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RCMS project on hold hoping for more funds

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Rockcastle County students will remain in the existing middle school building for an extra year while officials look for an additional \$17 million to fund a new RCMS project.

\$3 million available **County making decisions about** how to best use ARPA funds

By: Mike French Editor

Since it was first announced in March of 2021, counties and cities across the country have been looking forward to using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. And it is finally about to happen in Rockcastle County.

Due to COVID, state and local governments across the country found themselves spending more funds than normal meeting mandates and keeping citizens as safe as possible from the virus. The ARPA allocated \$1.9

> Mount Vernon

trillion in COVID relief costs. and 350 billion to state and local governments across the nation to help offset some of those

Rockcastle County's share of that amount was set at \$3.2 million. The money was allo-

Little World's Fair will be August 15-19

By: Mike French Editor

It is almost time for the 2023 Little World's Fair at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

This year's event will be held August 15 through August 19 and will include all the events event is sponsored by the that bring guests and par-Brodhead Fire Departticipants from across the ment and admission will country to Rockcastle be \$9, according to fair County each year. officials. Once again the mid-Also a part of the fair way will be operated by before the midway opens, Paradise Entertainment on Sunday, August 13 and events are scheduled BFD and city officials throughout the week that will host the Little are expected to entertain World's Fair Miss-Teen, visitors of all ages. Miss Preteen and Little Though the fair itself is (See "Fair" on A5) promoted to begin on Au-Rock-tember Blast **Blast in the Valley**

moved to Sept. 3

gust 15, events for those who don't want to wait. are scheduled before the official opening of the fair. On Saturday, August 12 there will be a Fun Horse Show at the fairgrounds. Gates will open at 3 p.m. and the show will begin at 6 p.m. This cated as early as 2022 but was restricted on how the funds could be used. Guidelines on how the funds could be spent were slow in coming and some county or city governments spent the money before they were certain how it could be used, according to several reports. If the ARPA funds were used in a nonapproved manner, the entity would

(See "ARPA" on A5)

Editor The new Rockcastle County Middle School project has been tabled, according to Rockcastle

By: Mike French

County School Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger. The regular monthly meeting last week was postponed causing the district to hold a special meeting Monday night in which Ballinger told the

board she suggests hold-

ing the RCMS project. "Once the bids were tabulated, they came in at \$55 million and as you know the district only has about \$40 million to work with," said

Ballinger. "We are all very disappointed but it is our responsibility to be wise in our decisions. We all want the new middle school and we were excited, but it is like buying a car. If you don't have the money, you just can't buy it. There really isn't a decision to be made. We just don't have the money to start this project and do it right."

The bids for the project were opened on May 25th at a bid opening ceremony but the actual totals were difficult to discern due to the sheer number of possibilities within the bids, according to Ballinger.

The architectural firm representatives had estimated the bid may be around \$43 million and representatives told the board they may be off "a couple million" in either direction.

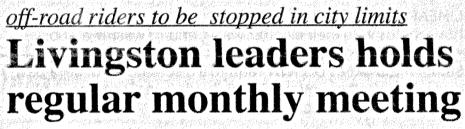
However, once the bids were tabulated, the

total low "When we build bids were a middle school, it apparently should be someabout \$15 million thing we are all more than proud of and not expected, something cut according down to bare to Ballinger. bones." "This Dr. Carrie Ballinger makes us

about \$15 million short and we have absolutely looked at every possibility imaginable," she said. In fact, Ballinger said that by the time her and staff members and architectural designers were able to get the project down closer to the \$43 million range, the building "would be something no one would want to build and it was still out of our price range."

Ballinger said that

(See "RCMS" on A5)



By: Mike French

missioner Sandi Single- will look at any area of ton answered each point. "We are waiting for the state and county to begin their street repair projects because we can piggyback with them and it is much less expensive, quicker and easier on the Livingston taxpayer to repair potholes and such if the trucks are already here," said Davidson. Davidson continued to say the city put up a new flag pole on Main Street because the old one had not been maintained and had no pulley system for raising the flag. Concerning weeds on city sidewalks, Davidson said "we

concern and take care of it. Some sidewalks are the home owner's responsibility but if it is an area of city responsibility, we will take care of it." As for questions concerning why McClure Street is now a one-way street, Davidson said that decision was made for the safety of citizens after public discussion and a commission vote. As for the flower pots that were removed, the mayor said they are for sale at \$10 each and the city plans to place permanent land-

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting is scheduled for tonight, July 20 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Friday after five

The second of three Friday After Five events is scheduled for downtown Mount Vernon this Friday, July 28. A Bike Show will be held on Main Street and live music will be on the street and at the Down on Main Restaurant. The public is invited to the free event.

Talent Show

Don't forget the talent show this week. The **Rockcastle Arts** Association and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame are hosting the Midsummer Night Talent Show at the Hall of Fame Amphitheater Friday, July 21 at 6 p.m.

By: Mike French Editor

"I just hope it doesn't rain."

This is the wish of Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr. now that the Blast in the Valley Independence Day celebration has been renamed and rescheduled for Sunday, September 3.

The Blast in the Valley had been scheduled for July 4 at the Renfro Valley field but rain had caused the area to become saturated with water and more storms were predicted on that date. Officials decided at the last moment, to postpone the event due to the bad weather.

City, county and tour-

ism officials then started working on a new date but had to coordinate with other events in the area and had some difficulty finding a weekend suitable.

However, all three entities have decided to hold the event on Sunday, September 3 at the Rockcastle County Industrial Park just off US-150 on Progress Drive in Mount Vernon.

Events will begin at 4 p.m. (if weather permits) and will include live music, food trucks, inflatables and more. The annual fireworks show is expected to begin at dusk.

As usual, admission to the event is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Lanor Mayor Larry Davidson addressed several questions and complaints from former Mayor Dwane King, during the regular Monthly Livingston City Commission meeting last week. King continued to

present complaints ranging from flag placement to mowing and pot hole repairs to drainage of storm water and the removal of flower pots on Main Street. King also asked why McClure is now a one-way street among other questions Davidson and Com-

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Health Fair planned

for Wednesday,

August 2 from 4-7

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(See "City" on A5)

Protocol to be tested **Active shooter** training August 15

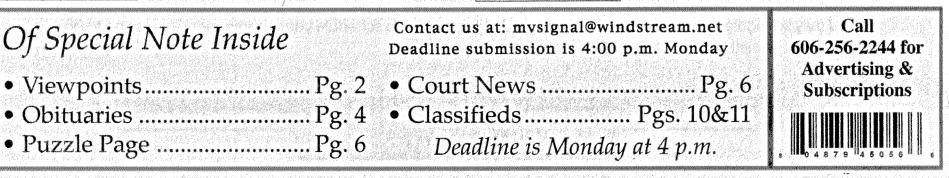
By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger wishes to inform the public that there will be active shooter training at RCHS on Tuesday, August 15.

"This is going to be a big deal and a very intense training," she said. "The community should be aware of this training exercise because it may be visible to the public and people may wonder what is going on."

The active shooter training will be conducted just as if a true active shooter is found at the local high school and protocol will be followed throughout the community, according to Ballinger.

"We are working very closely with Ryan Loudermilk of the Kentucky State Police, Joe Rush of the Mount Vernon Police Department, officials at the Sheriff's Department, the 911 center and more," she (See "Shooter" on A5)



Rapids Golf Course. The event, sponsored by Rockpeds, **Rockcastle Regional** and Rockcastle

> Family Wellness, will include food trucks, Silcox Shaved Ice, The Rolling Stoves, inflatables, door prizes, giveaways and much more. Everyone is invited to the free event.

Mary Thomas French, in her later years, had a huge, soft, cozy rocking chair sitting smack in front of the living room fireplace. There wasn't much in the room but that one big chair was the center piece.

There was a desk made of chestnut, with one drawer, sitting by the living room window. On the desk was a small, rectangular, white radio with two yellow knobs. One for changing channel and one for volume. There was also a coal oil lamp and a small basket on the desk. There was an old couch sitting against the wall but I don't ever remember seeing anyone sitting on it. And there was one other chair. It



was a small ladder-back chair with some kind of woven/braided paper thin wood weaved across the seat.

That small chair was where grandpa sat, always. I never saw him in the big, comfy rocking chair. He liked his old wooden chair even though it was too small for him. Grandpa was a big man and some of him hung over the little wooden chair. But he never once sat in the big chair that I know of. During the fall and

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winter months, a fire was always going in that fireplace and when I would visit as a small lad, I got the big, comfy chair. It was so big that I could lie across it side ways and use one arm for a pillow. I would sit in that chair for an hour at a time while grandma sat at the chestnut desk listening to Garner Ted Armstrong, a preacher in the 60s.

I remember as clear as day playing in the garden right beside the house and old Garner Ted would be blasting through that window directly above the chestnut desk.

The living room was so warm and cozy and had blankets hanging over the doorway going into the bedroom to keep the heat in the living room and the only picture on the walls was one painting of Jesus sitting on a rock preaching to people in robes.

A big pile of wood, that grandpa had chopped, sat on the back porch with one more ladder back chair. A A Change Barris There wasn't anything

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in the kitchen except an old fridgidaire, a standalone cabinet and the kitchen table with metal chairs around it. Grandma cooked on a wood burning stove so the wood on the back porch heated the living room and was used to cook. The bedrooms stayed ice cold but grandma's handmade quilts could bring the sweat out of us even in the icy room.

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We always ate at the kitchen table. Food didn't go in the living room and even when I wanted a snack, I had to sit at the kitchen table to eat it. Kids used to have rules."

That was about the whole house. There was no bathroom. Not inside anyway. There was a small little room beside the kitchen that had a big metal pan of sorts and grandma would go to the well and put a bucket of water on the cook stove to heat it. Then she poured the hot water over my hands as I washed them with lye soap over that little bucket before I could go to the kitchen table.

She made her own soap and her own butter and gathered eggs each day from the chicken coops while grandpa chopped wood and fixed things

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Summers of Childhood Dear Journal, Stanley and I were sitting around in our living room last night and talking about how hot we were even with the air conditioner going. We had to stop and laugh. Back when we were young and growing up, air conditioning was rare. There were a few stores who had air conditioning . If they had air conditioning, there was a sign painted proudly on their front window.

Back in those days, dinner/supper was served around four or five PM so the house could cool a slight bit before going to

bed. Often after dinner/ supper the family would go out to the garden to work when it got cool. There would be weeding, hoeing and the gathering of the vegetables. Then everybody would head back home to sit on the porch and rest and cool. We usually enjoyed a cold drink during this time. Sometimes we had some war in which ice cream...possibly with Hershey's chocolate syrup on it...now there was a treat indeed. Cold melon was a treat, as well. So many of the things we take for

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Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor must be no more than 400 words without prior arrangements. Letters are published in the order in which they are received as space permits. Letters must not contain libelous materials. No more than two letters supporting a political candidate per household. Letters must be in the Signal office before 4 p.m. on Monday to be considered for that week's publication. All letters must include the author's name, signature, address and telephone numbers. Illegible letters will not be considered for publication. Letters not meeting these guidelines will neither be published nor returned to the author. For questions or to make arrangements for a letter exceeding the word limit, contact the editor at 256-2244.

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County reviews budget summary

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reviewed the county financial summary for fiscal year 2023-24 during a meeting last week.

According to the summary, the general fund total receipts are estimated at \$5,140,089 with total disbursements of \$3,149,992 leaving a cash balance of \$1,990,097 at the end of June 30, 2024.

The road fund shows total receipts at \$2,155,331 with disbursements of \$2,136,650 for a cash balance of \$18,680.

The Jail Fund estimates total receipts at \$1,796,102 and disbursements at \$1,736,772 for a cash balance of \$59,330.

The LGEA Fund lists total receipts of \$564,495 with disbursements at \$424,386 for a cash balance of \$140,108.

The Forestry Fund shows total receipts at \$3,268 with disbursements at \$2,627 for a cash balance of \$641.

The Fairgrounds Fund shows total receipts at \$11,836 with disbursements at \$10,280 for a cash balance of \$1,556.

The Economic Development Fund estimates total receipts at \$3,356,109 with disbursements of \$318,185 for a cash balance of \$3,037,924.

Fund shows total receipts at \$10,850 with disbursements at \$6,072 for a cash balance of \$4,777.

The 911 Fund shows total receipts at \$534,005 \$507,856 for a cash balance of \$26,148.

The County Clerk Storage Fee shows total receipts at \$21,720 with no disbursements.

The Opioid Settlement Fund shows total receipts at \$199,369 with no disbursements.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund shows total receipts at \$3,259,607 with disbursements at \$54 for a cash balance of \$3,259,553.

The CSEPP Fund shows total receipts at \$341,351 with disbursements at \$271,422 for a cash balance of \$69,928. Including all funds, total receipts are listed at \$17,394,138 with total disbursements at \$8,564,300 for a total cash balance of \$8,829,837.

The budget is expected to change dramatically in the next few years since much of these funds are expected to be affected either during the next fiscal budget or after December of 2025 when the Microfoodery and Anchor Buildings can be paid off without late penalties. For example, it is expected that the Jail Fund will not be shown as a liability in the budget since ARPA funds will be used as a one-time deposit for the entire year's fiscal The Farmers Market a court expense, according to a fiscal court vote last week.

Also, the ARPA fund is planned to be in a federal account and will likely be earmarked by the 2024 county officials.

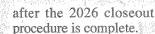
The CSEPP Fund is expected to be gone entirely since the Sarin Gas at the Richmond Army Depot has been destroyed and CSEPP will no longer be required



(Continued from A2) granted now were considered a treat then. Over the years, we have spoiled ourselves and the children have been ruined and not for their betterment.

I remember Mom and I would sit on the porch until late into the night, maybe until midnight or later, waiting on the house to cool. All of the windows would be up with only a screen between you and the outside world. The doors were open, as well, and unlocked. While on the porch, we usually strung and broke beans for the next day's canning. After all of that canning, the house really got hot, yet with no air conditioner. Amazingly, we took it all in stride and usually tolerated the heat fairly well. The kids caught lightning bugs for entertainment and put them in a glass jar to keep around dark while the grown folks sat on the porch after gardening.

Finally, when the work was done and it got cool, we would go to bed. I usually put my lightning bugs on the dresser and fell to sleep listening to the "night bugs" chirping along with the frogs. About daylight it would start all over again.



But as for the current budget, officials with the county agree the budget is a conservative estimate and the county is expected to experience some economic growth in the next few years.

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(Continued from A2) and worked in his garden and in the yard.

Three sheds were outback but they looked about ready to fall down. But somehow, 20 years later, they were still standing. One had a thousand jars full of fruits and canned veggies and hams hanging from the rafters. Another shed had the plows and harrows and harnesses for a mule to pull along. There was also some weeding tools and such while the third building was full of junk.

A wire fence was around the yard keeping the cows at bay and the posts were made of cedar trees grandpa had cut down. Grandpa never owned a tractor but there was one huge tractor tire painted white in the center of the yard with all kinds of flowers planted inside. Grandma watered those daily and pulled weeds out.

It could not have been a more simple place to go. There was nothing they didn't need on the entire place. I think that old radio was the only, single item that they didn't have to have to survive. But grandma would disagree. To her, "listening to my preacher" was just as important as eating.

It was the definition of the simple life. Occasionally grandpa would disappear into the forest for hours and then return with a mason jar half full of clear liquid as he stumbled back into the chair on the porch.

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> www.coxfuneralhomeky.com 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 Limetone Grille on Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule Monday, July 24: Child Development, Seek and Learn, Lisa's Little People. Tuesday, July 25th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

KPR Meeting July 25

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, July 25th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be 89th District State Representative Timmy Truett. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

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.

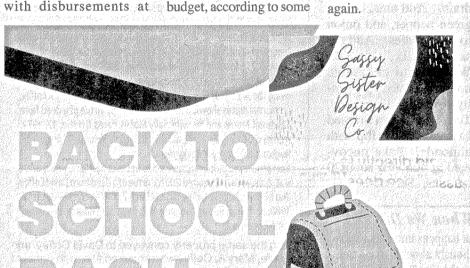
Kiwanis Club Meeting

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



August 4th 10am-6pm **Rockcastle Farmer's Market**

Youtube, no phone, no bathroom, no car, no clocks. None of the stuff that we "need" today to survive. But they didn't miss anything. To them, life was full. They loved their country and their God and their family and had all they ever wanted right there on that little homeplace.

Sometimes I wonder, have we progressed as a people? Not in my book.

Hall of Fame hitheater Free Admission

Rockcastle Arts Association and The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Present



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, Katheryn 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: Katheryn 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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Cemetery Notices

Johnetta Cemetery

Donations for upkeep and mowing for the cemetery may be sent and payable to Johnetta Cemetery, 5777 Three Links Rd., McKee, KY 40447. Each donation is very much appreciated. See our Facebook page: Johnetta Cemetery.

Oak Hill Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Oak Hill Cemetery. Anyone wishing to help should mail donations to: Oak Hill Cemetery, c/ o Bill Lear, 60 Hope Drive, Drlando, Ky. 40460.

To contact Bill, his phone number is 606-308-3244. Thank you for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

McKinney Cemetery

You may mail your donation (check or money order) to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Livesay Cemetery

We are in desperate need of donations. Our funds ran out at the end of the last mowing season. If we don't receive donations, each family will be responsible for their own family plots. Please send donations to: Gloria Seals. 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Maretburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Maretburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Briarfield Cemetery

Donations can also be mailed to: Tim Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460; Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 656 Maple Grove Rd., Orlando, KY 40460. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

Maret Cemetery

The annual Maret Cemetery meeting will be held Saturday, May 27th at noon at the cemetery.

the cemetery will be taken at the meeting or may be mailed to: Sandra D. Ramsey, 245 Sunset Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Please make all checks pavable to Maret Cemetery.

Maple Grove Cemetery

We are asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of Maple Grove Cemetery. Anyone that would like to help may go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove account.

You may call Joey Hampton 859-749-4660 or Darla Reams 606-308-1988 or Penny Cameron 606-758-4489 for more information or to make a donation.

Piney Grove (Hansel) Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Piney Grove (Hansel) Cemetery to Cecil (Corky) and Teresa Childress, 117 Jamson Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Sand Hill Cemetery Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Sand Hill Cemetery to Brady Hensley, 2683 Sand Hill Rd., Livingston, KY 40445. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

High Dry Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of High Dry Cemetery can be sent to High Dry Cemetery Fund, c/ o Coy Cromer, 1058 Rank Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Please make checks payable

to HDCF.

Saylor Family

Donations for upkeep of the Saylor Cemetery can be sent to: Saylor Cemetery Fund, c/o Susan Daugherty, 5237 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 or to Patty Isaacs, 104 Arrowhead Dr., Berea, Ky. 40403.

Please make checks payable to: Saylor Cemetery Fund.

Piney Grove Cemetery

Mowing of cemetery will resume June 9, 2023. All decorations on ground need to be removed by 9 a.m. June 9, 2023.

Donations for mowing and upkeep can still be made to Piney Grove Cemetery, 16 Sil-Donations, for upkeep of and 1900, Brodhead, Ky, 40409.

Negro Creek Cemetery

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Please remove all ground flowers and ground decor at Negro Creek Cemetery on Hwy. 3245 by 10 a.m. on June 15th so that mowing may re-



Darlene Brown

Frances Darlene Brown, 73, of Willailla, widow of Mickey Brown and mother of Laura Hughes, died Saturday, July 15, 2023 in Lexing-ton.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 19, 23 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

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

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



favorites that Judy fixed drained for her often. 1 cup sliced celery 8 ounces spaghetti 1/4 cup diced green pep-1/2 cup milk per 1 egg Vertilier 1/3 cup chopped onion 1 can (about 10 ounce) 1 pound Italian sausage 1 onion, chopped cream of celery soup 1/2 cup chopped green 1/2 cup milk pepper

16 ounces spaghetti sauce

4 ounces cheddar cheese,

4 ounces Monterey jack

Cook spaghetti until al-

most done. Drain. Sea-

son to taste. Grease 9 x

13 baking dish. Add spa-

ghetti. Mix 1/2cup milk

and 1 beaten egg. Pour

over spaghetti. Preheat

oven to 425°. Brown sau-

sage with onion and green

pepper. Drain. Add spa-

ghetti sauce. Pour over

top of spaghetti. Top with

cheddar cheese and

Monterey jack, Bake at

425° for 15 minutes. Let

set 4 hour before eating.

cheese, shredded

shredded

1/2 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip ® 1 cup sharp processed American cheese, shredded 1/2 cup toasted slivered almonds Preheat oven to 425°. Cook noodles in boiling salted water till tender; drain. Add tuna, celery, green pepper, and onion to the noodles. Add the soup, milk, Miracle Whip® and cheese to noodle mixture. Stir gently to mix itall together. Turn into 2 quart greased casserole dish. Top with almonds. Bake uncov-ered at 425° for about20

minutes. Serves 6.

What Happens When We Die

Have you ever wondered what happens immediately following death? Most of us have thought about this one time or another. There is an account in the New Testament which

New Student Registration **Mount Vernon Elementary**

We will be registering new students the week of July 24-28. 망행하였다

Please come between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

If you have access to a computer, please go to the Rockcastle County Schools website: https://www.rockcastle.kyschools.us/ to do the Online Registration prior to coming in to MVES. You will need the following information/documents to complete enrollment:

--Name of previous school attended -Certified Birth Certificate -Social Security Card -Immunization Record on a KY Form -Physical Examination Form completed -Eye Exam by a licensed optometrist -Dental Exam -Custody Papers, if applicable

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 18-CI-00032

Lycaste, LLC

Plaintiff

. V. Rebecca G. Coffey aka Rebecca Gail Coffey, David Coffey, Beneficial Kentucky Inc. dba Benefical Mortgage Co. of Kentucky Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 25, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND 84/100 (\$26,194.84) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Thursday, July 20, 2023 Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

Situated in Rockcastle County, Kentucky:

Beginning at a post at the Flat Gap Road, corner of Alvin Isaacs; thence Northerly 533 feet to a post; thence continuing with Alvin Isaacs and the fence Westerly 185 feet to a post; thence Southerly and still with fence and Alvin Isaacs 435 feet to a post at the Flat Gap Road; thence Easterly 313 feet with the Flat Gap Road to the point of beginning and containing three (3) acres more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to David Coffey and Mary A Coffey, no marital status shown who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Raymond Morris and his wife, Sally Morris, dated October 17, 1972, recorded October 25, 1972, at Official Records Volume 93, Page 146, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records. 101 110 TRACT Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Gail Coffey, no marital status shown who acquired title by virtue of a deed from David Coffey and his wife, Mary A. Coffey, dated March 7, 1980 recorded March 12, 1980, at Official Records Volume 112, Page 324, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records.

Being the same property conveyed to David Coffey, and his wife, Mary A. Coffey who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Rebecca Gail Coffey, no marital status shown, dated March 17, 1987, recorded April 2, 1987, at Official Records Volume 130, Page 539, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records. Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Gail Coffey, single, as to a life estate to begin at the death of the last grantor, with remainder to the heirs of the grantors, David Coffey and his wife, Mary A. Coffey, who shall have a right to use and possession until the last to die, who acquired title by virtue of a deed from David Coffey and his wife, Mary A. Coffey, dated April 25, 1991, recorded May 6, 1991, at Official Records Volume 142, Page 631, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records. Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements Commonly known as: 390 Flat Gap Road, Berea, KY 40403

Roberts Cemetery

Donations for the mowing and upkeep of Roberts Cemetery (old Freedom Cemetery) can be sent to and made payable to: Tammy Chapman, 220 E. 24th St., Covington, KY 41014 or at Community Trust Bank, Mt. Vernon. Please put Roberts Cemetery in memo line. Thank you to Nancy Meadows for taking care of cemetery in the past.

Your donations are greatly

appreciated.

sume. Cove Branch/McNew Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the mowing and upkeep of Cove Branch/McNew Cemtery. Anyone wishing to help can send donations to Branch/McNew Cove Cemtery, c/o Brenda Smith, 897 Osborne Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409. All donations by check or money order are appreciated.

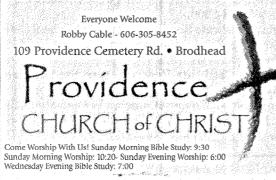
Trust Is Much Like A Rope

A rope is made by intertwining many strands together. The more strands - the stronger the rope. The better quality strands - the stronger and more dependable the rope will be. Trust between two people is built the same way. Each person shares a part of their life with the other. The more they share, the stronger the tie of trust. The deeper their service, their intimacy, their sacrifice, the more dependable the relation ship is to withstand wear and tear through usage. A well-made rope can be used over and over again - a well-made relationship is able to go through many trials.

Breaking trust is much like cutting a rope until it is no longer strong enough of safe for use. If you could watch someone cutting a rope in motion, you would see that the knife is cutting the rope one strand at a time until all the strands are cut and the rope is severed. It grows weaker and weaker until it will not hold. This is how we destroy trust with each other one lie at a time, one harsh word at a time. Eventually all the ties that hold people together are severed.

Trust is important in our lives today. Trust is the hardest thing to produce, the easiest to lose and almost impossible to replace once it is gone. Trust is even more important in our spiritual lives. To guarantee that we are safe and secure, God ties us to himself through Jesus Christ - The Lord is God's rope that ties us to himself. With Christ as our rope, we know it will never break because he never lies, always is kind and true and the one that we can always put our trust in.

I encourage you to build a strong rope (trust) in God. He will never leave you nor forsake you



supplies us with much information about what happens to our souls immediately following death. The account was given by Jesus. It is recorded in (Luke 16:19-31).

Jesus told about two men. One man was very rich. He had everything his heart desired. The other man, Lazarus, was very poor. He was also sick. He lay at the gate of the rich man's house and begged for the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table.

After a time, Lazarus died. The rich man also died. Just as there was a great difference in life between the two men. so there is a great difference in death. However, the situation is now reversed. Lazarus was "carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom." But the rich man "lifted up his eves in torment"

There are very many valuable lessons we can learn from this account. One lesson that we learn is wealth, power and social position do not extend beyond life on this earth. The rich man had all of these, but he went to a place of torment. Lazarus had none of these things in this life, but he was in a place of happiness after death.

Another lesson is that consciousness continues beyond the grave. Some think that when one dies, he is simply unconscious until the resurrection. This is not true! The body sleeps in the grave, the soul does not. Memory continues beyond the grave. The rich man was fully conscious. He recognized Lazarus. He remembered he had five brothers back on earth. He was concerned about their souls, and begged Abraham to send Lazarus to preach to them, so that they would not come to this place of torment where he was.

What about you? Are you prepared for death? Life on earth is uncertain. Death is certain. The Bible warns. (James 4:13-14) Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

A lesson we need to learn today. (2 Cor.6:2) Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. Begin this day while there is time. (John 8:24) Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (Luke 13:3) Repent of your sins. (Acts 8:37) Confess that I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Have your sins washed away in baptism. (Acts22:16) And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Then serve the Lord faithfully with a pure heart and you will be blessed throughout eternity. A place of peace and rest await all the children of God.

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube website Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ Mt. Vernon Kentucky. 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 invited. We offer free Bible correspondence courses to anyone interested in studying the Bible. (REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU)

Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

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

Map No. 040-00-056

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.

2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12.989%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

4. The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county and state property taxes.

5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.

6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

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

8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required. 9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

> John D. Ford Master Commissioner **Rockcastle Circuit Court**

"City"

(Continued from front) scaping where the old flower pots were located. Discussion continued concerning a storm drainage system repair that had apparently been funded through a FEMA grant, during the previous administration. However. the money was used for "other things," according to Davidson, Singleton and City Clerk Samantha Smoker. King strongly denied using FEMA funds for other projects.

The commission then heard the monthly report from Police Chief Travis Davis. The officer said making McClure Street a one-way street was a "good idea" and is much safer now. "That needed to be done for the safety of our citizens," he said.

Davis also reported that he will begin to stop dirt bikes and four wheelers riding in the city limits. "We were very easy on this subject at first but give an inch and some people take a mile," he said. "Riding into town to get gas or some other service is fine. But you can't use a dirt bike or four wheeler as a mode of transportation throughout the town all hours of the night. People are hearing these loud bikes all hours and it is causing a disturbance. I will have to stop those riding around town on our streets. We are not against dirt bikes or four wheelers or side-bysides, we just have to respect our citizens and I will stop those riding around town starting now." A lost of get a second Davis also said he is

helping the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office at every opportunity, since the department is critically short handed at this time. "Sheriff Franklin is a wonderful sheriff and a great guy. If he calls me at home needing assistance, I always try to help in any way I can," he said. "When I am on duty here, I will help the Sheriff's Department all I can as long as it doesn't hinder my responsibilities to Livingston." Davis also reported a drop in speeding and other traffic violations as well and an overall quieter, safer community. Mayor Davidson agreed. "It is defiantly quieter and you have done a wonderful job," he said. "I hear good things about our police department every week and we could not be more pleased with Mr. Davises' service." Davidson and Davis also officially welcomed Devin Shelton as the new Water and Sewer Superintendent for the City of Livingston. Shelton reported taking his certification test last week and is expected to receive his certification as a water superintendent. Shelton reported some of the tasks he is working on currently, within the sewer and water system. and detailed his plans for more repairs and upgrades of the system. The commission voted unanimously to hire Doug Medley, past water and sewer supervisor, as the new City Maintenance Supervisor. Davidson reported that the dumpsters located around town for citizens to use to clean up their property before the city begins enforcing the new nuisance ordinance, have been a success and dumpster are filling overnight. "We will keep this up as long as necessary and we are very thankful to Eco-Tech for providing the dumneters and replacing them instantly when they are full," he said.

Davidson announced that the city will no longer allow dumping behind the fire station and that the area is being cleaned currently.

Davidson also thanked the Transportation Cabinet for painting the crosswalk areas in town last week. "It had become dangerous but now the crosswalks are marked clearly and are much safer for everyone," he said. "It took a lot of calls, but we are thankful that it is now done."

The commission also discussed their desire for a stop light on Main Street at Hwy-490. "A flashing yellow would be helpful but a stop light would slow traffic coming through town creating a much safer environment and would give travelers time to look around our town while waiting on the light," he said. Officials are requesting action on the issue currently.

Singleton told the commission and guests about the upcoming Homecoming Celebration planned for September 1 and 2. She listed several bands, vendors, food trucks and contests that are planned, including the Homecoming Parade and an auction. "We want the celebration to be like it used to be," she said. "Big and bright and a real city-wide celebration to be proud of," she said.

A Gospel Singing will be held on Friday and the annual parade will be on Saturday at 11 a.m. The annual auction is planned for Saturday at 4 p.m. Many other activities for families are planned. Anyone interested in participating or leasing a space should contact city hall.

The mayor also informed the public that he is planning to accept bids for a new public restroom at the Livingston Fire Station building. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10 at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Motorsports and admission will be \$10. Also on the 15th the midway gate is expected to open at 5 p.m. to the public and rides will begin each night at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 16, will be the Pretty Baby and the Cutest Kid contests in the Pavilion. Wednesday is also Kids' Night and any visitor 12 and under will be \$5 while those over 12 and up will be \$10 for admission. Wednesday night will also include the ATV SX5 Obstacle Course beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, August 17, visitors may see the BFD Truck Pull event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10.

On Friday, August 18, will be the KITPA Truck Pull beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the event is \$15.

On Saturday, August 19, visitors may attend the Mud Runs, sponsored by Halls Motorsports, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be \$15.

This will close out the 2023 Little World's Fair

This event is the year's largest fundraiser for the Brodhead Fire Department and officials urge everyone to take part in the fair and enjoy the clean, family atmosphere that officials have worked hard to create.

"RCMS"

(Continued from front)

when the project is started, it should be a project without the cuts. "When we build a middle school, it should be something we are all proud of and not something cut down to bare bones."

Still Ballinger is not giving up on the project. "I suggest we just wait until after the January legislative session," she said. "We have already put in for an additional \$17 million and Josh Bray and Brandon Storm have

also reported that the surplus auction held recently was a great success bringing over \$15,500 to the district.

Ballinger said leaders and staff at each school are currently preparing for the first day of school set for Wednesday, August 16. The fall break is scheduled for October 2-6 and Christmas break is set at December 18-29 with students returning to class on January 3, 2024 since January 2nd is a scheduled professional development day.

Registration for virtual school must be completed by August 4 and on-line registration is now open for the 2023-24 school year

The board also held the first reading of the Superintendent's contract and approved a one-cent increase in mileage pay for the district.

The board also received the Superintendent's Personnel Action report. It is as follows:

Full time certified employees hired

Daisey Hanney, teacher at MVES; Starla Benge, gifted and talented coordinator; Anthony Thompson, instrumental music teacher; Michaela Barron, teacher at BES; Austin Scarbro, teacher at MVES; Emma Judd, language arts teacher at RCMS; Samual Smith, social studies teacher at RCHS; V. Brooke Payne, physical education teacher at RCHS; Sibyl Colwell, teacher at BES; Sarah Mounce, science teacher at RCMS; M. Scott Carrier, JROTC instructor at RCHS; Krista Owens, certified MSD teacher at MVES; Kevin Conforti, social studies teacher at RCHS: Brett Gaynor. math teacher at RCHS.

Full time classified employees hired

Cliff Mullins, computer specialist, district

Classified staff up-

dates Tena Pigg, STC program assistant at RES; Aaron McNabb, instructional assistant 1, level III; Marianne Joenborg, administrative secretary 1 at central office.

"ARPA"

(Continued from front) have to pay that money back, according to ARPA guidelines.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., and fiscal court magistrates decided to hold Rockcastle's allocation in an account until they were certain how it could be used. "If a county spent that money on something that was not approved by ARPA guidelines, they could have to pay it back," said Holbrook last year. "We don't have \$3 million laying around to spend. So we need to wait until we know for certain how it can be used."

Officials with Compass Municiple Advisors praised the court for refusing to use the funds, until guidelines were released concerning how the funds could be used.

Over the next year guidelines trickled down, according to local officials, but it wasn't until recently that final expenditure approvals were established.

Now the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is making decisions about how the money will be used.

On the advice of Compass Municipal Advisors, Rockcastle County has decided to place \$1,168,458.58 into the Jail Fund first.

According to the advisors, this will "cause a lot less headaches" over the next fiscal year.

Over the course of a year, the county transfers that amount into the jail fund each year to keep the jail operational. According to the advisors having the money already in the jail account will avoid transfers each month, help the county to keep track of exactly how much money is left that can be used and provide other benefits as well. "It is money you are going to have to use for the jail anyway," said one advisor. Some funds will also be used to pay the advisors but this will leave about \$2 million that will be placed in a special projects fund according to Holbrook. In essence, though the ARPA Fund will have only \$2 million, the county will still have an extra \$3 million since it will not have to take funds out of the general fund throughout the year to support the jail.

Now officials must decide what to do with \$3 million?

Officials agree it is a good problem to have. but how that money will be used must involve careful calculations and planning, Holbrook said. "For one thing, we can't invest the money in something that will cost the county funds in maintenance and upkeep for years to come," said Holbrook. "Once the ARPA funds are gone, we still have to maintain anything we created with the money."

Some reports indicate that some Kentucky counties used the funds to build a community complex but are now saddled with massive monthly expenses in maintenance and upkeep.

According to Brookings Institute Tracking, across the nation 37% of ARPA funds have been used for government operations, 14% for community aid, 14% for public health, 12% for infrastructure, 9% for housing, 7% for public safety and 7% for economic development.

According to ARPA reports, the City of Livingston received \$55,690 in ARPA funds, the City of Brodhead rgot \$305,646 and Mount Vernon received \$625,537. All counties in the State of Kentucky received \$931,302,956 which equals about \$372 per person in the state.

The City of Mount Vernon used ARPA funds for the new lift station behind Snack Shack and plans to use remaining funds for the new reactive water bashn, according to City Administrator Jim Bowman.

Holbrook has mentioned in a public work session to the fiscal court that the courthouse HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) system is over 50 years old and needs replaced. Magistrate Shane Thacker has said if the system is that old, "it definitely needs replaced by now." But the matter has not come before the court for a decision. Some courthouse replacement HVAC systems in Kentucky have been reported to cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

"Shooter" (Continued from front)

said.

"Some roads may be blocked for a short time and we will proceed with the training to test our protocol and be absolutely certain plans are in place for any scenario."

The active shooter simulation will involve many officers and SROs. "This is going to be a big production," said Ballinger.

"We will test all plans in place and solidify our actions as a team for the possibility of this terrible scenario. We need to get word out. Tell your neighbors and your friends."

Residents are urged to stay calm and understand that such training and simulation is taking place on August 15th.

"Fair"

(Continued from front) Miss and Mister Pageants at Brodhead Elementary School. No times are listed on the flyers but officials are expected to release times soon.

On Tuesday, August 15 the annual Demolition Derbywill be held at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by B&M

on the lists. We may be able to get more funding in the next session to cover that gap."

Ballinger says there is no guarantee that more funding will come in the next session but she and others have hope.

Chairman Angela Mink brought up the point of even more inflation. "From the time we started working on the middle school idea, to the time that bids were opened, the cost rose a lot," Mink said. "Who is to say the cost of everything wont go up that much again by the time we get the extra funding and we find ourselves in the same position?"

Ballinger said contractors who submitted bids have agreed to hold their prices for a time, but agreed that this will only last for an undetermined amount of time depending upon inflation.

The new middle school will remain as a hope for the board due to the condition of the existing middle school, according to Ballinger. "Everyone from Frankfort on down knows about the condition of our current middle school," she said. "Our middle school building is in the top two or three worst middle school buildings in the state."

The board agreed to wait until after the next legislative session to pursue the project further.

In other action, the board approved the monthly financial statement which Jenny Sweet, Finance Director, said is in line with where it was expected to be at this point. Officials with the board

wide; Brent Lovell, boys head baseball coach; Payton Cotton, instructional assistant at MVES; Pete Warren, assistant football coach; Roy Bullock, vehicle mechanic 1, transportation; Quentin Wyatt, custodian 2nd shift at MVES; Kim Hancock, food service, cook/baker at BES.

Resignations

Jourdan Blanton Miller, assistant volleyball coach at RCHS; Jerri Lynn McGee, substitute bus monitor; Heather McClure, computer operator at MVES; JD Hansford, boys and girls cross country coach: Amelia Berryman, tennis coach; Billy Hackworth, bass fishing coach; Caleb Ballinger, lawn care; Danielle Criswell (Noe), substitute teacher.

Retirements

Linda Hamm, counselor at MVES; Melissia Lear, administrative secretary at central office. Certified substitutes

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Haley Hacker, Lauren King, Joshua Haines, Bernice Whitehead, Meagan Bishop, Jordan Harper, Kristen Collins Howard and Ronald Chasteen, all emergency substitute teachers. Classified substitutes

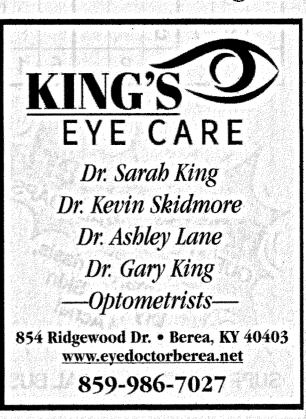
hired Jameson Mink, substitute lawn care/custodian; Emily Jones, substitute

FS cook/baker. Certified staff updates Susan Norton Casey, career counselor at RCHS; Chris Bishop, Director of food services, district wide; Carri Burdette, music teacher at RCHS; Maggie Franklin, language arts

teacher at RCMS

Other ideas have been mentioned off the record but Holbrook said he will present the matter to the court and expects the money to be earmarked soon.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Highlands Housing Corporation, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation, real property located on Lawrence Lane, to Lindsay May York. Tax 155.00

Douglas S. and Allison French, real property located on Little Clear Creek, to Tammie Reppert. Tax 165.00 Joe and Jerri Lynn McGee, real property located in Orlando Subdivision, to Kimberly Anne Smith and Stanley Jay Kenton Anderson. Tax 124.00

LaDonna Bemus and Douglas Bemus, real property located on Hwy. 1326, to Benjamin E. and Candace E. Scheid-Caldwell. Tax 66.00

Mark A. Cummins and Joseph E. Cummins, real property located in Rockcastle County, to King's Rentals, LLC. Tax 100.00

Classic Country Land, LLC, real property located on Bullock Rd., to Jacqueline Group and Shawn Group. Tax 28.00 Loren Reynolds, real property located on Napier Rd., to Agel Pile and Casey Pile. Tax 290.00

Roger Wallin, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Dean Knuckles Enterprises, Inc. Tax 123.50

Shania L. McNally, real property located on Frank Thacker Rd., to Cameron Properties, LLC. Taz 12.00

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William and Virginia R. Durham, real property located in City of Brodhead, to Michael Joseph and Haily Rader. Tax 142.50

Myrna S. Bowling, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Daniel James and Mary Ann Duvall. Tax 265.00 Judy Mitchell, real property located in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Andrew Lawson Burton and Alyssa Shane Cox. Tax 30.00 Frieda Saylor, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Dewayne and Tracy Simpson. Tax 17.50 Dora Gilbert, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Joshua P. Gilbert and Ryan H. Gilbert. Tax 20.00

Vicki Lynn Webb, as executrix of the estate of Carl Robbins and Vicki Lynn and Eugene Webb. real property located in Rockcastle County, to Tiffany M. and Benjamine S. Graves. Tax 100.00 Cameron Properties, LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Daniel Craig Holt and Denielle Nicole Braun. Tax 630.00

Judy Mitchell, real property located in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision. to Andrew and Lauren Burton Smith. Tax 20.00 Mary Katherine Jones, real property located in Cedar Point Subdivision. to Clarissa Hubbard. No tax

Kimberly Baldwin, and others, real property located on Bee Lick Creek, to Ashley and Brady Durham. Tax 300.00

Mary Ethel Jones and Ed Jones, real property located on Albright St. in Brodhead, to Michelle Spence. Tax 9.00

Aaron Scheid-Caldwell and Amy K. Caldwell, real property located on Old US Highway 25, to Dan Christian and Debra Zuniga. Tax 80.00

Falling Rock, LLC, real property located on S. Main St., Brodhead, to Kentucky Lodging and Development Company. Inc. Tax 300.00



April Michelle Day, 40, Brodhead, medical receptionist, and James Kevin Smith, Jr., 52, Brodhead, materials handler. 6-17-23

Tracy Ann Faulkner, 51, Livingston, accountant, and Charles Wade Feltner, 63, Livingston, carpenter. 6-17-23

Faye Irene Saylor, 26, Mount Vernon, CMA, and Zachary Tyler Smith, 27, Mount Vernon, HVAC.

Ginna Lee Wyn, 51, Brodhead, and Lonnie Dale Bustle, 53, Brodhead, Co. Road Dept. 6-21-23

Evelyn Marie Addison, 28, Mount Vernon, disabilit, and James Roy Batterton, III, 37, Orlando, unemployed. 7-5-23

Jacklynn Trace Thacker, 25, Brodhead, unemployed and James

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Logan Kidwell, 23, Brodhead, self-employed. 7-6-23

Alexandria Nykole Edmister, 28, Mount Vernon, customer service and Phillip Ray Cope, 23, Orlando, loggin. 7-7-23 Melissa Gail Bishop, 52. Crab Orchard, scale clerk, and Kenneth Wayne Robinson, 52, Mount Vernon, maintenance.



Paul Douglas Miller vs. Leslie Sue Miller, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kentucky Utilities Company vs. Livingston Marathon, complaint.

Shauna Kay Clark vs. Shannon Lee Clark, petition for dissolution of marriage. Credit Acceptance

Corp. vs. Shawn D. Group, complaint. Andrea Barber vs.

Douglas Watson, complaint. Mt. Vernon Fuel, LLC

vs. Big Bird Trucking, LLC, et al, complaint. Eva Mae Blair vs.

Robert Eugene Blair, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Rebecca Lawson vs. Joshua Lawson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

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Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Comp. vs. Alissa Seals, complaint.

Chasteen vs. Joyce

Dewan Chasteen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

James Disney vs. Stephen Boston, et al, complaint.

Jonathan Osbourne vs. Amanda Peters, complaint.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. Stacy Stinson, complaint.

Barbara Burke vs. Terry L. Burke, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Anthony Shane Bowling vs. Kimberly Kay Bowling, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Isabel Esquibel vs. Lewis Walters, et al, complaint.

Armando Romero Pacheco vs. Carla J. Randolph, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Derek Kissee, complaint.

Erica Faith King vs. Logan Dewayne King, petition for dissolution of marriage.



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

Monthly Singing

Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold their Monthly Singing Sunday, July 30th at 3 p.m.

Guest singers will be Angie and Heather. Everyone invited.

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District Civil Suits

James E. Jones vs. Chris Trump, forcible detainer.

Mariner Finance LLC vs. Shannon Clark, complaint.

Ralph Rogers vs. Tammy Davis, forcible

Cash Express LLC vs. Donnie Barnes, complaint.

Cash Express LLC vs. Ernest Cromer, complaint.

Synchrony Bank vs. Penny Wilhoite, complaint.

London Dental Center of Excellence vs. John Hamilton, complaint.

Douglas Hysinger vs. Billy Biggs, forcible detainer.

Upcoming Reunions

Miller Reunion

Miller Family Reunion will be at Maple Grove Baptist Church August 12th. The families of the late Bill and Suzie, John and May, Orville and Harriot, Oliver and Idia, Irvine and Letter and the late Terry and Maggie Gray are invited to come and spend time together. Bring covered dish. For more information call 758-4476.

Pine Hill School

Reunion Pine Hill School Reunion at Pine Hill Baptist Church September 2nd. Everyone invited.

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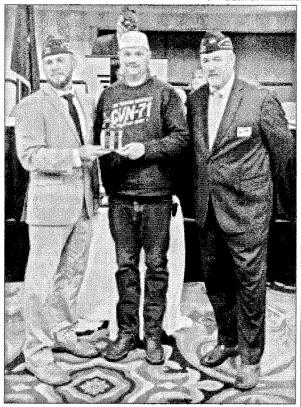
American Legion holds change of command

Thursday July 13th, Rockcastle David M. Smith American Legion Post 71 Commander Kathy Bobo, finished out her term, and passed command to William B.J. Thomason. Kathy in her time as Post Commander, along with her husband Rick Bobo, that was the Post Adjutant, have been instrumental in getting the Veterans Memorial Park going. Their dedication has made what was once just ideas, a reality. Through their hard work with the City of Mt. Vernon, the park now has flags, a soldier's cross, a pavilion, and will soon be the only park or Veteran Service Organization in the United States to have an Bradley Fighting Vehicle, donated by the Department of the United States Army. This past year, Commander Bobo was also awarded the American Legions Stanley Hudson trophy for highest membership increase for all time, as well as a streamer for high membership in the department. Newly installed Post Commander B.J. Thomason advised he had big shoes to fill and advised he would continue the momentum that Kathy and Rick had gotten started.

B.J. has been a member of the American Legion for 4 years. He is also a dual Legacy Life Member of Rockcastle VFW Memorial Post 5908, where he holds the rank of Post Chaplain and Adjutant. He additionally holds the rank of District Commander, for the Dept. Of Kentucky's Veterans of Foreign Wars District 11. His district is comprised of 10 counties, which has 6 VFW posts. He and VFW Post Commander Michael Parsons, were recently recognized at the VFW State Convention, as All-State District Commander and All-State Post Commander. VFW Quartermaster Betty Sellers was also awarded All-State Post Quartermaster for the Department of Kentucky. Just as the American Legion finished high in its recruiting this year, so did the Rockcastle VFW, which reached 236% in membership, which was

the highest in the State. VFW Post Commander Michael Parsons, who is also a dual member of the American Legion, agreed to help Commander B.J. Thomason as his Adjutant in the Legion for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. They as well as the rest of the American Legion and VFW members agreed that, the role of the local Veteran Service

Organizations in the county are quite pivotal, and that they need every Veteran in the county that is not part of either or both organizations yet, to reach out and become a member. American Legion Post Commander B.J. Thomason can reached at 606-392-1207. VFW Post Commander Michael Parsons can reached at 606-308-3568.



VFW All-State Post Commander Michael Parsons receiving James Curry Memorial Award for largest membership. Pictured from left to right is Dept. Of KY Cmdr. Nathan Sesco, Post Cmdr. Michael Parsons, and VFW Nat. CiC Timothy Bourland.





The change of Command ceremony. From left to right those in the picture are: American Legion Area C Commander Richard Dallaire, AL District Commander Anthony Gossett, AL District Vice Commander Robbie Gossett, Post Member Larry Baker, Service Officer Michael Adams, Post Member Bill Cash, Chaplain Don Gabbard, Adjutant Michael Parsons, Past Adjutant Rick Bobo, Vice Commander Tommy Hodges, and Post Commander **B.J.** Thomason

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VFW All-State Post Quartermaster Betty Sellers receiving the Joe Beitz Outstanding Quartermaster award. Pictured from left to right is Dist. Cmdr. B.J. Thomason and QM Betty Sellers.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps Landscaping with Daylilies

The daylily has been steadily growing as a fad for the garden, with over 80,000 varieties registered with the American Hemorocallis (daylily) Society. Rather amazing, that's more options in this plant than you have in beans and tomatoes, or apples and daffedils combined!

My fondness for this plant is a good deal more subdued, but it's such an easy to grow and hardy perennial, available in just about every color except crimson or pure blue, how can I not recommend a few for the landscape or garden. The only native daylily to the USA is the tall orange one, hemorocallis fulva. Most hail from Asia. Hybridizers have had a fieldday with this plant over the past sixty years or so, creating new attractive color combinations, and bigger bolder blooms. Yet, the best bet to bloom all summer is still the

Stella d'Oro with it's com-

pact plants and orangish blooms. Some go dormant, some remain evergreen, and many are somewhere between, depending on temperatures and length of the winter. The evergreen ones can be killed in cold climates. Some begin blooming early, some begin late summer, and many fall in between Most bloom for a couple weeks, but those that bloom both early and late or even all summer are called 'reblooming' daylilies. Some are a foot tall and some get it in a container or somewhere else in the yard or garden. Taking up an entire plant and divinding it into multiple little clumps of two or more fans or sets of leaves, along with sufficient roots, is an ideal way to invigorate an older plant while also producing numerous new starts for your own garden or to give away to friends, or perhaps even to sell.

Careful selection of varieties can mean you have some blooms from May until frost. Though a good number bloom spring and fall, the majority of cultivars just bloom for a spell of a month or less. Each blossom only is open for one day, or one night and one day for the nocturnal ones. The scapes bear several buds, and new blooms open for a couple weeks or more in most varieties. Daylilies are pretty good at erosion control after the first season, and also at keeping annual weeds down. Rabbits usually don't eat them, but deer will. And I'll eat them too, if I'm hungry! The unopened blossoms make good in a salad or stir-fry. Blooms are used in Oriental cooking. And the little nodules of stored energy on the roots are like small peanuts or tiny potatoes, and definitley are edible...even very tasty if harvested at the right time. Pickled daylily buds anyone, or battered and fried blooms? You can plant them most anytime, but try to avoid midwinter or dividing a plant while it is in bloom. It is a good idea to cut the tops back to help growing plants adjust to the new spot during hot or dry weather. Plants growing in containers can be planted anytime. Sometimes you may be able to beg gifts from neighbors, or buy from a roadside market or from a farm or gardener. Online/mailorder merchants will offer many varieties, usually shipping bare root plants spring, late summer and fall. Expect to pay quite a sum for the newest and prettiest varieties; older ones can often be bought in quantity for \$3 or so per plant. If you are patient, one expensive plant can be divided in about three years to provide you extras. Consider some daylilies the next time you are doing some flower planting. The ease of growing them and the many color and size combinations make growing these perennials a nobrainer. And remember that if you can bear to eat pretty blooms, their blossom buds are a delicary

VFW All-State Dist. 11 Commander B.J. Thomason receiving Outstanding District Commander of the Year. Pictured from left to right is VFW Dept. Of KY Cmdr. Nathan Sesco, Dist. Cmdr. B.J. Thomason, and VFW National Cmdr. In Chief Timothy Bourland.

four feet plus in height. Blossoms vary from petite to eight inches wide, some are double, and some resemble spiders. This plant loves sun, but

also does well in part shade. It likes fertile and slightly damp soil, but tolerates drought or floods and bounces back. The clumps slowly expand, like most perennials do, and most commonly new plants are obtained by taking a portion of the entire plant and starting

KSP seeks third consecutive win for best-looking cruiser

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) is seeking its third consecutive win as Americas Best-Looking Cruiser and invites Kentuckians to vote online in support of the agency. KSP won backto-back championships in 2021 and 2022, earning the coveted calendar cover spot on the AAST yearly calendar. The agency has placed in the Top 3 in the past four years.

We encourage all of our citizens to vote for KSP and help our state be recognized again on a national level, said Gov. Andy Beshear. KSP

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works every day to create a safer Kentucky, and voting is one small way we can show our appreciation for their 75 years of service and protection. The American Asso-

ciation of State Troopers (AAST) host an annual calendar contest and encourage state police agencies across the nation to submit a photo entry that is unique and represents their state. The winning photo will be featured on the cover and premiere in the January month of the AAST 2024 wall calendar.

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to share their 75th Anniversary celebration in the backdrop of Kentuckys heart and soul Coal Country!

KSP wrapped a 2022 Dodge Charger with a blue and white paint scheme to match the markings of a 1978 Ford cruiser. The photo was captured at the Blue Diamond Coal Co. located in Hazard.

Kentucky is known internationally for its coal mining industry and the hard-working individuals who work in the mines, saidKSP Public Affairs Commander Paul Blanton. Our team intertwined the beauty of Eastern Kentucky splashed with two iconic symbols in that area, coal mines, and Kentucky State Police.

Voting begins Monday, July 17 at 10 a.m. EST at https:// www.surveymonkey.com/ r/bestlookingcruiser2023 . Voting ends on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 8 a.m. EST. The top 13 finishers will earn a spot on the 2024 calendar.

Beshear-Coleman Administration Commitment to Making Kentucky a National Leader in Public Safety

The Beshear-Coleman administrations top priority is the safety of all Kentuckians. The Governor's public safety actions are creating safer communities and a better Kentucky now and into the future.

Since taking office, Gov. Beshear has awarded almost \$8 million in grant funding to assist state and local law enforcement agencies. In September 2022, the administration announced nearly \$2 million in grant funding to enhance public safety, curb the sale of illegal drugs and fight addiction.

In July 2022, the Governor also announced additional steps to enhance public and officer safety, including a Western Kentucky training site feasibility study and an increased training stipend for law enforcement officers.

In June 2022, Gov. Beshear announced the Military to Law Enforcement Program (M-2-LE). M-2-LE allows local law enforcement agencies in Kentucky to hire active

service members within all U.S. military branches during their last 180 days of service.

In April 2022, the Governor signed legislation hechampioned the previous yearthat funds a \$15,000 raise for all troopers and a starting pay increase for sworn officers from \$37,887 to \$55,888 annually. In signingSenate Bill 209, Gov. Beshear established paid vacation, sick leave and holiday pay, as well as enhanced health insurance contribution payments for retired KSP troopers and commercial vehicle enforcement officers.

Also, as the Governor recommended in January 2022, \$12.2 million was included in the state budget for KSP to purchase body cameras, which is the first time in the commonwealths history that funding has been allocated for this muchneeded expense. Earlier this year, KSP demonstrated the new recording system, which will be distributed to approximately 780 sworn personnel.

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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



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.

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 be longing to Orville and Bernice Burkhart 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 Coguer at Sara

Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents. **Posted:** No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property). **Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted.

Miscellaneous For Sale

8.7 Cubic Feet Frigidaire chest type freezer - excellent condition, \$300. Twin bed frame, mattress and box springs, very clean, \$75. 606-256-2034 Cresthaven Cemetery Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

Motor Vehicles For Sale

1952 Chevy Pick-up, five window. Show truck. V8, automatic, \$19,900. Also **1957 Chevy Pickup.** Show truck. V8, automatic, \$18,900, 606-386-1470. 22x5



Notice is hereby given that Brian Burdine, 105 White Star Rd., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 and Kevin Burdine, 433 Upper Calloway Loop Rd., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors (has will) of the estate of Jackie Dean Burdine, deceased, on the 12th day of July, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Brian Burdine and/or Kevin Burdine or to John D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before January 12, 2024. 23x3 Notice is hereby given that Karla Kay Bullock, 1488 Spiro Rd., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed executrix (has will) of the estate of Karen Faye Bullock, deceased, on the 12th day of July, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Karla Kay Bullock on or before January 12, 2024. 23x3

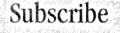
Notice is hereby given that Theresa Sturgill, PO Box 96, Livingston, KY 40445 has been appointed executrix (has will) of the estate of Byron Douglas Cole on the 12th day of July, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Theresa Sturgill or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before January 12, 2024. 23x3

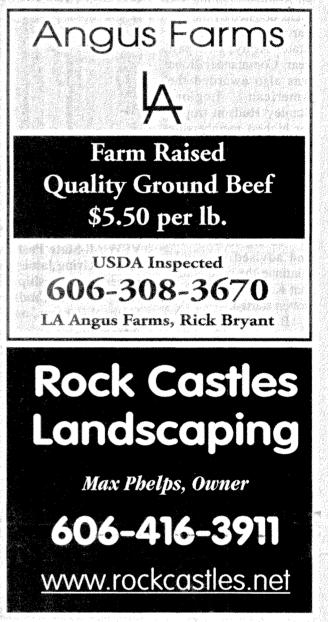
Pets

For Sale: Pure bred Yorkies, male, three months old. \$600 each. 1-606-308-3997. 22x2

Yard Sales

Garage Sale: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 21-23, at 65 Westview Road, Mt. Vernon.





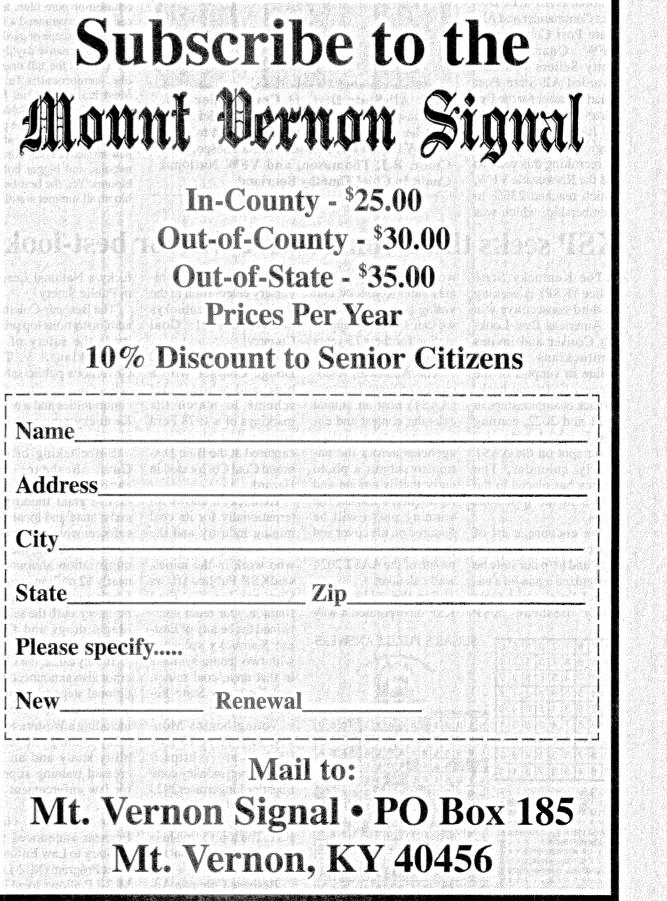


Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge, Mt. Vernon. 5x24 Posted: No hunting or trespassing on Julie Lowery properties, 3512 Ky. 3245, Brodhead, and 3745 Ky. 3245, Brodhead. 23x4

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









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Fiscal Court holds regular monthly meeting

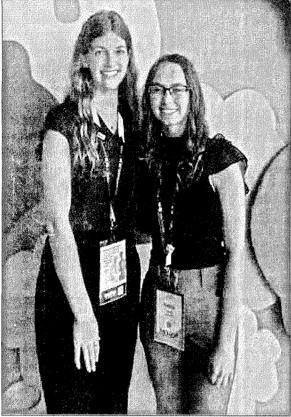
By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting with a two-page agenda last week and are beginning to make plans concerning the \$3.2 million ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund allocation.

After dealing with regular monthly duties and approving minutes and statements, the court approved \$1,155 in program support to the Rockcastle County Development Board and heard reports from RCIDA and a Trail Town report.

Receipts and budget reports from the City of Livingston were deemed acceptable to the court and the monthly \$1,000 in program support for the Trail Town was ap-

HOSA Conference



On June 21, Rockcastle County juniors, Raychel Carpenter and Bailey Terry, traveled to Dallas, TX to compete at the International HOSA Conference. Over 10,000 competitors from all 50 states, China, and Canada were in attendance. The students competed in the Mental Health Promotion event where they shared with judges ways they have helped to promote mental health awareness in their school and community. Carpenter and Terry earned the opportunity to compete at the national level after winning first place at the Kentucky State HOSA competition in March. Members would like to thank all donors that helped make this incredible opportunity possible. proved.

Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson and Commissioner Sandi Singleton attended the meeting, requesting a donation for the upcoming Homecoming event in the city. The court approved \$1,000 in support for the event.

A visitor pointed out misprinted numbers on a published ordinance in June concerning an amendment to the electrical inspector ordinance.

The court agreed to correct the mistyped information on the ordinance.

The court also heard advice from Compass Municipal Advisors on how to deal with the \$3.2 million ARPA funds allocated to Rockcastle County. The court agreed to place \$1,168,458 of the money in the Jail Fund for the annual county contribution to the detention center that is usually provided per month. The county would then not have to support the jail monthly and would not transfer funds from the occupational tax fund or general fund for support through this fiscal year. The remaining funds would be placed in a special projects fund.

The court also approved the payment of \$23,961 to Compass Municipal Advisors and \$23,961 to Sites and Harbison for program administration fees and preparation and documentation for the ARPA Funds. (See related story.)

The county is also dealing with the funds that were deposited from the sale of Microfoodery Plant Building and the Anchor Building. Compass Municipal Advisors recommended the county place the funds required to pay off each of those debts into interest drawing escrow accounts thereby eliminating payments from the monthly financial statements on each of those accounts. Judge/Executive

Howell Holbrook, Jr., said the two buildings cannot be paid off early due to hefty early pay-off penalties. However, through this plan, the money will be in the accounts in December of 2025 when the pay-off penalty is lifted and drawing interest until then.

In other action, the court approved payment for training in Owensboro for Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin and S-heriff's Detective Sam Brock in the amount of \$925.

The court voted to support the Mount Vernon Fire Department's annual School Fire Prevention Program at the "50 children level" for \$112.

The court also voted to provide \$7,500 to Hospice upon request. This is the same amount as last year's donation and several magistrates stressed how many Rockcastle residents utilize the Hospice Center.

The court also voted to pay only half of the KACO insurance premium this year instead of paying the entire annual fee in one payment as usual. The first payment will be \$184,568. "It put the county in a little of a bind last year by paying it all at once," said Holbrook. "This year we will pay half before August and then make three payments to complete the annual costs." The remaining payments will be \$61,522, each month in August, September and October. Holbrook said. This includes Worker's Compensation insurance and All Lines Funds.

The court also voted to end county maintenance of Mossy Hollow Road ending at HWY-1340 and the entirety of Mule Lane.

Six companies applied and received permits to carry garbage in the county. Holbrook said resident may choose any of the six permitted companies. They are: Bee Garbage, L&M, Rhodus Garbage, Rumpke Garbage, Southern Madison Sanitation and Waste Connections.

County Court Clerk Vickie Miller requested a transfer of \$212,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and \$20,000 from the general fund to the 911 fund and \$20,000 from the federal fund to the general fund. All requests were approved. Having no further business, the court was adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Berea College Dean's List

More than 420 Berea College students were named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List. A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

Local students are: Fig Vance of Brodhead, Bailey Cromer of Brodhead, Lizzie Dixon of Mt Vernon, and Eric Sparks of Mt Vernon.



What is the Safe Haven Law?

KRS 405/075 states that a newborn infant can legally be placed in a device designed to permit a parent to anonymously sumender their baby with the intent for an emergency medical services provider to remove the newborn take custodu.

There are currently 136 SHBB
16 of those boxes are located in KY
The first baby was placed in a KY SHBB on 2/10/2023, less

than 2 mths after

installation

Safe Haven

For more information, or to make a donation contact Makaela Brooke Abney makaela.abney@rockcastle.

The nearest Safe Haven Box

to Mt. Vernon, KY is in Mt.

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