget," he said.

According to the state Alcohol Beverage Control Act, the funds raised through the 5% alcohol tax must be used to reimburse costs related to the sale of alcohol in the city. Bowman says a large portion of those funds go to the police department, the ABC Administrator's salary and any expenses incurred due to alcohol sales.

Bowman said there were also many other minor changes in the budget and anyone wishing to see the complete budget may request a copy from city hall.

Total estimated cash and revenues are shown at: \$2,618,850 in the general fund; \$175,600 in the municipal aid fund; \$71,900, LGEA fund; \$4,422,900, water and sewer fund and \$63,553, UDAG fund.

Total appropriations are estimated at \$2,264,040, general fund; \$40,000, municipal aid fund; \$12,000, LGEA fund; \$3,685,124, water and sewer fund and \$2,400 in the UDAG fund.

Total balances in the budget are shown at \$354,810 in the general fund, \$135,600 in the municipal aid fund, \$59,900 in the LGEA fund, \$737,776 in the water and sewer fund and \$61,153 in the UDAG fund.

According to the budget the Mount Vernon Police Department is allocated \$1,059,368 and \$1,095,000 is allocated for project development. The administrative department of government is estimated at \$863,850 and the Mount Vernon Fire Department is allocated \$155,338.

"We have a strong budget and credit goes to the Mayor (Tim Roberts) and to all the council

members who worked hard putting it together," said Bowman. "We are blessed with a mayor and council who strive to be good stewards and servants of the citizens of Mount Vernon."

"Court"

(Continued from front) with no issues.

In other action, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., suggested the county have the land, owned by the county in Livingston, surveyed. Apparently a logging company had cut trees in the area and some officials suspect some of the trees cut may have been on county-owned property. The survey will help the fiscal court decide if legal action is needed, according to Holbrook.

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe said logging on unapproved property can carry triple penalties and he and Holbrook are looking into the possibility that trees were cut off county property without approval.

The court agreed and voted to have the land surveyed. Rowe said he will make his recommendations after the survey is complete.

The court also received a letter and a report from Livingston City Clerk Samantha Smoker concerning the court's recent decision to hold the monthly \$1,000 program support to the city until more financial information was in hand.

According to members of the court, Livingston officials had agreed to provide such information to the court but since that information was not presented by the regular monthly fiscal court meeting, the monthly support was withheld in June until further information was obtained.

Smoker's letter informed the court that "there are not multiple people in this office to assist in bookkeeping," and that she is "not responsible for setting deadlines for the fiscal court."

However, after reviewing the expense report, there were still some questions by some court members. "What kind of flower pots cost \$100 to remove," said Magistrate Shane Thacker. Magistrate William Denny and other court members requested that Judge/Executive Holbrook get more information concerning the tourism payroll, including check stubs or receipts.

The Livingston report also thanked the court for mulch and said "the commitment from the

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court does not go unnoticed."

No action was taken on reinstating the \$1,000 monthly support.

The court also approved a claim from BetterSource Benefits for employee insurance totalling \$92,993 in "additional funding needed" for claims processed in June. Holbrook said employee insurance for 57 employees has risen from \$433,391 last year to \$457,522 this year. "The bad news is we have already been informed that it will increase another 6% next year."

Holbrook said he hopes to have more companies bid for the service next year. "This was our only bid. We didn't have much choice," he said.

The court also approved the Rockcastle County employee and wage list.

Having no further business the court was adjourned.

A workshop is scheduled for Monday July 10 and the regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11 at 4 p.m. in the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

"Grant"

(Continued from front) \$10,577.

Dale McNew, Sheriff's deputy and finance director, said it will cost an estimated \$12,580 for police equipment installed in the vehicle.

Sheriff Shannon Franklin said at an earlier meeting that he would prefer to purchase two new vehicles while the USDA grant is available but Jones said it will cost less for the county if two

separate grants are written. Jones added that in the next grant, the \$12,580 for equipment could be added to the grant application so that the funds would also cover 75% of equipment costs.

Jones continued to list many other items the county could apply for that she has seen successful in other counties, including a transportation vehicle for the detention center, police vests, generators and many other homeland security related items.

The court agreed to consider other possible grant applications. "Every vest we have is over five years old," said McNew. Police bulletproof vests are only rated for five years of use.

Jones told the court it may be as long as two months before they receive an answer on the application but she has seen responses within two weeks. "There are lots of possible grants that you may be interested in," said Jones. "I will get you the applications anytime."

Having no further business, the hearing was adjourned.

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ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
DATE: 06/20/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of Mule Lane (CR-1426) and;

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of Mule Lane (CR-1426) and;

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:
To End County Maintenance on the entire length of Mule Lane (CR-1426)

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of Mule Lane (CR-1426) proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: July 11, 2023
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

A copy of this Notice shall be posted at the Courthouse, in the vicinity of the roadway Affected, and published two (2) times in the Mt. Vernon Signal.

This the 20th day of June 2023.

Howell Holbrook
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Over 12,000 tires off the streets



Over 350 vehicles dropped off over 12,000 tires at the local Solid Waste Site this month during the tire turn-in event. Tires cannot be disposed of in the usual methods but the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator James Renner, said he is proud to have helped remove over 12,000 tires from ditchlines and roadways in the county during the three-day tire drop-off.

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Yards to Paradise

By: Max Phelps

Retreats: Back Yard and Other Get-Away Spots

The retreat is typically thought of as the fun place to escape to, and many a home has one. Certainly vacation trips and crowded resort towns or a few days in a mountain cabin may be the retreat some seek from time to time. But, more and more homeowners are finding or creating their privacy spot.

So, where might someone go for either a spot for being alone, or a spot for you and your mate?

Some homes have a man cave, a theater room, or a family or library or game room. Some have a porch or deck that is private enough to be a retreat place. Outdoor rooms—literal room construction not part of the home itself, or a 'room' of greenery that creates a secluded area—are popular places of retreat. Other folks think of enjoyable activities as a retreat; swimming, walking on a private path, tending a garden or small orchard, or maybe just a table for two that is out of sight of other family or the neighbors.

What constitutes a retreat in your mind? And do you have one? Or, how simple or complicated might it be to create one? It's a trend that seems to have 'legs'.

Yes, the oceanfront accommodation or the

mountain cabin are one way to define RETREAT. That once-in-a-lifetime trip, or that favorite spot you try to visit for an anniversary or something surely fits the definition.

But the home retreat can give a person the same seclusion and relaxing experience. A calmness of mind and body, a rejuvenation of the spirit. A big change in daily routine doesn't necessarily have to include a car, train, or plane. The home retreat can produce the same feeling of wellbeing. It can also be more economical, and experienced much more often, minus the hassles of traveling.

A home should be more than timbers, bricks, or vinyl siding with shingles on top. It should be more than a possession us and the mortgage company own. It should offer separation from jobs and traffic, but also comforts, peace, safety, sanctuary, or at the least a room or nook that enables you to RETREAT and to be refreshed and mentally and physically restored.

Do you have a quiet spot to catch the headlines, read a little, perhaps pray and meditate a little—at the very least either at the beginning or the conclusion of your day? Does every moment demand more and more

of you anymore? Like texts and phone calls and emails and alarms and trying to talk even on the drive to or from the job? This could make for a whole article of it's own.

I cannot cover all the things we might do to create a retreat at home. Such easily might fill a book or two. But if you have read this far, then at least I hope to prompt you to think about retreats and creating one if you don't have one at your place.

Indoors, a special quiet room away from tv,

(Continued on A8)



Take Action

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 Ordinance # 2023-10

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

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

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

SECTION ONE: The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024 is adopted as set forth herein.

	General Fund	Municipal Aid Fund	LGEA Fund	W/S Fund	UDAG Fund
Resources Available					
Cash balances (estimate)	350,000	130,000	56,900	390,000	61,033
Taxes	1,644,000				
License & permits	8,000				
Intergovernmental receipts	0	45,600	15,000		2,520
Charges for services	0			2,537,900	
Other receipts	616,850				
Project Funding				1,495,000	
Bond Financing					
Transfers (in)*	0				
Total cash and revenues	2,618,850	175,600	71,900	4,422,900	63,553
Appropriations:					
Administrative Dept.	863,268				
Police Department	1,059,368				
Fire Department	155,338				
LGEA Trans on Police wages	0		12,000		2,400
Firehouse Loan	2,400				0
Streets/Maintenance		40,000			
Water Dept. O & M				511,123	
Sewer Dept. O & M				592,462	
Debt Service (short & long term)	183,666			1,486,539	
Project Development				1,095,000	
Miscellaneous, taxes, etc.				0	
Total appropriations	2,264,040	40,000	12,000	3,685,124	2,400
Balances	354,810	135,600	59,900	737,776	61,153

* Budgeted transfers per the detailed operating and accounting budget of the MRA and LGEA Funds.

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

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

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

SECTION FOUR: This ordinance shall be published in the Mt. Vernon Signal by title and summary within thirty days of adoption.

Adopted this the 27th day of June, 2023

[Signature]
MAYOR

Date of first reading
June 15, 2023

Date of second reading
June 27, 2023

Attest: *[Signature]*
CITY CLERK

Suicide Warning Signs for Youth

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

- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- Expressing hopelessness about the future.
- Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
- 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.





Tourism officials from Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, and Whitley counties receive \$350,000 to promote the region. Rockcastle Tourism Executive Director, Jessica Blankenship, third from right, was on hand to accept the check from Governor Andy Beshear.

Rockcastle to receive funding to help region

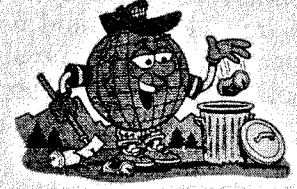
Last Thursday, at the Harlan County Boys and Girls Club, Governor Andy Beshear presented \$6.2 million to support cleaner water, tourism, law enforcement, outdoor trails, road projects and local nonprofits.

"Today, we're investing in cleaner water, roads, parks, tourism, local nonprofits and more, while helping protect our heroes in uniform. These funds are going to make a big difference for this community and everyone who gets to visit," Governor Beshear said.

The Governor awarded \$350,000 to the Appalachian Triangle of Kentucky project to support multicounty collaborative destination marketing. The project is a joint initiative between eight commissions and seven counties focusing on promoting the unique attractions and activities found in the Appalachian Triangle region of Kentucky.

"Through the ARPA funding, we are able to showcase on a larger scale the wonderful assets of Rockcastle County, including the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum, which honors our musical heritage through displays and events," said Jessica Blankenship, executive director of both the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum and the Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission. "We will also be able to work with fellow tourism partners to showcase a positive light on this region to obtain more visitors. This will help provide a bigger economic impact." The funds are distributed by the Kentucky Department of Tourism

Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations



The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce

Rockcastle County Solid Waste

\$100.00 Per Mile

Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!

Non-profits such as Churches, School Groups, Clubs, Fire Departments or other organizations which have a state tax-exempt ID number on file, may now raise needed funds to help their respective organization or group by cleaning up roadside trash, while also helping to

Keep The Rock Clean!

The Rockcastle County Solid Waste office will assign qualifying groups or organizations a road and/or section of road to be cleaned up, while funding remains available.

Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for further details

NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company ("Kentucky American Water") expects to file on June 30, 2023, an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission proposing to increase annual water service revenues by approximately 22.7%, net of Qualified Infrastructure Program ("QIP") revenues. The proposed annual revenue increases by customer classification are: Residential - \$14,130,047 (22.8%); Commercial - \$6,986,508 (23.4%); Industrial - \$683,834 (23.8%); Other Public Authority - \$1,760,344 (23.6%); Sales for Resale - \$267,017 (20.8%); Private Fire Service and Hydrants - \$851,837 (24.1%); Public Fire Hydrants - \$1,159,966 (23.6%); Miscellaneous ("Bulk Sales of Water through Loading Stations") - \$23,616 (22.2%). The proposed effective date of rates is for service rendered on and after July 30, 2023. Kentucky American Water has requested proposed rates be implemented to all customer classifications as shown below:

Average Monthly Bills:

	Monthly Usage	Current Average Bill	Proposed Average Bill	\$ Change	% Change
Residential (5/8")	3,800 gallons	\$40.77	\$49.73	\$8.96	22% Increase
Commercial (5/8")	35,516 gallons	221.05	271.31	50.26	23% Increase
Industrial (2")	1,832,715 gallons	8,855.93	10,881.20	2,025.27	23% Increase
Other Public Authority (2")	129,391 gallons	818.28	1,002.26	183.98	22% Increase
Sales for Resale (6")	1,183,706 gallons	6,369.81	7,807.22	1,437.41	23% Increase
Miscellaneous (1")	12,000 gallons	85.67	104.34	18.67	22% Increase
Private Fire Hydrant	N/A	84.66	104.30	19.64	23% Increase
Public Fire Hydrant	N/A	53.85	66.00	12.15	23% Increase
Private Fire Line (6")	N/A	87.76	107.90	20.14	23% Increase

Proposed Rate Increase for all customers:

Monthly Service Charge by Meter Size:

Meter Size	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	Change	% Increase
5/8"	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	33%
3/4"	22.40	29.80	7.40	33%
1"	37.30	49.60	12.30	33%
1 1/2"	74.70	99.40	24.70	33%
2"	119.50	158.90	39.40	33%
3"	224.00	297.90	73.90	33%
4"	373.40	496.60	123.20	33%
6"	746.70	993.10	246.40	33%
8"	1,194.70	1,589.00	394.30	33%

Consumption Charges:

	Current Rate		Proposed Rate		\$ Change	% Increase	
	Per 1000 Gallons	Per 100 Gallons	Per 1000 Gallons	Per 100 Gallons			
Residential	\$5.7570	\$0.57570	\$7.8249	\$0.78249	\$2.0679	36%	
Commercial	5.2066	0.52066	7.0760	0.70760	1.8694	36%	
Industrial	4.3050	0.43050	5.8505	0.58505	1.5455	36%	
Other Public Authority	4.7960	0.47960	6.5179	0.65179	1.7219	36%	
Sales for Resale	4.2360	0.42360	5.7566	0.57566	1.5206	36%	
Miscellaneous	Per 100 Gallons	Per 50 Gallons	Per 100 Gallons	Per 50 Gallons	Per 100 Gallons	Per 50 Gallons	
	\$3.34800	\$1.67400	\$4.56130	\$2.28065	\$1.21330	\$0.60665	36%

Fire Protection:

Private Fire Line Size	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate	\$Change	% Increase
2"	\$ 8.76	\$ 11.90	\$ 3.14	36%
4"	35.28	48.00	12.72	36%
6"	79.37	107.90	28.53	36%
8"	141.09	191.90	50.81	36%
10"	220.51	299.90	79.39	36%
12"	330.03	448.80	118.77	36%
14"	317.98	432.50	114.52	36%
16"	564.63	767.90	203.27	36%
Private Fire Hydrant	76.57	104.30	27.73	36% Increase
Public Fire Hydrant	48.70	66.00	17.30	36% Increase

Kentucky American Water is proposing to reset the QIP surcharge to zero and incorporate the investment costs into base rates. The average monthly bills shown in this notice include the QIP surcharge in the current average bills and a \$0 amount for the QIP surcharge in the proposed average bills.

Kentucky American Water is also proposing modifications to its QIP and is requesting: a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to deploy Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI"); addition of an AMI opt-out fee in the amount of \$28.00; an alternative level of reasonable unaccounted-for water loss under 807 KAR 5:066, Section 6(3); approval of a Universal Affordability Program; and certain regulatory and accounting treatments for Production Costs, Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits, and Tax Expenses (excluding Sales Tax). Modifications to the QIP surcharge tariff would be applied to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority, Sale for Resale, Public and Private Fire Service classifications for qualified infrastructure investments. The QIP surcharge would be calculated annually based on forecasted qualified infrastructure costs and applied to each customer's monthly bill. The QIP surcharge would then be updated annually until the next rate case, at which time the investment costs would be incorporated into base rates and the surcharge reset to zero. The AMI opt-out fee tariff would apply to all customers electing to opt-out of the AMI program, and the \$28.00 fee would be applied to each opt-out customer's monthly bill for the ongoing opt-out costs, including meter reading costs. The Universal Affordability Program would reduce the 5/8" meter monthly service charge by \$12.00 and the consumption charges rate by \$4.69494 per 1,000 gallons (\$0.469494 per 100 gallons) for qualified Residential customers with household incomes at zero to 50-percent of the federal poverty level and would reduce the 5/8" meter monthly service charge by \$4.00 and the consumption charges rate by \$1.56498 per 1,000 gallons (\$0.156498 per 100 gallons) for qualified Residential customers with household incomes at 50-percent to 100-percent of the federal poverty level. Kentucky American Water is proposing to revise the definition of "current estimated cost" of main extensions in new subdivisions by utilizing current material costs and bids received instead of the preceding year's costs. Finally, Kentucky American Water is proposing to: move Judy Water Association as a standalone customer in its tariff into the general Sale for Resale customer class; add language to the cross-connection portion of its tariff to make it clear that customers are responsible for the expenses for cross-connection testing, including processing fees; and revise language related to private fire service so that payment for such service is payable monthly in advance rather than quarterly in advance.

This application may be examined at the offices of Kentucky American Water located at 2300 Richmond Road in Lexington, Kentucky.

This application may also be examined at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm or on the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding this application may be submitted by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort KY 40602; or through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Kentucky American Water but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, which establishes the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the providing of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.

Yards

(Continued from A6) phone, and various other household noises can often be created.

If you have a room you don't use much, this could very easily be transformed into get-away space for one or all in the household.

Outside, patios and decks are possibilities. Sheds, garage additions, outdoor kitchens and pavilions or gazebos are more. A beautiful garden of flowers and birds and butterflies may be your idea of relaxing. A firepit and a waterfeature and comfortable seating can be your relaxing spot. Or a hedged or fenced off section of the yard and some gravels or pavers and a table for two could be your idea of a retreat.

A place to sip your favorite beverage and

listen to the birds and katydids holler and lightening bugs flash may be all the retreat you need. Other people need tall plank fences, alarms, security lighting, and a pet that might alert or defend them if the retreat should be invaded by those that lurk looking for an opportunity to take something that doesn't belong to them, including your peace of mind.

Retreat also can be the place to move to if you are threatened by storms, strangers, or commotions that steal your tranquility. Riots and civil disturbances don't just happen 'on the other side of the tracks' anymore—they may come to your street. Is your place secure, and how might you enhance your safety from various threats imagined or real?

Retreats, get-away places, places for sanctuary, these are things all of us need or desire at some point. Ideally, it's a regular place to relax and rejuvenate and be free from demands of others for at least a little spell each day and each week.

Some still think of the retreat as the lakefront or mountain cabin they rush to on Friday evening and rush home from on Sunday evenings. If it rejuvenates them, it must be an option that works for their situation. But seems to me it's more stressful than staying home in many situations. And all the more, if you have a quiet indoor or outdoor sanctuary at your place. (Or could easily build one or have someone build it.)

A simple computer or library search for

"retreats" and backyard relaxation or home enhancement and security should turn up lots of ideas, plans, pictures, suggestions. Horticulture, Garden Gate, Outdoor Living—lots of magazines and lots of websites are easily found. Books, too—either at a home improvement store, a library, a bookstore. Or maybe just pay a visit and get to know some

neighbors and take note of the spots they have created to relax, entertain, etc.

Everyone needs a spot to retreat to. I'd

recommend you find or design one that is easy to visit on a daily basis.

The author is a landscaper. Send suggestions or comments to rockcastles@gmail.com

Happy Independence Day from all of us at the Mount Vernon Signal

**ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
DATE: 06/20/2023**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of MOSSY HOLLOW ROAD (CR-1152) and;

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of MOSSY HOLLOW ROAD (CR- 1152) and;

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:
To End County Maintenance at 1340 feet Off McHargue Branch Road

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of MOSSY HOLLOW ROAD(CR-1152) proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: July 11, 2023
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

A copy of this Notice shall be posted at the Courthouse, in the vicinity of the roadway Affected, and published two (2) times in the Mt. Vernon Signal.

This the 20th day of June 2023.


ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ABSOLUTE ONLINE ONLY Auction
House, Garage & Lot
Camper ~ Vehicles ~ Guns & Personal Property
Bid online at www.fordbrothersinc.com

Bidding Ends Thursday, July 20th @ 6 p.m.
1398 S. Wilderness Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY

Directions: From I-75 exit 59 in Mt. Vernon, follow Hwy 25 North approximately 1 mile. Property located on left. Auction signs are posted.

This brick ranch style house features den, living room, kitchen & dining room combination, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath and laundry room. Other amenities include detached 2 car garage, carport, front porch, brick storage building, rear covered patio, central heat & air, blacktop driveway, cooktop, built-in oven, brick fireplace w/ insert all situated on a lot measuring 130 x 125 x 130 x 125.





Personal property includes: 2012 Puma Camper ~ 2010 Kia Forte w/ 14,209 miles ~ 1998 Dodge Caravan w/ 45,443 miles ~ Smith & Wesson pistol ~ North American Arms 22 Magnum revolver ~ Jimenez Arms pistol ~ rifles including Remington, Winchester 22, Marlin 22, Good Time Outdoors 223-5.56 ~ shotguns including Stevens Save double barrel, Essex, Winchester Hecker Koch Gold Lion, Rossi, Hawk, Smith & Wesson, Pardner ~ various ammunition ~ \$1 silver certificates ~ dining room sets ~ bed frames ~ vanities ~ grandfather clock ~ wardrobes ~ tables ~ couches ~ chairs ~ lamps ~ mirrors ~ clocks ~ televisions ~ glassware including green & pink depression, crystal, Carnival-home décor ~ dishes ~ dolls ~ costume jewelry ~ Whirlpool washer ~ Hotpoint dryer ~ patio furniture ~ concrete planters ~ Longaberger baskets ~ cast iron ~ quilts ~ hand tools ~ yard tools and much more!

Preview: Thursday, July 13th & 20th from 3-6 p.m. Camper can be viewed at Ford Brothers' Mt. Vernon office, 135 S. Wilderness Rd. **Pickup:** Friday, July 21st from 12-6 p.m. Camper can be picked up at Ford Brothers' Mt. Vernon office, 135 S. Wilderness Rd.

Auctioneer's Note: If you're looking for a home close to the city of Mt. Vernon, rental property, first home or simply an investment opportunity or a camper, vehicles, guns, antiques or personal property, be sure to attend the preview dates and bid online. Only at absolute auction can you buy at your own price.

Note: The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property of lead-based paint. The period for inspections begins July 10th through July 19th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day inspection period.

Buyer's Premium: A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid to determine the final sale price.
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NOTICE TO ROCKCASTLE COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Danetta Ford Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2022 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the Mount Vernon Signal on July 13, 2023.

The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office located at 205 East Main St. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

The list may also be inspected on the Rockcastle County Clerk's website.

The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is rockcastlecountyclerk.com.

The tax sale will be held on August 16, 2023 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

All priority participants must register with the County Clerk's office by August 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. All current participants must register with the County Clerk's Office by

August 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Please contact the County Clerk's Office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee

or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's Office through close of business on August 15, 2023.

All payments by mail must be RECEIVED by this date (postmarked payments will not be accepted). NO PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN ON August 16, 2023. Some delinquencies although they have been advertised will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance

with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). Payment agreements can be set up by contacting the Rockcastle County Attorney, Jeremy B. Rowe, at 606-256-2730.

**ALL TAX BILLS NOT PAID BY July 10, 2023 BY 4:00 P.M. WILL BE
ADVERTISED IN THE MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's Office at 606-256-2831.

If you bought or sold property in 2022, please call to make sure your tax bill has been paid.

Classifieds

CLASSIFIED RATES

- Local Rates - \$5 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word
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- Deadline for Classifieds is 4 p.m. Monday**

For Rent

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Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications

For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

For Rent

Maple Street Storage of Brodhead
606-308-2491

Property For Sale

30 Acre Stand of Timber. Sawmill nearby. Call 606-594-8990. 33xntf

Posted

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincaid Ridge, Mt. Vernon. 5x24

Posted: No hunting or trespassing for any purpose on land belonging to James Tudor, both sides of Mahafey Hollow Rd. 8x16

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621 South Upper River Rod. 15(22)x51

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

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35(21)x50p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

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

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

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

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

Miscellaneous For Sale

Maytag Washer and Whirlpool Dryer, Both work great. Located in Mt. Vernon. \$400 for pair. 919-816-7902. 20x1

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

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Ruby Epperson, 120 West Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Dan Epperson, Jr., deceased, on the 19th day of June 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ruby Epperson or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before December 20, 2023 at 11 a.m. 19x3

Notice is hereby given that Janice Miller, 1092 Low Gap Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Doris F. Miller, deceased, on the 19th day of June 2023. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said

Janice Miller, or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before December 20, 2023 at 11 a.m. 19x3

Notice is hereby given that Richard Scott Headrick, 260 West 8th Ave., Mesa, AZ 85210 has been appointed Administrator w/o will of the estate of Richard Vern Headrick, deceased, on the 26th day of June, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Richard Scott Headrick, 260 West 8th Ave., Mesa, AZ 85210 or to John T. Hamilton, P.O. Box 240, Lexington, KY 40588 on or before December 26, 2023. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Rita Darlene Kirby, 125 Kirby Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administrator w/o will of the Estate of Raymond Kirby, deceased, on the 26th day of June, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rita Darlene Kirby, 125 Kirby Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 or to William Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 on or before December 26, 2023. 20x3

Yard Sales

Huge 3 Family Moving Sale: Given by Renita Kelly and Denise Blevins at 148 Spring Hill Lane, Houston Point Subdv. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Lots of household items, pots and pans, pressure cooker, loveseat, wing back chair, large rugs and other furniture. Bedding, crystal, diamond rings and sterling silver. Much too much to mention. For more information, call 606-224-0501.

Yard Sale: July 7th and 8th, 9 a.m. to 7 each day. Lots of bargains, including a loveseat. 946 Purr-Rigsby Road, Brodhead. Rain cancels until next week.

Porch & Yard Sale
Rain or shine. Given by David and Traci Rowe. Friday, July 7th, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, July 8th, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located at 60 Ford Drive Ext., next door to the Rockcastle County Library. Watch for signs on Old 25 at Car Quest and follow the balloons one block! Many items for sale, such as: riding lawn mower, household items, clothing and shoes. Men's 1x-2x clothing, shorts 38, 40 & 42. Ladies plus sizes 2x-3x, men's and women's shoes, sizes 10 to 11, fashion jewelry \$1, toys and more. Most items will be \$1 to \$3 and all others are priced to sell!! Hope to see you there!!

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Masonic Lodge donates to local Snack Pack Programs

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge No. 566 F&AM was happy to support local elementary schools by making donations to their Snack Pack Programs at each school. Officials at the lodge wish to thank all the local schools for the wonderful program which helps students each year.



Brother James Cromer and Brodhead Elementary Resource Teacher Angie King

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

REFRIGERATOR GREEN TOMATO CHOW CHOW
 1/2 head small cabbage, cored and shredded
 4 large hard green tomatoes, chopped
 3 green peppers, chopped
 3 red or yellow peppers, chopped
 2 medium onions, chopped
 1/2 cup chiles, diced small, optional
 1/3 cup salt
 3/4 cup brown sugar
 3/4 cup sugar
 1 tablespoon celery seed
 1 tablespoon mustard seed
 1 teaspoon turmeric
 2 cups apple cider vinegar
 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar
 Chop all the vegetables. If doing by hand, dice small. A food processor can speed the process but will extract more liquid from the vegetables and make for a runnier relish. Note: the size of the dice will make a finer or chunkier relish. The chopped vegetables should equal about 2 1/2 quarts. In a non-reactive bowl, mix the chopped vegetables with the salt. Cover and let sit at room temperature, out of direct sunlight, for about 12 hours or overnight. In a colander, drain and rinse vegetables. Squeeze to remove excess liquid. In a non-reactive pot, bring the vinegar, sugars, turmeric, celery, and mustard seeds to a boil. Add the drained vegetables and return to a boil again. Reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes; stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Let cool and pack into jars. Refrigerate. Like most things pickled, it'll be better after it sits a day or two and should keep for several weeks in the refrigerator.

PICKLED DILL CARROTS
 7 medium carrots, sliced 1/4 inch thick
 4 sprigs dill
 3/4 cup white wine vinegar
 2 and 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
 1 teaspoon dill seeds
 1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
 1/4 coarsely ground pepper
 Bring a medium pot of water to a boil. Add the carrots and cook until crisp-tender, about 1 minute. Drain and rinse under cold water until cool. Pack the carrots and dill sprigs into a 1-quart jar. Combine the vinegar, water, sugar, salt, dill seeds, caraway seeds, and pepper in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil. Pour the hot brine over the carrots in the jar and let cool completely. Cover and refrigerate overnight or up to 1 week.

Graduates from Campbellsville

Three local students graduated from Campbellsville University in Spring 2023. They were: Breanna Leigh Brock of Brodhead, Samarah Jaelyn Lovins of Livingston, and Elijah Morgan McKinney of Brodhead.

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- Minty drink
 - Cash register co.
 - Comedy alternative
 - "He's ___ breed!" (backhanded compliment)
 - "Sure thing, skipper!"
 - ___ now (so far)
 - ___ the Mirror" (Michael Jackson hit)
 - Drink cooler
 - "King Kong" star Watts
 - Banned, in a way
 - Actress Ryan
 - Battery terminal
 - Willie or Craig T.
 - Cinnamon-yielding tree
 - Vague impression
 - E.T.'s vehicle
 - Swiss currency
 - Repast
 - Cried one's eyes out
 - Celtic tongue
 - "Captain Blood" star
 - Opie, off-screen
 - Opera highlight
 - Builds an extension
 - Achieve by force
 - Ghana's main port
 - Frozen a bit
 - Definitely not needing a haircut
 - The "turf" part of "surf and turf"
 - "His Master's Voice" co.
 - Child's playground retort
 - What holds hold
 - Fortune 500 orgs.
 - It's a fact
 - "Come on down!" announcer Johnny
 - Stopped fasting
 - Say
- DOWN**
- Door-frame part
 - River of Russia
 - Turner of movies
 - Author Jong and others
 - Whittier's tool
 - River nymph of Greek myth
 - Go by bike
 - Angler's equipment
 - Crocodile hunter of film
 - Genetic material
 - Components of molecules
 - Old school machine
 - Put in rows
 - Word with cutting and running
 - Not-so-desirable bread slice
 - Baby bleater
 - Six-sided solid
 - A great distance
 - Scatters, as seed
 - Overly sentimental
 - ___ Romeo (sports car)
 - Less than diddly
 - Spock's dominant feature
 - Peek trailer?
 - Redgrave of the cinema
 - Frog maneuver
 - Pass on the Hill
 - Data and others
 - Suppose, Southern-style
 - Sick
 - Sponges gently
 - Pancho's TV amigo
 - Like base eight
 - "Broom-Hilda" cartoonist Russell
 - Cravat named after a racecourse
 - Put an end to
 - Killer whale
 - "___ boy!"
 - Clumsy, ill-mannered boor
 - Rotunda feature
 - Some time

Safari Animals

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