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Five Mount Vernon suspects arrested during statewide drug bust operation

By: Mike French
Editor

Operation Summer Heat is being called a great success, but it's not over yet.

Five Rockcastle County residents were among 201 others arrested during a statewide drug arrest operation last week, after a three month investigation that the Kentucky State Police called *Operation Summer Heat*.

According to arrest warrants, many of those arrested, including some of the Rockcastle

County residents, had sold illegal drugs to a confidential informant during the investigation on more than one occasion.

Kentucky State Police detectives have investigated hundreds of cases over the past few months and began serving arrest warrants last Wednesday. By Wednesday evening, 206 warrants had been served and five local residents had been delivered to the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Each of them were held on a \$25,000 cash bond.

Those arrested locally

as part of the operation were Larry Woodall, 61, Michael Woodall, 58, Freddy Denny, 54, Doris Mahaffey, 50, and Bobby Hensley, 42, all of Mount Vernon.

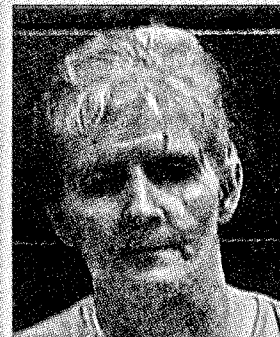
Larry Woodall was found at his home, in a vehicle, according to the uniform citation, which says police discovered two syringes, a meth pipe, 1.5 grams of suspected fentanyl, and 4 grams of suspected meth during a search of Woodall. He is charged with possession of Fentanyl derivatives and trafficking in meth.

Freddie Denny was arrested and charged with trafficking in heroin, trafficking in Fentanyl derivatives and trafficking in meth.

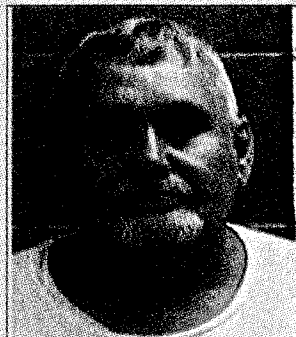
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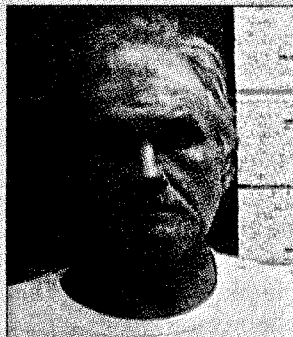
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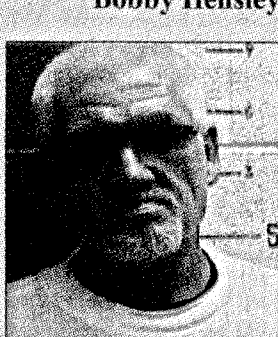
Doris Mahaffey



Freddie Denny



Larry Woodall



Michael Woodall

Medical cannabis prohibition passes unanimously

By: Mike French
Editor

In an unexpected turn of events, the first reading of the ordinance to ban medical cannabis by the fiscal court in Rockcastle County passed unanimously.

During discussion about the issue over the past several weeks, Magistrates Shane Thacker and Lee Earl Adams had voiced their view that the issue should be on the ballot. In fact, the motion to create the ordinance to prohibit medical cannabis was a split vote 3-2 with Thacker and Adams voting against the motion.

Yet, when the first reading of the ordinance was held at the regular monthly meeting last week, it passed unanimously. The second reading is expected at the August meeting.

Governor Andy

Beshear signed a law allowing the growth, processing, marketing and sale of medical cannabis in Kentucky beginning January 1, 2025, unless a city or county passes an ordinance prohibiting the drug.

The ordinance says the fiscal court finds it "necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the county of Rockcastle's residents and members of the public who visit, travel or conduct business in the county of Rockcastle, to prohibit all cannabis business within the boundaries of the county of Rockcastle." The ordinance goes on to say it is ordained that cannabis businesses are hereby prohibited from operation within the Rockcastle

(See "Cannabis" on A5)

Mount Vernon City Administrator resigns position

By: Mike French
Editor

Just over one year ago, Mt. Vernon City Council member Jim Bowman resigned his seat to accept the position as City Administrator of Mount Vernon. Bowman took the place of Josh Bray, who left the position after being elected as a Kentucky State Representative.

Bowman has now announced his resignation as City Administrator. "I can tell you, the City of Mount Vernon is going to miss Jim," said Mayor Tim Roberts. "We had some good things going for the city and Jim played a big role in getting a lot of it going.

Someone like Jim is a rare tool for a city."

Bowman says he had worked for a company in the fishing industry many years before he accepted the position as city administrator. "I was looking for a way to spend

more time with family and give back to my community when the city administrator position became available," Bowman said. "I prayed a lot about it and made the decision to accept it."

But then, just a few

weeks ago, Bowman's former boss showed up with a new offer for a position that would also afford him time with his family.

"None of this was ever about money," he said. "God works in

mysterious ways and I believe he has worked all this out for the betterment of everyone. Now the city

can get an administrator with a little thicker skin and continue to move forward."

(See "Resign" on A5)

Fiscal court deals with full agenda, faces census issues

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last week with a full agenda. The meeting was opened with a recognition of Coy Cromer, who has retired as a county employee after 18 years. Cromer received a plaque and magistrates thanked him for his service.

After dealing with the medical cannabis ordinance (see related story,) the court heard from Jason Medley who asked the court for a donation to help with expenses involved in the 2024 Livingston Homecoming.

Medley said he has been placed in full charge

of the event and has scheduled fireworks, live music, a Livingston High School Alumni Banquet and has several churches who plan to offer individual booths. "I have special attachment to this event. My father started the first one 52 years ago. Old fashioned homecomings are fading away but this one is going to be like

the traditional homecomings," he said.

In fact, Medley has agreed on a contract with the City of Livingston that will ban the sale of alcohol during the homecoming event.

Medley said the event will be free and open to the public with a small fee attached to the banquet

(See "Court" on A5)

RCIDA members hear strong reports on local economic development projects

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held a special called meeting last week with Chairman Corey Craig and board members Jason Medley and David King present via Zoom. The regular monthly meeting had been postponed due to the July 4 celebration.

The meeting, led by Executive Director Jeff VanHook, included members Roland Mullins, Dale Whittaker, Steven Eversole, Donna Hopkins and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

After approving the minutes of previous

(See "RCIDA" on A5)

Friday After Five event

The third of three Friday After Five events is planned for July 19 on Main Street in Mount Vernon.

The brainchild of the Mount Vernon/Rockcastle Tourism Commission, the event began last year and each event has grown more popular. By the third event last year, several local residents showed up on Main Street to enjoy

(See "Event" on A5)

Road closure

Freedom School Road will be temporarily closed for road repairs beginning July 22 until further notice.

Officials say they will keep the public informed on the progress.

Missing man still not found

On June 26, police received a call about 36-year-old Joseph D. Miller, who has been missing for some time. The caller told police the Orlando man was last seen around noon on Friday, June 21.

An immediate Missing Persons report was issued and a search began but Miller was not found.

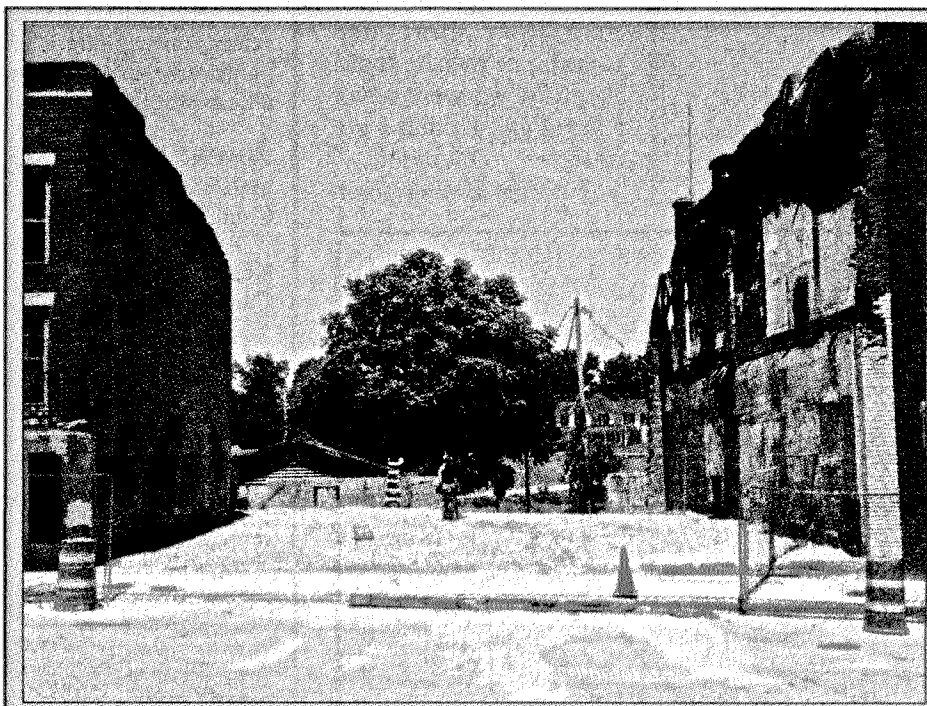
This past weekend, local fire departments, family, friends and concerned citizens joined an all-out search using helicopters, K-9s and drones, along with dozens of individual searchers in an effort to

(See "Missing" on A5)

Free meals at RCHS

Rockcastle School Summer Feeding Days, for anyone 18 and under, is planned for July 15 through August 2 at the RCHS cafeteria.

Free healthy meals will be available all summer and those 18 and under are invited to come by and receive a free meal.



Workers have completed the cleanup of the Vi Ellis Building which was destroyed by fire earlier this year on Main Street in Mount Vernon. Officials say plans concerning how to use the space are still being discussed but repair work on the RTEC building, which was badly damaged, is now being planned.

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ramblings...
by; perlina m. anderkin

It is hard for an old person, such as myself, who was raised with everything I needed and very little of what I wanted, to understand today's world.

When I proofed Mike's column this week, I realized that I felt the same way when I was a child. It wasn't until I was grown that I came to completely realize that we were poor, I mean that literally, VERY poor, but I didn't understand that concept then either.

I also didn't realize, until just recently (since about January of 2021, actually) how much different our society has become in the last couple of decades. I guess it's the frog in the boiling water allegory i.e., "If a frog is placed in lukewarm water and the heat is gradually increased, it will remain in the water and eventually boil to death. The frog won't sense the gradual temperature increase because it's only slightly uncomfortable and keeps trying to adjust, believing the change is normal."

That is what I feel like has happened to our society. We have been subjected to monumental changes very gradually and we have been assured that these changes are normal and that, if we object to them, we are racist bigots, uninformed, backwards and just plain evil because:

- 1) It's now completely acceptable to allow grown men and women, to celebrate their chosen sex, by parading through towns and cities exposing completely said sex;
- 2) It is normal to allow government jobs (and private ones in "woke" companies) to be given to someone, not because of their education, work experience or fitness for the position

but because of their gender or race or both. This is known as a DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) hire and supposedly corrects some long festering inequality among races;

- 3) It is normal to allow citizens and non-citizens of this country to roam our streets calling for "Death to America," (and the annihilation of the Jewish race) and throwing our flag to the ground and setting it on fire and this action is deemed protected by our first amendment (Freedom of Speech) with no consequences. Meanwhile, when a public street is painted with the "Rainbow" flag, a symbol which has come to be identified with gay and transgender people and others who claim they are actually a cat, not a human, or they have many different genders not just boy or girl or gay or trans, and said symbol happens to get tire marks on it, that is a punishable crime as is burning a Pride Rainbow flag.
- 4) It is normal to be told by our pResident, and the Director of Homeland Security, that our border is under control when 10 million illegals, at least plus almost two million 'gotaways,' have marched across it since January of 2021 and are being housed, fed, given medical care FREE along with spending money and Social Security to illegals who have never contributed ONE CENT to the fund: And, I read just recently that, at Biden's direction, our government has been going directly to several South American countries and loading up plane loads of illegals and transporting them directly to this country.

There are several benefits for Democrats al-

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Aces Over
By: Mike French

We were rich when I was young. At least that's what I thought at the time. We didn't have hot water or even running water and our heat came from a stove in the kitchen. But, yep, we were rich.

I grew up as what many would call poor. I just had no clue we were poor. If someone had asked me at the time, I would have said we were rich. I don't think I ever needed anything that I didn't get. There was a lot I "wanted" that I didn't get, but nothing I "needed" was lacking so, in my view of life, all was well.

Mom and dad were affectionate and playful, we had access to a house and a barn, we had food, I had a bicycle and a go-cart dad built from scratch and dad drove a 1957 Oldsmobile. What else would a boy need?

We had more than some but less than many. Looking back, there was a lot they didn't tell me, as a parent should, and we were in the lower class. My dad worked long and hard, day and night and mom worked outside the home as well. We rented a little house for \$60 a month and mom saved S&H Green Stamps. Some of my great memories are of me and mom licking and pasting those stamps in a book and looking at the things we could get with them when we got enough.

I came home from school to an empty house but dad got home from work a few hours after I got home from school. Yes, I walked to school.

Knowing the house would be empty, I only went home to take my "school clothes" off and get my "old clothes" on and then immediately was back outside. There was no danger I would get locked out. I never locked the door. Nothing was ever stolen either.

Perhaps we were never robbed because dad (unlike me) was kind of a bad dude and not many were going to rob him. As a lad, I once went with him to a neighbor's house who had borrowed something and didn't return it by the time they had promised. That wasn't pretty for a 10-year-old to watch but, long story short, dad came home with his tools. Anyway, we were never robbed and I think I got to see why that night.

I do remember them

working on a budget at the kitchen table like politicians refer to in their campaigns. But they didn't just say it to get a vote and then ride their limo to their summer cottage. Mom and dad had to actually make a budget at the kitchen table. Talking about it in a \$2,000 suit is a lot different than living it.

I was amazingly blessed that dad was pretty good with money and was sick and tired of struggling. So, by my teen years, we were much better off. I remember he finally bought a trailer because our rent was going up to \$75 per month and dad said he would "live in a gutter before I'll pay off a house for another man." He sold it for a profit, bought a house, then bigger, over and over, etc. By high school, I had a pretty blessed family life.

Now, I am the old man and I, too, am tired of struggling but I don't quite have the gumption dad had and it's a little late for me. Dad left us a lot but mom's nursing expenses and hospitals and doctors and bills ate it all and I am back to renting. Of course I am not complaining about that. That was my job and I am glad dad left it to do it with.

There is some good in struggling, I think. Each day is a lesson and a challenge. I have decided that growing up poor, we were still better off than many people are today. My dollar doesn't go as far as dad's dime went. But our true wealth had nothing to

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

King and Franklin

Dear Journal,

Stanley and I have had a unique opportunity this week. We have been part of a dog rescue situation. We fostered a little beagle that somehow got the name of Franklin. He had been wandering around Lake Linville, evidently for a few days as he was rather thin. Someone from Crab Orchard caught him and another lady took him to Georgetown to stay a day or so. He went to be vetted and found that he had worms and Lyme disease. He is being treated. He went from Georgetown to somewhere in Ohio, from Ohio to Indiana on to Wisconsin. He is staying at another foster home and eventually will be going to a beagle rescue in Milwaukee in the next few days. Then he will, hopefully get his own forever home where he will be

somebody's little darling.

This time last week he was down at the lake relying on handouts of food from strangers. It is amazing how far and fast a little beagle can go when you have several people working together.

The week before we had the opportunity to foster another local beagle named King. He had to be rehomed because some of his family was moving. He stayed a day or two with us and then he went on to Crab Orchard to a foster home there. He also went to the vet and will probably find another home locally. As far as I know, he had a good report from the vet. We feel so privileged to have joined these other people in saving these two beagles. We may not have done so much for so many but we have made a world of difference for these two beagles.

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Public Notice
Second and final reading of the Ordinance relating to the Prohibition of Cannabis Business Operations in the County of Rockcastle will be held on August 13, 2024 at 4 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 3rd floor conference room. A copy of the ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the county judge/executive during normal business hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-9-2024
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKCASTLE
WHEREAS, on April 15, 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly adopted House Bill 829, signed into law by the Governor on April 17, 2024 amending KRS Chp. 218B, the Kentucky Medical Cannabis chapter; and
WHEREAS, KRS 218B.090 and 218B.130 authorize local governments to prohibit cannabis business operations within their territory through the passage of an ordinance; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the County of Rockcastle's residents and members of the public who visit, travel, or conduct business in the County of Rockcastle to prohibit all cannabis business within the boundaries of the County of Rockcastle; and
WHEREAS, the County of Rockcastle wishes to utilize the authority granted to it by KRS 218B.090 and 218B.130 to prohibit cannabis business operations with the County of Rockcastle.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County, Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1

Definitions

The definitions within KRS 218B.010 are hereby adopted as if set out herein and as relevant to this ordinance.

Section 2

Cannabis Businesses Prohibited

All cannabis businesses are hereby prohibited from operating within Rockcastle County limits.

Section 3

Effective Date

This ordinance shall be enacted upon its second reading to be held August 13, 2024 at the meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court duly called and held on a date following the day of the first reading, and shall become effective upon its publication one (1) time in the Mt. Vernon Signal, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Mt. Vernon and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Clerk is hereby Ordered and Directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be so published.

First reading was held on the 9th day of July, 2024, upon motion by Squire Prewitt, seconded by Squire McGuire and a vote as follows;

Yes: William Denny
Lee Earl Adams
Shane Thacker

No:

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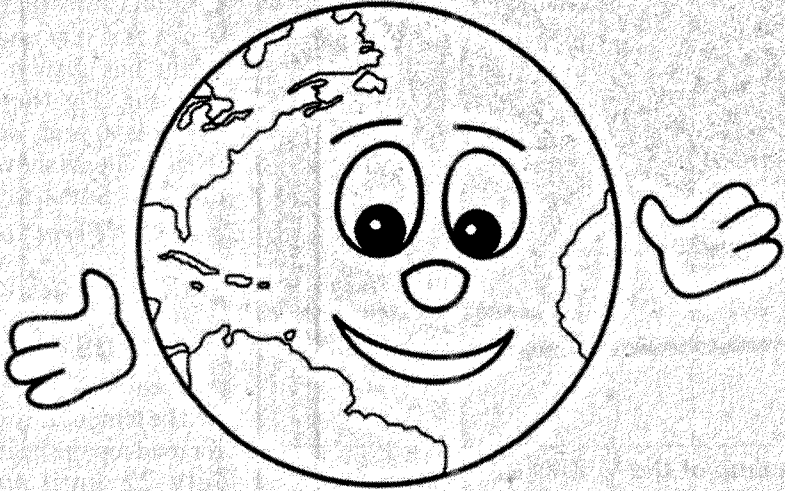
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By: Markita Proctor

Great Saltpetre Cave
The State of Kentucky is known to have a multitude of cave systems. It is said that the earth beneath our feet is a natural catacomb of caves. One such cave has significance to spelunkers, historians as well as cavers. Rockcastle County's Great Saltpetre Cave is on the National register of historical places.

John Lair's book Rockcastle Recollections references the cave multiple times. According to Lair, A man named Montgomery, in 1802, held the original grant covering the tract of land that included the cave.

A slightly different history of the cave is detailed on the cave's website, gsp.caves.org. As specified in this information, Robert Baker was the first white man to discover the cave in 1798. There is a possibility that Native Americans had utilized the cave prior to this discovery.

The website suggests that Baker sold the cave and other land to George Montgomery. It was only after Baker had sold the cave that Montgomery began to mine the cave. Interestingly there was still some dispute as to ownership of the cave and surrounding property. James Kincaid is believed to have been mining the cave at times when Montgomery was away.

Word of the cave and the valuable saltpeter got out and a physician from Lexington, Kentucky, Samuel Brown, and his partners purchased the cave in 1804. As stated on the website, "Today the property is managed for historical purposes in an attempt to preserve a part of Kentucky's natural beauty for generations to come."

The cave itself also has some interesting history as well. The saltpeter that was mined from the cave contributed to the making of gunpowder during the War of 1812.

Several resources say the mining was so successful that the cave employed more than 70 min-

ers at a time. "The saltpeter was shipped to powder mills where it was blended with sulfur and charcoal to produce gunpowder.

After the War of 1812 was over, the British blockade on shipping was removed, and saltpeter from India was readily available again. By 1815 the Eastern Powdermills put a lid on the price they would pay for American saltpeter and it became uneconomical to commercially mine the Cave.

When the miners found they would no longer be paid for their labor, they dropped what they were doing and left. The Cave settled back into relative obscurity and for many years was only mined for personal use."

After the mining dwindled, some say men were hauling out more than saltpeter. There are many tales of moonshiners and moonshine stills. One report from the July 23, 1897 publication of the *Mt. Vernon Signal* discusses some disputable reports from within the cave. "Two stills of 100-gallon capacity each were found a mile underground and several hundred feet below the surface and two or three boxes of human bones were discovered. Half a dozen Winchester rifles were picked up at the two stills." Now the writers of the 1897 article seem to disagree with the validity of this information, however, when touring the cave you can see a replica still and maybe even hear a tale of moonshiners from the hills of Rockcastle County if you get a good storyteller as your guide.

The cave has taken on several different roles in the county over the years. By the late 1930s, the cave had changed hands again and again.

Another website produced by the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy, www.rkci.org, provides more information on the cave and the people who owned and maintained it.

"About 1939 John Lair

and Dr. Walker Owens purchased the South entrance tract. The Renfro Valley Barn Dance was begun, with an opening night broadcast made from the cave on CBS radio. The two men attempted to open the cave for commercial tours, and built a lodge for guests. Only two days after it was finished, though, the lodge was burned to the ground by persons unknown. The cave was closed to the public.

"Lair seemed to have several ideas on increasing the tourism industry in Rockcastle County, and the cave seemed to be a central part of that plan. Unfortunately, those dreams did not work out. Lair reopened the cave in 1966. He had a vision of bringing in others to see the beauty of our county and perhaps make money at the same time.

This time the cave was opened for public tours. Lair did not consider the remote location of the cave and that fact did not allow for high traffic. By the mid-1980s the cave property was auctioned off to Stanley and Jeanette Reign of Pine Hill and the cave was closed to the public. There was a brief private reopening when the cave was used as a set of a movie in 1997 Steven Segal's movie "Fire Down Below".

As stated on the website, "The Rockcastle Karst Conservancy's Great Saltpetre Preserve is the home of a historic limestone cave once mined for saltpeter. The cave is now closed to visitors and managed for historical purposes. The remainder of the grounds consist of a natural preserve consisting mostly of pasture and woodlands in an attempt to preserve a part of Kentucky's natural beauty for generations to come."

The next open house is scheduled for Saturday, May 17-18, 2025. I have taken the tour multiple times, it's a good tour with a little history, a little science, and a relatively easy-paced hike. Take the opportunity to step down into Rockcastle's history for yourself.

Aces

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do with money. I thought we were rich and that means we were.

Us normal working people aren't going to beat the ruling class. It isn't up to us anymore. They will make the rules and will decide if you and I get ahead or not. All we can do is struggle through day by day and hope that some day our children will be able to write, "We were rich when I was young."

ramblings

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lowing all this. For one thing, the majority of these illegals will vote ILLEGALLY for Democrats in the upcoming election and they will be counted in our census which will give Democrat states more electoral votes to help Democrats maintain perpetual power.

I get it. Democrats, and many Republicans hate Donald Trump with a passion. What I don't get is why.

During Trump's term in office, inflation was just over 1%, we were not involved in any wars (and, neither was any other country on our planet). He strove to keep every campaign promise he made and would have had he not been fought, AT EVERY TURN, by Democrats and RINOs. We gained seven million new jobs and the unemployment rate was just over 3.5% the lowest in a half century with jobless claims reaching a nearly 50 year low. Middle class family income increased almost \$6,000 and nearly seven million people were lifted off food stamps. African American home ownership increased and poverty rates for African Americans and Hispanic Americans reached record lows and I could go on and on but I'm running out of time and room. Oh, but I can't forget under Biden that economists estimate that a middle class family now has to have \$967 more income per month just to live at the same level as they did under Trump's presidency.

You won't believe that I began this column with the intention of ranting and raving about the completely unbelievable depth of incompetency shown by our Secret Service, and other law enforcement agencies, which allowed the near assassination of Trump Saturday.

Besides allowing the would-be assassin within 140 yards of Trump, on a rooftop with a clear line of sight to him, the failings of law enforcement, particularly the Secret Service, just go on and on, including not acting on warnings by rally-goers who saw the shooter crawling around on the roof WITH A RIFLE, and were not heeded, allowing the shooter to get off at least 10 shots before FINALLY being taken out by a sniper (you know, almost as if the sniper were thinking, 'what's taking so long, get your shots off so I can kill

you').

I'll admit, I'm a conspiracy theorist at heart but it's only because so many of the conspiracy theories, floated in the last few years have actually come true and this one, of an inside job, seems well on its way to becoming reality.

There was nothing funny about this occurrence, except watching that 5'4" woman Secret Service agent try to shield 6'3" Trump and then watch her later try to holster her gun, missing it several times, before giving up and just keeping it in her hand.

Secret Service Director Kim Cheatle said afterwards that "the buck stops with me" while, at the same time, insisting she will not resign. She has been working toward having 30% of Secret Service agents be women

-- because DEI, you know.

Just a reminder. "A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself." --*Marcus Tullius Cicero*

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Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, July 22nd: Child Development, Seek and Learn, Lisa's Little People. **Tuesday, July 23rd:** Scafold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

Farmers Market Now Open
The Rockcastle Farmers Market on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon is now underway for the summer. The market will be open three days a week: Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Brodhead Community Center.

Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date
Vietnam Era Veterans, that attended Livingston High School, are asked to meet the last Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., for breakfast and conversation, at Limestone Grille.

Weekly Grief Support Group
There is a Weekly Grief Support Group which meets each Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hospice Care Plus & Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond. Please pre-register at hospicecareplus.org or by calling 859-986-1500. Open to anyone whose loved one was cared for by Hospice Care Plus. If travel is an obstacle, contact Abby at the number above to request alternative grief support options.

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

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

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

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

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

American Legion Post News
The David M. Smith American Legion meets at the Veterans Center the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or District Commander B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

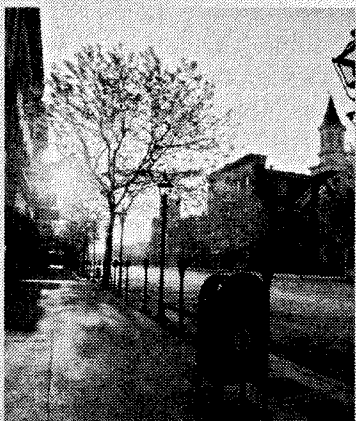
Rockcastle UNITE Coalition
The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities. Please join us each month.

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

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Obituaries

Frank DeBorde

William Franklin "Frank" DeBorde, 98, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, July 6, 2024 at East Kentucky Veteran Center in Hazard. He was born at Level Green in Rockcastle County on April 29, 1926, the son of Jack and Sallie Hurst DeBorde. He was a retired law enforcement officer for the City of Mt. Vernon and was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He was also a former Rockcastle County Jailer, Deputy Sheriff, and Magistrate, as well as a former Mason and Shriner.

He is survived by: his son, Bobby DeBorde of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille Livesay DeBorde and his daughter, Pam DeBorde.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Luther Allen, Chaplain of Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Burial with military honors followed in Friendship Cemetery.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Billy Joe Spoonamore

Billy Joe Spoonamore, 68, of Crab Orchard, died July 10, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born July 12, 1955, a son of the late Bobby Joe Spoonamore and Pauline DeBorde Spoonamore. He enjoyed picking blackberries, digging ginseng, yard-work and gardening and spending time with his friends and family.

He is survived by: a son, Joe Michael Spoonamore of Pine Hill; a daughter, Taylor Rae Spoonamore of Hamilton, OH; brothers, Glen Spoonamore of Brodhead, Stevie Spoonamore (Amber) of Crab Orchard, Benny Spoonamore (Patty) of Brodhead, and Mark Spoonamore of Petros TN; sisters, Patricia Kennedy of Petros, TN, Mary Etta Burke and fiancé Darrell Griffith, Melissa Smith (Dave) of Hamilton, OH, and Abra Spoonamore of Petros, TN; five grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; three great grandchildren; and special friend, Nikki Hacker.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; brother, Donald Eugene Spoonamore; and daughter, Sheena Marie Spoonamore McIntosh.

Cremation was chosen with a memorial service at a later date.

Christ prayed We would all be One

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. (Jno.17:20,21).

This prayer was not an act of showmanship, or an appeal to the grandstands. It was the sincere desire of our Lord's heart. But the man who says Jesus is the author of many churches, doctrines, and divisions actually accuses the Savior of hypocrisy; if our Lord prayed for oneness and then created many churches to bring about division, he would have been guilty of hypocrisy. Secretarians pray for division. They thank god for many churches and doctrines so that every person may pick out the one of their choice. How different is that than prayer our Lord prayed.

Why be one? That the world may believe that thou hast sent me, "is what Jesus said in His prayer. If unity promotes faith, then division promotes infidelity. Division is responsible for much of the infidelity that exist in the religious world today. A heathen in China said to a missionary, "Why don't you Americans agree among yourselves? Then come to us and we shall pay more respect to what you say. Christ is not divided!

The Bible further teaches that the body is the church.(Col.1:18) One body, one church. This is in perfect agreement with Christ's promise, "I will build my church," not churches. (Matt.16:18) This perfectly agrees with the Scripture, The Lord added to the church, not churches.(Acts 2:47). Christ is not divided!

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube channel Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. The church assembles for worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M.

We also have a gospel meeting "Revival" starting July 17-19 at 7:00 P.M. Wed-Fri and Saturday at 6:00 P.M. and Sunday at 10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. We plan on having a dinner in between services. Every one is welcome. If you would like to contact some one you can either call or text this number 606-224-1480. Love to hear from you

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Katha Morris Carpenter

Katha Morris Carpenter went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 8, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County on September 9, 1942, to the late Delaney and Edna Raines Morris. She loved her church, Pine Hill Holiness. Her favorite past time was quilting, drawing and the many years at Livingston City Council, as well as volunteering with the Homecoming Committee and Livingston Ladies Auxillary.

Katha is survived by: one daughter, Kaye Sizemore (Jeff) of McKee; one son, Mark Carpenter (Deanna) of Brodhead; one sister, Telvis Daugherty (Roy) of Mt. Vernon; 10 grandchildren, Lauryn Lovell, Ethan Carpenter, Justin Sizemore, Kyle Sizemore, Amy Whitehead, Austin Whitehead, Bridgett Hillard, Beth Hillard, Andrea Hillard, and Amber Bingham; 19 great grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Katha was preceded in death by: her husband of 42 years, Roland Carpenter; two daughters, Betty Whitehead and Brenda Coffey; two brothers, Harold Morris and James Clayton Morris; and a sister, Rowena Singleton.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Pine Hill Holiness Church with Bros. Jason Medley and Phillip Doan officiating. Burial was in Morning View Cemetery in Livingston.

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

Terry Newcomb

Terry Wayne Newcomb, 55, died Thursday, July 11, 2024 in Pensacola, FL. He was born in Madison County on December 29, 1968, the son of the late Bert Cecil and Linda Lou Newcomb. He was a beloved member of his community and was a dedicated construction worker. He was a loving son, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle.

Terry graduated from Simon Kenton High School after which he embarked on a career in the construction business with his father, Cecil; his brother, Shane; and brother-in-law, Tim. He was enthusiastic fan of the Kentucky Wildcats basketball team, passionately supporting them through every season.

He is survived by: his son, Cameron Newcomb; a brother, Dwayne Newcomb; a sister, Susan Wagers; one grandson and two granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Linda Lou Newcomb and a brother, Shane Newcomb.

The family would like to send a special "thank you" to Coral Bay Nursing Home and its staff in Pensacola, FL who cared for Terry over the past several years.

There was a visitation Wednesday, July 17 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Darren Allen speaking. Burial will be Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 11 a.m. in Bales Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Ben Allen, Darren Allen, Jake Arnold, Chris Wagers, Dustin Wagers, and Tim Wagers.

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

Mary Helen Rice

Mary Helen Rice, 77, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born August 24, 1946 in Rockcastle County, a daughter of the late Shirley Monroe and Mona Beatrice Doan Cromer. She was a member of Blue Springs Church of Christ and found great joy in gardening, flowers, canning and playing with her grandchildren. On May 9, 1964, she was united in marriage to James D. Rice and they enjoyed 60 years together. Their life together was spent always taking care of and loving others.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, James D. Rice of Mt. Vernon; son, Ricky Lynn Rice (Amy) of Mt. Vernon; granddaughters, Regina Kaye Thompson (Jordan) of Brodhead, and Amber LeaAnn Abrams (T.J.) of Mt. Vernon; great grandchildren, Kairi Faith Thompson, Kyren Alexander Thompson, Railen Thomas Abrams and Aroua Kay Abrams; brother, Ernie Calvin Cromer (Janice) of Brodhead; nieces, Marcella Lovell, Sue Birney, Amy Cromer and Rebecca Mays; nephews, Danny Boone, Jeff Cromer and Calvin Cromer; brother-in-law, Brent Boone; sister-in-law, Janice Cromer; as well as host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Jean Boone.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 15, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Marcus Reppert officiating. Burial was in Phelps Cemetery.

Dennis William Rash

Dennis William Rash, born July 7, 1954, in Rockcastle County, died July 15, 2024. He was the beloved son of the late Cecil Rash and Lena Kirby Rash. He is survived by: his wife, Dora Rash; daughter, Denise Platner; and step children, Johnny Bullock, and Kimberly Bullen. He was a loving Grandfather "Pappy" to Colbin Bullen, Triston Platner and Tavory Platner. Step Grandfather to Brandon Bullock, Heather Ramsey, Savanna Shelton, Samatha Roher, April Feters, Michelle Bullock, Jessica Renninger, Micheal Bullock, Katie Acosta, Joey Bullen and step great grandfather to several. He is also survived by his siblings, Billy Ray (Brenda) Rash and Joe Rash and many nieces and nephews and friends who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by: his parents; one brother, Ronald Rash; one half brother, John Wayne Rash; one half sister, Bertha Marie (Linda) Livesay; and one step child, Michael Bullock.

Pallbearers: Joe Rash, Triston Platner, Tavory Platner, Brandon Bullock, Micheal Bullock, Jr., Scotty Rash.

Dennis was renowned for his incredible intellect and curiosity. Despite lacking formal education, he was a self-taught expert in a multitude of fields including computers, satellites, mechanics, machinery, governmental laws and rights. His passion for learning extended to the latest technologies, making him a resource and inspiration to many. Dennis was a kind and caring soul, leaving behind many memories of helping everyone that called on him, never asking for anything in return. His generosity and willingness to assist others were hallmarks of his character. Dennis' life was a testament to the power of self education and perseverance. He leaves behind a legacy of knowledge, curiosity and a love for learning. His memory will be cherished by his family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing the most intelligent self taught man they ever met.

Pallbearers: Joe Rash, Triston Platner, Tavory Platner, Brandon Bullock, Micheal Bullock, Jr., and Scotty Rash.

Funeral service will be Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 2 p.m. with Chad Burdette officiating at the Marvin E. Owens Chapel. Burial will take place in Cresthaven Cemetery.

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

Laura Belle Wallace

The world mourns the passing of Laura Belle Wallace, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, who peacefully departed this life on June 29, 2024, in Rockcastle County. Laura was born February 18, 1924, in Mt. Vernon on Mullins Station Road. Laura and her mother lived with her grandparents, George and Belle Mullins. After moving with her mother to Cincinnati at the age of 12, she eventually married Clyde Wallace and dedicated 45 years of her life to Arnold Printing Company as a bindery worker. A hardworking and generous individual, Laura enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren, watching them thrive and succeed.

Throughout her years, Laura loved flowers, trying new foods, drinking a glass of White Zinfandel, relaxing with a Whiskey Sour, and eating fresh pastries and cake. Her adventurous spirit took her on unforgettable journeys to Europe and Africa, where she reveled in new experiences and cultures. Laura's passion for dancing, especially polka dancing, brought smiles to those around her and created lasting memories.

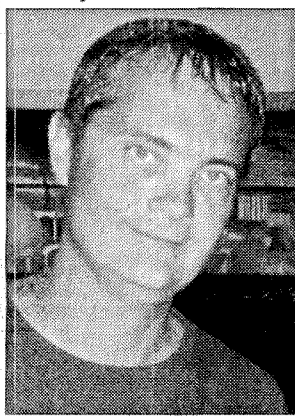
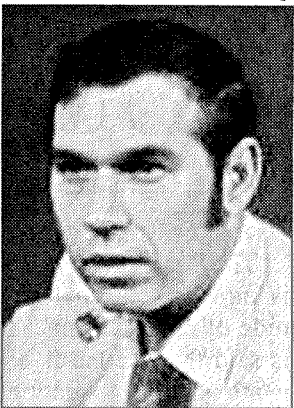
Despite her humble beginnings, Laura flourished throughout her life, working diligently to ensure her son and grandchildren had opportunities for higher education. Generosity defined her character, always ensuring her grandchildren had everything they needed. She imparted valuable life lessons, like the importance of learning to drive in the Arlington Memorial Gardens. Throughout her granddaughter's lives, she insisted that they promise to make sure her eyebrows and makeup were perfect for her funeral services.

Laura's time in the sun, keeping busy, and her newfound love for cats at 95 years old highlighted her lifelong resiliency and dedication to a life well lived. Moving back to Mt. Vernon in 2012, Laura embraced community and companionship through Silver Sneakers and exercise. She loved keeping old headstones clean and celebrating the annual Mullins Family Reunion each Memorial Day. Her cherished 100th birthday celebration earlier this year brought together friends and family to honor a century of paving the way for future generations of women.

Her legacy lives on through: her son, Carl Jerry Wallace; daughter-in-law, Mollie Wallace; grandchildren, Bethany (Jeff) Brickley, Carrie (Peter) White, and Laura Rowe; great grandchildren, Sam Brickley, Adam White, Caroline Brickley, Gwynneth Rowe, Liam White, and Seren Rowe; and all who had the privilege of knowing her kindness and grace. A keeper of cherished family traditions, Laura's well-wrapped gifts and Hallmark cards remain a testament to her sentimentality and thoughtfulness.

Laura was preceded in death by: her husband, Clyde Wallace; her mother, Effie Henry; and grandparents, George and Belle Mullins.

A graveside service was held Saturday, July 6, 2024 at Arlington Memorial Gardens, 2145 Compton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231. A reception immediately followed at the home of Carrie and Peter White.



Drugs

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Bobby Hensley was arrested and charged with trafficking in meth, and trafficking in Fentanyl.

Doris Mahaffey was arrested and charged with trafficking in meth.

Michael Woodall, was arrested and charged with trafficking in Fentanyl.

Police say all 16 KSP posts were involved in the operation and the London post, which serves Rockcastle, Laurel and Clay counties, served nine warrants as part of the operation. However, about 490 warrants were issued, in total, leaving slightly over half of the suspects still at large. Police say the investigation is ongoing and the remaining warrants are expected to be served soon.

According to the Kentucky State Police press release, the operation resulted in the confiscation of 4,862 grams of meth, 2,932 fentanyl pills, 64 oxycodone pills, 50 hydrocodone pills, 554 grams of "spice," 14 firearms, \$37,150 cash, \$10,000 in stolen tools and one stolen car.

Phillip Burnett, KSP Commissioner, said "This operation is a testament to the hard work of our detectives and post-level personnel who are dedicated to keeping Kentuckians safe from the dangers of illegal drugs."

Police are also asking that anyone with information concerning suspected illegal drug activity to contact their local post. If you want to remain confidential, you can still report on such illegal activity online by visiting the KSP website and filling out the tip form without giving your name.

Cannabis

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County limits.

According to officials with the fiscal court, the ordinance will take effect upon its enactment (at the second reading) and its publication in the Mount Vernon Signal.

According to several sources, marijuana and cannabis are the same substance and it is the THC in the plant that causes the "high" that most users seek. THC gummies are for sale now in some local businesses in Mount Vernon. The county attorney's office says the laws surrounding such sales are extremely complex.

Resign

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ward. I think we were able to accomplish a lot but there is still a lot to be done."

Mayor Roberts said Bowman served a useful purpose for the city. "Jim is a connection guy," the mayor said. "Everywhere we went, he made friends and connections for the city. People liked him. That includes officials throughout the state who can help the city a lot. Jim was a huge asset to our city and our community."

And now, city officials are aggressively seeking Bowman's replacement.

Bowman said he will miss doing work for the city but feels he is making the right decision. "The city staff is amazing. Every one of them actually cares about their city and about being good stewards. Mayor Roberts is truly a blessing for Mount Vernon and I will miss those I work with

every day. But I know I am doing the right thing for everyone," Bowman said.

Missing

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locate Miller. The search staging area was set up at Roundstone Elementary School with Rockcastle EMS, the Kentucky State Police and Laurel Rescue joining the search.

However, no sign of the local man was found, according to official reports.

Police continue to seek information concerning Miller. Anyone with information should contact the KSP Post 11 at 606-878-6622 or 1-800-222-5555.

Trooper Austin Cornett is leading the investigation.

Event

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the festivities. However, this year, the three events have been even more popular and the crowds have continued to grow for each event. In response to such growth, organizers have started adding more and more attractions and events to the Friday After Five evenings and now the last event of 2024 is about to include several reasons to visit Main Street.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. and last until 8 p.m. and will include an unusual car, truck and motorcycle show combination. Rather than limiting the show to one of the three types of vehicles, those interested in any of the three, can enjoy the show and enthusiasts of each can enjoy fellowship, according to organizers.

This last 2024 event will also include an art show at the Rockcastle Arts Association on Main Street. There will also be a cornhole contest with prizes for the winners and through it all, there will be live music at Los Cazadores Restaurant and Down on Main. Live music will include Bill Taylor and the Appalachian Heathens and One More Round.

The event is sponsored in cooperation with the Mount Vernon/Rockcastle Tourism Commission, the City of Mount Vernon, the Rockcastle Arts Association and the Central Kentucky Cornhole Association.

Everyone is invited to the free event.

RCIDA

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meetings and the monthly financial reports, the board moved on to discussion of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Since the grant has been repaid, VanHook and Craig suggested removing the subject as a monthly update item from the agenda. "There is no more contract there, so we could take it off of regular business," said Craig.

VanHook and Holbrook also talked about their recent trip to New York for the Chapin 140 year Anniversary Celebration. VanHook said the company may be planning a multi-million dollar expansion program and he believes Mount Vernon would be "on the radar" for such an expansion location.

Holbrook said The experience was a relationship-building opportu-

nity. "I learned a lot and I think it meant a lot to the shareholders that Mount Vernon was represented," Holbrook said. Craig thanked the two officials for representing the county and the region.

Board member Mullins said he is glad Chapin chose Rockcastle County. "They have proven to be just the kind of business we are looking for," he said. "They provide good jobs with little turnover and are a strong member of our community." Mullins said some companies are not as dependable or such a positive force in their community. "Chapin is the kind of company a community looks for."

VanHook also provided a letter from the RGLIDA thanking the RCIDA for the \$12,000 commitment to provide program support for the purpose of marketing regional opportunities.

VanHook informed the board that he was named Chairman of the Cumberland Valley Workforce Development Board which is a 29-member advisory board established to invest in the enhancement of the workforce and business in a 16 county area.

In exciting news, VanHook announced that the Delta Natural Gas line was three miles away from the Rockcastle County line, as of last Wednesday. VanHook said he expects the line to cross into Rockcastle in about six weeks and he hopes Mount Vernon businesses and some homes may have natural gas available by June of 2025.

Adding to the gas line progress, Holbrook announced that he is now told by state officials that the widening project for US-461 is 99% complete and work is expected to be bid for the project by this fall. Holbrook says the project currently still includes roundabouts at the exits at the 62 mile marker and U-turn lanes are also included.

VanHook said he is also continuing to market and promote the 1400 acre megasite for industrial development, as well as the 60+ acre site on the corner of US-461 and KY-150.

Vanhook said he is continuing to focus on gaining general knowledge and statistics concerning the local and re-

gional workforce and in the process of increasing community awareness and following of the RCIDA.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14.

Court

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only. The court voted to give \$1,250 on a motion by Magistrate Mike McGuire.

In other business, the court gave Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. authority to pursue a \$60,000 Land and Water Conservation Grant and accepted the Livingston Trail Town report which showed \$1,891 spent in the month of June. The court then renewed the \$1,000 monthly program support for the city, which was due since the support is offered on a three month basis.

In other action, the court approved a resolution to spend HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funds, which will make it more difficult for bystanders to see the actions of a voter at a voting booth. Other safety and security measures are also included in the \$8,300 package.

The court also dealt with an issue that many officials have claimed may develop with an incomplete census. "This is another prime example of how people avoiding the census has cost the entire county and every taxpayer," Holbrook said.

The problem stems from a USDA develop-

ment grant that was expected to help pay for a sheriff's cruiser. Originally the grant was a 75/25 grant costing the county about \$10,000 for their share of the vehicle. The court approved seeking the grant earlier this year. However, in the new fiscal year, which started in July, the changes in census numbers changed the requirements of the grant. "Now it will cost the county \$27,500," Holbrook said. "All because the census changed our status."

Jailer Nathan Carter then discussed insurance with the court explaining that costs may rise since some policy changes may require more contribution from the detention center. Court members instructed Carter to look into other insurance companies.

The court also discussed worker's comp insurance for each department and slight changes to the administrative code dealing with FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act).

Holbrook also mentioned the upcoming Road Rally event on the weekend of July 27 which is expected to bring national attention to the county. Organizer have knocked on every door along the rally path

to let residents know the rules and regulations and Holbrook said all have agreed except one. "One person says he will shoot any race car that passes, so we are dealing with that. Otherwise, this is a very positive thing for our county and we are looking forward to the event. Everyone seems to be excited about it," Holbrook said.

The court also heard the monthly animal shelter report and report for the Livingston Gymnasium rental, as well as the monthly financial statement and the claims report.

The court also received the fiscal year-ending financial reports.

Last on the agenda, Treasurer Vickie Miller and Holbrook requested the transfer of \$658,500 from the occupational tax fund into the general fund. Also requested was transfers of \$200,000 from the general fund to the road fund, \$160,000 to the jail fund, \$20,000 to the 911 fund and \$2,000 to the fairgrounds fund. All transfers were approved unanimously.

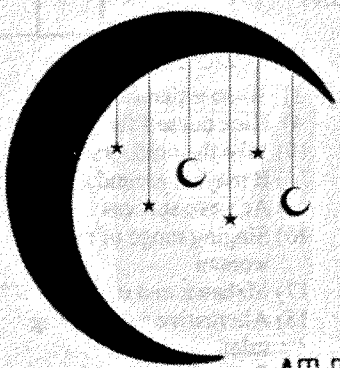
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13 at 4 p.m. at the courthouse. The public is invited.



Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court presented 18-year employee Coy Cromer, with a plaque in recognition of his service. Shown from left are, Magistrates, Shane Thacker, Lee Earl Adams, Mike McGuire, William Denny, Doug prewitt, Coy Cromer, and Judge.Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

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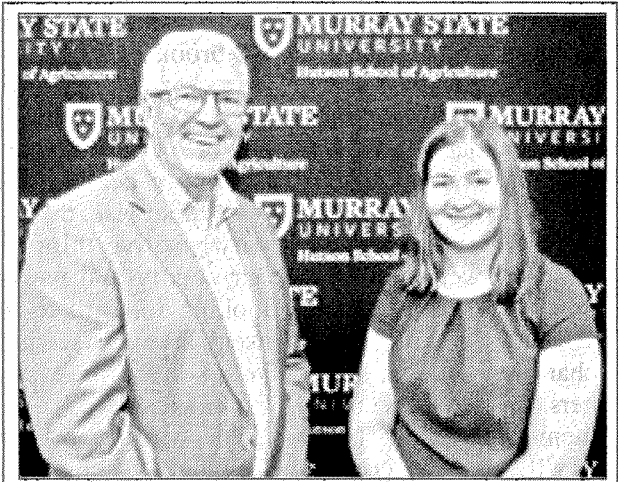
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Anna Chaliff Attends Kentucky Farm Bureau's Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders

Anna Chaliff of recently returned home from Kentucky Farm



KFB President Eddie Melton (left) poses with Anna Chaliff at the conference at MSU in June.

Ballinger named as KDEC Chair-elect

Education is the foundation of our future, and effective leadership is crucial for fostering an environment where our children can thrive. I am confident in the selection of Dr. Carrie Ballinger as board chair-elect because she is dedicated, engaged, and wholly qualified to take on this leadership role. We are fortunate to have her serve in this capacity.

"I trust KEDC will continue to make significant strides in enhancing educational opportunities for students across Kentucky. Its member's dedication and expertise in education are commendable, and I look forward to witnessing the positive

impact they will have on our school communities."

BACKGROUND

About KEDC According to the organization's website, KEDC supports and adds value to its member districts through a united spirit of cooperation and innovation. With over 70 member districts statewide and over 50+ years of service, KEDC is Kentucky's oldest and largest educational cooperative. KEDC exists to provide educational support services for its members. Services provided include technology wiring, full collective bidding services, special education support, professional development

Bureau's (KFB) Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL). A total of 90 high school students from around the state attended the five-day summer leadership conference.

Two identical IFAL conferences were held this summer at Murray State University (MSU) from June 9-13 and at University of Kentucky (UK) from June 23-27, respectively. Forty-seven students, including Chaliff, attended the conference at MSU, while 43 students attended the conference at UK.

IFAL is designed to expose high school students to college life while helping them explore the different fields of study for careers in agriculture. During the week, attendees participated in learning and leadership opportunities that allowed them to gain a better understanding of the agriculture industry, including needs and challenges, how basic and applied science is utilized in agriculture and farming, and how the political process is leveraged to develop agricultural policy.

opportunities for all school employees, adult education services, leadership development, and more.

KEDC Vision Statements

• Vision: The KEDC team will focus on improving the education community and consistently providing high-quality services to all.

• Customer Service: The KEDC team will foster a culture of Customer Service; the call to serve will be promoted and expected. All resources will be committed to fulfilling its mission.

•Global Competitiveness: The KEDC team will focus on preparing learners for international competitiveness. We will keep on the cutting edge of all practices, processes, and resources.

•Professional Environment: The KEDC team will provide a professional environment and hospitality. We will provide a clean, safe, and re-

spectable environment to promote a learning atmosphere.

For additional information about KEDC and the upcoming board meetings, please visit KEDC's website, KEDC.org.

Sen. Brandon J. Storm, R-London, represents the 21st Senate District, including Casey, Lincoln, Laurel, and Rockcastle Counties. Sen. Storm serves as co-chair of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee. He is a member of the Interim Joint Committees on Transportation; Banking and Insurance; Economic Development and Workforce Investment; Judiciary; Local Government; State Government; and Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology. Additionally, he serves on the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation. Storm is also a member of the 2024 Artificial Intelligence Task Force.

Mamaw's Kitchen
 By Regina Poynter Hoskins

STRAWBERRY SALAD

I learned how to make this in high school "Home Economics" class. I got an "A" on the project. 1 box (6 ounces) strawberry Jello® 2 cups boiling water 2 boxes (10 ounces each) frozen strawberries 1 can (14 ounce) crushed pineapple, drained 2 bananas, diced 1 cup sour cream 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts Dissolve Jello® in boiling water. Add partially thawed strawberries, stirring until thawed. Add pineapple and bananas. Pour half of mixture into mold or 8 x 8 Pyrex dish. Chill until firm. Chill remaining half in separate dish until partially set. Spread first layer with sour cream, sprinkle with nuts and gently pour partially chilled Jello® mixture on top. Chill until set.

UNCLE EVERETT'S BEST HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

6 eggs 4 cups whole milk 2 cups sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt 4 cups heavy cream 3 tablespoons vanilla Combine eggs and milk in a large saucepan; beat with wire whisk until

blended. Add sugar and salt. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thick, about 10 minutes. Let cool; add cream and vanilla. Pour into 1 gallon crank freezer; freeze until firm.

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4 pounds medium-ripe tomatoes 1/2 tablespoon broken stick cinnamon 1 teaspoon whole cloves 1/2 t. whole allspice 4 cups sugar 2 cups vinegar Scald, peel, and quarter tomatoes. Place in large kettle over low heat. Tie spices in a loose cheesecloth bag. Add to tomatoes along with the sugar and vinegar. Simmer over low heat, stirring frequently until thick, but trying not to break up tomatoes too much. Remove and discard spice bag. Ladle into hot jars, leaving about 1/4-inch space at top. Wipe jar rims and threads clean. Cover jars with hot canning lids. Screw rings on firmly. Place jars in a boiling water bath. Cover canner and return water to a boil; boil 5 minutes. Remove jars from canner and let cool. Check seals and store in a cool, dry place.

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 4) Kick oneself for
 10) Like the outdoors
 14) It may be around a buck
 15) Achieve success
 16) Singing range of many women
 17) Mohawk and others
 18) Alternative to a tanning salon
 20) Enjoy the bunny slope
 21) Badger cousin
 22) Bonkers
 23) "Nanny" critter
 25) Gooey black stuff
 26) Sculptures by the shore
 31) Expert in ledger-domain?
 34) Avoid doing
 35) Like laid-back jazz
 36) Noisy closing
 37) England's national gallery
 38) Cocoon residents
 39) Aspiration
 40) Stadium division
 41) Notice of departure?
 42) Mexican homes
 43) Antique

- 44) Large dryers?
 46) Contents of 37-Across
 47) Electric measures
 48) Thing given to the police
 51) Military march
 54) A gentleman removes his
 57) Ocean, sea or lake, e.g.
 59) You may precede it, but I can't
 60) "Beware the ___ of March"
 61) Remove carbon from
 62) Rub the wrong way
 63) Pekoe and others
 64) Pleasant smells
 65) Use a fork

DOWN

- 1) Does a bit of math
 2) Cranny colleague
 3) Earmarked
 4) The daily grind
 5) Errors in printing
 6) Small cave (Var.)
 7) Fit for pickin'
 8) Satan's forte
 9) PI
 10) Gallantry
 11) ___-ran (loser)

- 12) Cause to be immobile
 13) Frosted Flakes tiger
 19) "Ah, man!" of old
 24) More eccentric
 25) HDTV component
 26) Brief quarrel
 27) To no ___ (fruitlessly)
 28) Diver's gear
 29) It's up for discussion
 30) Reluctant
 31) Narrow escape
 32) From the Pope
 33) "Don't make ___" (parent's admonition)
 36) Oboe ancestor
 38) Rhyme writer
 42) Sticks together
 44) Con ___ (vigorously)
 45) City in Kansas
 46) Bottomless chasm
 48) Not much
 49) Prospector's bonanza
 50) Brainstorming contribution
 51) Decorative pitcher
 52) Chihuahuan treat
 53) Thing smaller than a molecule
 55) Realm
 56) One way to send a message
 58) They say "yes" to drugs

CHURCH NEWS

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

Buffalo Baptist Church Events

Bro. Jamison Mink, of Poplar Grove Baptist Church, will be speaking at Buffalo Baptist Church Sunday morning, July 21st.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 11 o'clock.

The church is located 15 miles south of Mt.

Vernon on Hwy 1249 (Sand Springs Road).

Buffalo Baptist Church will have their Third Sunday Night Singing on Sunday Evening, July 21st, beginning at 6 o'clock.

Kathy Robinson will be the featured singer.

Pastor Bro. Bill Mink and congregation invite everyone to come out and worship with us on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Everyone is Welcome!!

Just Enough at Creekside Baptist
Bluegrass Gospel

Group, Just Enough, will be singing at Creekside Baptist Church, located at 2261 Copper Creek Road, Sunday morning, July 21st at 11 o'clock.

There will be a Pulled Pork Dinner after the service.

You are invited and welcome to come and fellowship with us in this special service. *Pastor Jack Stallworth.*

Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ will be holding a Gospel Meeting July 17th through the 21st with Landon Hughes speaking.

Services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Everyone is invited to come and worship with us.

Pine Hill Cemetery Donations Needed

The Pine Hill Cemetery is in need of donations for mowing and maintaining the cemetery grounds.

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Isaiah with some of his Indy Select South teammates who also competed at the FBU Top Gun Showcase and earned a ticket to the FBU Combine Events in Texas in January, 2025. In the photo, from left, are: Isaiah Jackson, Kaden Baker, Ronald Lnnz, Durrelle "DJ" Loggins, Jr., Jayden Corum and Marian Jaudon.

DOES GOD EXIST?
WHAT ABOUT EVOLUTION?
DARWIN RIGHT? HOW CAN A LOVING GOD ALLOW SUFFERING AND DEATH? WHAT ABOUT THE AGE OF THE EARTH? DO DATING METHODS PROVE THE EARTH IS MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD? WHO WAS CAIN'S WIFE? HOW DID NOAH FIT ALL THE ANIMALS ON THE ARK? WAS THERE REALLY A WORLD WIDE FLOOD? DOES ANY REAL SCIENTIST BELIEVE IN CREATION? ARE THERE REALLY MISSING LINKS? CAN A DAY MEAN MILLIONS OF YEARS? WHAT ABOUT NATURAL SELECTION? WHERE DID THE RACES COME FROM? WHAT ABOUT DISTANT STARLIGHT? ARE UFOS REAL? DID GOD USE EVOLUTION? WHAT ABOUT THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN MONKEY AND HUMAN DNA? WHAT ABOUT THE ICE AGE? WERE ADAM AND EVE REAL? PEOPLE WHO CARES WHAT I BELIEVE ABOUT ORIGINS? DON'T FOSSILS TAKE MANY MILLIONS OF YEARS TO FORM? WHAT ABOUT DINOSAURS?

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PREVIEW: Thursday, July 18th & July 25th from 4-7 p.m.

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 24th through August 2nd. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day inspection period.

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Exhibit explores community baseball in Central Kentucky

Rockcastle Arts Association to host free exhibit, presentation July 19-20 in Mt. Vernon, Ky.

A new exhibit of photographs and memorabilia explores the social and cultural aspects of baseball in a small Appalachian community in the interlude between World War II and the Korean War.

“Tobacco League Baseball: America’s Pastime in Rockcastle County, 1949-51,” runs July 19-20, 2024, in Mt. Vernon, Ky. The Rockcastle Arts Association is sponsoring this inaugural event, which is free and open to the public.

Launched in 1949, the Tobacco League sought the “furtherance of baseball” in Madison County, with Fayette, Clark, Estill, Garrard, and Rockcastle counties also fielding teams between 1949 and 1955. The Korean War’s demand for young draftees forced the league to suspend play in 1952.

Besides more than 30 archival photos, this 75th anniversary exhibit fea-

tures original uniforms, bats, trophies, press clippings, scorebooks, scrapbooks and other ephemera. The exhibit concludes with a Saturday reception and presentations by local historians Willie Hiatt and Sharon Farthing Graves at 6 p.m. ET in the meeting space at the Rockcastle Farmer’s Market, 180 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon.

Updated Event Schedule

The exhibit opens Friday, July 19, and continues on Saturday, July 20, prior to a reception and presentations. The schedule and locations are as follows.

Friday, July 19
Exhibit: 5-8 p.m., Arts Place, 185 Main St., Mt. Vernon

Saturday, July 20
Exhibit: 3-5 p.m., Arts Place, 185 Main St., Mt. Vernon

Reception: 5:30-6 p.m., Rockcastle Farmer’s Market, 180 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon

Presentations: 6-7:30

p.m., Rockcastle Farmer’s Market, 180 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon

Billy Hiatt, who played shortstop for the Wildie Rockies, took the majority of the photos using a consumer-level Mercury II camera. Hiatt’s lens dwelled on the community’s embrace of the team: a sister wearing the Rockies uniform in a “League of Their Own” pose, the Mt. Vernon High School pep band performing at games, and panoramas of the Wildie baseball diamond against the backdrop of the water towers serving the L & N railroad.

“The photos capture an idyllic period when the nation paused to catch its breath after the end of World War II,” said Willie Hiatt, the photographer’s son and curator of the

exhibit. “These are charming images of the past, but they also anticipate community loss and upheaval as the Korean War draft and accelerated outmigration began altering the face of Appalachian communities.”

The Saturday evening event will feature presentations from two Rockcastle County natives. Willie Hiatt will discuss how the Tobacco League photos underscore an almost universal love of baseball as American’s pastime but also convey a deeply personal sense of place and time that was unique to this Appalachian community. Sharon Farthing Graves will present her research on the team from College Hill, Ky., and broader history of the Tobacco League.

About Willie Hiatt, Curator & Presenter

Willie Hiatt, who was born and raised in Mt. Vernon, Ky., is an associate professor of history at Long Island University, Post Campus. His teaching interests include how photographs shape history-making, construct identities and perceptions, and serve as tools of power and resistance. In his free time, he is a street photographer based in Queens, NY.

About Sharon Farthing Graves, Presenter

Sharon Farthing Graves was raised in Rockcastle County and is a proud graduate of Rockcastle County High School. She has lived in Madison County for more than 37 years. She is a retired eighth-grade American History teacher, currently employed as the Historic Properties Interpreter for the City of Richmond and President of the Madison County Historical Society. Numerous projects (organizing Madison County marriage records, transcribing coroner’s

records, and editing a book on the military deaths from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam) occupy her free time.

About Rockcastle Arts Association

Established in January 2018, the Rockcastle Arts Association is an independent, non-profit organization devoted to encouraging and promoting the arts in Rockcastle County. The organization hosts events throughout the year at Arts Place, 185 Main Street in Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Carrie Mullins at rockcastlearts@gmail.com.

City Council moves meeting

The Mount Vernon City Council meeting has been postponed.

The meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, is now a special called meeting and is scheduled for Thursday, July 25 due to several scheduling conflicts.

Album release party planned for popular local entertainers

Two very well-known entertainers in Mount Vernon have joined forces to create a new recording project.

Jaclyn Bullock and Avery Bradshaw have completed *Stranger’s Prayer*, which will soon be available. In fact, the album will be available to purchase at the Album Release Party at 190 East Main Street (old Cox Building) on August 3 at 3 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the event and meet both entertainers while enjoying a food truck that will be on site. There will also be cake and other refreshments for those in attendance.

Parking is available near the event on Main Street and Bullock and Bradshaw each invite everyone to come out and enjoy the Saturday afternoon with music and food.

Anyone may serve on Selective Service Board

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. has asked fiscal court members and guests as well as department heads more than once during fiscal court meetings, if anyone is interested in serving as a Selective Service System board member. However, each court member is involved in other boards and committees.

Holbrook asks if anyone in Rockcastle would be interested in sitting on the board. “They have approached me more than once,” said Holbrook. “I told them I would try to help.”

To serve on the board the volunteer must be a US citizen, at least 18, males must be registered with the selective service,

not an active or retired member of the armed forces and not been convicted of any felony offenses.

According to the SSS request, board members serve an “important role closely connected with national defense.” In the event of a draft, board members decide who receives deferments, postponements and/or exemptions. Board members are appointed by the President.

Holbrook said anyone interested in serving on the board should call 888-655-1825 or visit Facebook at SSS registration or apply online at sss.gov/volunteers/request-info to fill out a form.

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NOTICE TO ROCKCASTLE COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Danetta Ford Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2023 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the Mount Vernon Signal on July 24, 2024.

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 27, 2024 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

All priority participants must register with the County Clerk’s office by August 12, 2024 prior to 4:00 p.m. All current participants must register with the County Clerk’s Office by

August 16, 2024 before 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 26, 2024. No personal check payments will be taken after August 19, 2024.

All payments by mail must be RECEIVED by this date (postmarked payments will not be accepted). NO PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN ON August 27, 2024. 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 22, 2024 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 2023, please call to make sure your tax bill has been paid.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
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Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
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Brodhead
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

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Thursday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
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Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.
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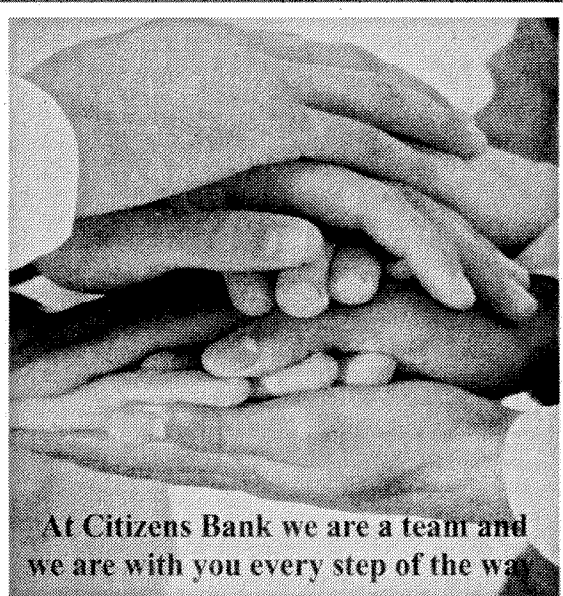
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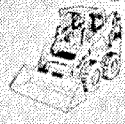
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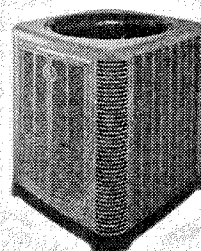
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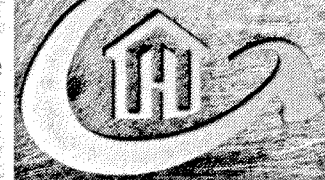
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Frankfort Update

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Legislature's budget
efforts pay off with
another record budget
surplus

For far too long, our state's leaders relied on a tax-and-spend approach to governing that left the state generations behind in progress and ill-prepared for unexpected opportunities and challenges. Common sense tells us that you cannot tax your way to prosperity, and the approach left us unable to invest in our schools, roads, and other basic services. That changed several years ago when Kentuckians signaled their desire to see change and sent a new conservative majority to the State House. In the time since, lawmakers have passed policies aimed at building our economy and growing our communities.

We continue to see proof that those policies are working and further evidence came in the form of two announcements earlier this month. First, for the first time in a decade, Kentucky is seeing more money arriving to than leaving the state. That is according to 2022 data reported by the Internal Revenue Service. Essentially, the number of tax returns submitted from Kentucky is growing, as are the number of people and the adjusted gross income listed on them. This is an important gain.

In addition, with the end of the state fiscal year on June 30, all numbers indicate that we have yet another billion-dollar budget surplus, General Fund revenue growth of 2.8% and Road Fund revenue growth of 6.9%. Of course, this is great news for the Commonwealth and the undeniable result of your hard work and the legislature's work to craft responsible spending plans, lower taxes, invest in the people of Kentucky, and place a historic amount of money in our budget reserve.

We expected these gains based on data provided by our own economists. However, seeing these policies work allows us to continue moving forward with efforts to both leave more tax dollars in the paychecks of hardworking Kentuckians and return them to communities in the form of improvements to our infrastructure. Earlier this year, we passed HB 1, which invested more than \$2.7 billion over the next two years to improve road, rail, river, air, and water infrastructure, as well as make targeted investments in school facilities, public pensions, tourism, and community development.

Both of these announcements provide proof that we can improve our quality of life and strengthen our economy by being intentional with every dollar we allocate, as we did once again with the state budget passed earlier this year that went into effect on July 1.

The \$128.4 billion, two-year spending plan, House Bill 6, passed the House by a vote of 72-26. The proposal provides a two-year spending plan with funding for the vast majority of state agencies and programs. As you can imagine, the measure was the result of almost two years of work aimed at crafting a responsible budget that balances the state's current needs and its long-term well-being.

The new budget continues our commitment to priority issues and includes record funding for K-12 public schools, and strategic investments in public safety, infrastructure, and health services. HB 6 also makes major investments in mental health and substance abuse recovery, as well as other programs that serve the state's most vulnerable

This budget ensures that essential services are not just maintained but enhanced, that necessary programs are strengthened, and that investments are made in the future of our communities. The measure also ensures that every dollar invested benefits the people of this Commonwealth. The bill reflects our dedication to efficiency and accountability, and should instill confidence in the state's ability to navigate through challenges and take advantage of opportunities."

Education Funding: Once again, the budget includes increased per pupil K-12 funding by 3% in the first year and 6% in the second, fully funded school transportation costs in the second year based on numbers provided by the Kentucky Department of Education, and increased access to funds for school districts with a limited ability to raise revenue by increasing the Tier 1 equalization.

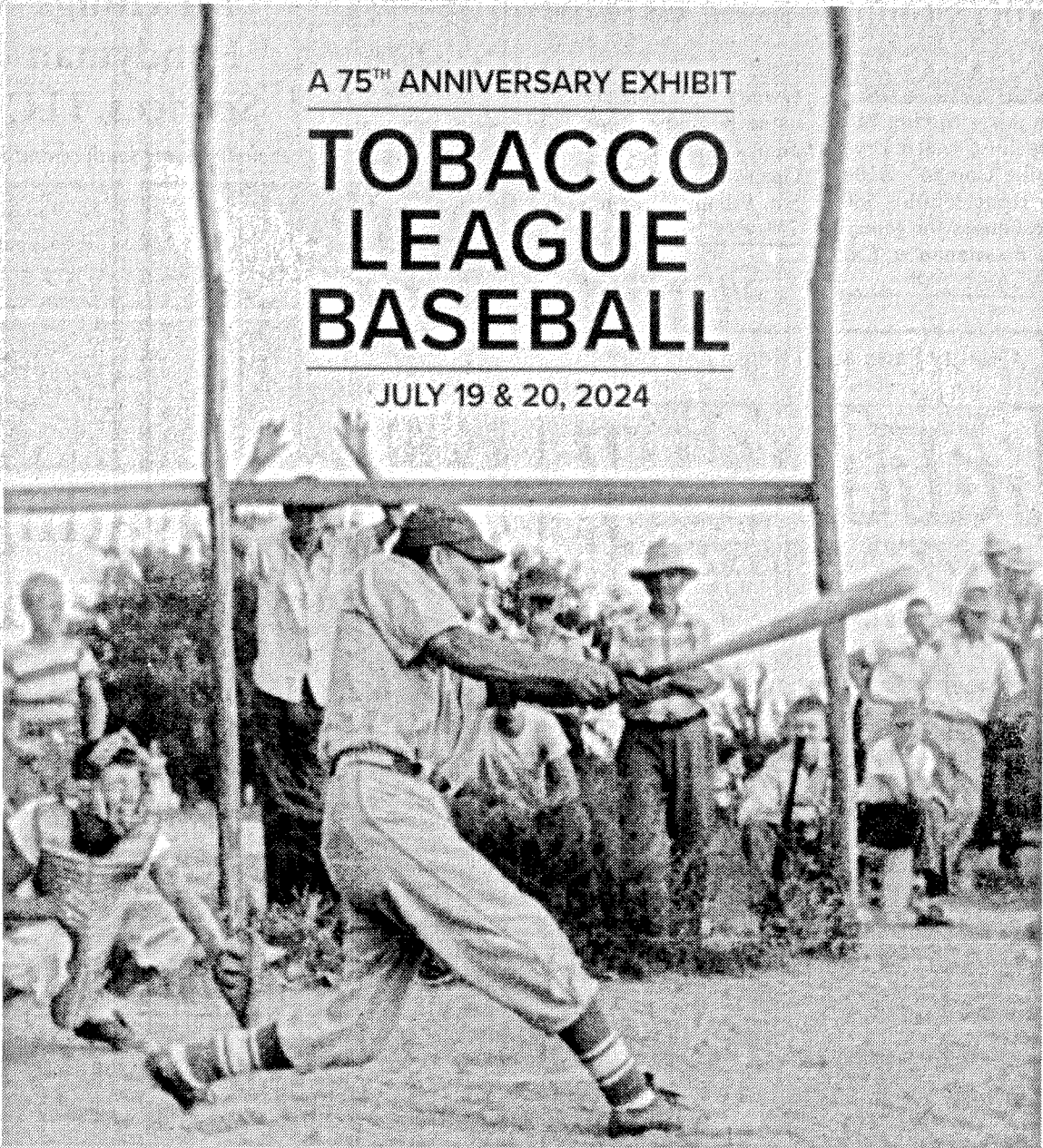
Emergency Preparedness: We know all too well how disasters have impacted Kentuckians as storms have taken their toll on Western and Eastern Kentucky, so I'm particularly pleased that we were able to provide for enhanced disaster preparedness. The budget includes additional funding for the Kentucky National Guard, Kentucky Emergency Management, and more than \$16 million for the newly created statewide search and rescue team.

Law Enforcement: Every one of us deserves to feel safe in our home and out in our community. And, we all recognize that we have to invest in the men and women who enforce the laws that keep us safe. This budget includes \$22.5 million in additional funds over the biennium to the Kentucky State Police (KSP) for pay increases for troopers and commercial vehicle enforcement officers. It also has an additional \$22.6 million to support classes of 75 Trooper cadets in each fiscal year and provides funding for the purchase of new cruisers. We also put an additional \$27.9 million in for raises and new positions in commonwealth's attorney and county attorney offices, a new case management system, and the rocket docket system.

Health and Human Services: We have an obligation to protect our most vulnerable, as well as to ensure that they have access to the services that help them lead successful, independent lives. The budget provides money for a hundred new social worker positions over the next two years, more than \$50 million towards the Child Care Assistance Program, and financial support to expand waiver programs that help those with developmental and intellectual disabilities thrive in at home.

Public Pensions: The budget continues the commitment to funding the state's public pensions at not just the statutorily required level, but at the actuarially required level. I will add that, in addition to HB 6, we also included a combined \$230 million in funding towards the overall pension debt in the Kentucky Employees Retirement Fund, the KSP Retirement Plan, and the Kentucky Teacher's Retirement System with HB 1. While the legislature has allocated more than \$20 billion towards public pensions since 2017, the state still carries a liability of more than \$30 billion. Our commitment to these funds is bringing them closer to solvency, but also has an effect on how much we can spend in other areas.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.



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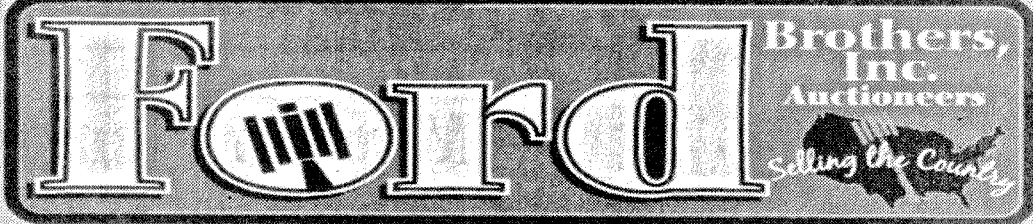
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