

Cooling off



Members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department proudly joined the First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School last week helping children and adults alike cool off from the summer heat with a high-reach pumping apparatus. Firefighters enjoyed a meal and took advantage of the opportunity to bring joy to many children present. Shown above, dozens of students at the Vacation Bible School event ran under the high pressure hose from the top of a fire truck ladder.

Water project moving slowly

Park to receive Bradley fighting vehicle

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held their regular monthly meeting last week with a short agenda.

After approving min-

utes of previous meetings, the council held the second and final reading of three annexation projects with unanimous consent.

The council also adopted a resolution that was apparently overdue

in getting the new water basin project underway. According to City Administrator Jim Bowman, the resolution should have been adopted already but was somehow missed. "This resolution is another step towards getting the Cumberland Valley ADD to approve the project for bid," he said. According to Bowman, now that the resolu-

tion has been adopted, officials are expecting approval soon to begin the bid process for the new water basin that is ex-

pected to remove the bad taste and odor from the Mount Vernon water sys-

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Meth found in local apartment

A Mount Vernon police officer took some methamphetamine off the streets Saturday, July 22 according to a uniform citation on file in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

The citation says Regina Mullins, 60, of Mount Vernon was arrested after Mount Vernon police officer Blake King was called to

her apartment on a possible domestic dispute situation.

Upon arrival, the citation says officers found Mullins "extremely intoxicated" outside her apartment. Once inside, King saw what he suspected to be meth along with a pipe. At that point the citation says Mullins'

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River Sweep planned

By: Mike French
Editor

Once every year, Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator, James Renner looks for residents who don't mind getting their hands dirty while helping to give the county a cleaner, safer environment.

It is once again time to roll up your sleeves and take part in the 2023 Rockcastle River Sweep Program.

Officials are asking anyone with a canoe or a flat bottom boat to join in cleaning up some of the Rockcastle River during the annual event planned for Saturday, August 19 from 8 a.m. till noon..

Anyone willing to participate should meet at the Rockcastle River where you cross the river over to Wildcat Mountain.

Lunch will be provided after the cleanup event.

The effort is planned to remove old tires and trash from the river and it is suggested that all partici-

pants be ready to get wet and muddy.

For more information, call James Renner at 606-256-1902

This Friday on Main Street

Friday After Five

The second of three Friday After Five events will be held this Friday, July 28 beginning at 5 p.m.

The three events are organized through the Rockcastle-Mount Vernon Tourist Commission and the City of Mount Vernon and are expected to provide entertaining evenings for all Rockcastle County residents free of charge.

This Friday's events will begin at 5 p.m., after Main Street is closed. Those needing to do business downtown in Mount Vernon are asked to use Spring Street while Main Street is closed.

The Motorcycle Show will begin at 5:30 when the Lost Patience Band will begin to perform on the front porch of the Los Cazadoro Restaurant.

At 7 p.m. Cadillac Tractor Band will perform until closing time at the Down on Main Restaurant.

The event is free and open to the public.

Grand Champions



Organizers are calling the Midsummer Night Talent Show, sponsored by the Rockcastle Arts Association and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, a huge success. Officials say 20 of some of the best amateur acts in the area competed for the title and a check for \$1,000. Shown above from left, Hall of Fame Director Jessica Blankenship presented the check to the Grand Champion duet of Rachel and Jake Harding (father and daughter), along with Carrie Mullins and Angie Parsons-Woods, of the Rockcastle Arts Association. Competitors ranged from martial arts demonstrations to musical instrumentation and vocal performances.

Vandalism becoming expensive problem in city and county

By: Mike French
Editor

Editor's note: This story was written with the assistance of Mount Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman.

Rockcastle County and the City of Mount Vernon have experienced a sharp increase in vandalism across the county since the COVID pandemic has ended and, if local officials have their way, vandalism will be greatly reduced soon. "It has gone on for years but it has gotten worse recently," said Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. "It is a tremendous amount of

time, effort and expense to replace steel road signs and repair or replace other damage done by vandals."

According to Holbrook and several magistrates, road signs and other signage is stolen on a regular basis and other county property is damaged often by local vandals.

Mount Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman says the problem of vandalism has become a more serious issue in the city limits as well. "We see spray painted walls, missing signage, damaged equipment, cut fences, profanity carved into picnic tables and dismantled playground equipment quite often. It is not just a nuisance. It is costly and dangerous."

Bowman said neighborhoods with higher rates of vandalism suffer from decreased property values and uneasy residents, higher insurance costs, a loss of recreational opportunities and the need for increased police patrol, as well as costly emergency repairs and city staff overtime pay.

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Bittersweet Festival planned

Plans are underway for the annual Mount Vernon Bittersweet Festival scheduled for October 6 and 7.

The annual car show will be held on Thursday night, October 5 but the festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday when Main Street will be closed and lined with countless vendors. More details will be released as the event draws nearer.

Health Fair

Don't forget the Health Fair planned for Wednesday, August 2 from 4-7 p.m. at Cedar 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.

Miller appointed Treasurer

Vickie Miller was appointed as Rockcastle County Treasurer, during a special called meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court last week.

Miller, who has been performing the duties since the passing of long-time County Treasurer Joseph Clontz, received a unanimous vote for the appointment.

The payroll and tax portion of Clontz's duties

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ramblings...

By: perlina m. anderkin

In our current world of, nobody is responsible for nothing affecting their own success in life, the bar has now been raised? lowered? to include seeking compensation because you can't pass a test to get a job in your area of study from college.

The compensation has come in the form of a settlement between the state of New York and several graduates (all Hispanic or black) with an education degree who cannot pass the teacher exam and be employed. One 64-year-old black man, who failed the test "a lot" in his words, received over \$2 million from NY because it was decided the exam was racist against people of color. In all, the state paid out over \$2 billion to the victims of this racist test - yes, I'm being sarcastic.

At the same time, New York City has agreed to a settlement with protestors (i.e., rioters) from 2021 wherein some were awarded over \$9,000 for injuries suffered when police attempted to break up riots which had become violent. Police were accused of not following protocol.

In a sort of unrelated subject, I have seen several reports of "big oil" protestors blocking major highways as their way of protesting fossil fuels - you know the ones who have also thrown paint on masterpieces in art museums and glued their hands to said artworks.

When I see these protestors sitting down on major highways, blocking everyone - even ambulances and emergency vehicle - my Retha Murphy temper rises immediately. While I agree completely on anyone's right to protest just about anything (I take exception to walking nude in front of God and everybody because you're "proud" of being a gay/lesbian person or a tranny), there are

ways to do it whereby you don't infringe on my right to conduct my daily life, including having the life of a family member lost because help could not get to them.

One truck driver, in another country, decided to "move" the protestors out of the way and, as a result, was fired by his company and is facing charges because of his action.

And, thus, is the unfairness of life today all over our planet. There is a massive shift in population taking place (by design of the globalists) to change the demographics of nations to enable the takeover of sovereign countries and transform them into a "new world order" of one nation.

One aspect of this push toward globalism is the Biden administration's recent efforts to ban gas stoves and water heaters, air conditioners, guns, gas powered lawn mowers, gas generators -- in short, everything that has contributed to aiding the middle class to a better quality of life. Not to mention that this should ALWAYS be the decision of the individual, it is just one example of the government's attempt to downgrade our quality of life so that we will be more receptive when they decide it's time to move us into their 15 minute cities, already being built in some areas of the country, including Florida.

These "cities" will reportedly put an individual to within 15 minutes walking distance from their home, in a huge highrise, of their job, shopping, entertainment, medical care and anything else essential to our daily existence.

Much to my surprise and sorrow, one family member's reaction when I pointed this out was "sounds like a pretty good

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I can't help but worry about a power grid problem. It concerns me every day.

We grown men like to think we are tough. We throw our shoulders back and poke our chest out and talk as though we could survive most anything.

But if the mud really hit the fan and the world as we know it was gone, how long would we actually survive? Yes I know, "I could handle it! I'd beat up a bear and eat it on the spot!"

That's good conversation for us ego lovers, but what if it wasn't talk? The truth is, a bear's claws are four inches long and can rip through leather like we rip through Saran Wrap.

It wasn't long ago there was no such thing as internet. No cell phones, no wireless weather reports, not even electricity. Even I remember families in my neighborhood that had no electricity.

My grandparents, just two generations ago, grew up without electricity. The entire world had no electricity from the very beginning of time up until just two generations ago.

And now look at the world around us. There is nothing left that doesn't require some sort of power to operate.

Without electricity, you wouldn't be reading this right now. You would not own a vehicle or have air conditioning. There would be no restaurants, no television or radio, no phones, no cars, no computers, no light bulbs, and on and on.

Your clothes wouldn't even fit. Look around you at the things you own that are powered by electricity. The only things I see in my home is the carpet and the dog and even my carpet was made on a huge electric-powered machine.

I love the outdoors and I know how to hunt and prepare wild game and build a fire. I can even build a shelter, although probably one not bear-proof. But when I am doing that, I know that 20 minutes away is a safe, warm, cozy easy chair with running water and light at the flick of a switch. I am certain it is much easier to be a Daniel Boone, wild man in 2-hour spurts.

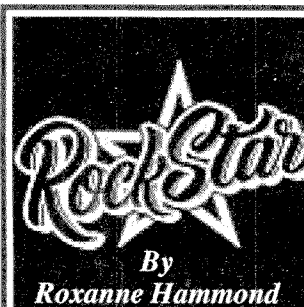
But if I had to live that way with no safe home to go to, I am betting it would get pretty old real

fast. And when I run out of shells for my gun, I don't think I would be much protection for my family.

Everything I do in life requires some sort of electrical assistance. I can cook over an open fire but I don't think I am in physical shape for wood gathering for an entire winter season.

I have hunted all my life but I don't know that

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Our Estranged Kin Dear Journal,

In the warm summers of long ago, my days were often filled with the familiar business of playing games and just sitting around getting better acquainted with my various cousins. In those days, people visited and stayed a few days with relatives rather than going to amusement parks and beaches. Families became close and had meals

together at home rather than at restaurants. We would go on picnics and enjoy the nature. In the long, hot, summer afternoons and evenings we would sit around either on the porch or around the table and talk. Everyone was so full from one of those "company is a comin' meals" you were so tired you could scarcely move, so we just sat there.

That is how old family tales came to be continued down through the family. I think that the kids like me listened more than the adults thought. We had the ability to act like little heathens but catch every thing that was said.

It seemed that every family that came to visit had some kids about my age, my cousins. We always got along well and talked about things we enjoyed. One summer I had an electric organ I got for Christmas the winter before. We all took turns playing it until our fingers were sore. Then we'd play board games of all sorts. My cousin, Rana, and I played with an ouija board that I had one night in the living room. We both were about thirteen to fourteen. Mom was in my room turning down the bed where Rana and I were to sleep. (We never did much sleeping...just laughed and cut up.) It was about midnight and out of no-

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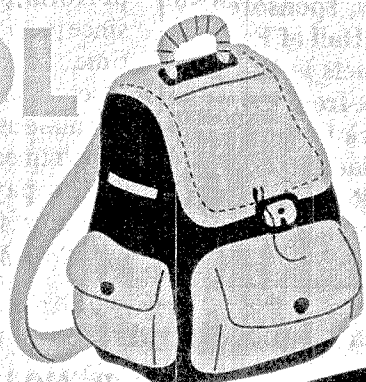
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Georgetown College. Valerie is the daughter of Bob Fields. (Valerie's brother Todd was married to my sister Lynnell). Jeff and Valerie's son Zachary also partners now with Sports Reach to use sports to share the gospel stateside and around the world.

My son Andrew attended Western Kentucky University to swim for legendary coach Bill Powell, after graduating from RCHS in 2002. While attending WKU Andrew was introduced to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). After leaving WKU Andrew felt called to ministry with FCA and began as an area representative in south Florida on the campus of Florida Atlantic University (FAU), this year's NCAA Cinderella final four basketball team. Andrew is good friends with the assistant coach.

He eventually made his way back to Bowling Green as an area representative and that's how he would eventually meet Robby Speer. Andrew co-founded a sports ministry called OAI (Organization of Athletic Influencers). He expanded his sports ministry to include becoming the chaplain for Western Kentucky men's basketball and a chaplain for Baseball Chapel [Baseball Chapel is an international ministry that has served Major and Minor League Baseball for 50 years and is responsible for the appointment and oversight of all team chapel leaders (over 400 throughout professional baseball)]. <https://www.baseballchapel.org/> He served as chaplain for the class A Bowling Green Hotrods, an affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays. In the 2020 World Series Andrew had 10 players from both teams whom he had in chapel at Bowling Green.

In 2020 Andrew married Amy Uhlman, whom he met at WKU. Amy was at WKU as part of the first women's soccer program. She also played basketball

for DuPont Manual High School in Louisville. Amy is an elementary school principal in Jefferson county. They have a son, Luke James, a 2 year old toddler and one of five grandchildren, four of which are boys.

Since moving to Louisville Andrew has left behind more than 10 years as WKU mens basketball team chaplain and the Bowling Green Hotrods. In 2021 Baseball Chapel appointed him the team chaplain for the Louisville Bats, class AAA affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. Andrew and his dad's favorite professional baseball team.

Several of the now resurgent Reds baseball team are Andrew's chapel guys. Will Benson and Levi Stoudt were team chapel representatives before being called up to Cincinnati.

The focus of Andrew's ministry, however, is Sports Reach. Andrew was named the associate director a few years ago and has become Robby Speer's right hand man. They have traveled together stateside and internationally now for several years. Stateside the ministry focuses on sports clinics and camps and a national class AA softball team that goes into several prisons to share the gospel. Andrew has many stories to tell of God's amazing Grace being poured into the lives of hardened criminals.

Andrew's first mission encounter was as a third grader when he traveled to Honduras on a mission trip with his dad. My husband, Eddie, made several trips to support my sister Lynnell and late husband Todd Fields during their 20+ year ministry there. Andrew has returned to Honduras on other occasions. He also went with his Bowling Green Church on a mission to Bogota, Colombia. Through Sports Reach he has traveled to China several times, Belize several times, Ukraine at least twice, Brazil, Peru, Cuba and Azerbaijan. Plans are in the works to expand

into Uganda and back to Cuba.

In 1974 my husband, Eddie, was called to ministry while working in North Carolina and attending church there. He has always maintained that God called him to be a missionary. He has made short term mission trips to Haiti and Honduras. He has also promoted missions in every church we've served and introduced us to missionaries around the world. Some of the people who have gone on short term trips have returned to full time service. But it's through our son we believe God Is fulfilling that calling. We named our son Andrew after one of Jesus' disciples. Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter. Andrew was always bringing people to Jesus. He was the one who brought the boy with loaves and fish when Jesus performed the miracle on the mountain. We prayed that God would use our son to bring people to Jesus.

He's always been a people first person, knows no stranger and is the same with celebrities and sports stars as he is with everyday folk. He's also very positive. In 2001 as he began his senior season at RCHS, a new basketball court was put down in Rupp Arena. He got up one morning to tell me how neat it would be to be the first high school team to play on that court. Move forward to March, 2002. His RCHS team was the first to win 20 regular season games and the first to advance to the sweet sixteen. Rockcastle County played Paducah Tilghman in the first game of the tournament. Rockcastle took the floor first led by Andrew thus becoming the first high school player and team to take the court on the new floor. [a side note here, on Paducah's team was young player, #23, Brian Hamilton, who 8 years later would become my son-in-law. His picture fighting for a rebound with Andrew hung in our house years before he and Heather would meet)

Now back to 1953 and the three families mentioned, Bob Fields, Bobby Speer and Libby Gay Hammons. All three have passed on to their heavenly reward, but the connection still remains. 70 years later on several trips, especially to China, you find Robby Speer(Bobby's son), Andrew Hammond (Libby's grandson) and Zach Arrington (Bob's grandson) posing for a similar photograph. A legacy of faith passed on to future generations. Andrew's favorite verse is Proverbs 16:9 (NLT): "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."

Aces

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I have ever been hunted. There are creatures out there that would love the taste of a cranky, old Republican.

I don't think there is any doubt that eventually the American electrical grid will go down. It is inevitable. The system is already aging and experiencing brown-outs, black-outs and shut downs across the nation. State after state is asking their residents to turn down their A/C or not use electric appliance to take some of the pressure off the grid.

As our population grows faster and faster and our power grid gets older and older and more and more countries start to hate our existence, there is absolutely no way that nothing will ever go wrong. That is an absolute fairy tale idea. Something WILL happen that either threatens our power grid or shuts it down completely.

Why we let ourselves become so completely dependent upon something that didn't exist until the last few years, is beyond my ability to understand.

When it is gone, and it will be some day, then people won't know how to survive without it. We are doing the same thing now with internet. It is becoming our only source of information. We use our little hand-held devices 18 hours per day. We are forgetting how to add or spell or speak without them. We are even losing our social skills and depending upon these devices for everything.

One thing I know, electricity will not be perfectly provided to everyone everyday for all eternity without the slightest problem ever existing. There will be issues in the near future. And the same will happen with internet. Either other countries will cyber attack it, or a sun spot will affect it or there will be one of a hundred other issues.

I guess when it happens is when that whole "survival of the fittest" thing comes into play, and those who let themselves be so dependent, will finally recognize their weaknesses.

It will be difficult to find a doctor willing to perform sex-change operations and pierce one's nose or dye one's hair green. How sad it will be-- I guess.

T.J.'s

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where, there was a wind swept through the house (the doors and windows were shut and there was no storm in the area) for no reason at all and every light in the house went out. Mom came running out of my room when the lights came back on with her chin on the floor. "What in the world are you girls doing?" she said. We were just as dumbfounded as she was. We were just sitting there with the ouija board on our laps. I guess we had conjured up something. You know, that ouija board never did work for me, but Rana sure had the "magic" touch.

These cousins all lived out of state, mostly in Ohio. When they came to the country they really got a kick out of wading in the creeks, riding in the back of pickup trucks, the grocer's mix of candy at the old general store, and going to the county fairs. We often made our own snacks like root beer floats, cookies, various kinds of candy,

especially fudge and homemade ice cream.

I sure miss those cousins and the wonderful days we shared. From time to time, the older family died and they was the glue that held our family together. I assume that the cousins are still living, probably are retiring or just about to retire. I'm not sure where any of them live. They probably have children of their own and grandchildren by now. I saw the other day on Facebook a comment someone had shared saying that they, too, missed their cousins and how they once had times like I remember. Folks, as the older generations fade away, the bond for the younger generation weaken and soon the cousins get separated and finally lost in history. Family reunions are becoming a thing of the past as well as just common family gatherings. The only time families get together is when a group of strangers come together for a common ancestor's funeral and none of them really know the other.

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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. The fee for tickets is \$20 for each and reservations must be made in advance, due to the increase of food prices for the meals. *We look forward to seeing everyone September 9th.*

Weekly Grief Support Group

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

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

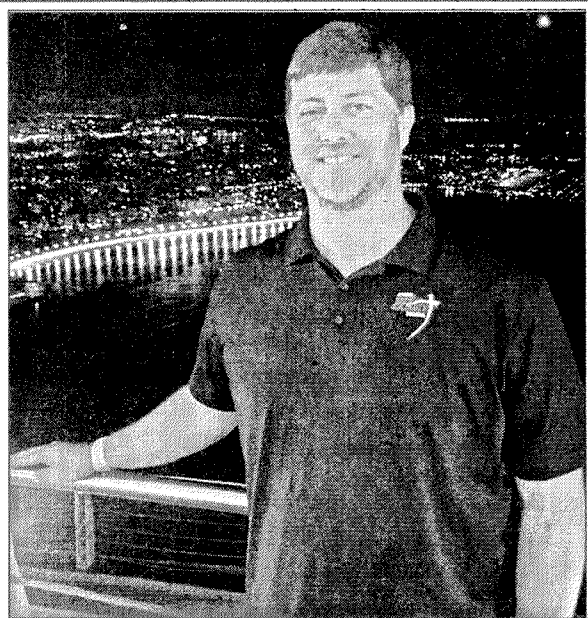
The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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



Sports Reach, Inc. Associate Director, Andrew Hammond on a recent trip to Brazil.

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Obituaries

Darlene Brown

Frances Darlene Brown, 73, of Willailla, died Saturday, July 15, 2023 at UK Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Nashville, TN on April 4, 1950, the daughter of Chester and Mildred Phillips Reynolds. She had been a switchboard operator for Rockcastle Regional Hospital for the past 33 years and was a member of Providence Church of Christ. She had been with Quail Homemakers for many years.



She is survived by: her daughter, Laura Hughes and husband Robby of Brodhead; her grandchildren, Leah, Seth, and Micah Hughes, all of Brodhead; three brothers, Phil Reynolds and wife Linda of White House, TN, David Reynolds and wife Debbie of Old Hickory, TN, and Mark Reynolds of Mt. Juliet, TN; and a sister-in-law, Vicky Litmer and husband Greg of Florence. Several nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to her parents, Chester and Mildred Reynolds, she was preceded in death by her husband, Mickey Brown, and her mother and father-in-law, Pretsel and Bonnie Brown.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Robby Cable. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Robby Hughes, Seth Hughes, Micah Hughes, Mark Reynolds, David Reynolds, and Robert Reynolds.

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

Donna Kirby

Donna Clark Kirby, 64, of Chestnut Ridge, wife of George Kirby, died Saturday, July 22, 2023.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Kirby Cemetery on Chestnut Ridge.

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.

Melvin Smith

Melvin Smith, 60, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at his home. He was born January 27, 1963 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Shirley and Alma Jean Falin Smith. He was a retired stone mason, and was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two brothers, Mark Smith of Mt. Vernon, and Rodney Smith of Brodhead; and one sister, Amy Barnes of Mt. Vernon. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Marvin and Tim Smith; and one sister, Enita Bradley.

Private services will be at a later date, and Cox Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com



Geneva Jones

Geneva Jones, 96, of Richmond, IN, died Thursday, July 20, 2023, at The Springs of Richmond.

Born November 21, 1926, in Richmond, IN, to Ambrose and Tabitha Griffin Brockman, Geneva was



a life-long resident of this community. She was a member of Full Gospel Chapel. Geneva was employed at DECCA Records, Starr Piano Co., Richmond Baking Company, and PRC Recording Company where she worked for 30 years. Geneva enjoyed attending church and spending time with her church family.

She loved traveling, writing letters, and sending and receiving cards. Geneva was a major part of her niece's and nephew's lives.

Survivors include: her nieces, Delores (Cron) Carpenter, of Mt. Vernon, and Sandra Daniel, of West Chester, OH; nephew, Gary (Wendi) Allen, of London; great nieces, Stacey Daniel, and Lacey Dixon; great nephews, Todd and Chris Daniel, and Brian and Eric Allen; and six great great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: her husband of over 60 years, Lloyd Jones, who passed away in 2005; parents; and sisters, Viola Moore and Bernice Parsons.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home with Bill Cox and Alton Hale officiating. Entombment was in Earlham Mausoleum.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com

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.

The Importance of Perseverance

Most of us have experienced times in our lives when we realize the need for perseverance. For example, the mother of a newborn baby. I think about her being tired from her pregnancy and now the baby has arrived. With all the excitement and joy comes the responsibility of caring for a newborn baby. Such as, being up all hours of the night feeding the infant and attending to its needy cries. It takes a lot of perseverance to raise a child over the course of its lifetime. Not only mentally but also physically, there must be a lot of inner strength to do it.

The definition of perseverance is the persistence in doing something despite the difficulty or delay in achieving success. The Bible talks about this concept a lot as it pertains to our spiritual conquest.

I would like to look at just a few Biblical examples. Psalms 62:1-2 says, I wait quietly before the god, for my victory comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation my fortress where I will never be shaken.

1 Chronicles 16:11 reads, Search for the Lord and for his strength continually seek him. Also in James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

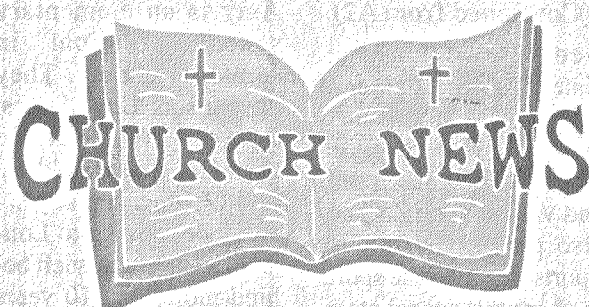
Just like the mother who has that inner strength, motivated by her love and bond to her child, gives her perseverance top carry on in the most challenging of circumstances. We as Christians must also be motivated by our love for God that in every trial and tribulation being able to look beyond that. Let us seek to have perseverance until we have obtained our eternal inheritance.

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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.

Benefit Singing

A benefit singing will be held at McNew Chapel Baptist Church on Saturday, August 5, beginning at 6 p.m.

Proceeds will go toward the building of the church sanctuary.

Kay Himes and Friends and the White Oak Band will be performing.

Everyone is invited.

Revival

Revival services will be held at Roundstone

Baptist Church this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and both morning and evening services on Sunday with Bro. Josh Hasty preaching.

Evening services begin at 6 o'clock.

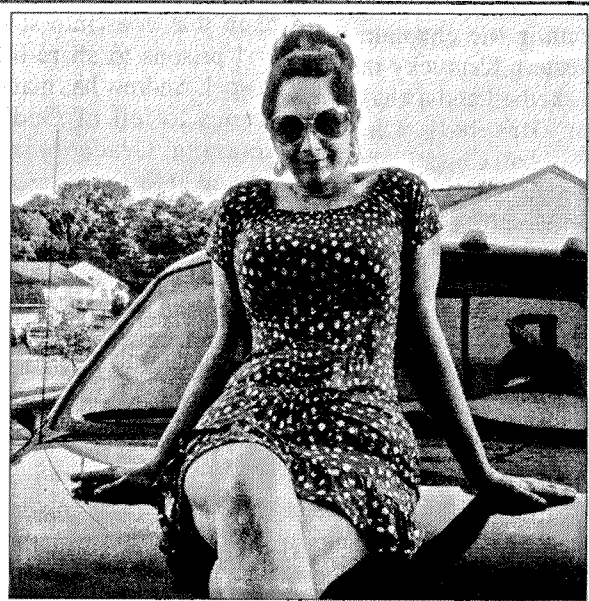
Everyone is invited and welcome.

Revival at Creekside Baptist

Revival services will begin Sunday morning and that evening, July 30th at Creekside Baptist Church, 2261 Copper Creek Road with Evangelist Bro. Matt Griggs.

There will be a full hot breakfast bar at 9:30 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 10 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m. and the evening service at 6 p.m.

Pastor Bro. Jack Stallworth and congregation invite everyone to come and eat a good hot breakfast with us.



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Happy Birthday Erica! We love you!!

We Want Book, Chapter, Verse Preaching

We believe such a practice helps the assembly learn the Bible. We want proof for the things we practice in work and worship of the church. The church began to get away from the book, when we became more interested in numbers than sound doctrine.

The church went through a stage of gimmicks and games to draw people from the community. Many thought book, chapter, and verse preaching would offend these people and cause them never to come back.

If sincere religious people are in error, and are shown from the Bible, in a loving caring manner, book, chapter, and verse preaching those that are in error, will go home and study their Bibles, to see if these things are true. If they are honest with themselves, they will forsake error and follow the Bible.

No one need to apologize for straight forward Bible preaching. This type of preaching will prick the hearts of people. (Acts 2:37) Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and unto the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? If their heart is not pricked there will be no change in life and there will be no conversion to the truth.

A result of trying not to offend people, many preachers left the book, chapter and verse preaching and substituted social and psychological-research type preaching, thinking they would be able to help man's need in a way the Bible could not. Jeremiah the prophet warned in days gone by about this. (Jer.10:23) O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Social and psychological research can never be a substitute for book chapter and verse preaching, because God only know what man really needs. If we are interested in pleasing God our preaching will be Bible centered (1Pet.4:11) If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever.

Book, chapter, and verse preaching is alive, it is like a fire. It sanctifies, and it saves. It will reprove, rebuke, and it will instruct. (Eph.6:11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

I welcome the day when "thus saith the Lord" is preached once again from our pulpits. Then and only then will people be pricked in their hearts and be saved from their sins.

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube channel Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ Mt Vernon Kentucky. The church workshops at 10:00 A.M. Every Sunday morning, and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. everyone is welcome. We offer free Bible correspondence courses to anyone interested in studying the Bible.

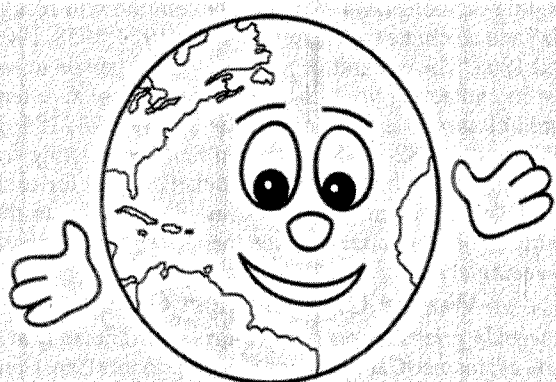
If you need directions or have questions about anything you can get in touch me at 606-224-1480 or you can email me ovabaker@windstream.net.

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2023 Rockcastle River Sweep

Join us on
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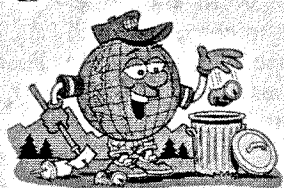
Bring a canoe or flat bottom boat and be ready to
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The Rockcastle County Solid Waste office will assign qualifying groups or organizations a road and/or section of road to be cleaned up, while funding remains available.

Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at
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“City”

(Continued from front) tem. "There have been so many delays that I am not going to promise anything," he said. "But allegedly, we should get approval to move forward with the bid process soon."

Once the bid process is complete, the city will learn of the updated cost estimates and make decisions from there concerning funding, officials say.

"The city council is doing everything in its power to move this project forward and we are all very anxious to begin this water project," he said.

In other action, representatives of the American Legion informed the council that a Bradley Tank has been approved to be located in the new Rockcastle Veteran's Memorial Park. According to Bowman, Mount Vernon is the only city to receive a 27 ton Bradley Fighting Vehicle (tank) for memorial park display. The tank, named after General Omar Bradley, is known for its 600 horsepower propulsion and its 25 mm M242 Bushmaster Chain Gun as well as anti-tank missiles.

The council agreed to pour a required concrete slab at the park to display the donated tank. Bowman said the work of Kathy Bobo and State Representative Brandon Storm made the display possible through the Department of the Army.

Bowman also said officials have worked closely through Storm to have the National Guard transport the tank to Mount Vernon. "This will be a memorable and powerful addition to

the memorial park and we are blessed to be the only city who will have a Bradley Tank on display," said Bowman. "Kathy Bobo, Brandon Storm and the American Legion made this possible and deserve a big thank you from everyone," he added

On a motion from council member Lonetta Daugherty, the council voted to reinstate the 3.9% credit card fee on payments to the city using a card. The fee is apparently charged by the credit card companies but the city had eliminated the fee during COVID as an effort to assist Mount Vernon customers. However, now that COVID has officially passed, the council voted to reinstate the fee to customers rather than pay the fee without reimbursement. The fee will not apply to checks, cash or e-checks.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department is attempting to acquire 500 emergency alert system kits to provide to students at MVES. Some funds have been raised through county donations, business donations and individual donations, according to officials. However, the department has not raised enough funds for the 500 kits planned. The council agreed to consider helping the department reach their 500-kit goal.

The council also heard departmental reports.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

“Meth”

(Continued from front) son ran into the room and the officer then secured the son and gathered the suspected meth.

In an interview, Mullins then gave the officer permission to search the room. During the search, the citation says King located 2.56 grams of meth along with numerous pipes and digital scales as well as marijuana and “spice,” (a combination of various chemicals to simulate THC), in the apartment.

Mullins was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

“School”

(Continued from front) December 18 and last two weeks through Friday, December 29. School will also be closed the following Monday, January 1, 2024 for the New Years holiday and Tuesday, January 2 for a professional development day. Including weekends, students will be out of school for 17 consecutive days. Also in January, schools will close, in observance of MLK Day, on Monday, January 15.

February: Schools will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of President's Day.

March: Schools will be closed Friday, March 15 for a professional development day.

April: Spring Break is scheduled for Monday, April 1 through Friday,

April 5.

May: School will be closed on Tuesday, May 21 for Election Day and the last day of school for students is scheduled for Thursday, May 23.

Make up days in the event of inclement weather or other causes, are from Monday, May 27 through Tuesday, June 11.

This calendar, if not amended throughout the year for unexpected emergencies, will provide 170 days of instruction with four holidays.

The calendar was approved by the school board on February 13, 2023.

“Vandal”

(Continued from front) Bowman and Holbrook agree such destructive behavior tends to increase on weekends and school holidays.

All three police departments in the county, and members of the sheriff's office, have agreed that vandalism seems to be on the rise throughout the county at certain times of the year.

"Vandalism is a crime and can carry a hefty fine along with jail time and even prison time in some cases," according to Mount Vernon Police Chief Joe Rush. In fact, Kentucky Revised Statutes strictly forbid vandalism, including graffiti. Though minor vandalism is considered a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine and time in jail, major vandalism that causes serious damage to valuable property is considered a Class D felony in the statutes. According to some news reports, "valuable property" is property considered to be worth over \$1,000. But this estimate may also include the labor to repair the damage, according to

the KRS.

Bowman says the City of Mount Vernon has developed a strategy to combat vandalism that includes increased police patrols, surveillance cameras, improved lighting and encouraging neighborhood watch programs, among other plans.

Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts agrees the city must combat the issue of vandalism. "There isn't a simple fix to prevent vandalism," he said, "but collectively city government, with the assistance of concerned citizens and businesses, can build awareness. We should all be working together to make our parks safer and inviting places to enjoy."

Police say they plan to increase patrols, with random routes at susceptible sites for vandalism and "crack down" on vandalism in the county.

“Miller”

(Continued from front) have been given to Regina Goff, who had worked with Clontz for many years, as an outside

contractor. Miller will continue to handle all other treasurer duties along with some other duties she previously had as County Court Clerk.

"Vickie does an amazing job and everyone is pleased with the work she does and her attitude in doing it," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., "I have never asked her to help with anything that she didn't jump in and do even more than I expected."

Miller has been a staple at fiscal court meetings for many years, providing forms, documents, calculations and other information for the entire court. She had taken over many of Clontz's duties upon his passing but was officially appointed to her first four-year term last week.

The treasurer appointment is a four-year term.

In other action, the court voted to pay some claims that were due before the next regular meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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- 16) "Long ____ and far away..."
- 17) Their work involves forks and pitches
- 19) "Prior to," for starters
- 20) Open, as letters
- 21) Adolescent, almost
- 23) Guanaco relatives
- 26) At anchor
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- 31) Film that got Fonda an Oscar
- 32) Floor cover
- 35) "____ got an idea"
- 36) Baseball bat application
- 38) Santa ____ winds
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- 40) Regions
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- 42) Drunk as a skunk
- 44) Comedian's Muse
- 46) Bacon selections
- 48) Lao-tse's followers
- 49) St. ____ Girl (German beer)
- 50) FedEx pick-up
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- 53) Air traveler's need
- 58) "Iron Chef" prop
- 59) Gutter location
- 60) A Judd
- 61) CPAs crunch them
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- 63) It's for the mill?

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- 1) Hockey trophy
- 2) It's kind of a cinch, in Japan
- 3) Bird of the past
- 4) Handbooks
- 5) Immediately
- 6) Chilly symptoms?
- 7) Arm bone
- 8) Highlander
- 9) Boot one, in baseball
- 10) Museum specialist
- 11) What investigators sometimes follow
- 12) Say "uh-huh"
- 13) "There's ____ in sight"
- 18) Bygone Russian despot
- 22) Try to date
- 23) Allow in
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- 25) Some work vehicles
- 26) Copier brand, once
- 28) Ask on one's knees
- 29) Inning sextet
- 31) Proposer's support
- 33) Like a new candle
- 34) Fancy parties
- 36) Bamboo musical instruments
- 37) Aggravates
- 41) Track roller
- 43) Be sick
- 44) Diplomat's asset
- 45) Turning up on the farm?
- 46) Bring forth young
- 47) Cultural no-no
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ramblings

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idea to me.” Why? Why would this ever seem like a good idea to anyone? Because they don’t realize that this “advancement” actually means CONTROL of our everyday life. Because, eventually, the argument will be made that individuals do not need a car because everything they require in life is within 15 minutes of their home and, thus, the general population, or plebians as they have been called throughout history, no longer need the freedom of movement that cars afford.

But, should you happen to be able to acquire a car - an electric vehicle of course- do you realize that the government will have the ability to limit your travel if you do something they deem dodgy by simply remotely disabling your electric vehicle, thereby ending your freedom of movement?

Don’t forget, it’s not being paranoid if it’s true and the more I read and research what is going on with our regime and around the world, believe me, it’s the wave of the future.

And, sorry to say, we won’t be able to simply vote ourselves out of this mess. But you have heard my sentiments about our present election system *ad nauseum* so I’ll not bore you with that again but I have little hope in my heart of being able to resolve these issues at the voting booth.

On top of everything else, parents cannot be reminded too strongly that government/school officials are coming for our children. New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy is one of the latest to make this clear by suing several school districts over their policies that would “out” transgender and gender-nonconforming students to their parents.

Claiming that these actions were the “right thing to do to protect these precious young people,” Murphy said that “parents are always involved in our administration. They’re always at the table and always will be. But let’s be smart about this. Let’s protect the rights of these precious kids.” Or, to paraphrase, “Let’s not tell the parents about something as important as their daughter/son coming to school and deciding they want to be a son/daughter instead and help them on the q.t. Those stupid parents don’t need to be informed of this.”

Thank goodness, I’m definitely sure that this is not a worry we have in Rockcastle County and maybe that’s an example of Jason Aldean’s banned song “Try That in a Small Town.”

Oh, and you will be happy to know that First Lady Jill Biden arrived in Paris early Monday morning to celebrate the US formally rejoining a UN arts and culture agency, which has billed the White House \$619 million in back dues for its trouble. The agreement

also is that the Biden White House has agreed to fund 22% of UNESCO’s future budget and contribute to programs in Africa among others. The action will reverse former President Donald Trump’s decision in 2018 to withdraw the US from the organization after he accused it of anti-Israel bias.

President Biden has certainly wasted no time in taking advantage of his budget deal with House Speaker (R) Kevin McCarthy which placed no limit on the increase in our national debt for the next two years.

In an effort to stem the flow somewhat of illegals entering this country (roughly 7 million to date - mostly young men), Texas Governor Greg Abbott erected a barrier in the Rio Grande. He was, in turn, immediately sued by the federal government. Abbott has now responded with “We will see you in court, Mr. President.” Personally, I hold out little hope of any fair decision coming from our current two-tier (or completely Democrat-biased) justice system.

And finally, not my original thought but a good one I read and completely concur with, “Any man who wants to take pharmaceutical drugs to be able to “lactate” so they can try to have a baby nurse on their man nipples should be locked away in a mental institution or a prison for child abuse.”

There, I said it. If you don’t like it, I don’t care.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Farm Service Agency
Now Accepting
Nominations for
Farmers and Ranchers to
Serve on Local County

USDA is now accepting nominations for county committee members for elections that will occur later this year. Additionally, USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) is unveiling a new GIS tool to make it easier for producers to participate in the nomination and election processes for county committee members, who make important decisions on how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2023 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2023.

Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for members. LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction and they may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area. Customers can locate their LAA through a new GIS locator tool available at fsa.usda.gov/elections. Agricultural producers may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee if they:

•Participate or cooper-

ate in a USDA program; and

•Reside in the LAA that is up for election this year.

A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits. Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote and hold office.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

More Information

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in their county’s election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer

must be registered and sign an FSA-669A/nomination form.

Nomination forms and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections. Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6, 2023.

Committee Meeting Date: August 2, 2023 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

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NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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Likewise, Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center and all subsidiaries is committed to providing equal opportunity and access to applicants, employees, and the general public without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, citizenship status, physical or mental disability, genetic information, or past, present, or future membership in a U.S. Uniformed Services.

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Suicide Warning Signs for Adults

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Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased, and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

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

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

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Suicide Warning Signs for Youth

Be a Lifeline



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

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

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Gothic Landscaping: A Popular Theme Garden

The Goth Garden is the modern term for a type of landscaped look called Gothic—a common theme of gardens in the Victorian Era. For some, writer Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein” might come to mind. Trendy things come and go, but this theme is making a comeback, though it never actually disappeared.

Not your formal garden, the Goth is either whimsical and airy, containing some mystery or serene, some arcadian and placidity, and likely some gloomy, decaying, dark or spooky elements. The formal garden might feature a prominent statue and carefully manicured shrubbery—the Goth garden may have half hidden stones and statues and walls and gates obscured with ivy or lots of natural growing plants.

Gothic Landscape designs typically attract attention. On way to witness this is on a garden tour or an organized tour of an ancient mansion, and notice where the crowds migrate to.

Victorian architecture, some old furniture or stones or statues, some urns or old pots, perhaps a bat or scarecrow, and of course some dark or what we call black plants: these are all part of the Goth theme.

The Gothic brings to memory trials, wars, plagues, and gloom. Historical or antique are additional words one might employ to describe the tone of the Goth garden. Old furnishings, dead trees, bones or tombstones, and definitely a few dark flowers or plants are utilized in creating the Goth landscape.

Leaving those grimmer elements, let’s concentrate on dark colored plants. A previous column covered dark plants, and it may be about time to revisit that article to refresh our memories, for black plants are still in high demand in today’s gardening and landscaping. Here is a list of some of the deep red, deep blue, purple, burgundy and almost-black plants you may consider if you want to incorporate a bit of this trendy theme into your landscape.

Black perennial and woody plants include: black tulips, iris, hellebores, hollyhocks, coral bells, purple oxalis, canna, calla lilies, purple clematis, black Colocasia or elephant ear, black mondo grass, black roses, black columbine, black centered cone flowers or Mexican hat, black bat flower, black cohosh (cimicifuga), black Pennisetum, burgundy loropetalum, and many others.

Black annuals include

black coleus, black pansies, black petunias, dark sage, black sweet potato, black corn (and black cane and broom corn), purple cabbage and kale, purple/black tomatoes, purple peppers, red lettuce, red okra, burgundy castor beans, purple pole beans, etc.

Dark shrubs and trees might include loropetalum, dark leaved crepe myrtles, cotinus or smoke bush, red obelisk (black) beech tree, black elderberry, and some of the plums or apples with red or purple foliage and fruits.

Deep green, as in English ivy, is considered a Gothic element also. Yew trees, witch hazels, heathers and hollies may fit easily into the Goth design.

Is a Goth theme garden or landscape in your dreams or plans?

The author is a landscaper: 606-416-3911. Web: rockcastles.net



Rickels Family Reunion

The Rickels Family Reunion was held July 8th in Mt. Vernon with 82 present, including all six living children of Ray and Mable Rickels. Gene (Pam), Midge, Rodger, Ann, Jane (Bill) and Jim all came in from Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee and Florida.

Friends from Mt. Vernon and surrounding areas came by to visit and we felt blessed to have friends join us.

We are a blessed family and we enjoy seeing everyone. Mother and Daddy would have been very pleased to see all of us together again and doing well.

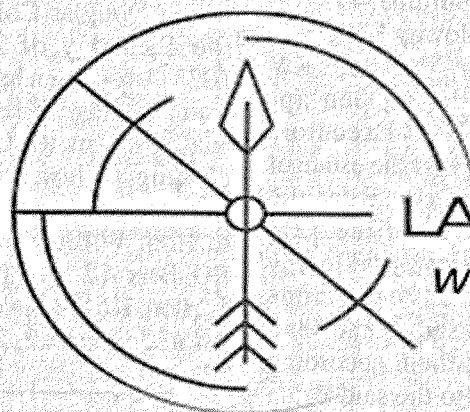
We lost another brother this year, (Doug). This leaves three girls and three boys out of nine children in our family. Those who have passed on to be with the Lord are very missed -- Dad (Ray), Mom (Mable), Ray, Jr., Glenna and Douglas.

We want to thank Midge’s son, Mark, for pulling this all together for us. Mark, the Lord will bless you and we all love what you did for Midge and all of us. Gene celebrated his 91st birthday, Midge her 90th and Ann her 87th. We are surely blessed, being a family that loves the Lord.

Thanks everyone who had a part in this. Hope to see you all next year.

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NOTIFICATION OF FERPA RIGHTS and CHILD FIND for CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN NEED of SPECIAL EDUCATION or 504 SERVICES

Notification of FERPA Rights

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and “eligible students” (students over 18 years of age or students who are attending a postsecondary institution) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. They are:

- 1) **The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within forty-five (45) days of the day the District receives a request for access.**

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school Principal/designee a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected.

- 2) **The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student’s privacy or other rights.**

Parents or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of privacy or other rights. They should write the school Principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their privacy or other rights.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him/her of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- 3) **The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.**

One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A “school official” is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his/her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility to the district.

Upon request, the District shall disclose education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled or to other entities authorized by law.

Disclosure of information is provided to those whose knowledge of such information is necessary to respond to an actual, impending, or imminent articulable and significant health/safety threat.

- 4) **The right to prohibit the disclosure of personally identifiable information concerning the student to recruiting representatives of the U.S. Armed Forces and its service academies, the Kentucky Air National Guard, and the Kentucky Army National Guard.**

Unless the parent or eligible student requests in writing that the District not release information, the student’s name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiters upon their request.

- 5) **The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.** The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee is authorized to release Board approved directory information. “Directory Information” is information contained in an educational record which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. This information may be released without consent. “Directory Information” includes the student’s name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended. The parent, guardian, or eligible student currently enrolled may request that all or part of the “Directory Information” be withheld.

Rockcastle County School District’s process for any eligible student, parent, or guardian who does not wish to have directory information released shall make a written request to the Principal within thirty (30) calendar days after the Annual FERPA Notice has been distributed. The written request must specifically state what information may not be classified as “Directory Information”.

CHILD FIND

The Rockcastle County School District will keep educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Rockcastle County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Rockcastle County School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request three years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Rockcastle County School District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student’s name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment,

traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity, which causes the student’s ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

The Rockcastle County School District has an ongoing “Child Find” system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The Rockcastle County School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Rockcastle County School District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Rockcastle County School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the Rockcastle County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please contact the appropriate district at the numbers listed below or send the information to the appropriate Board office:

Director of Special Education or 504 Coordinator

Rebecca Hubbard
Rockcastle Co. Schools
245 Richmond Street
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
(606) 256-2125
Fax (606) 256-2126

“Child Find” activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Rockcastle County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through “Child Find” is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District’s requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and “Child Find” activities. There are copies in the Principal’s office at each school, and in the Board of Education offices. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

Director of Pupil Personnel

Marcus Reppert
Rockcastle Co. Schools
245 Richmond Street
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
(606) 256-2125
Fax (606) 256-2126

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Rockcastle County School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible. If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator at the addresses or phone numbers listed above for the Rockcastle County School District.

ANNUAL NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Students, their families, employees and potential employees of the Rockcastle County School District are hereby notified that the Rockcastle County School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or disability in employment, vocational programs offerings, admissions criteria, or activities as set forth in compliance with federal and state statutes and regulations.

Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should be directed to:

Carrie Ballinger, Superintendent
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DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS NOTICE

In accordance with district procedures and records retention guidelines, the following special education records housed at Rockcastle County Schools will be destroyed forty-five days from date of this notice.

Special Education Due Process Records to be destroyed are those for students who attended Rockcastle County Schools prior to 2018-2019 school year. Special Education services end when the student is no longer eligible for services, graduates or completes his or her educational program at age 22, or moves from the district. It is noted that portions of these records may be needed by the student or parent/guardian for future services or benefits. A record of the student’s name, his or her grades, classes attended, grade level completed, and year will be kept permanently. The student (eighteen or older) or parent/guardian may obtain a copy of the records by contacting Rebecca Hubbard, Director of Special Education, phone number (606-256-2125).

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincaide 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 trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23

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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 LJJ Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35(22)x50p

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

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

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

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

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

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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

Notice is hereby given that Reda Bowman has filed the Final Settlement of her accounts as Executrix of the Estate of Freeman Jack Robinson, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held August 28, 2023 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 24x1

Yard Sales

Yard Sale: Saturday, 8 a.m. to ? 5094 Countryside Circle, Mt. Vernon. Household items, comforters (queen), twin bed frame, women's clothes and shoes - all sizes and other items.

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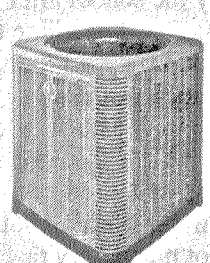
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FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 24, 2023) A long-awaited interchange and road widening project that will bring greater safety and less traffic congestion in tourism-rich Pulaski County was ceremonially opened today by Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray, U.S. Rep. Harold Hal Rogers and area officials.

Our roads aren't red or blue. They're for the people of Kentucky and the millions of visitors that come to our great state, said Secretary Gray, representing Gov. Andy Beshear. The Beshear administration knows that well-built and well-maintained transportation infrastructure is a key that unlocks economic development opportunities and adds to the quality of life in Kentucky.

The event marked the completion of two new interchanges at the junction of KY 80 and KY 461, two routes that see steady streams of traffic, including vacationers going to and from Lake Cumberland. Also in the project is the widening to four lanes of more than 3 miles of KY 461.

This monumental transportation project is a stamp of economic success and growth for southern and eastern Kentucky, and were far from finished, said Congressman Rogers, who is Dean of the House. Southern Kentucky needs a four-lane highway that runs east to west, attracting new business and tourism dollars through the most beautiful parts of our state. We are making significant progress towards that goal as we continue strategic planning across

the federal, state and local levels.

The KY80/461 project, a \$51 million investment, was funded in part with a \$25 million federal grant from the program known as BUILD -- Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development. The remaining \$26 million came from state-federal apportionment and a local match. While most of the funds went to the two interchanges and lane widening, funds also will be used to purchase new intelligent transportation systems including improved lighting, electronic messaging boards, camera monitoring systems, and upgraded signage.

The project in general, and the widening of KY 461 in particular, will benefit a long list of businesses located in the nearby Valley Oak Complex:

- TTAI (Toyotetsu)
- Hendrickson
- Gatormade
- AppHarvest
- Bondtech
- Team Modern
- Conner Logistics
- HT Warehousing
- EOS
- Performance Foods
- SCC Lineman Training Center
- SCC Valley Oak Campus

Valley Oak Complex is an industrial park on KY 461 that has over 3,000 employees. More than a thousand tractor-trailers travel to and from the site weekly. That number will soon grow with the planned construction of a multi-million dollar apartment complex and a childcare center.

"This road project is one of the most impactful

endeavors to have taken place in the Somerset and Pulaski County community in decades, Chris Girdler, President and CEO of Somerset-Pulaski Economic Development Authority, said. It has drastically improved safety for the thousands employed within the Valley Oak Commerce Complex and millions who travel to Lake Cumberland annually. This area of Pulaski County is primed for record-breaking growth over the coming years."

Construction began in late 2020 after the announcement of the competitive BUILD grant was released.

This project will save lives and be crucial to local tourism and commerce here in Pulaski County, said Pulaski County Judge-Executive Marshall Todd. This was a very dangerous intersection. When we looked

at the traffic congestion and the collisions that came with that original intersection, we saw that something was needed to help with that and open up this area even more for future development.

Those interested should visit the school website for details concerning enrolling in the program.

Online registration for all Rockcastle County Schools is also available to anyone on the website.

Students must complete the application by the deadline, must have reliable internet service at home, must attend an orientation, complete an online orientation course, agree to "check-in" meetings in person, as well as other requirements. School staff also has the right to perform in-home checks on progress of each student attending virtually.

ists can also access traffic information for the District 8 counties at www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict8 and at www.twitter.com/KYTCDistrict8.

Virtual classes offered for Rockcastle students

By: Mike French
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Rockcastle County Schools will offer virtual school options (My Rock Online) for students grades 6-12 for the 2023-24 school year.

Anyone interested in participating in virtual classes must complete an application, meet a set of qualifications set by the district for the program, attend an orientation session and sign a contract in order to be accepted for virtual learning, according to the district website.

Officials wish to inform all students and parents that applying for virtual classes does not mean the student will be accepted into the program.

Applications must be received by August 4, 2023 and each application will be reviewed by the district. Those students accepted into the virtual school program will be notified by the school after the August 4 deadline to discuss application status.

The Kentucky Department of Education has allowed districts to offer virtual learning but it is not mandatory that a district offer the pro-

gram.

The Rockcastle County District School Board voted to provide the service to Rockcastle County students with some qualification. Unless a student meets all requirements, they may not be accepted into the program.

To be eligible, stu-

For Kentucky's latest traffic and travel information, anyone is invited to visit goky.ky.gov or navigate traffic by downloading the free Waze app at www.waze.com. Motor-

Paving project started on KY 80 in Pulaski County by the KYTC

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 8 Office advises motorists that a paving project has started on a portion of KY 80 in Pulaski County.

Work is being performed between the intersection of KY 914 (mile point 16.4) and U.S. 27 (mile point 18.8).

KYTC ask motorists to be aware of the work zone, expect lane closures, and to utilize safe driving habits when traveling through the area.

Work is expected to last two weeks. The duration of work may be adjusted for inclement weather or other unforeseeable delays. Drivers should expect delays and are encouraged to allow extra time in reaching their destination.

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