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Training is key to success



First responders with the Brodhead, Western Rockcastle, Mount Vernon, Pongo, Livingston and Brindle Ridge Fire Departments spent the weekend completing a 20-hour vehicle extraction course. The course included classroom lessons and lessons in the field with hands-on experience. Firefighters were taught the intricacies of extraction on multiple passenger vehicles as well as heavy vehicle rescue. Shown above, several firefighters worked to extract a simulated trapped driver from one of the donated vehicles. The event was held at the Brodhead Fairgrounds and firefighters were served lunch Saturday by the City of Mount Vernon and Sunday by the City of Brodhead. Thoroughtruck, Jade's Towing and Emery's Towing provided vehicles for the training. All Rockcastle County fire departments are currently seeking volunteers. Officials say training and equipment is provided. Officials are also seeking volunteers for positions other than firefighters and anyone interested is welcome to apply regardless of age, sex or physical condition.

Vote expected at June meeting

Fiscal Court has debate over new cannabis laws

By: Mike French

Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court have not yet voted on the cannabis/marijuana issue, but tempers and heated discussions are already evident as the issue is debated.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. called a special meeting last Thursday morning with 12 items on the agenda. One of those items was the cannabis issue. In fact, the issue was moved to the end of the agenda, since some members were late for the meeting. "I want everyone to be present and involved and have the opportunity to present any information, data or opinions they would like before we vote on the subject," said Holbrook. "Some suggested we were trying to sneak a vote in by having the issue on the agenda but that is absolutely untrue. It is on the agenda to provide

opportunity to address questions and hear viewpoints before we take a vote. The vote will be held in the regular, open monthly meeting in June."

Governor Andy Beshear signed a law that will allow the growth, cultivating, processing and use of medical cannabis (marijuana) beginning in January of 2025. Recently, Beshear signed a law allowing processing operations to begin this summer so that marijuana can be grown and ready to use by January of 2025, when it becomes legal.

The new law has sparked strong debate from both sides of the issue but each county and each city in Kentucky are given four options concerning how to deal with the new laws.

Options include: 1) doing nothing, in which case medical cannabis is legal in that community, (See "Debate" on A5)

Whicker resigns as Livingston Chief of Police

KSP and Sheriff helping

By: Mike French

Editor

The City of Livingston has been going through what officials call "growing pains" through 2024 with several big changes in city officials and department heads.

Recent changes include the resignation of Mayor Larry Davidson, the sewer department superintendent, two city commissioners and two different police chiefs. There has also been the appointment of two new commissioners, the swearing in of former commissioner Sandi Singleton as Mayor, the hiring of a new water superintendent and the hiring of a new city attorney, Jill Edwards.

Just last week Police Chief Chris Whicker, who had replaced Travis Davis after his sudden resignation, submitted his own letter of resignation.

However, Mayor Sandi Singleton says no progress is made in any city without some form of growing pains. "There are some who don't like change and I understand that very well," she said. "But if we can create a better, cleaner, more successful city and better serve our citizens, then I think it is worth going through a few growing pains. We are getting a lot done and putting the right people in place."

Whicker cited time with family as one of the reasons for his resignation but Singleton and other officials said the decision was mutual. Singleton said city officials are currently in search of a new police chief but the task may be difficult. "Those with the proper training and interest in a part time position in Livingston are scarce," she said. "We are currently depending on the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police until we find the right fit for our city. They have always been good to us and they are watching our back while we search for a new chief."

The city has experienced police department woes for many years. In fact, after losing and hiring several different police chiefs in the past few years, the city lost their funding from the Rockcastle Fiscal Court (See "Chief" on A5)

Livingston water system back up and running

By: Mike French

Editor

Water customers in the City of Livingston have been experiencing some troubles with their water supply for several years and those troubles were evident this past weekend, according to city officials. Some customers lost water pressure and some lost service all together, for a while, late last week and over the weekend.

Mayor Sandi Singleton and City Clerk Samantha Smoker said the water system has been in "serious need of repairs" for many years and the administration is working hard to update and upgrade the entire system. But it will be expensive.

The biggest plan is to make the city eligible for funding to upgrade the system by having a city attorney sign off on how the funding will be used. The city has now hired a City Attorney from London who Smoker says has agreed to sign the proper paperwork that will allow such funding soon.

In the meantime, the system continues to face difficulties like this past week. "We have been having water pressure problems to the out-reaches of the ends of the lines from our system, which seems to have contributed to a pressure problem from our supplier," Singleton said. "It got so bad that we actually had no water for some families on the very ends of the lines. Most others had water, but no pressure."

Officials with the city searched for the problem but found no leaks and found valves that had been removed to increase pressure and none of what water experts were doing helped the situation, according to Singleton.

"So we called Josh (Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray) and he sent in Rural Water who began making calls and getting us the help we needed. Tim Blanton, of Woods Creek Water then brought machinery and crews here and started replacing valves and (See "Water" on A5)

Fiscal Court deals with several issues in special meeting

By: Mike French

Editor

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. called a special meeting of the Fiscal Court last Thursday morning to deal with several issues.

One item was the issue of legalized medical marijuana/cannabis in Rockcastle County. The issue was moved to the bottom of the agenda so that all magistrates and the county attorney would be present for the discussion. (See story elsewhere in this issue.)

Holbrook passed photos of the basement of the Livingston School building to all magistrates. The county had the property inspected last year and is currently discussing how to address issues in the dilapidated basement area of the property. "Mayor King was diligent about keeping that sump pump operating and keeping the area taken care of," said Holbrook. "But it has been (See "Court" on A5)

City discussing specifications for city streets

By: Mike French

Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held a special called meeting last Thursday night with a short agenda, after postponing the regular meeting for two weeks.

After approving meeting minutes and addressing and passing the financial statement, the mayor and council moved into new business.

First in new business the council approved the Municipal Road Aid Program Agreement. Jim Bowman, City Administrator, said the agreement stipulates that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Municipal Aid, will provide about \$53,000 for the coming fiscal year.

The first payment will be \$31,000. A second estimated payment of \$22,000 will come later, after the department has determined if estimated revenues are equal to actual revenues. The (See "City" on A5)

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ramblings...
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Our country, under the Biden regime, is turning into a third world banana republic.

Former President Donald Trump was convicted on 34 counts last week in New York in a trial about which Professor Jonathan Turley, a liberal law professor at Georgetown College, said was "a target-rich environment for an appeal with multiple layers of reversible error," in a column published in *The Hill*.

Even though the trial was held in a district that voted roughly 90% against Trump, the problem was not the jury but the prosecutors and the judge, according to Turley.

To begin with, Turley says, Judge Juan Merchan, an acting supreme court judge, was handpicked for this case rather than randomly selected. Besides being a contributor to Biden,

Merchan also earmarked donations for "Resisting the Republican Party and Donald Trump's radical right-wing legacy." His daughter, a Democrat organizer, has helped raise millions against Trump and the GOP.

Turley says Merchan also failed to protect the rights of the defendant and made "distinctly" pro-prosecution rulings in the trial. "It is not just the appearance of a conflict

with Judge Merchan," Turley wrote "but a record of highly biased decisions." In watching Merchan in the courtroom. Turley said, he was shocked by his rulings as at times they were "incomprehensible and conflicted."

Be that as it may, I, personally, felt sure the entire trial what the verdict would be. Democrats have no shame and have mastered the art of telling you what they want you to believe, even when it goes against the grain, often, of everything moral, legal and acceptable.

It was gratifying, after the trial to see \$52.8 million raised in the hours after the verdict was reached. Trump received a grand total of \$141 million in donations in May, a massive fundraising haul.

It is going to be very interesting to see what happens in the trial of the President's son, Hunter, which is in jury selection in Delaware as I write this.

Biden, 54, is accused of illegally purchasing and possessing a firearm, while abusing or being addicted to drugs, a violation of federal law. He has pleaded not guilty to all three charges, although he has been open about his struggles with his

alcohol and crack cocaine addictions.

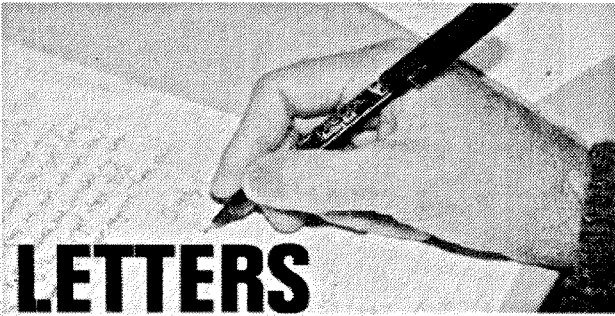
I will be **very surprised** if he is not acquitted even though it appears to be an open and shut case of his guilt.

His former girlfriend, and former sister-in-law, Hallie Biden, is scheduled to testify against him at trial. pResident Biden visited her at her home recently, for the first time according to news reports, but the trial was not discussed, the President said. I wish I had an eye-roll emoji I could insert here but I don't so just imagine it, please, because trust me I am.

It seems that the rule of one law for Republicans and no law for Democrats is the new normal in this country.

pResident Biden is trying valiantly to up his

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To Rockcastle County Cancer Survivors
Dear Editor,

In honor of your battle against cancer, the 2024 Relay For Life of Rockcastle County would like to extend to you a special invitation to participate in our Survivors' Celebration Dinner. You are a personal testimony of the progress we're making in our fight to eradicate cancer!

Please join us Friday, June 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Rockcastle Middle School for a dinner in your honor.

Each Survivor is entitled to bring a guest to the Survivor Dinner. There is no cost for you or your guest to attend this Survivor Celebration! All Survivors will receive a free gift!

After the dinner, we invite you to come to

Aces Over
By: Mike French

It seems that anymore I remember more about my childhood years than I do about last year.

I remember in my grade school years it was very important to my grandmother that my hair be combed absolutely perfectly every morning before school. In my teen years, I was one of those with very long hair. Mid-back length hair with a lot of turquoise rings, bell bottoms and white belts. Hey, it was the 70s.

But prior to those years, my dad was a military type fellow and he kept my hair in what we called a "flat top" haircut. Every morning, grandma

would walk over just to comb my hair. She didn't like mom's way of doing it. Yes, it was a sore spot within the family.

Grandma would get her very aged and creased face within an inch of my nose and, with her tongue sticking out and upward, she would meticulously part my hair on one side. The part line had to be exactly, perfectly straight. The worst part was when she found one hair that wouldn't stay or a spot of dirt somewhere on my face. Every time she would lick her thumb and wipe it down. I got on the bus every morning with grandma spit all over me. It was disgusting, but my hair was flawless.

We used to have a "shoe shining day" every week or so. Dad taught me how to shine shoes. He had a brown, leather pouch that he unzipped to reveal a wooden, stiff-bristle brush, a white cloth rag, several colors of shoe polish, some leather dye, and some type of wax. I think he learned it in Korea but he taught it to me. When I left the house for grade school, you could see your reflection in my shoes.

It was grandma that taught me to tie my ties. I do not do it properly to this day. But it is close enough that people just

think it is "my style." Grandpa had to put the tie round my neck before he could tie it and in those days a boy between the ages of 5 and 11, kept the top button closed. My tie was so tight that my face was purple by the time I reached the bus. Luckily my playing and running would slightly loosen the tie as time went by and by the time I got home, it wasn't choking me anymore.

Mom, of course, was the hygiene teacher. How to brush my teeth, bathe, myself, wash my hair and all that.

I think since I was an only child, they took it upon themselves to dote on me and they basically pushed each other out of the way to prepare me for school each morning. It was like basic training.

In those days I don't think I knew any males who had long hair or any women who had short hair. We dressed a certain way and we were clean. It just wasn't questioned. It was accepted as an unwritten rule.

I guess I was part of the Woodstock generation that first began to change all that. Perhaps it was the relentless dotting and prepping and combing and shining that made my generation want to escape that "perfect" look.

All the kids in my grade school looked exactly the same. It was just the way you dressed

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GOING CAMPING?

Don't forget electrical safety

Happy camping means keeping electrical safety in mind. Here are some tips to keep yourself and your family safe.

Be prepared. Pack a fire extinguisher. A general ABC fire extinguisher will cover ordinary combustibles, like wood and grass, and fires involving electrical current.

Be aware and observant. Inspect the electrical hookup at your campsite for any damage. Make sure the extension cord to your tent isn't a trip hazard and keep it away from any fires.

Don't be a statistic. Every year, people die in tents and campers from carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure your RV is equipped with fire and carbon monoxide detectors. If using a generator, keep it outside and far away from doors and openings.

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Friday, June 14th at 10:30 a.m.

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polling numbers and has decided that the massive illegal immigration at our southern border is one of his problems. Ya think?? Since his Homeland Security Director Alejandro Mayorkas has told Congress, in many hearings, that “the Southern Border is secure,” Biden has decided he will make it “more secure” with an executive order he was expected to sign Tuesday.

This EO will, five months before the November election, limit the

number of asylum seekers to 2,500 a day, after which the border will be shut down and reopened only once the number declines to 1500. These numbers are daily averages over the course of a week. The 1500 threshold, at which the border could reopen for asylum seekers, could be hard to reach since the last time the daily average dipped to 1500 encounters was in July 2020.

You must remember, Biden took 94 executive actions in his first 100 days to dismantle border security so anything short of complete closure

of the border, by an unscalable wall, is ridiculous.

New inflation data shows that, since January 21 of this year, groceries are up 21.3%, rent is up 20.8%, electricity bills are up 28.5%, auto insurance up 52.1%, eggs up 43.5% yet Biden is still claiming that our economy is “doing great.”

He still has the audacity to insist that inflation was 9% when he came into office, despite being confronted by several reporters with the truth that it was actually 1.4%.

Georgia Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene took dead aim at Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Covid Czar, yesterday and it was glorious. She called for the “imprisonment of ‘Mr.’ Fauci (for “crimes against humanity”) to his face the as she cited a new report where National Institute of Health (NIH) scientists made over \$700 million in royalties from drug makers on Covid

(vaccine) royalties.

It was also reported recently that the NIH has been funding experiments on abandoned pets. Discarded dogs are fed to hungry sand flies, eaten alive and killed. The tax bill? \$10 million to taxpayers for cruel experiments that waste money, torture animals and **create frankenviruses that can be used as bioweapons or cause pandemics.**

And, by the way, another COVID “conspiracy theory” became reality when recent data recently confirmed the deaths of COVID-vaccinated deaths were often labeled as “unvaccinated.”

Just remember, “*In the last days, good will be called evil and evil called good.*” Isaiah 8:20 and we have definitely been seeing that come true in the last few years.

Aces

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your child in those days.

But when I hit junior high school and saw a guy with long hair, my world changed.

Oh it was a battle. Argument after argument and just a little movement each time. Disappointing my father was devastating so I had to make changes at such a slow pace that he wouldn't be shocked. It took years but I finally convinced him to let my hair be long enough that I could “flip it” out of my eyes just by flipping my head.

I thought that was so cool!

When I put on my first jeans that had holes in the knees, he went ballistic. “I spent my life trying to have pants with no holes in them and now you are buying pants with holes in them!!!”

It was quite the source of disagreements.

I guess some change is good and I am glad I don't have to wear such tight, restrictive, perfect clothing anymore. There are pluses to being an adult and clothing is one of the biggest.

Cleanliness was next to Godliness and I guess it still is. But the truth is, my dad would roll over in his grave if he knew what I am thinking now. He would raise himself and come and find me if he only knew. Surely he doesn't know in Heaven what I am thinking here on earth?

A small little tattoo would be kind of cool...

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, June 10th: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge. **Tuesday, June 11th:** Ottawa and Bee Lick.

Kentucky Native Plant Fundraiser
There will be a Kentucky native plant sale fundraiser, Saturday, June 15th at Memorial Park in Berea (across from Acton Center, 214 Jefferson St.). Follow butterfly signs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. All plants raised from seeds collected from native plants. Sale supports nature projects. Call 859-985-0309 for any questions.

Rockcastle Retired Teachers Meeting
Rockcastle Retired Teachers' Association will meet at Limestone Grille Wednesday, June 19th at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

American Legion Post News
The David M. Smith American Legion meets at the Veterans Center the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. 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 District Commander B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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

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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP-SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM, SUNDAY SERVICE 11 AM, SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE & MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 6:00 PM-WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE & K-5TH GRADE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 7PM

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Obituaries

Larry Cope

Larry Lee Cope, 74, life-long resident of Disputana, died Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born in Berea on August 1, 1949, the son of Frank and Mossie Baker Cope. He was a retired security officer for the Bluegrass Army Depot and was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War.

He is survived by: a brother, James Cope and wife Gail; nephews, Buddy Price, Joe Cope, Arley Cope, and Noah Cope; nieces, Donna June Bullock, Darlene Clark, Melissa Cope, Amy Cope, and Glenda Kirkland; and a very special great nephew, Shannon Clark. Also surviving are special friends, Robin Brinager, Camryn Brinager and sons, Rhys, Kaedyn, and Audra Butler. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Johnny, Jesse, Franklin, Arley, and Noah Cope, and four sisters, Verla, Angie, Eva, and Doris.

Funeral services with military honors will be conducted Saturday, June 9, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at graveside in the Chasteen-Cope Cemetery.

Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home from 12 to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 9. We ask that you please respect the family's private visitation time prior to public visitation hours.

Pallbearers are: Robin Brinegar, Shannon Clark, Arley Cope, James Cope, Noah Cope, and Steve Whittmore.

The family requests contributions to Hospice Care Plus.

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

Sharon Lee Smith

Sharon Lee Smith, 81, of Central City, died Monday, June 3, 2024, at 7:16 p.m. at her residence. Mrs. Smith was born March 17, 1943, in Greenville, OH. She was a member of Nelson Pentecostal Church and a records specialist at University of Dayton. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, baking and cooking, and reading. Mrs. Smith was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a very kind and loving person, who was always willing to help others any way she could. She was preceded in death by: her mother, Retha Wanedith Leopard; father, Howard Leroy Leopard; and husband, Earl Smith.

She is survived by: her children, Anthony Smith and Retha (Steve) Reed; grandchildren, Jonathan Reed, David (Andrea) Reed, Elizabeth (Danny) Wallace, Steven Michael (Summar) Reed, and Andrew (Chantal) Reed; and great grandchildren, Joey, Daniel, Carter, A'nesia, Connor, Makayla, Joshua, Daniel, Braiden, Caine, Damani, Alex, and Caycen.

Funeral services will be held Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Nelson Pentecostal Church with Bro. Paul Uzzle, Jr. officiating. Visitation will be Monday after 4 p.m. at the church. Graveside funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Isaacs Family Cemetery in Rockcastle County. Visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the cemetery.

Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Doris Robbins

Ada Doris Robbins, 94, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Russell Robbins, died Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial followed in Elmwood 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.

Cemetery Notices

Negro Creek Cemetery Notice

Please remove all flowers and decorations off the grounds at Negro Creek Cemetery so mowers can resume mowing by June 15th.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Johnetta Cemetery

All flowers must be removed from off the ground at Johnetta Cemetery by

Thursday, June 6th so mowing can be resumed.

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, Orlando, Ky. 40460.

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

Church News

VBS at

Freedom Baptist

Vacation Bible School will be held at Freedom Baptist Church June 9 - 13 from 6 to 8:30 each night. If anyone needs a ride, call Barry Hurst at 1-859-200-6331 or Cheryl Bullock at 256-3015 or 606-308-4016.

All children are welcome.

VBS at

Creekside Baptist

Creekside Baptist Church, 2261 Copper Creek Road, will be hosting Vacation Bible School beginning Sunday night, June 9th through Wednesday night, June 12th from 6 to 8 o'clock for all ages.

Pastor Jack and congregation welcome all.

Lela Mae Harrison

Lela Mae Harrison, 84, of Mt Vernon, died Tuesday, May 29, 2024. She was born March 17, 1940, in Level Green. A daughter of the late William Harve and Edna (Bullock) Stevens. On March 29, 1958, she married Melvin Harrison, and they enjoyed 66 years of marriage. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church for 45 years. She retired from Rockcastle Regional Hospital as a CNA after 28 years of service, also she worked at Fletchers Grocery Store for five years. Lela enjoyed going to

church, cooking, canning, working puzzles, flowers, and spending time with family.

Those left to mourn her passing are: her husband, Melvin Harrison of Mt Vernon; children, Gayle (Michael) DeBorde of Mt Vernon, and Timothy (Beverly) Harrison of Berea; granddaughter, Ashley Harrison of Berea; brothers, J B Stevens and Randall Stevens, both of Mt Vernon; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by: her sisters, Dorothy Jones and Linda Elam; brother, Lois Stevens; bonus son, Danny Sutton; and nephews, Dooney Jones, Danny Stevens and Donnie Stevens.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Grace Baptist Church with Bros. Raymond Offutt and Matthew Lunsford officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Marvin E Owens Home for funerals was honored to provide services for Lela Mae Harrison.

Card of Thanks

Roger Bray

On behalf of our beloved, and not forgotten, Roger Bray, we cannot tell you enough how much your thoughtfulness, kindness, love and encouraging words meant to our family.

He was loved by so many. He set the example of what it meant to love your neighbor and community. If it had not been for your flowers, gifts, cards, messages, notes of love, meals showing up on our doorstep and selfless gestures for our family, I do not think we could have made it through this past few weeks without him.

Thank you for sharing

your memories, pictures and funny stories. He loved each and everyone one of you. Your demonstrations of those principles has been an incredible comfort to our family.

We would also like to thank Marvin and Judy Owens, along with their staff, at Owens Funeral Home for going beyond and above their duty. We are grateful to be part of this community.

We cannot thank you enough for gathering around us at this time

With Gratitude,

Sharon, Heather and

Hunter and

the Bray Family

The Friday Night
Gospel Singing
Proudly Presents!

Ralph Allen & Friends

Free Admission
June 7th at 6pm
9174 Livingston Ky 40445

Land of the Far Better

(Philippians.1:23-24) For I am in a strait between two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better, Nevertheless, to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. The apostle Paul had a way of putting things in an easy way to help us understand his feelings. Who wants to leave loved ones behind? Yet who wants to lose out on eternal life? These scriptures show how the apostle Paul was filled with emotions.

The apostle Paul was driven to be with the Lord, whether it be today, tomorrow, or next week, or next year, he realized he was on a journey to a real destination. It is the land of the far better.

We are in a tent camping until we get home. (2Cor.5:1) For we know if that our earthly house, this tabernacle, were dissolved we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. This word tabernacle is defined (as a hut, or a temporary dwelling) the human body figuratively, is a temporary dwelling for the soul of man.

(2 Pet. 1:13-14) Yes, I think it meet, if I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance, Knowing, that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

God dwelt with his people by coming and being with them in a tent called a tabernacle. It was moveable and on a journey to a good new land. This land they had not seen but longed for the land of God's promise. That tent was moved from place to place. The moveable tent was soon set aside for that which was permanent. The last was greatest in value.

(1Cor.15:43,44) This body, is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory, it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. A man's house is the temporary place where he dwells, and in keeping with Peter's remarks of dwelling, there just here for a while, then the body of man, this house. We are going to leave our little house, home or residence, that we have shared with our family and our fleshly house, our body, soon will be moving to eternal house, were will our house be located?


Thank you as always for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you this week with the things you have need of, and so much more. Let us always count our blessings and name them one by one. You can contact some from the church at these numbers: Remember to watch our videos on YouTube channel. Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ Mt Venon Kentucky. We worship every Sunday morning rain or shine 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Every one is welcome. We have a Free Bible correspondences course, we would love to send to you. Thank you so much for reading this article. If you would like to contact someone from the church you can either call or text this number 606-224-1480.

REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU AND WE LOVE YOU TOO

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Deep Waters!

Isaiah 43:2 reads, When thou pass through the waters, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walk through the fire, thou shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you. VS 3 For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior. Often, we go through things in life that are hard to deal with. These vary from broken relationships, or maybe financial problems and the worst of all, health problems of ourselves or maybe the health problems of a loved one.

When we go through these, they often test our faith. I remember hearing a preacher say one time that Job didn't really know God until the end of the book of Job. Being young in the faith, I questioned that statement; I referenced back to chapter one and verse one where it says that Job feared God and eschewed evil. But as I studied more and processed the book of Job, I came to understand that preacher was right.

For most people that make the decision to serve God, it's not too hard until you're going through the deep waters. We see how Job went through all these things, losing his children, losing his wealth, even losing his health. Satan told God that Job's loyalty was based upon all that he had around him. God proved Satan wrong. Now obviously Job became weary at times as anyone would. Job even question God at times and ask where he was. Job felt abandoned by God. In Job chapter 38:16-18 this is part of God's response to Job's questioning of God. VS 16 Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? VS 17 Have the gates of death been show to you. Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness? VS 18 Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me if you know all this. You see folks there is a lot of things that we don't know that God knows.

Often when we're in uncharted waters is when our dependences upon God grows. In these times we come to know that God is God when we're standing on the mountain and when we're going through a valley!

Everyone Welcome
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Providence
CHURCH of CHRIST

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

Debate

(Continued from front) 2) prohibiting the use of medical cannabis and the growth and/or processing of the plant 3) placing the issue on the ballot or 4) allowing the growth, processing and use of medical cannabis with a tax or fee attached.

At the May regular meeting, the court listened to speakers on the issue debating in favor of and against allowing the use of medical cannabis in Rockcastle County.

Holbrook provided the court with a detailed packet of information about the laws and the plant itself last month and then placed the item on last week's agenda for more discussion. He informed the court the vote would be held at the regular June meeting and said he has been contacted by others who wish to express their view on the subject at that meeting. "We will allow three minutes for each speaker and give anyone a chance to express their facts or their opinion," Holbrook said.

Magistrates asked if they will be allowed to respond during those presentations. "Magistrates have the same right to speak as anyone else," he said. "I just don't want any arguing back and forth or hard feelings among anyone. Everyone has an opinion and they all deserve to be heard."

"Well, I am ready to vote it down right here, right now, but we can wait if you want," said Magistrate William Denny.

After more discussion among magistrates, Denny said "We are all going to answer on Judgement Day for the decisions we make right here." This sparked a much more heated debate between other magistrates, until Holbrook had to once again reiterate "there should be no hard feelings between anyone. Everyone vote your conscience."

Once again the magistrates discussed placing the issue on the ballot as Magistrate Shane Thacker indicated he may recommend. But other magistrates said they were elected to be the voice of the people. Thacker said "this issue is different and it should be up to the people." Magistrate Mike McGuire disagreed saying he was elected to vote according to his faith and his conscience.

Thacker said "Religion should have nothing to do with this issue,"

Discussion continued and the final vote on the issue is expected at the June regular meeting after guest speakers have had another chance to voice their views.

Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray voted against the bill when it was up for a vote in the House. It subsequently passed and Beshear signed it into law. Bray said calculations indicate the new law will cost taxpayers about \$10 million. "I voted against it, though I support the idea of restricted medical marijuana for extremely limited conditions like cancer and epilepsy," said Bray. "However the law that passed is so broad that virtually every Kentuckian would qualify for it."

Still, Bray said he will support the fiscal court's decision. "I will support the decision of our locally elected leaders but remain skeptical of the economic

benefits touted by its supporters. The state considers medical marijuana as medicine and it is not taxable. On the state level, we expect it will cost \$10 million in excess of the fees it will generate. Local tax revenue would largely be limited to occupational taxes generated by employees of the dispensaries."

Guests at the June meeting are expected to argue in favor of and against allowing dispensaries in the county.

Officials say only 48 dispensaries are allowed in the state and Rockcastle would likely not be chosen as a location, even if it were made legal here. However, the possibility would exist since each of nine regions in the state are allowed four dispensaries and the remaining two regions -- are allowed six. Rockcastle is in a multi-county region that will allow four dispensaries.

Holbrook pointed out that the vote will not be a lifelong rule. "You know it will come back up in a year or two and if we change our minds, we can vote again," he said. "All we can do is gather all the information we can and make an informed decision that we think is best for our county."

Cities in the county will also have to address the issue, according to the new law, by choosing one of the four options available.

Chief

(Continued from front) that had been used for police department expense. Former Mayor Davidson and City Clerk Samantha Smoker made several public attempts to have the funding reinstated but were unsuccessful.

With the resignation of Whicker, city officials are searching for a well trained officer with proper certification willing to work 30 hours per week for minimal salary. "You have to find someone who wants to do it because they care about the people of Livingston as much as money," said Singleton. "We can't afford what some can pay a part time officer."

As for the sewer department, the city has already hired a Level 2 Superintendent to replace the department head who resigned last month. The law requires only a level one Superintendent for Livingston but Singleton says the new Superintendent, John Bray, is a strong addition to the city water system and has a Level Two certification. "John is prompt, honest and a very hard worker. In just two weeks he has already turned our water system around," Singleton said.

The city is also expecting the opening of available funds to address water system woes since the hiring of Edwards as the city attorney.

Singleton said her administration has inherited about \$70,000 in debt to the Woods Creek water system but the city is working to pay off that debt. "We are working closely with Woods Creek and they are being very helpful to us and our water system while we are working on payments towards that debt."

The city is going through several changes

in several different areas But Singleton says every day she and the commissioners are working towards bettering the entire community. "Every day our town is getting better," she said. "There are water projects, street projects, beautification projects, and many other plans underway right now that will make a better Livingston."

Water

(Continued from front) searching for pressure problems," Singleton said. "And before we knew it, we had water to everyone."

Still, it is an old system and "shortly after the water was running again, We blew a main," said Singleton. Crews then began work on the blown main and has a band-aid on an old scar, according to officials. "However, we meet with our new city attorney in a few days and, hopefully, in the very near future we can have the entire system up to standard," the mayor said. "We're very excited about this. It is an age-old aggravation for the City of Livingston."

Singleton said the issues recently were caused by many instances of neglect and a lack of maintenance over the past few years.

At last report, all residents of the city water system had water and pressure was back. "After a month of collaborative efforts by multiple teams, we are thrilled to announce the resolution of a difficult water system issue," said Singleton. "Our system is now operating optimally for the first time in years."

Singleton thanked Rural Water, Joe Burns, Tim Blanton, Bray, Wood Creek Water crews and Jason Medley "for their unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional service to the City of Livingston."

City

(Continued from front) amount will be adjusted for any miscalculation in estimated revenues, Bowman said.

Next on the agenda, the council held the second and final reading of the new water rates. Rates were raised after the council realized the cost involved in constructing a water basin to hopefully rid the city water supply of the bad taste and odor that has been prevalent for many years, according to Bowman.

The amount of the water rate increases appear in this week's issue of the *Signal*.

In other action, there was some confusion over the acceptance of Higher Ground Road into the city maintenance program.

Local Realtor Danny Ford asked the council to take over the maintenance of the street since the area on every side of the street is inside the city limits. However, council members pointed out that a street may or may not be under city maintenance even though the property is inside city limits.

Ford had asked to have the road included earlier, prompting Facilities Supervisor Frank Baker to perform a test bore on the road to make certain the roadway meets the requirements for a city street. "This street is out of our specifications," Baker said. "I am not making any suggestions either way. I am just letting you know what I found."

According to the city street specification requirements, all city maintained streets must meet thickness guidelines for asphalt layers and base layers among other specifications. However, according to Baker, Higher Ground does not meet those specifications. Ford asked if all current city streets meet those same specifications but no one present could answer the question definitively. "I would say not," Baker said.

However, before more discussion could take place, Councilman Wayne Bullock made a motion to accept the street into the city maintenance plan. "I am here to help people. That's what I am here for. He is asking for the street to be in the city plan and I make a motion to accept the street," said Bullock. The motion caused hesitation among the rest of the council since the street does not, qualify, according to Baker, but Bullock pointed out there was a motion on the floor.

Council member Gertha Mink had seconded the motion and a vote was taken. Bullock, Mink and council member Lonetta Daugherty voted in favor of the motion while Council members Shelly Lewis Raines and Michael VanWinkle, both passed on the vote, providing three "yes" votes against two "passes." Council member Julie Asher was not present. Mayor Tim Roberts then pointed out that the city cannot accept a road until a licensed engineer has "signed off that the street meets the city's specifications."

Ford then asked, "Did I understand correctly, mayor. Did it pass?" Mayor Roberts indicated this was a difficult question to answer. "I guess technically the vote passed, but there has to be an engineer to sign off before we can accept a street into the city," he said.

After more discussion, the council directed Baker and others to look into the matter to determine the legalities involved and asked Ford to attempt to find the technical drawings of the street when it was built.

The matter is being investigated.

In other action, Police Chief Joe Rush reported his department received 573 calls for service in April. Each month this year, the number of calls have increased. Rush's report shows 29 arrests, 28 traffic violations, and 19 warrants served. Traffic accidents accounted for 36 calls for service.

Wayne Bullock reported that his All American Club picked up 44 bags of trash over the past month.

The report submitted by the Mount Vernon Fire Department indicated 57 runs and 331,605 gallons of water in April (this total includes the Main Street fire). The report also indicated 23 calls involving vehicles.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Court

(Continued from front) come very run down and the county will have to deal with that issue pretty soon."

In other action, the court passed a resolution meeting the 50/50 match for the round two Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPD) grant of \$654,000 by providing \$327,000 for the purchase of additional land and preparations for the Industrial Park at KY-461 and KY150. The funds were already a part of the RCIDA budget, according to Holbrook, and will not affect the county budget. "The RCIDA will be taking care of it but since the grant funds passed through the county to RCIDA, we must approve the resolution to match the grant," he said.

Holbrook also said the Sheltoe Trace office that abruptly left the Livingston School Building citing difficulties in working with the past administration, has expressed interest in moving the center back into the building. "They would be interested in paying rent now and they always paid the electric bill," said Holbrook. "It may be good to have

them back." Magistrates asked Holbrook to follow up on the issue.

Jailer Nathan Carter presented the court with the annual contract between the detention center and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. "The state pays us \$1,000 any time any inmate graduates any program that we offer," Carter said. "This is a big help to the jail and the court." The court accepted the contract.

In other action, the court approved the second reading of Budget Amendment 2 and the first reading of Budget Amendment 3. "We apologize for the amendments but we had unexpected revenues, such as the KPD grant that had to be processed through the county, and these amendments just makes sure everything is in order. It is basically housekeeping," Holbrook said. The amendments passed unanimously.

The court also approved \$299,437 to Jones Excavating for work on Possum Kingdom Road. "The county has a fortune in that road," said Holbrook. "We have had five slides on that road alone," he added. Holbrook also said well over \$100,000 of the recent expense will be paid through an emergency road aid grant.

The court also discussed problems with a county-owned skid steer machine that had broken down. Holbrook reported that the road department machine will cost \$16,000 to repair. "The cost of a new machine just like this one is \$58,000. But there are other companies out there who may be less," Holbrook said. The court voted to repair the old machine and have Holbrook investigate the cost of other types of new machines.

The court voted to pay all claims that have been received since the regular meeting earlier in the month. The claims totaled \$367,518 and included the \$299,437 from Jones Excavating as well as the new EOC generator which totaled \$68,000, among other items.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Free Family Event

Longest Day of Play & Community Health Fair

Details

Thursday, June 20, 2024

4:30-6:30 pm

Rockcastle Middle School Track

Features

- Giveaways
- Door prizes
- Education
- Activities
- Fastest Kid in Town Race & Charity Chase
- Inflatables (Sponsored by Kiwanis & Rockcastle Regional)

Food

- Free meal for kids (Provided by Rockcastle County Food Services)
- Free Silcox Shaved Ice for kids (Sponsored by White House Clinics)
- Free bottled water (Donated by King Bottling Company)

Contact: Hazel Bullock
606.256.2242
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Marriage Licenses

Whitney Abriana Daugherty, 31, Berea, SRNA and Timothy Blake McKinney, 33, Mt. Vernon, teacher. 5/24/24

District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Asso., LLC v. Stephanie

A. Gross, \$1,671 plus claimed due.
Midland Credit Mgmt., Inc. v. Austin Jasper, \$1,762 plus claimed due. C-00096

Circuit Civil Suits

Rockcastle County Industrial Development v. Exela Technologies, Inc. and SourceCorp BPS, Inc., \$308,000 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Jamie L. Alcorn, \$6,591 plus claimed due.
Discover Bank v. Lanna J. Prewitt, \$9,687 plus claimed due. CI-00130

Deeds Recorded

John and Lisa Bloom, property on Williams St., to Judy Mitchell. Tax \$50
Sherry Mahaffey, property in Livingston, to Ralph and Donna Reandeau. Tax \$30
Makenna J. Roberts, property in Rockcastle County, to George W. and Renee N. Bauer. No tax
Wintrust Mtg., property on old U.S. 25, to Kevin Burdine. Tax \$13.50
Edgar Ray and Ruth Boles, property on KY 421 to Jesus Cristobal Antonio. Tax \$45
Adam Ramey, property on Flat Gap Road, to Makayla D. Smith Chaney and Isaiah Contreras. Tax \$3.50
Adam Leigh Ramey and Ashley Rachell Ramey, property on Flat Gap Road, to Makayla D. Smith Chaney and Isaiah Contreras. Tax \$3.50
Patricia S. Taylor, Trustee, property in Chestnut Heights Subdv., to Bradley and Alaina Coguer Taylor. Tax \$250
Roxie Ambrose, property in Rockcastle County, to Joanna Ambrose. No tax
Makenna J. Roberts, property on Wildie Road, to George W. and Renee N. Bauer. Tax \$188.50

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Agroforestry—Another Aspect of Edible Landscaping

Forestry, plus elements of gardening and farming and orcharding, can change not just your yard, but your viewpoint on life itself. Not only will there be fewer trips to the market, but you will know full well how your produce, fruit, nuts, teas and so much more were produced. A simple life, yet abundant life, can be had in your bit of forested paradise.

In recent times there's been a lot of talk of being "sustainable", of living in harmony with our world. For the long haul. There are dozens and scores of books in print on this and related topics. "Agroforestry: A Sustainable Land Use Book" is one, "Forest Gardening", "Edible Forest Gardens", "Farming the Woods", and "The Complete Guide to Edible Wild Plants" are but a brief sampling of other titles you may wish to peruse if you choose to delve deeper into the Agroforestry topic.

Tree farming, Multi-story cropping, permaculture, forest gardening—there are myriad descriptors we find being used—but, the concept is to 're-wild' our yard or our plot of land. And enable it to produce things we need with little input other than planting and harvesting the things our forest produces. Products can be nuts, fruits, berries, mushrooms, edible roots and vegetation, and certainly the wood or timber as well (for mulch, for the firepit or the fireplace or woodstove, for our own lumber, and so much more).

Terribly depleted land will grow something if it's ignored a few years. Blackberries, perhaps. Maybe a pear tree or apple for your food or for deer and other wildlife? There is a practice of taking small or unwanted logs and covering with leaves and soil and making beds that over time will grow just about anything. German term is 'hugelkultur'.

Remember, dandelions and chicory and sorrel and many other wild plants are out there just for the taking. If your ground is too depleted, some nitrogen-fixing plants can be added to the understory to help all the nearby plants benefit from natural addition of nitrogen by these plants to the soil.

Nut trees, fruit trees, plus a few trees for timber that may not produce food directly; then, add understory trees such as pawpaws and sarvis-serviceberries, wintergreen, honeyberries, medicinal herbs, some mushrooms. From the persimmon and the medlar to apples, pears and blueberries, our space can do a lot better than grow lawn that has to be mowed every week and produces nothing.

Meat, too. Yes, besides deer and other wildlife you might decide to harvest for the table, you could raise sheep, goats, cows, swine, poultry, etc., on your forested plot of land.

Arbor Day may be coming up, or may have recently passed where you are, but planting a tree never goes out of style. Plus, you get to choose the tree.

Some people have been inspired by stories or

just by observing forested and green areas. Need inspiration? Take time for a walk in a woodland, a botanical garden, a park, or perhaps look up and visit someone that has begun a 'food forest'.

I hesitated for a second to close with this bit of wisdom, but decided for the benefit of my readers I must not leave this unsaid. Just as government entities made arrests of Amish farmers selling milk that didn't have a stamp of approval—I'd not recommend you doing too much bragging on your agroforest in the press or on social media. In time, you'll likely be charged for breaking some law as you try to sell some of your harvests for money from your forest farming endeavors. At the very least, you'll have to cough up an "inspection fee", which is taxation by some other name. If you earn money you're taxed. If you go shopping there's sales tax. There's already property taxes, of course. But, they haven't been taxing your gardens (yet). The self sufficient can't be easily controlled. And there are, believe it or not, people that want to know about and have control of everything you do. So be forewarned.

But, if this idea resonates with you, I heartily suggest you do some more research and see if there may be a bit, or a lot, of this agroforestry you and your family may wish to try. Have a blessed adventure.

The author is a landscaper. Email: rockcastles@gmail.com
Website: rockcastles.net

Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) beside the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and computer accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

- Brodhead (behind City Hall)
- Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

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SUGAR'S PUZZLE PAGE

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- Run-of-the-mill
- Raised
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- "101 Dalmatians"
- Birthday bash
- Fish eggs
- Collegians' getaway time
- Scientist's eggs
- Pool growth
- What some skirts are
- "Step aside!"
- Volcanic output
- Evening hour
- "... got it!"
- Houseplant necessity
- River mouth
- Unsettling
- Narrowly restricted in outlook
- Reveal to Customs
- Confused struggle
- Fancy cravat
- Useful thing for dirty pans
- Enter a marathon
- Duke's counterpart

DOWN

- and downs
- Conciliatory bribe
- Figures out, as a mystery
- Quick-witted
- "... time, no see"
- Cheerful
- Golf norm
- Ready ahead of time
- "And others" abbreviation
- TV legend Dick Van
- Titillating
- Nine-day period of prayer
- Use novocain
- Festive party

- Cherubim, e.g.
- Skirt for the modest
- Baking chamber
- Neck shape, for sweaters
- Australian horse
- State of seeing red
- Battery type
- Commotion
- "Fight of the Century" loser
- Budget item?
- Farmers' holdings
- Defeat decisively
- Volcano in Sicily
- One of a Freudian trio
- Duo, trebled
- Ness adversary
- Addressed a crowd
- "Eleventh day of Christmas" gift
- Banned apple reddener
- Mold
- Fairy tale's second word
- Crescent-shaped piece
- Marina sight
- Young goat
- "... it or lose it"
- The eight in a gal.

Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm
State Senator
Senate President
Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, has named Sen. Brandon Storm, R-London, to the newly established Artificial Intelligence Task Force. This task force will meet monthly during the 2024 Interim to study and address the complexities and rapid advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) technologies.

The AI Task Force has several critical objectives:

- Identify strategies other states use to study and monitor AI systems developed, employed, and procured by their agencies.
- Study the implementation of AI systems within other states' government operations.
- Evaluate existing AI systems currently used by Kentucky agencies.
- Gather information on AI systems used by other groups, including Kentucky businesses and the federal government.
- Provide recommendations on how AI systems can benefit Kentucky government agencies' operations and procurement policies and outline legislative initiatives to ensure consumer protection in both the private and public sectors.

"I am honored to be named to this important task force and appreciate President Stivers' trust in me," Storm said. "AI

offers tremendous potential to improve government services, but there are understandable fears surrounding this new and rapidly advancing technology. I trust this task force will diligently review and discuss AI's pros and cons to ensure Kentucky is proactive, not reactive, in shaping state policies that harness its benefits while protecting the public."

Nationwide Efforts to Regulate AI

As AI continues to evolve, states are taking steps to understand and regulate its use. The rapid growth of AI technology brings both opportunities and challenges, necessitating a balanced approach to regulation. While AI holds the potential to revolutionize government operations and improve responsiveness to constituents' needs, it also requires careful oversight to mitigate risks and ensure ethical usage.

Balancing Innovation with Regulation

Regulating AI is complex, as the technology's impact depends on its utilization. Effective regulation must evolve with AI's development while focusing on its outcomes. This requires continuous vigilance and a framework that can adapt to new challenges and opportu-

nities.

Implications for Kentucky

The AI Task Force will explore how AI can streamline government operations, improve service delivery, and enhance consumer protection. This includes examining successful AI applications in other states and industries and recommending best practices for Kentucky. By December 1, the task force will submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission for further consideration.

The creation of the AI Task Force and the appointment of Storm highlight the Kentucky General Assembly's commitment to staying at the forefront of technological advancements while ensuring AI is used ethically and effectively. The task force's work will be crucial in shaping the future of AI regulation and implementation in the state, benefiting all Kentuckians through

improved government services and protections.

Sen. Brandon J. Storm, R-London, represents the 21st Senate District, including Casey, Lincoln, Laurel, and Rockcastle Counties. He recently graduated from the esteemed Henry Toll Fellowship and was the only Kentuckian to participate in the 2023 program. Sen. Storm serves as a Senate member of the Interim Joint Committees of Banking and Insurance; Economic Development and Workforce Investment; Judiciary; Local Government; State Government; Transportation; and Tourism, Small Business and Information Technology. He also serves as the co-chair of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee; a member of the Jail and Corrections Reform Task Force; and a member of the Multimodal Freight Transportation System Improvement Task Force.

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SUGAR'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SPRING	BREAK	OVA
ALGAE	PLEATED	
MOVE	LAVA	NINE
LIVE	WATERING	CAN
DELTA	EERIE	
INSULAR	DECLARE	
MELEE	ASCOT	
SCOURING	PAD	RUN
EARL	TOIL	FETA
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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

LEMON CURD
3 lemons, zested and juiced
1 and 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup lemon juice (3 to 4 lemons)
1/4 pound unsalted butter, room temperature
4 extra-large eggs

Using a carrot peeler or zester, remove the zest of 3 lemons, being careful to avoid the white pith. Put the zest in a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Add the sugar and pulse until the zest is very finely minced into the sugar. In heavy 2 quart saucepan, combine sugar mixture and lemon juice with wire whisk. Stir in butter and eggs. Stirring constantly, cook over medium heat about 18 minutes, until mixture thickens and coats back of spoon (do not boil). Immediately pour into pint-sized canning jars. Let cool. Store covered in refrigerator up to 2 months.

LEMON CURD COOKIES
1 cup of butter, softened
1 large egg, at room temperature
1 large egg yolk, at room temperature
3/4 cup of granulated sugar
1 and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups of all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup of lemon curd

In a medium-sized bowl, cream the butter and sugar. Mix in the egg and egg yolk. Add the vanilla extract and continue to cream until light and fluffy. Add the flour and salt and mix until the flour disappears. Roll dough into 1 inch balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet.

With your index finger or the back of a spoon, make a small indent in each cookie dough ball. Chill in the fridge for 30 minutes. Pre-heat oven to 375°. Bake the cookies for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and gently make a new indentation with your finger if the other one has filled in. Place a 1/2 teaspoon to teaspoon of lemon curd in the indentation of each cookie. Return the pan back to the oven and bake for another 6 to 8 minutes or until the bottom of the cookies is a light golden brown. You don't want the edges to brown or they will be dry. Allow the cookies to cool completely.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, in partnership with the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo), will hold a Reverse Online Auction on 6/13/2024 10:00:00 AM EDT, to purchase up to 500 Ton of road salt for the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court local government road department.

For bid participation/registration and specifications please contact Orbis Online at 502-208-1007 ext. 701 or visit www.kacoauctions.com.

You can also reach out to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court local government agency. The local government agency reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Bids will only be accepted through participation in the reverse auction at orbisonline.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of **Evans Ln (CR-1217)**.

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of **Evans Ln (CR-1217)**.

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:
To End County Maintenance at 328 ft. on **Evans Ln (CR-1217)**.

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

Does the portion of **Evans Ln (CR-1217)** proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: June 11, 2024
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

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

This the 15th day of May, 2024

/s/ Howell Holbrook
Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of **Shady Grove Rd (CR-1225)**.

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of **Shady Grove Rd (CR-1225)**.

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:
To End County Maintenance at 9,320 ft. onto **Shady Grove Rd (CR-1225)**.

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


Does the portion of **Shady Grove Rd (CR-1225)** proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: June 11, 2024
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TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY
A NONPROFIT WEIGHTLOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOUNDED IN 1948

TOPS Open House

Where: Brodhead Community Center
36 Castle Village Dr. (near Dollar Tree/Family \$)

When: Tuesday, June 11th at 6 p.m.

What: TOPS is a non-profit weight loss organization and is a hands-on, pounds off approach to weight loss.

Open House Includes:

- Explanations of how the TOPS plan works
- Member testimonials
- Refreshments

Public Notice

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Second and final reading of the ordinance amending the Rockcastle County budget for fiscal year 2024 to include unanticipated receipts in the amount of \$1,142,176.36 and increasing expenditures \$1,142,176.36 was adopted by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court on May 30, 2024.

Copies of the ordinance is available for public inspection in the County Judge/Executive's office, 2nd floor Courthouse, 205 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court certifies that the summary above is true, correct and written in a way calculated to inform the public of its content.

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court
By: Vickie Miller, Fiscal Court

Request for Nominations and Notice of Election of Representative of the Low Income to Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. Board of Directors

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. (DBCAA) is soliciting nominations from the **Rockcastle County** Low Income population for representation on the Low-Income Sector of the DBCAA Board of Directors.

Nominations will be accepted until close of business on **Monday, July 1, 2024**. Contact Robin Whitaker at (606) 598-5127 for a nomination sheet. All nominations will be placed on a ballot sheet at an ELECTION that is to be held in Clay County at the DBCAA office located at 105 East Main Street, Box 7, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on **Wednesday, July 17, 2023, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The winning nominee in this election will serve on the DBCAA Board until the term expires.

All nominations must be mailed to Roger Schott, Chairman of the Board at the following address:

Roger Schott, Chairman
Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.
1535 Shamrock Road
Manchester, Kentucky 40962

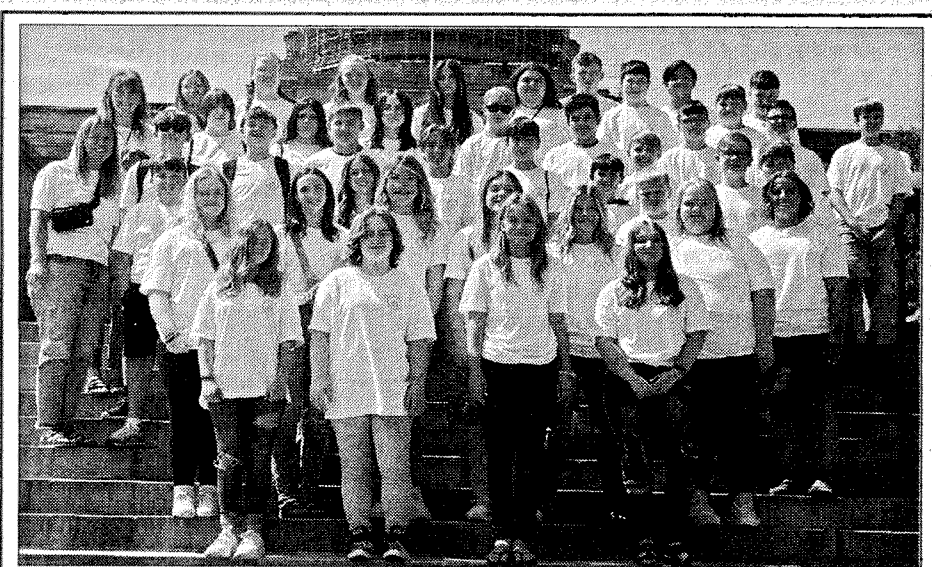
Students participate in Congressional Academy

Rockcastle County Middle School students participated in the first Congressional Academy at RCMS last week. Funded by the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC), students enjoyed a week of meeting with community leaders, activists, and volunteers. They also visited the Rockcastle Public Library and the Kentucky State Capitol.

Throughout the week, students worked on Civic Action Projects, in which they chose an issue in our county and created a plan to solve it. Some of their ideas include: road safety, a community hygiene center, and more local childcare options.

These students are the inaugural class of the new RCMS Civics Club and will continue to work on their projects throughout the 2024-2025 school year with the support of teacher advisors Hannah Laswell, Heather McGuire, and Brittany Adams, as well as community members.

Each of these students embody the motto, "Rocket learners to Rocket leaders." We would like to thank all community members and organizations who donated their time and money, as well as Rockcastle County Schools food service, transportation department, and administration.



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Ordinance No. 2024-2

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR RETAIL AND WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

Whereas, the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky provides water to retail and wholesale customers generally residing in Rockcastle County, Kentucky; and

Whereas, the City of Mt. Vernon desires and intends to provide water service to the residents of Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County in such a way as to cover its costs, but not to seek a profit; and

Whereas, the cost of operating the Mt. Vernon Water System has increased over time and water treatment and distribution infrastructure owned by the City of Mt. Vernon is in need of repairs and improvements; and

Whereas, the retail and wholesale water rates have not been increased since 2012 and the revenues generated from the operations of the Mt. Vernon Water System are inadequate to cover the costs associated with the continued operations, repairs and improvements to the System; and

Whereas, the City of Mt. Vernon has written contracts for providing wholesale water to the Western Rockcastle Water Association and the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association. The rate charged to the Water Associations is governed by the terms and conditions of the written contracts; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon intends to raise rates for water service to both the retail and wholesale water customers so as to cover the increased costs of operation and proposed infrastructure improvements which the Mt. Vernon Water System have incurred and are incurring.

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

1. Water Rates for Retail and Wholesale Customers. Beginning on June 27, 2024, water rates shall be adjusted as follows:

City Resident - 5/8" x 3/4" Meter				Code 1	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$9.57	Min. Bill	\$11.90	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	3.77	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.69	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	3.73	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.64	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	3.65	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.54	per 1,000 gal.

Non-Resident - 5/8" x 3/4" Meter				Code 2	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$13.59	Min. Bill	\$16.91	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	5.28	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.57	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	5.22	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.49	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	5.10	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.34	per 1,000 gal.

City Resident - 1" Meter				Code 4	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$9.57	Min. Bill	\$11.90	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	3.77	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.69	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	3.73	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.64	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	3.65	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.54	per 1,000 gal.

Non-Resident - 1" Meter				Code 5	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$13.59	Min. Bill	\$16.91	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	5.28	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.57	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	5.22	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.49	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	5.10	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.34	per 1,000 gal.

City Resident - 1 1/2" Meter				Code 6	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$14.05	Min. Bill	\$17.48	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	3.77	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.69	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	3.73	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.64	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	3.65	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.54	per 1,000 gal.

Non-Resident - 1 1/2" Meter				Code 7	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$21.05	Min. Bill	\$26.19	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	5.28	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.57	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	5.22	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.49	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	5.10	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.34	per 1,000 gal.

City Resident - 2" Meter				Code 8	
Water Use		Billing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$23.15	Min. Bill	\$28.80	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	3.77	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.69	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	3.73	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.64	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	3.65	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.54	per 1,000 gal.

Non-Resident - 2" Meter				Code 9	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$34.70	Min. Bill	\$43.17	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	5.28	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.57	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	5.22	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.49	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	5.10	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.34	per 1,000 gal.

City Resident - 3" Meter				Code 10	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$45.55	Min. Bill	\$56.66	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	3.77	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.69	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	3.73	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.64	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	3.65	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.54	per 1,000 gal.

Non-Resident - 3" Meter				Code 11	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$68.30	Min. Bill	\$84.96	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	5.28	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.57	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	5.22	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.49	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	5.10	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.34	per 1,000 gal.

City Resident - 4" Meter				Code 12	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$70.05	Min. Bill	\$87.14	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	3.77	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.69	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	3.73	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.64	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	3.65	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.54	per 1,000 gal.

Non-Resident - 4" Meter				Code 13	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$105.00	Min. Bill	\$130.62	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	5.28	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.57	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	5.22	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.49	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	5.10	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.34	per 1,000 gal.

City Resident - 6" Meter				Code 14	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$138.60	Min. Bill	\$172.42	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	3.77	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.69	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	3.73	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.64	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	3.65	per 1,000 gal.	\$4.54	per 1,000 gal.

Non-Resident - 6" Meter				Code 15	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$207.90	Min. Bill	\$258.63	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	5.28	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.57	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	5.22	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.49	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	5.10	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.34	per 1,000 gal.

Non-Resident - 1 1/2" Valley View				Code 16	
Water Use		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate	
		\$207.90	Min. Bill	\$258.63	Min. Bill
First	8,000 gallons	5.28	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.57	per 1,000 gal.
Next	32,000 gallons	5.22	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.49	per 1,000 gal.
Over	40,000 gallons	5.10	per 1,000 gal.	\$6.34	per 1,000 gal.

Wholesale Users			Codes 3, 18, & 20	
Utility		Existing Rate		Proposed Rate
City of Brodhead		\$2.93	per 1,000 gal.	\$3.40 per 1,000 gal.
Western Rockcastle WA		\$2.93	per 1,000 gal.	\$3.40 per 1,000 gal.
Eastern Rockcastle WA		\$2.93	per 1,000 gal.	\$3.40 per 1,000 gal.

2. Non-Recurring Charges: Beginning on June 27, 2024, Non-recurring charges shall be adjusted as follows:

Tapping Fees	
Size of Meter	Fee
3/4" x 5/8" Meter	\$1,223.00
1" Meter	\$2,174.00
2" Meter	\$4,022.00
Larger than 2" Meter	Actual Cost
Tapping fee will be required upon application for service on or after the effective date of this tariff, except in cases where a complete application for service (including plumbing inspection) is on file with the City prior to the effective date of this tariff.	

Customer Deposit	
Size of Meter	Deposit
3/4" x 5/8" Meter	\$60.00
1" Meter	\$70.00
1-1/2" Meter	\$90.00
2" Meter	\$110.00
Larger than 2"	\$170.00
A deposit will be required of all applicants for water service. Deposit is due at time of application for service.	

Reconnect Fee	
If water service is disconnected by the City, reconnection of service shall not be made until the customer, user or owner, pays all charges and penalties owed plus the amount of sixty dollars (\$60.00) as a disconnection and reconnection fee.	

Charge for Insufficient Funds	
In those instances when a customer renders payment to the City by check or electronic transfer which is not honored upon deposit by the City, the customer will be charged fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to cover the processing costs.	

This ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council held on April 25, 2024, it received its second reading, passage and became effective at a regular meeting of the City Council held on May 23, 2024.

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

Tim Roberts, Mayor

Date of First Reading

April 25, 2024

ATTEST: Crystal Rush, City Clerk

Date of Second Reading

May 30th 2024

Church Directory

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

Berea Gospel Tabernacle
231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Monday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Gregory Isaacs

Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Live services on
www.biblebaptist.org
and Facebook®
Pastor: Bro. Alan Dodson

Blue Springs Church of Christ
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services:
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Marcus Reppert
Phillip Permenter
Eric Bullock
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor

Brush Creek Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249

(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Mink, Pastor

Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Jason Medley, Pastor
606-308-4543

Central Baptist Church
86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
"Central Time" Radio
Broadcast
WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m.
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Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Brodhead
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

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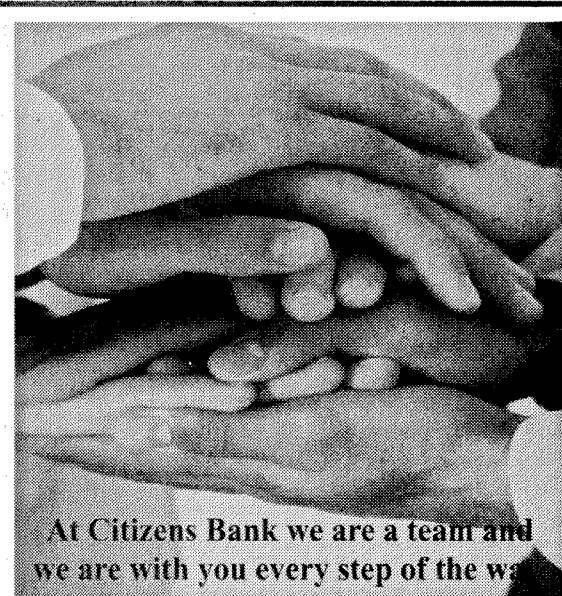
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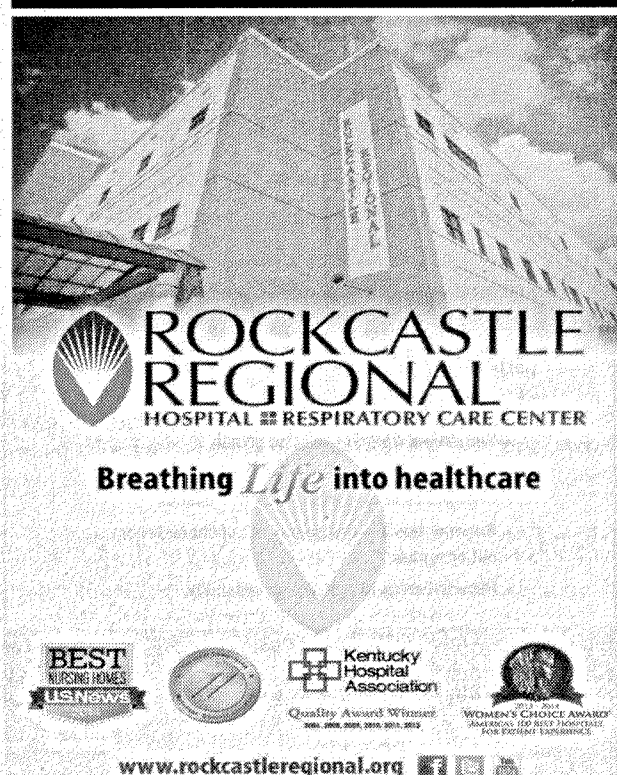


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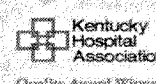
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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Sams Family, located on Piney Branch. Not responsible for any accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 13x4

Posted: No trespassing for any reason on land belonging to Matthew Broadus and others on KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 12(24)x52

Posted: No trespassing, for any reason, or hunting on land belonging to Paul B. Renner and others on Sand Springs Road, Marler Hollow Road and Luther Road in Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 11x4p

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Yard Sale: Friday, June 7th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon. Proceeds will go toward OCC shipping costs.

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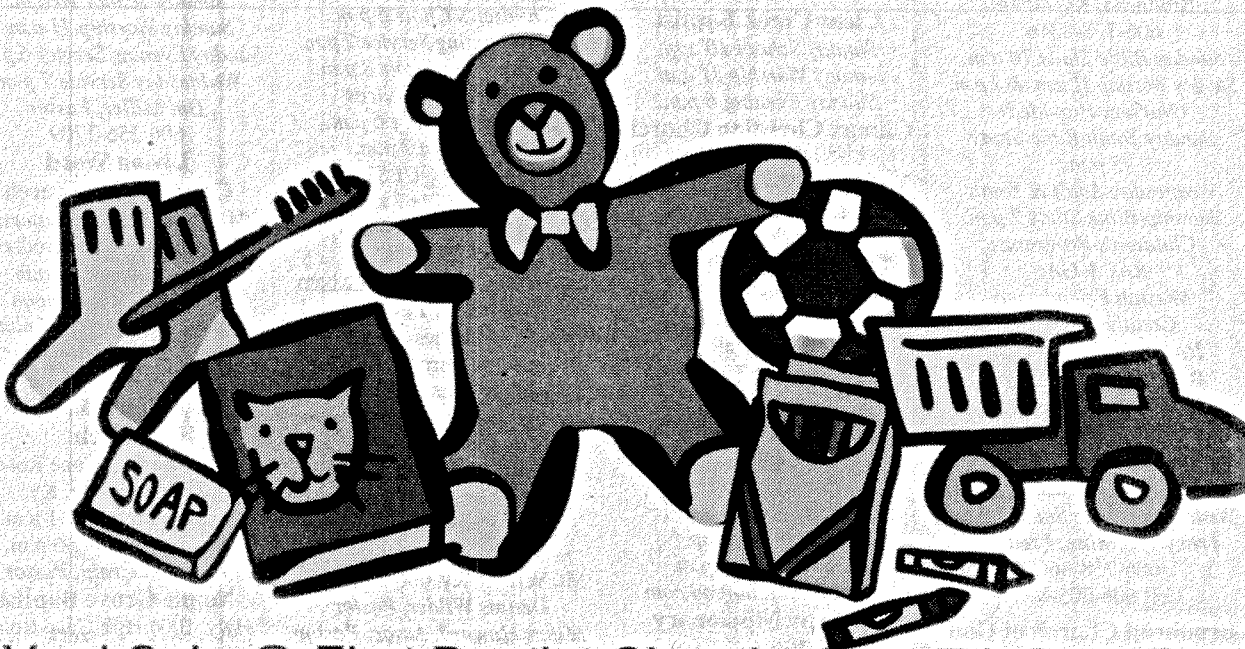
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“Learning Giving”

By Jerry Hopkins

Learning to give is important. Most of the time we are trying to get something. We insist on getting what we want, what is ours! We expect it! We demand it! Yet we need to learn that it is in giving that we get the greatest satisfaction.

There are many wonderful examples of this principle of giving. Just to use the names of some of these great examples is to emphasize the importance of this principle — John Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Billy Graham, and other great philanthropists. There are others who have given, the Apostle Paul, Peter, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi. However, Jesus Christ is the best example of giving one’s self. He presents to us the example of a person who contributed enormously to the future and the moral development of humanity. Through his example we have the challenge to give to others. We ought to pay attention to what He said, what He did and what He continues to do and inspire in others.

We must learn to give time. One of the most valuable things that we have is our time. We must learn to be patient and tolerant of people. Sometimes we must be firm and insistent with those who would abuse our time, but we must learn the importance of investing our time in the lives of others. We need to give time to our family, friends and those with

whom we work, building relationships, trust and confidence.

We need to give support to education. This support can be in different forms. We need to continue studying, learning and applying what we learn. The better educated we become the better we understand ourselves, the people around us, and the world in which we live. Another way we can support education is through encouraging others to continue studying and learning. It is important that we give those involved in education our support. Compliment teachers. Give words of encouragement and support to those investing in your life. As you give to those serving in education you will find your life enriched and encouraged.

Giving support to education doesn’t always mean that we agree with what those involved in education is doing. There are times when we need to challenge the system, asking questions as to what leadership and teachers are doing and saying. Sometimes those individuals and movements need to be questioned and learn from those who object to what they are saying and doing. This is true for both public and private education. People are not perfect, although sometimes those in leadership and teaching think they should not be held accountable because they have “the best of intentions” and think they are right. What we are learning about the government, including public

education, is that there is a lot of waste and foolishness involved in spending that needs to be questioned, challenged and opposed. That is why we must learn to hold people accountable and learn to give our considered and thoughtful opposition to what is happening in Washington, D. C., Austin; even in Marshall/Harrison County, Texas; and in Mount Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky. Give some time to consider what is happening in our communities.

In a selfish, greedy and grasping world it is difficult to learn to give. There are great rewards that come to those who give. There is the reward of helping others, seeing them grow and succeed, contributing to the enrichment and improvement of others. There are great opportunities to exercise stewardship of valuable resources, tax dollars and time. We need to consider in regards to giving the value of stewardship and the demands of accountability.

This is what Jesus meant when He said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). Jesus acknowledged the infinite resources of His Heavenly Father and He knew that He could not exhaust God’s grace in His life or the life of His people. This was the reason that the Apostle Paul could make that awesome and comprehensive claim to the people at Philippi — “My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). Not only did Paul believe that God would supply whatever he needed, or the work to which he was called needed, but he also believed that God would give him the resources to do whatever needed to be done. This is why he could write, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). If God calls a person to do something, He provides all the resources for that person to accomplish what He wants that person to do. We need to learn the importance of this giving.

As we learn more about ourselves, about those around us and about the God who made us, we can come to understand the joy and celebration in giving out of the great abundance and vast resources of an infinite God. When God supplies what we need through the willingness and generosity of others, we can understand more fully what Paul meant when he also reminded the Philippians, “It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

We need to learn to wisely and graciously

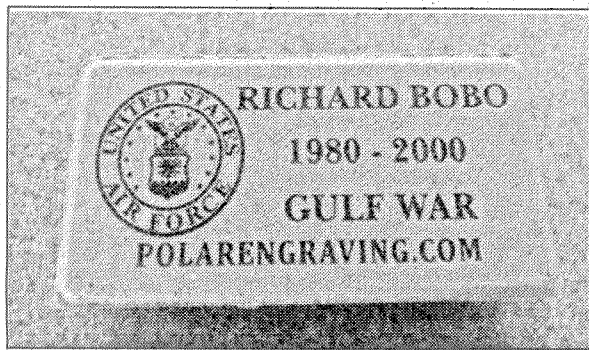
give that those around us might understand and contribute themselves to worthy causes. In this way society’s work can grow and prosper in us, through us, and around us. Learn to give! It is indeed, more blessed to give than it is to receive. This is one of the great lessons of EASTER each year — God came Himself in Jesus Christ to free us from our sin, selfishness, silliness and to give us salvation, an opportunity to be better and to be a blessing in giving ourselves. The lesson of the Resurrections of Jesus Christ is recognizing that those who do right and act good are undefeatable. What value in such giving!

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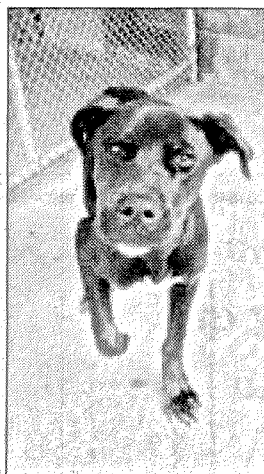


“Walk of Honor” Fundraiser

The “David M. Smith” American Legion Post 71 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5908 are holding a brick fundraiser to construct a “Walk of Honor” at the recently opened Rockcastle County Veterans Park. Engraved bricks will be the foundation and will honor Rockcastle County Veterans, past and present. Order forms will be distributed by members of the two organizations. If you have any questions or would like an order form contact Richard Bobo at (606) 308-2271 or email boborichard719@gmail.com.




Pawfect Pets



This week’s installment of Pawfect Pets includes Harvey, the 5 month-old Great Dane mix who is very friendly, and Sassy, the one year-old Rottweiler mix who is also very friendly. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

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