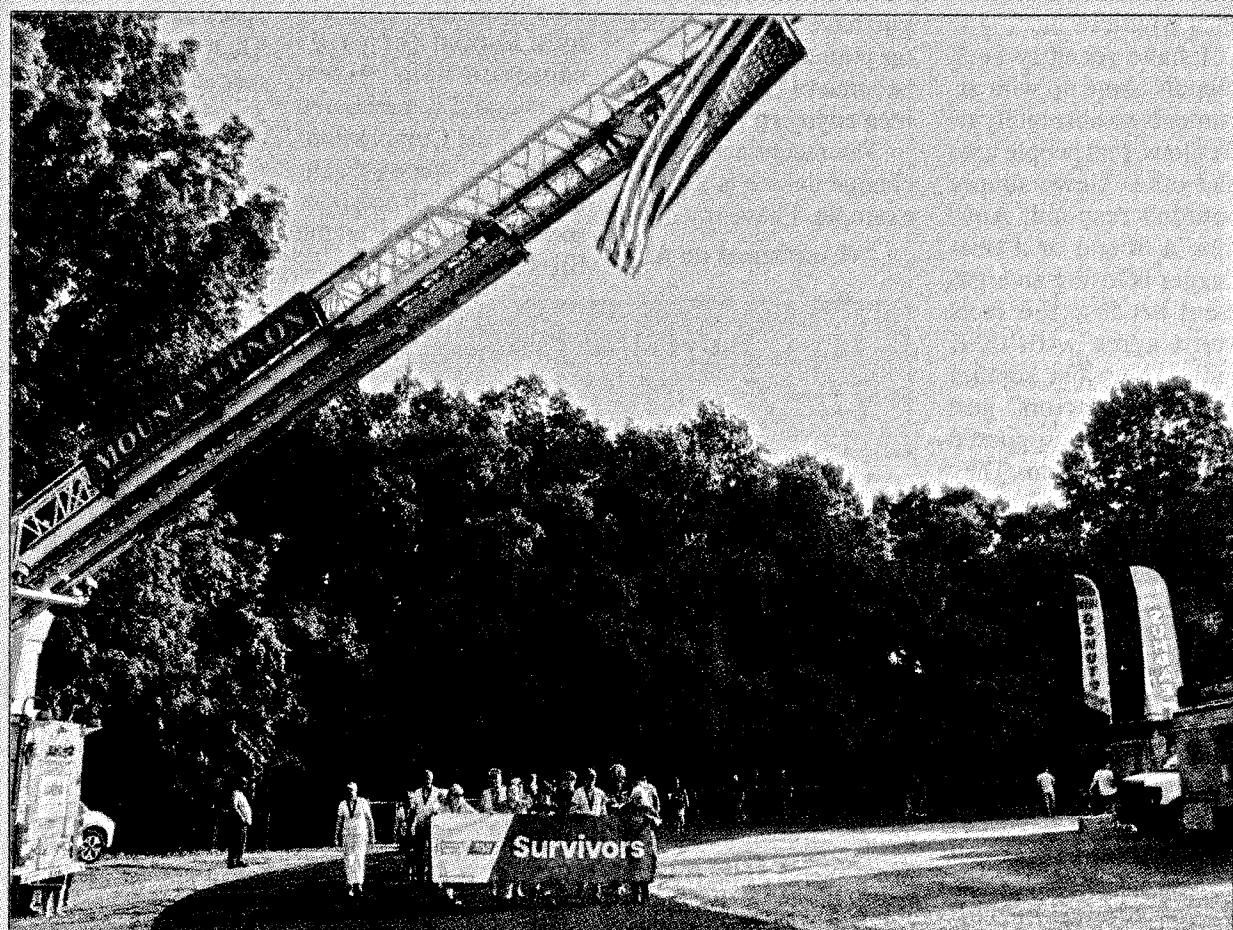


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## Relay For Life is huge success



A large crowd turned out for the Relay for Life last Friday which included food trucks, vendor fair and cancer survivor recognition. Shown above, Mount Vernon Fire Department displayed the American Flag during the annual survivor lap. The event raised \$25,894 for the American Cancer Society and celebrated 57 local survivors.

## Local woman killed in crash on Hwy. 70

Highway study to begin

By: Mike French  
Editor

Kentucky State Police were called to the scene of a fatal collision on Highway 70 in Rockcastle County last Wednesday.

According to a Kentucky State Police press release, a preliminary investigation indicates a pickup truck, operated by Charles Northern, 59, of Mount Vernon, was traveling westbound on Highway 70 when he lost control of his vehicle and veered into the path of a vehicle driven by Sandra Whitaker, 56, of Mount Vernon.

The release says Whitaker suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene by the Rockcastle County Coroner.

Northern was trans-

ported by helicopter to the UK Medical Center in Lexington where he was treated for non life-threatening injuries.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by State Trooper Austin Cornett who was assisted at the scene by KSP Post 11 personnel, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, Rockcastle EMS, the Brodhead Fire Department, Western Rockcastle Fire Department and the Rockcastle County Coroner's office.

After the accident, officials were prompted to address the high number of accidents in the area. Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray formally requested the Kentucky Transportation

(See "Fatality" on A5)

## Medical Cannabis prohibited in Rockcastle in 4-2 vote

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court has voted 4-2 to prohibit medical cannabis facilities from locating in Rockcastle County.

The issue has been debated intensely since Governor Andy Beshear signed a law allowing

48 medical cannabis facilities, as well as the growing and processing of marijuana in the State of Kentucky, beginning in January of 2025.

Counties had the option of 1) allowing such facilities, as well as growing and processing of the plant 2) to attach a tax or fee to medical

marijuana, or to 3) place the issue on the ballot and 4) counties and cities also have the option of prohibiting medical marijuana in their jurisdiction, if they so choose.

After weeks of debate by county officials, and by concerned citizens who spoke at fiscal court

meetings, the issue was on the agenda for the regular monthly meeting of the fiscal court last Tuesday evening.

With one of the largest crowds ever in the fiscal courtroom Tuesday, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. had allotted 15 minutes for guests to

speak so that "the community would have a voice in the court's decision" on the matter, he said.

Marcus Reppert, Director of Student Services with Rockcastle County Schools, was the first to speak out against allowing marijuana in

the county. Reppert articulated his views on the subject saying, "don't legitimize the use of marijuana in our county." Reppert presented a trash bag filled with THC Vapes that have been confiscated at local schools.

(See "Vote" on A5)

## City approves move toward beginning water basin project

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held a special called meeting last Thursday to deal with some important issues that needed attention before the regular monthly

meeting tonight.

First on the agenda for the 17-minute meeting was the first reading of the budget ordinance. The second reading is expected tonight, according to City Administrator Jim Bowman (see next week's

story for budget details.)

Also on the agenda was the required council

approval for bond sales for the nearly \$900,000 the city will borrow on the

\$4+ million water basin project that is expected to eliminate the bad taste

and odor in the city's water system. Over \$3 mil-

(See "Basin" on A5)

## High levels of amphetamines found in child

According to a uniform citation, Amanda Forrester, 44, of Mount Vernon, was arrested and charged with criminal abuse of a child under 12 years old on June 4.

The citation says officers with the Mount Vernon Police Department were called to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where a nine-year-old boy was found to have high levels of amphetamines in his system. The report says levels were so high they could not be registered at the hospital.

(See "Child" on A5)

## Brodhead water rate to increase

By: Mike French  
Editor

Water and sewer customers of the City of Brodhead are about to experience a rate increase.

According to officials with the city, commissioners and the mayor had

discussed a rate increase, in order to keep the water and sewer department from losing money months ago. However, City Clerk Becky Bussell and Commissioner Brian Bullock had expressed a

(See "Rate" on A5)

## School board discusses many issues

By: Mike French  
Editor

For over four hours, members of the Rockcastle County School Board held their regular monthly meeting last week to discuss several issues.

The first item on the

agenda involved a presentation, led by Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger, covering detailed and extended plans and progress reports concerning the local school system.

Dr. Ballinger, department heads and committee chairs provided re-

ports relating to the purpose and goals of the school system and the desire to provide the best system in the state. In fact, Dr. Ballinger put her personal cell phone number on display and told everyone to call her with ideas, complaints, com-

pliments or strategies as part of her effort to increase accountability to the community.

The two-hour presentation included transportation, technology, food services, construction

(See "School" on A5)

## New middle school project ready again

By: Mike French  
Editor

"This puppy is wrapping up now." This was the opening statement of Derrick Phillips, of Deco Architects Inc., who spoke to the Rockcastle County School Board last week concerning an update and status of the new Rockcastle County Middle School project.

The board attempted to start construction of a new middle school in 2022 and got as far as completed designs and the bidding process early last year. However, the low bid was several million dollars more than expected, even after some cuts had

been made to control the budget.

The total amount of the low bid was never offi-

cially revealed since the bid package was split into many different bids and not all bids included the

same options. But, after further research, the

(See "RCMS" on A5)



Above is an architect's rendering of the new Rockcastle County Middle School project. Officials expect the bid process to begin this month.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It has been an interesting few days, there have been two rulings handed down by federal judges (one from Kentucky) which halts the Biden Administration's new rules attached to Title IX in April of 2024.

Last Thursday, a federal judge in the Western District of Louisiana Chief Judge Terry Doughty, (yes, a Trump appointee), temporarily blocked the education department's final Title IX rule, which prohibits discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

In his order, Doughty says, Title IX "was written and intended to protect biological women from discrimination."

The order affects Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana and Idaho, a suite of states that filed one of at least seven lawsuits being pursued by Republican attorney generals.

Likewise, Monday, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky immediately halted the Biden Administration's Title IX rules in Kentucky until the court can decide the case of, *State of Tennessee v. Cardona*, on its merits.

This lawsuit was brought by the State of Tennessee in conjunction with Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) attorneys against US Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

Judge Danny Reeves, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, wrote the decision and as part of that decision said, "There are two sexes: male and female."

(See news release in this week's *Signal* from The Family Foundation on op-ed page).

Several states, including Louisiana, Montana, Florida, South Carolina and Ohio, have already said they will not comply with the new rule and more than two dozen states are challenging the policy in federal court.

However, there's obvious no give in the education department as a spokesman said "The education department stands by the final Title IX regulations released in April, 2024 and we will continue to fight for every student."

Meanwhile, World Athletics, the international governing body for track and field and other running competitions, announced last month that transgender women, who went through male puberty, can no longer compete in women's events at international competitions (which includes the upcoming Olympics). The policy took effect on March 31, 2024.

This organization governs track events, field events, road events and long distance walks and the combined events of heptathlon for women and decathlon for men.

And, transgender swimmer Lia Thomas lost her challenge against the Court of Arbitration of Sport in Switzerland - the world's top court in matters of sporting fairness -- to overturn the rules of World Aquatics that prevent transgender women from competing in women's division

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



I sort of wish I were a liberal. Then I could claim that everyone who disagreed with me is biased, racist and wrong. Other opinions and other views and other interpretations of facts, numbers and statistics, would just be "misinformation". That would be nice.

I have recently seen liberals come up with arguments so absolutely ridiculous, that people who had other views simply couldn't respond. Anytime a liberal or a tree-hugger is losing an argument because the facts don't agree with their view, they just scream "misinformation" and somehow that is supposed to end the argument. They win! What??? "Whatever you say."

The fact is, there is always two sides to a story. When one is accused of being biased or racist it usually means there is no other argument against their point.

This is why liberal news outlets love the word "misinformation." It has become one of the most popular words in the English language next to "I." Have you noticed, ANYTHING can be called "misinformation" if they don't like that information? And, of course, that is the end of their argument. Once they say what you are saying is misinformation, the argument ends and they don't have to listen to any

more proof or evidence or facts. "Nope! That is misinformation. Sorry, that proves you are wrong!"

The truth is, facts and figures and studies and examples and charts and graphs can prove up is down and down is up if you have a good debater on your side. Facts can become twisted into any idea anymore.

The recent needle exchange debate is a good example. I have my own

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



A New Opportunity to Serve

Dear Journal,

A few days ago I stumbled upon an opportunity to aid a very deserving cause. It has become my turn to be our Lions' Club president so I thought that I should look around for needy causes to help. A few years ago, I remembered helping the Compassionate Care Hospice in Richmond. Our club co-sponsored a program at the Silver Eagle and man-

aged to raise a good amount in donations. I'm glad to help this organization because, considering my health for the last few years, I could have very easily been a patient in their facility. Also, this is the facility that serves Rockcastle County. There are none of us who can say for certain that we or some of our family couldn't be a patient in the hospice at some point.

I called the lady that is in charge of the various programs to raise funding to see if the Lions could help. She remembered our club from a few years ago. She seemed very excited that we were wanting to help them again. Our conversation led to one thing and another. The next thing I knew, she had asked me if I would serve on the Advisory Committee at the facility. I was amazed that I was even considered. I thought what a wonderful way to serve my fellow humans and I accepted. These people who are in their final stages of life need all of the aid and support they can get. Their families are going through some of the worst times of their lives, as well.

She related that their heating and air system had gone out and needed to be replaced. It would cost about \$78,000 to replace. They had the funding on hand to replace the system but the funding needed to be replaced along with other needs. I attended my first meeting of the Advisory Committee this past week. I'm in the process of planning events to raise money to help them and other programs here in the county. One of my events is going to be a golf scramble. I don't have the least idea about a golf scramble, but I'm having one. I guess the Lord will work out the details. I'm giving

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## Release from The Family Foundation

## Kentucky Court halts changes to Title IX

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky has immediately halted the Biden Administration's Title IX rules in Kentucky, until the court can decide the case *State of Tennessee v. Cardona* on its merits. If the rules had gone into effect on August 1, public K-12 schools and universities would have been required to allow males, identifying as girls, into girls' restrooms, locker rooms and sports. Non-complying institutions would have risked losing access to federal funding.

Here is a statement

from David Walls, Executive Director of *The Family Foundation*:

"We are grateful that a Kentucky district court has halted the Biden Administration's radical redefinition of 'sex' that would reverse opportunities that women and girls have enjoyed for 50 years under Title IX. It is outrageous that this administration is willing to sacrifice the safety, privacy and educational opportunities of women and girls at the altar of those promoting harmful gender ideologies. We agree wholeheartedly with Judge Reeves, who factually stated in the decision, 'There are only two sexes: male and female.' "Kentucky must continue to push back against these politicized efforts to infuse radical gender ideology into law. This attempt to erase women and cancel biological truth will ultimately fail," Wells concluded.

Judge Danny Reeves, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, wrote the decision and as part of that decision said, "There are two sexes: male and female."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I recently read in the May 30 edition of the *Mount Vernon Signal* that the burned building on Main Street will soon be demolished. Rather than keep it as an "empty, clean lot" as mentioned, Jon Carloftis should be approached about turning the area into a small garden/park.

I have seen this in a number of small towns

that have lost a building, and it really makes a difference in the appearance of a street.

Brent R. Laswell

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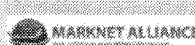
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# Rockcastle Historical Avenue

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By: Markita Proctor

Temperatures are rising as of late. It is summer in Kentucky and as usual the days are warm and humid. June of 1855 wasn't much different, I imagine. Yet, while the temperature was heating up, so too was tempers...the cause-slavery, abolitionist, and slave holders. On June 29, 1855 renowned abolitionist, Cassius Marcellus Clay, spoke to a group of citizens in Rockcastle County at a Brush Creek Meeting House. As history reports Clay did not hold back in his verbal attack on slavery in the county.

Cassius Marcellus Clay was born in Madison County, Kentucky. The son of a wealthy slave holder and relative to politician, Henry Clay, Cassius M. Clay fought against his Southern heritage and slavery. Young Cassius M. Clay attempted a bid into politics but was defeated in his race for Kentucky Legislature in 1840. Despite

this defeat, he continued to pursue a fight against slavery. He turned his attention towards the media in 1845, publishing an antislavery newspaper titled the "True American" in Lexington, Kentucky. According to Britcanna.com, he was forced to move to Cincinnati, Ohio and eventually Louisville, Ky by pro-slavery supporters. The Louisville publication was renamed "The Examiner". From these early publications Clay went on to be one of the founders of the Republican Party, whose primary stand was firmly anti-slavery. Clay and his fellow Republicans fought the dominate Southern Democrats and the then popular Know-Nothing Party, both of which were pro-slavery.

How, you might ask, did Clay find his way into Rockcastle County? Interestingly, Clay was familiar with Rockcastle

County several years before his speech in 1855. Clay was hailed as an "Abolitionist Emissary" by the Louisville Courier Journal on September 3, 1853 for his assistance in freeing individuals who were charged with tam-

pering with slaves. According to the report, Clay went against protests of citizens of the county and assisted these "criminals". It is reported that Clay "...came to our county, under the pretense of Philanthropy,

and rescued a man from jail, who had violated the laws of the country, and who he was assured was destitute of moral character--thus rendering the laws of our country powerless, and in effect, saying to all such men as

Parker, do the same thing over again..." The above-mentioned Parker was Asahel George Washington Parker. Born in North Carolina but eventually found his way to Rockcastle County. (Continued on 9)

## Aces

(Continued from A2) personal view and, as is to be expected, there are those with the opposite view. But it is amazing how many actual facts and how many studies truly prove both sides to be correct. How you interpret those facts is what determines which side you are on. Unless you already have a core, moral or ethical view on the subject, there are enough facts to change one's mind if the right person presents them to you.

Alcohol, marijuana, lottery, seat belts, Second Amendment, abortion, DEI, racism, and so much more have more than one side and both sides are right. At least, according to a lot of facts and studies, both sides are right.

Society changes over time and so far in America, nothing has changed for the better. Yes, that's my view. When someone says something like "times they are a changin'" I see that

as an argument to leave it as it was. Just because it is changing, does not mean it is getting better. It could mean it is getting worse, and usually does.

This is the problem with a world of information at our fingertips. Everything is a finger's touch away. No matter how obvious something may be through common sense, I can spend two minutes on Google and prove it wrong. It is all in how you interpret the facts that are available.

I can show a library full of information that suggests smoking cigarettes is healthy. With a little common sense, we know it probably isn't healthy but there are those out there who disagree and there are volumes of facts and figures that argue that it is a healthy habit.

It would be a better world if we did away with the idea of the word "misinformation" and "fact checkers." For three years CNN and NPR called

things "misinformation" that turned out to be truth. And their "fact checkers" were, most often, dead wrong when they determined what was truth. But at the time, the "gullibles" of America fell for every word of it just because someone used the term "misinformation."

As for myself, I am

done listening to arguments that suggest I am wrong just because someone calls my view "misinformation" or just because they call me a name. Old fashioned, Christian, moral views are just as good as liberal views and we better start sticking to them. And that is "accurate information."

## Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

### Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

**Monday, June 24th:** Child Development, Seek and Learn, Lisa's Little People. **Tuesday, June 25th:** Scafold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

### DBCAA Directors Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc., will be having a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, June 25th at 6 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

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

**Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous-Brodhead:** 7 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: 606-308-8900. Please park in the Coffey & Ford parking lot

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

## T.J.'s

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fair warning, I'll be in money making mode soon. Those who have dealt with me when I'm in making money mode for good causes know that I'm relentless. I'm hoping others in our community will be wanting to help our county as well.

## Op Ed

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tucky, wrote the decision. "Nonetheless, despite society's enduring recognition of biological differences between the sexes, as well as an individual's basic right to bodily privacy, the Final Rule mandates that schools permit biological men into women's intimate spaces and women into men's, within the educational environment based entirely on a person's subjective gender identity. This result is not only impossible to square with Title IX but with the broader guarantee of education protection for all students."

The Family Foundation helped lead the effort to pass the Save Women's Sports Act (SB 83) in Kentucky during the 2022 General Assembly. 25 states have now passed Save Women's Sports laws in the last several years.

## ramblings...

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sports, including the Olympics.

Thomas made history in 2022 when she became the first transgender woman to win an NCAA swimming championship. However, as a male swimmer, Thomas, in the 2018-2019 season, when she was competing in the men's division, ranked 554th in the 200 freestyle, 65th in the 500 freestyle and 32nd in the 1650 freestyle.

**The U.S. House of Representatives**, last Friday, passed a measure, within the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), that would automatically enroll men 18-26 with the Selective Service System.

This does not mean a draft is being instituted. Instead, this means that Selective Service would provide that information to the defense department in case of a draft. A draft has not been instituted in the country since 1973 and enlisting in the service is voluntary.

The military currently has the smallest active-duty force since 1940.

The Senate Armed Services Committee passed their own version of the NDAA, by a vote of 22 to 3, which requires women to register for selective service, even though numerous studies

have shown that putting women in combat units destroys unit cohesion and efficiency.

The House and Senate will now have to come up with a compromise funding bill. The House's bill, which passed out of committee by a vote of 34-25, provides \$833,053 billion, which is \$8.57 billion above the 2023-24 level.

The House bill cuts \$623.2B in climate change initiatives; \$53M for diversity and inclusion initiatives; prohibits funds to house illegal immigrants on military installations; prohibits the use of funds to perform medical procedures that attempt to change an individual's biological gender; prohibits the promotion or advancement of critical race theory; prohibits paid leave and travel or related expenses of a federal employee or their dependents to obtain an abortion or abortion-related services.

So, as you can imagine, there will be quite the push back from Democrats on the House's version when negotiations begin between the House and Senate bills.

We recently returned from Florida for the beach wedding of granddaughter, Kayla, to Wesley Jett.

It was beautiful but 12 members of our family

wound up flying there on the same flight.

I have mixed feelings about flying. I don't look for chances to do it by any stretch of the imagination but, once I decide it's necessary, I go into a fatalist attitude and don't get all worked up. Daughters Paige and Allison and granddaughter, Alaina (who had just returned from a very unpleasant flight from a vacation out West) were very apprehensive (and I used that word kindly) about flying. I felt sorry for them and understood their anxiety and could somewhat commiserate with them.

Anyhow, long story short, we made it home and all three suffered a little less anxiety than on the trip out.

I showed Paige a story I found on the Internet, after our return, about a flight attendant who died at 88 after retiring as a flight attendant at the AGE OF 86 in 2022.

She made history by becoming the world's longest serving flight attendant, having begun her career in 1957.

My point in showing Paige the story was that she did not die in a plane crash but mundanely of Cancer.

Paige was not impressed.

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# Obituaries

## Sandra Lynne Whitaker

Sandra Lynne Whitaker, 56, died June 12, 2024. She was known as Sandy to all who knew her and was a kind and loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Everyone who met Sandy was met with genuine friendliness and care and to those who knew her best, there was no one more willing to put the needs of others before her own. She was a member of Freedom Baptist Church and served God through her work with the church teaching youth classes, leading special events at the church, and worshiping with her friends and neighbors.



Sandy was a staple at the Rockcastle Soil Conservation District where she worked for 25 years and touched many lives. She did a great deal of work to support the farmers and landowners of Rockcastle County to help them with improving and developing agricultural projects. She was also a dedicated farm wife and did all the necessary jobs to help run a successful farm including everything from setting tobacco to working cattle to cooking for workhands. Sandy was active in the Rockcastle Homemakers and enjoyed the hobbies of sewing, quilting, gardening, canning, traveling, and cooking for her family and friends. Her family was particularly fond of her macaroni and cheese, soup beans and cornbread, banana pudding, and strawberry pies.

Sandy is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Harold Whitaker of Mt. Vernon, as well as three children, Matthew (Hillary) Whitaker of Brodhead, Emily (Chuck) Bullock of Mt. Vernon and Ben (Starla) Whitaker of Mt. Vernon. Additionally, Sandy had nine grandchildren, Jackson Whitaker, Madelyn Whitaker, Cameron Bullock, Caleb Bullock, Chloe Bullock, Sophie Bullock, Hadley Bullock, Barrett Bullock and Beatrice Whitaker, whom she absolutely adored. They referred to her as their "Nongie" and they returned every ounce of love she gave them. Sandy is also survived by: a sister, Jeannie Gabbard of Brodhead; three brothers, Tommy (Donna) Lunsford of Brodhead, Donnie Lunsford of Brodhead and Mark (Teresa) Lunsford of Brodhead; two very special friends, Helen Faye Abney and Teresa Vanzant; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Raymond and Edith Lunsford.

Sandy Whitaker was a very very special lady who was loved by all who knew her. Those she leaves behind will miss her dearly every day.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 17, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Barry Hurst officiating. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## James Robert Miller

James Robert Miller, 58, of Brodhead, died Monday, June 10, 2024 at Hospice of Lake Cumberland in Somerset. He was born July 28, 1965, in Mt. Vernon, son of James Casper and Nancy (Overbay) Miller. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.



James enjoyed many hobbies. A few included sky diving, scuba diving, amateur pilot, beekeeping, horses, motorcycles, photography, and precision shooting. He looked forward to retiring and spending his days fishing.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 30 years, Dale Ann (Hasty) Miller; his father, James C. Miller; two brothers, Steve (Lisa), and Micheal Miller; one sister, Kimberly (Jesse); one daughter, Samantha Carter; two sons, Aaron (Brittany), and Joshua Miller; one stepdaughter, Danielle Sowder (Somchai); one stepson, Joshua Sowder (Nikki); and grandchildren, Cohen, Cory Carter, Caleb, Isabella, Octavia Miller, Jasmine, Jared Barron, and Grayson Sowder. He had a large, loving family of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends he made along the way.

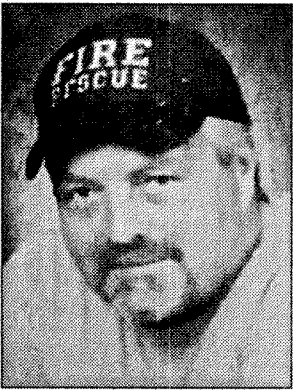
He was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Overbay Miller.

Funeral services were held Friday June 14, 2024 at Marvin Owens Chapel with Pastor Dennis Wilder officiating. Burial was at Oakhill Cemetery in Brodhead.

Pallbearers were: Jerry Hasty, Garrett Hasty, Johsua Sowder, Steve Miller, Mike Miller, and Clinton Miller.

## Mark Bond

Mark Bond, 58, of Corbin, died Friday, June 14, 2024 at his residence. He was born September 1, 1965 in London, a son of the late L. D. and Irene Bond. He had been an employee for F&R Photography, and found great joy in fishing, four wheeling and just generally loved the outdoors. On September 2, 1989 he was united in marriage to Marlene Mink, and they enjoyed 34 years together.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Marlene Bond; children, Megan Lynn Bond and Nathan Hunter Bond; grandchildren, Marsha Ruby Sueann Prichard and Autumn Nashae Prichard; brother, Danny Bond; sisters, Judy (Roger) Evans and Patricia Coates; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Zachary Dale Bond.

Cremation was chosen for Mark, with a memorial service scheduled at a later date.

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## Steve Farmer

Steve Farmer, 69, husband to Lorene Napier Farmer, died suddenly Thursday, June 13, 2024, at Saint Joseph Hospital in London. He was born February 6, 1955, in Berea, to Jack and Vi Farmer.



A Christian by faith, Steve enjoyed and took part in many things throughout his life. He was an avid hunter, hunting all over the country, a fisherman, an outdoorsman with no limits. He was devoted to and loved his family, had a kind nature, always thought of others first, loved having fun, joking around, and was always laughing. Steve enjoyed traveling, visiting several international destinations. He was a sponsor, host, and mentor to many foreign students at Berea College. He was a master wood worker retiring from Berea College Woodcraft having made furniture which is now all over the country including furniture at Boone Tavern Hotel in Berea, Union Church, Berea City Hall, and the Madison County Public Library.

Steve graduated from Berea College with his bachelor's degree and went on to get his master's at ECU in Industrial Arts. He was highly active in Berea Learn Shops and a super promoter of Berea Crafts. Steve was devoted to the Sister City program of Berea, and Hokuto City, Japan. Having traveled there for the past 15 years with the Berea delegation, he was a wonderful Ambassador for Berea, the United States, and the Craft Industry. He has left a void that cannot be filled.

In addition to his wife and parents, Steve is survived by: two brothers, Mike (Cindy) Farmer of Berea, and Jeff (Donna Jenkins) Farmer of Berea; sisters-in-law, Irene (Gerald) Alexander and Zora (John) Thomas; brother-in-law, Ira Napier of Mt. Vernon; and nieces and nephews, Leslie (Brandon) Lilly of Berea, Sarah (Sean Morgan) Steele of Berea, Jacob Begley of Mt. Vernon, Courtney Riggsby of Mt. Vernon, Cody Alexander of Mt. Vernon, and Christy DeBorde of Mt. Vernon. Also left to cherish his memory are aunts, uncles, great nieces and great nephews along with numerous beloved cousins and many, many friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Kent Gilbert officiating. Burial was in Maretburg Cemetery in Mount Vernon.

Pallbearers were: Bob Bagley, Mark Spencer, Jacob Begley, Bhawesh Mishra, Cody Alexander, Cecil Begley and André Mugnier. Honorary pallbearers were: Terry Fields, Anthony Holbrook, George Goodrich, Alonzo Williams, Jim Terrell, Willie Johnson, and Larry Frith.

Steve strongly supported St Jude Children's Hospital. Donations to them in his memory can be made at [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate)

## Frank Carr

Frank Carr, 73, of Brodhead, died Saturday, June 15, 2024, at University of Kentucky Medical Center. Arrangements entrusted to Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals and are incomplete at this time.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Janice Lucille Lovell

Janice Lucille Lovell, 84, of Mount Vernon, died Sunday, June 16, 2024, surrounded by her family. She was born February 12, 1940, in Rockcastle County to the late Ott and Katie Renner Kirby. She enjoyed spending time with her family, shopping, cooking, and going to the beauty salon weekly.



Survivors are: one daughter, Patricia Faye Childress; one grandson, Roger Brian Childress (Crystal); two great grandchildren, Carley Raye Childress and Riley Burton Childress; and one great granddaughter, Presley Kate Childress. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband of 55 years, William F. Lovell (Billy); two brothers, Sherman, and Tom Kirby; and five sisters, Hazel Payne, Alma Hayes, Faye Lovell, Marie Kirby, and Jewel Marlow.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 19, 2024 with Bro. Jeff Parker officiating. Burial was in Ott Kirby Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Riley Childress, Bobby Lovell, Billy Lovell, Tommy Lovell, Jeremy Rowe, and Derrel Payne.

Obit provided by the family and service entrusted to the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

## Hazel Patricia Cable

Hazel Patricia Cable, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, June 7, 2024. She was born May 31, 1939, in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Walter Earl and Daisy (Turner) Chaney. On August 17, 1957, she married Harold Cable, and they enjoyed 45 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2002. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of Ottawa Baptist Church. She enjoyed sewing, canning, gardening, going to flea markets and collecting glassware. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Those left to mourn her passing are her children: Deborah (Jeff) Laswell, Linda (Mark) Loudermilk, both of Brodhead; grandchildren: Tricia Beth Nelson (Andrew), Andrew Seth Laswell (Hannah), Benjamin (Jonmark) Loudermilk, and Kinzie (Karlann) Loudermilk; great grandchildren: Clay Seth Nelson, Sawyer Lynn Nelson, Tilly Drew Laswell, and Margo Wayne Laswell; one sister, Betty Jean Blanton; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Rosemary Chaney Jones.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 10, 2024 at Ottawa Baptist Church with Bro. John McPherson officiating. Burial followed in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jeff Laswell, Andrew Laswell, Mark Loudermilk, Andrew Nelson, Jonmark Loudermilk and Matthew Hayes. Honorary pallbearers were: J.B. Stevens, Butch Lunsford, Stevie DeBorde, Jesse Childress, Ben Powell, Anthony McKinney, Chris Miller, Zach Miller, and Grace Baptist Church.

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## Fatality

**(Continued from front)** Cabinet conduct a study of the Hwy 70 corridor from US-150 to US-27 in Pulaski County as well as the intersection of US-150 and Main Street in Brodhead.

"This week's accident was terrible. Reviewing the safety of these two areas will help us be better prepared and avoid further tragedy," Bray said. "Both of these locations are within five miles of the new Rockcastle mega site, so traffic will only continue to increase on them. In fact, both are going to be a major point of access for workers, heavy trucks, supply deliveries and other equipment. We need to identify what we can do to improve safety and get it done."

## Vote

**(Continued from front)** "The problem is bad enough and increased access leads to increased usage. We know this is true," he said. "This is their same old playbook. Get people used to it and then recreational use is soon to follow."

Local Pastor Eric Bullock also spoke against the law, providing facts and figures from several sources and studies suggesting marijuana is a gateway drug that leads to harder drugs.

Other speakers, including former RCHS principal John Hale, also spoke out against allowing such operations in the county asking why some were against the COVID vaccine, which was FDA approved, and yet in favor of medical cannabis, which is not FDA approved.

Another guest said the marijuana industry is attempting to take the place of "big tobacco" and the entire process is "focused on money."

Nancy Hale also spoke out against marijuana operations. "Medical marijuana is a misnomer. Marijuana is not medicine," she said. "Accepting this in our county would be a disaster." Hale asked if those present would want their surgeon, their pilot or their child's teacher to be "smoking pot." She also called the drug evil. "We are giving our children mixed messages saying that something that really is evil and could take their life, is good."

Once again Richelle Riddle spoke in favor of allowing such operations saying she studied the subject in college and has "written so many papers about this." Riddle said those who research a subject should not research to prove their point, but to gain information. She also pointed out again her view that five magistrates should not make the decision for the county. Riddle suggested those who spoke against such operations were using "outdated information."

She also said more people "wanted to be here but are afraid...I am sick of showing up for my people in the county because there is a room with closed doors and no one knows what's going on." Riddle also pointed out that she had been a pharmacy tech for several years.

Magistrate Lee Earl Adams also spoke to the court and the crowd. Adams told of his personal experience when he lost his wife to cancer and said he wishes marijuana

had been an option at the time.

Magistrate Shane Thacker also spoke in favor of placing the issue on the ballot. "If it was on the ballot I would probably vote against it. But I can't sit here and say...it should be up to me to make that decision."

Magistrate William Denny then pointed out that voters elected each magistrate specifically for the purpose of making decisions for the district, he said. Magistrate Mike McGuire later agreed saying this is "why we have elections."

Holbrook then stood and presented evidence to the court and information of his recent trip to such a facility in Tennessee. "I just wanted to see first hand what it is all about," he said. Holbrook said he saw marijuana with over five times the legal THC levels in display cases that anyone could purchase. "You didn't need a medical card to get it, and they would only accept cash because banks and credit card companies won't pay for illegal drugs," he said. "There was showcase after showcase of gummies and peanut butter cups and cookies with THC in them. And they had altered THC levels in different kinds and brands of marijuana and anyone that wants to go in could buy whatever they wanted as long as it was cash."

Holbrook suggested there is a fear that such facilities would begin to operate locally and high-tech, extremely potent marijuana would become easier for anyone to purchase, as it apparently has in Tennessee, where there is legal basis for the businesses.

Holbrook explained more details of the state law that passed, including the price for licenses to operate a marijuana facility. "To get a dispensary license costs \$5,000 to apply and then \$150,000 to get a license," he said. "It is a Schedule One illegal drug today." Holbrook also talked about proven negative medical effects that marijuana use has on the human brain, coordination and development.

An official motion to prohibit medical cannabis in Rockcastle County was made by Magistrate Doug Prewitt and seconded by Magistrate Mike McGuire. However, Riddle spoke up again suggesting those with different views presented only biased information and that the court should have invited speakers in favor of such operations. She also said their decision to prohibit marijuana will be petitioned.

Magistrates Denny, McGuire and Prewitt and Judge/Executive Holbrook voted in favor of the motion to prohibit medical cannabis in the county. Thacker and Adams voted against the motion to prohibit medical cannabis, causing the motion to pass 4-2.

Cities now have the same options to vote or take no action on the issue inside city limits within the county.

## RCMS

**(Continued from front)** project was tabled as Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger told the board she believed the district should build the school "the right way" or not at all. With the lowest bid apparently around \$4

million more than expected, officials voted to table the middle school project

But Ballinger and several others never stopped lobbying for additional funds or looking for potential grants.

This year, Republican Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray, of Mount Vernon, was named Vice Chair of the Kentucky Appropriations and Revenue Committee and was able to secure an additional \$13 million for the project. By the end of the week, school officials were announcing that the project was underway once again.

At last week's regular meeting, Phillips presented a slide show showing the plans and many details of the unique project as it stands. "These are by and large the same plans we had before that have already been approved by the Kentucky Department of Education," he said. "But now we are much closer to delivering it all."

Phillips said anyone going to the grocery store is aware of how quickly costs are rising in America. But officials express confidence that since Bray was able to appropriate several million more than needed, the bids will be within the budget this time around.

Still, there are some changes in the latest designs.

For example, since the project was first mentioned, there is now a natural gas line on its way to Rockcastle County. "The HVAC system we now have can be retrofitted to gas. Since we don't have an exact date that gas will be here, we re-engineered the system to be able to accept natural gas in the future," he said.

Phillips showed photos of a distinctive structure that will use the natural slope of the property to create a basement area that will lead onto the sports fields, and a large covered walkway at the top of the seating at the fields. The photos also included a large outdoor courtyard that will be tied to the library and cafeteria, allowing potential outdoor class projects. The drawings also included a tunnel so that buses can drop off and pick up children from inside the structure providing a safer, more streamlined environment, Phillips said.

Illustrations of the gymnasium, administration wing, cafeteria library, classrooms, labs, fields, walkways the basement space, entrance design and much more, stand out as modern design with an extremely open concept, Phillips said.

Phillips discussed new, additional parking, one-way traffic, security, egress and many more aspects as board members seemed pleased with the design. "Our new middle school is going to be amazing," said board chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink.

Phillips talked about security and retaining walls that will separate the students from the public as well as walls that will keep construction workers away from students during construction.

According to Phillips the project is expected to take 36-months and Codell Construction is expected to complete the bid packages on June 26. "By the end of the month the bid process will be live (underway), Phillips

said. "We should have bids in hand by the end of July and by your August meeting I should be able to bring your the results," Phillips said.

Phillips also discussed paint and colors. "We are planning a bright red on the fields (and in locker rooms) to build confidence and self-esteem in our team and then use other colors to provide a sense of doom to our opponents."

Phillips also said construction is planned to eliminate interruption with students during classes. "They probably won't even realize construction is happening."

Board members expressed their pleasure with the designs and Phillips said he will explain more about "phasing" and timing of the construction at the August meeting.

## Child

**(Continued from front)** The citation says Forrester is the mother of the child and she told police about sending the youth with babysitters for a couple of days.

Forrester told police when she returned home to her apartment, the child was returned to her and she noticed her child "had something wrong."

Forrester told police while her child was with the babysitter, she had been in a car with others who smoked a glass pipe and marijuana but she held her head out the window, although she also tested positive for amphetamines while at the hospital, according to the citation. The mother claimed the child was not present during the episode and she has no idea how amphetamines got into the child's system.

The report says the boy also has Cerebral Palsy and Microcephaly. Forrester told police the child does not take any kind of medication.

Forrester was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she is being held on a \$25,000 cash or property bond awaiting a preliminary hearing.

## Basin

**(Continued from front)** lion of the expense will come in the form of grants, leaving the city responsible for the \$900,000 debt, which is the reason for a recent water rate increase. The second reading on this ordinance is also expected tonight. The sale of the bonds was approved unanimously.

The city also unanimously approved a finance resolution through Rural Water Association to have funds to pay contractors during construction of the basin since the bond sale funds will come in the form of reimbursement after it is paid out.

The council also approved seeking financing for two new police cruisers.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## School

**(Continued from front)** projects, community partnerships, gifted and talented students, expectations, goals, family partnerships, grants, staff, and countless other areas of a school system.

During the discussion, all speakers touched on problems solved and

problems that remain. Officials said there are still some cases of motorists passing school buses while they are loading and unloading students but since the district began working with School Resource Officers and the county attorney's office to prosecute such cases, the problem is much better.

After the presentation, Derrick Phillips, of Deco Architectural firm, talked with the board about the upcoming new middle school project (See related story in this issue of the *Signal*.)

Finance Director Jenny Sweet presented the monthly financial report which was approved unanimously.

The board then entered closed session to discuss the annual Superintendent's Evaluation. Upon reopening the meeting, Chairman Angela Mink said "I would find it very hard to ever find anyone that does as exemplary a job that Dr. Ballinger has done for our district," she said. "We are blessed and families are blessed to have Dr. Ballinger's leadership in this district. I can say that Dr. Ballinger has set the bar at a new level across the state."

The board unanimously approved Dr. Ballinger's contract, with no change in base salary or time frame, according to Mink.

The board also approved the Code of Conduct and the salary schedule for the 24-25 school year.

Sweet also discussed insurance policies for the district. She said there was an increase over the prior year but she recommended eliminating the Terrorist Premium to save \$3,000 and help with the increase. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Sweet also recommended eliminating the wind and hail deductible policy and instead putting \$12,000 annually into an emergency fund in the event the board would need to pay such a deductible. This recommendation also passed unanimously.

Sweet discussed other forms of insurance as well with the board approving her recommendations.

The board also heard the Superintendent's Personnel Action Reports. It is as follows:

### Full time certified employees hired

Lauren Collins, school counselor at BES; William Wheat and Zachary Taylor, certified math teachers at RCMS.

### Full time classified employees hired

Austin Allen, vehicle maintenance 1, transportation; James Hamilton, assistant football coach at RCHS; Stephanie Prewitt, girl's assistant basketball coach at RCMS.

### Retiring employees

Gina Nicely, certified LDB teacher; Joyce Renner, food service cook/baker at RCHS; Rosemary Stallsworth, full time bus driver, transportation; Sherry Flara, certified LDB teacher at MVES.

### Resignations

Aaron McNabb, professional assistant football coach at RCHS; Alisha Denny, Anastasia Silverthorn, Kaylan Bullock, Landon Dillingham and Mikala Carter, substitute instructional assistants; Brent Jones, substitute custodian; Brittany Adams, head archery

coach at RCMS; Carl Price, Diedre Kendall, Isaiah Amyx, Patricia Hayes and Phyllis Adams, Reese Sherrow, Robert Kendall, Savanah Baxter and Tracy Lewis, substitute teachers; Charity Johnson, assistant academic coach at RCMS; Crystal Barnett, substitute food service cook/baker; Daisy Mink and Kelly Rogers, substitute bus monitors; Maggie Tudor, language arts teacher at RCMS; Michael Howard, instructional assistant I at MVES; Morgan Taylor, assistant academic coach at RCHS; Pamela Bullock, kindergarten teacher at BES; Scott Adams, academic coach at RCMS; Steve Nelson, volunteer boat captain and social studies teacher at RCHS; Ty Bottoms, science teacher at RCHS.

### Substitute classified staff hired

Chris Davis and Ryder Robinson, substitute computer specialists; Holly Brown and Jeanine Lawrance, substitute food service cook/baker.

### Certified staff updates

Jake Woodall, certified LBD teacher at RCHS; Shelby Convery, itinerant IECE preschool teacher at hospital classroom.

### Classified staff updates

Aaron McNabb, assistant football coach at RCHS; Isabella Clouse, food service cook/baker at BES; Rebecca Garrett, food service cook/baker at RCHS.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 9 at 6 p.m.

## Rate

**(Continued from front)** desire to put off such increases as long as possible to avoid additional burden on local citizens.

However, the City of Mount Vernon, who provides water to the City of Brodhead, recently agreed to a multimillion dollar water project to remove the bad taste and odor from their water system. In order to offset the cost of the upgrade, Mount Vernon Water and Sewer raised their rates, increasing expenses to the City of Brodhead. Officials said this situation forced the rate increase for Brodhead customers.

According to Ordinance 2024-0612, the monthly water rate inside the city limits for 2,000 gallons of use or less will rise from \$23.12 to \$25.9 and/or the next 8,000 gallons will increase from \$7.74 to 10.54 per thousand gallons of water usage. The rate for the next 40,000 gallons of water usage will change from \$7.44 to \$10.24 per thousand gallons and all over 50,000 gallons will increase from \$7.06 to \$9.8 per thousand gallons.

The water rates for those outside the city limits will increase from \$30.11 to \$33.11 for 2,000 gallons or less and from \$10.37 to \$13.37 per thousand gallons for the next 8,000 gallons. The next 40,000 gallons of usage will increase from \$8.20 to \$11.20 and all over 50,000 gallons will increase from \$7.22 to 10.22 per thousand gallons.

Sewer rates will increase from \$28.27 for 2,000 gallons or less, to \$33.33. All usage over 2,000 will increase from \$5.98 to \$8.98 per thousand gallons.

The rate changes will take effect upon the second and final reading of the ordinance, which is expected at the July regular meeting.



# “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.

## Fiscal court holds regular monthly meeting

**By: Mike French  
Editor**

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last week with a full chamber of guests.

Many guests were present to speak on the legalization or prohibition of medical cannabis. (See related story in this issue of the *Signal*.)

As one of the first items of business, magistrates approved a request for \$1,515 from the Rockcastle County Development Board. The program support includes the salary of director Lynn Tatum as well as a new \$375 bill for the filing of form 990 to the IRS. Past county treasurer Joe Clontz provided the service at no charge but with his passing last year, the service is now contracted to a CPA.

The court accepted the RCIDA budget summary showing a balance of \$1,805,024.35.

The court also heard from Soil Conservation representatives who gave a report of the services delivered by the district over the past year, as well as some of the programs and opportunities afforded to the community through the district.

The court also addressed a potential donation to the All American Club, which removes trash from the city each month. However, the court agreed, on the advice of County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, that it cannot donate to a business or organization which is not a registered nonprofit organization. Rowe said he made the of-

fer last year at this time to help Club Director Wayne Bullock register the club as a nonprofit organization but no action had been taken. "The offer still stands," Rowe said. "I would be glad to help them." The request was tabled.

The court then heard the Animal Shelter report which shows 26 dogs housed at the end of the month, and the Livingston Gym rental report which showed \$825 in income in May.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. told the court the Trash Drop Off Day expense was \$22,740.

The court also approved the Treasurer's Financial Statement. The June 1 statement shows a general fund balance at the end of May of \$67,974 and a road fund balance of \$43,708. The detention center balance was \$189,244 and the LGEA fund balance was \$26,730. All funds were listed in the statement.

The court also agreed to pay all vouchers.

County Treasurer Vickie Miller requested a transfer of \$371,500 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and \$1,500 from the general fund to the fair-ground fund, \$180,000 from general fund to the road fund, \$10,000 from general fund to the 911 fund and \$40,000 from general fund to the LGEA fund, leaving \$140,000 in the general fund for general operations.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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 inventions" 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 account-

ability.

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 in-

finite 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!

Share your thoughts with me at [drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com](mailto:drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com). You can also reach me at P. O. Box 1363, Marshall, Texas 75671. Dr. Jerry Hopkins is a historian and retired university history professor.



**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**28th Judicial Circuit**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II**  
**Civil Action No. 23-CI-00162**

**Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.**  
**Plaintiff**

**V.**

**Jerry Edwards Morris, Anna M. Morris, Cody Shuart, unknown spouse of Cody Shuart, Rockcastle County, Kentucky**  
**Defendants**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 8, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FORTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE DOLLARS AND 99/100 (\$45,939.99) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Thursday, June 27, 2024  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.**

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a rock and pole at the foot of Old Gauley; thence east with highway to Quillen C. Raines' corner; thence north with fence by a large cherry tree to the branch; thence up the branch to Quillen C. Raines' corner to a white oak; thence west with the government line to a small white oak at the corner of the field; thence a straight line to the beginning corner and containing four (4) acres, more or less

Map ID No.: 094-00-004.01&02  
Address: 1213 Red Hill Road, Livingston, KY 40445  
Also included is a 2015 Clayton Mobile Home, Serial No. CLM097267TN

Being the same property conveyed by Deed to Jerry E. Morris and wife, Anna Mae Morris, from Earl Hallock, single, dated June 13, 2014 and recorded June 16, 2014 in Deed Book 248 at Page 273, of records in the Office of the Clerk of Rockcastle County, Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

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

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (9.77%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2024 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**28th Judicial Circuit**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II**  
**Civil Action No. 22-CI-00029**

**Shafer's Auto Body, LLC**  
**Plaintiff**

**V.**

**Scottie Denney, Savannah Wren, unknown spouse of Scottie Denney, unknown spouse of Savannah Wren,**  
**Defendants**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on August 12, 2022, for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 46/100 (\$76,827.46) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Thursday, June 27, 2024  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:10 a.m.**

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at steel pin on N.W. side of Old Gum Sulphur-Copper Creek Road, 0.22 miles east of U.S. #150 at Gum Sulphur; thence with said road N 52 30' E 120 feet to steel pin, (Doyle corner); thence with Doyle as follows: N 35 40' W 186 feet to corner post, and S 53 40' W 120 feet to stake in Doyle line (lot no. 1 corner); thence with Lot No. 1, S 35 30' E 186.8 feet to the beginning, contains 0.51 acres more or less.

There is EXCEPTED from the above described real property 0.011 acres and 0.010 acres which was conveyed to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, by deed dated February 1, 2005, executed by Carl Barron, et ux., and recorded in Deed Book 204, Page 105 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

Being the same property acquired by Scottie Denney and Savannah Wren by deed from Shafer's Auto Body, LLC, dated January 6, 2017, and of record in Deed Book 258, Page 700, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold as a whole.
2. The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (5%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2024 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
10. The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

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

**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.**

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.

Sports complex may take over a year to begin to materialize

By: Mike French  
Editor

Thanks to the efforts of Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray, Senator Brandon Storm and others, Rockcastle County was awarded \$4 million to build a recreational complex during the last legislative session. Other local grants included funds to complete a new middle school (\$13 million) and \$62 million for a new 1400 acre mega industrial site that is expected to transform the region economically.

Many citizens are discussing the new sport complex funds and how they should be used.

According to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., no decisions have been made concerning the issue. In fact, very little discussion has taken place as of last

week. "This is something we need to talk a lot about. You don't just jump in to something like that. If you don't handle it properly, it can cost the taxpayer down the road," he said. "If handled improperly, it could be devastating."

Holbrook said he has investigated other counties who have received such grants and has followed their progress. "Sometimes they build a nice, big complex and then the money is gone and someone has to pay to keep it up." Unfortunately, according to Holbrook, it is usually the taxpayer who has to foot the new monthly bills.

Holbrook said there is also a local Parks and Recreation Board, which the previous administration formed, that must be addressed. However, Holbrook said he is not

certain the board still exists. "We have to check all the legalities involved there," He said. "Such a board, if it exists, may have to be involved."

Holbrook said he intends to wait until the money is in hand and then begin holding meetings and soliciting comments concerning the best avenue for using the grant funds.

The fiscal court also has about \$1 million left in ARPA (American Rescue Program Act) funds

that Bray had suggested may be added to the \$4 million for an even bigger complex. However, Holbrook said such decisions will be discussed in more detail once the funds have been deposited in an account.

"When you look at sports complexes across the state, \$4 million is not even close to enough to build some kind of indoor complex or arena," Holbrook said. Apparently he is correct. In fact, an indoor sports complex

built recently in central Kentucky, which offers basketball, soccer and other sporting events, cost about \$30 million four years ago, according to news sources. The city in that county now claims there is a management fee of \$14,500 per month along with other expenses to operate the facility.

"We just have to consider the future and be diligent in how we use the funds. The facility will no doubt be a wonderful addition to our community but we have to be good stewards and use the funds wisely," Holbrook said. "We need to work with the school board and their plans, as well as the cities in our county, before we make any decisions, he added.

Officials suggest no one should expect the

process to move quickly. It may be well over a year before the process begins. Once the money is deposited in a local account, Holbrook said, the process will begin.

Church events

**Let the Bible Speak**  
Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox TV

**Redemption Ranch VBS**  
Providence Church of Christ will present Redemption Ranch Vacation Bible School beginning Sunday, June 23rd from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and continuing Monday, June 24th through Wednesday, June 26th from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

There will be classes for all ages - nursery through adults.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

**BAKED LIMA BEANS**  
4 cans (16 ounces each) lima beans  
1/2 cup chili sauce or ketchup  
1/2 cup molasses  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1 tablespoon mustard

1 cup bacon bits or crumbled cooked bacon  
Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a casserole dish. Combine beans and liquid, chili sauce or ketchup, molasses, onion, and mustard. Stir to mix. Pour into prepared dish. Bake for 45 minutes or until beans are brown and bubble. Stir in bacon just before serving.

**BAKED VEGGIE BITES**  
1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted, divided  
1 egg  
2 teaspoons water  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups fresh bite-sized pieces broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, zucchini  
1 to 2 cups grated or shredded parmesan cheese  
Preheat oven to 450°. Using 1 tablespoon of the melted butter, brush bottom of 9 x 13 baking dish. Beat egg and water in a small bowl. In another bowl blend flour and salt. Dip a few vegetables in egg mix. Remove one piece at a time and place in flour mixture to coat. Place in prepared baking dish. Repeat until all veggies are coated and in the pan. Pour remaining butter or margarine over each piece of veggie. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until tender. Drain and sprinkle with parmesan cheese, if desired.

**CRISPY BAKED ASPARAGUS FRIES**  
This is for those that love asparagus as much as I do.  
1 pound asparagus, trimmed  
1/2 cup flour  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
3/4 cup panko breadcrumbs  
1/4 cup grated parmesan salt and pepper to taste  
Heat oven to 425°. In large bowl, mix 1 tablespoon oil, 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, 1/4 teaspoon salt and the garlic. Add sweet potatoes and onions; toss to coat. Spread in 9 x 13 pan. Roast uncovered 10 minutes. Dredge the asparagus in the flour, dip them in the egg and then into a mixture of the panko breadcrumbs, parmesan, salt, and pepper. Place the asparagus on a wire rack on a baking sheet and bake until golden brown, about 7 to 13 minutes. Sprinkle some more parmesan on if desired.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
The Landscape With Stone

Stone is made to seem incidental by many garden advertisements, as they stress the newest and prettiest plant they have for sale. Stone is given short shrift with the concrete paver or concrete professional. Even stonework ads now feature mostly faux stones. Let's take a look at real rocks again.

Over the years I've used many a ton of purchased and found stones to build some lovely waterfalls, streams and ponds. Stones certainly make the water feature (along with a skilled artisan, of course). Water features are a wonderful

place to use stones in a landscape. But, what are some others?

One use for a giant rock, maybe one that was too heavy for the builders to move, is just make it a specimen and plant around it. These are sometimes called "grandfather rocks". Grandfathered in I reckon.

You can 'plant' such a rock in your yard, even if it didn't have one before. Such is a good way to utilize a big stone for positive result.

Flagstones used to create walks and patios out of large flat pieces of stone are another practical use for stones in the landscape.

Retaining walls, and

stones placed in hillsides to help 'stabilize' or 'support' the hill is another practical way to use rocks, and create a good look at the same time.

Rock outcroppings can be shown off. (And can be built where none ever existed, with a little creativity to place them so they jut up and look as if they belong.)

Gravels are small pebbles. They make good paths by themselves, or good "mulch" in a planted bed. But they also can be used between and among larger stones for a nice look. Your desert and Mediterranean landscapes may utilize rocks in this manner.

Have you thought of a stone fireplace? Or a stone firepit? How about just a bench of two legs and a flat seat of a rock? (More involved but very lovely is the stone masonry wall, or seating created with stone masonry.)

If none of these ideas seem right for your place; then how about a stone wishing well, or a doghouse of stone? The doghouse could be the current doghouse, covered with veneer stone, or a stacked stone or mortared stone covering, or a new doghouse build from scratch with stone. With a stone home for the dog, at least one of you could live in a rustic house protected from the elements of fire, wind or rain.

Next time you are in the mood for a new landscaping project, would stones help make it a better project in some way? I am thinking they would.

The author is a landscaper. Visit [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net) or email: [rockcastles@gmail.com](mailto:rockcastles@gmail.com)

A Message From God

1 JOHN 1:5-7

This is a message of God to God's people. It is therefore a message of vital importance. The writer speaks of light, of movement, of benefits. Upon these three things let us focus our attention.

1. LIGHT. This is the most pure and unsoiled of all things. It stands for purity, intelligence, and wholesome influence. The son of God is light. (John 1:4) In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. The word of God is light. (Ps. 119:105) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

2. MOVEMENT. The word "walk" is not merely movement, but habitual movement, or action. It refers not to isolated words or deeds, but to the settled manner of life.

A. Walk In Darkness. This we do when we walk in ignorance, in sin; when we disregard divine instruction and walk according to our own judgement. (Prov.14:12) There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

B. Walk In The Light. And this we assuredly do when we are guided by the example of Christ or the teaching of Christ, "His manner of life," in service we render, in the worship or devotion we offer to God.

3. BENEFETS. On the condition ("if") that we walk in the light, two great blessings enter our lives.

A. Fellowship. We have fellowship with God, with God's Son, with God's children, "one with another". This implies unity, cooperation, association.

B. Cleansing. Oh, the necessity of cleaning. God's children sin - in thought, in word, in deed- by neglecting to do good. (1 John1:8-10) The blood of Christ is the cleansing power. When we walk in the light, the cleansing power of the blood of Christ is applied. In obedience we are purified. (1Pet.1:22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, unto and unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

(Rom.6:17) But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. The erring Christian is cleansed as he continues to follow the light of the word.

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch, articles to read. On You Tube. Chestnut Ridge Church Of Christ We want to hear from you, whether you agree or disagree, your suggestion is important to us. "REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU". You may contact me at: 606-224-1480 or [ovabaker@windstream.net](mailto:ovabaker@windstream.net).

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome  
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Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

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9174 Livingston Ky 40445

A Father's Love

There are so many things a father's love gives but the lack of that father's love can destroy a child not only here on earth but also for eternity.

A father's love must be the same as our heavenly Father's love.

**Sacrificial** - Our heavenly Father gave of himself for us - fathers do that!

**Patience** - Our heavenly Father has patience with us- fathers must have patience.

**Kind** - God is kind- we as fathers must learn kindness and then show it to children.

**Humble** - God teaches us humbleness- we must show humility before or children.

**Honest**- Honesty is taught throughout the bible- our children need to see that in us.

**Forgiving**- The heavenly Father forgives us - we must teach and practice forgiveness.

**Faithful**- God is faithful and just to deliver on his promises - we need to be the same.

**Selfless**- Our Father was thinking of us when he sent his Son to die on the cross for us.

**Consistent**- These Godly characteristics should be found in our earthly fathers!

**Unchanging**- God was committed to to us his children- fathers must be there for their children.

We need to strive on being the father just like our heavenly Father.

Everyone Welcome  
Robby Cable - 606-305-8452  
109 Providence Cemetery Rd. • Brodhead

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

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JUNE 23RD: 4:00-5:30 PM  
JUNE 24TH-26TH: 6:30-8:00 PM

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CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT

PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
109 Providence Cemetery Road, Brodhead, KY 40409

# Haven

(Continued from A3)

Depending on which side of slavery one stood, Parker was either a hardened criminal or an advisory for good.

News of Clay's involvement in the Rockcastle County case traveled quickly. A report from "The Daily Dispatch," out of Richmond, VA. was published on September 10, 1853. Transcripts of the report are published on the blog, the Shaking Papers. "CASSIUS M. CLAY.-- The people of Rockcastle, Ky., have held a meeting and passed some strong resolutions condemning the action of C. M. Clay in the case of one Parker, whom they call an "Abolitionist Emissary," and who have been imprisoned for inciting slaves to leave their masters. His offense consisted in having procured the release of Parker, he, (Clay,) entering bail."

Tensions did not end there, multiple publications released the article "Agitation in Kentucky" a response from Clay himself to the issues in Rockcastle County. Again, The Shaker Papers provides transcripts from the "Anti-Slavery Bugle" in Lisbon, Ohio and "The Liberator", from Boston, Massachusetts, published September 24, 1853. Clay begins, "A portion of the slaveholder of Rockcastle county, August 27th, 1853, have put forth a series of resolutions, in which, among other things I am publicly "censured," and which I wish to assist in presenting to the consideration of this Commonwealth. Before I consider the preamble and resolutions over the signature of R. G. Williams, Chairman, and W. H. Kirtley, Secretary, I will give a statement of the facts.

Whilst I was attending the anti-slavery Christ's Church, at the Glade in Madison county, established under the auspices of John G. Fee and W. Fisk, native Kentuckians, news came that A. G. W. Parker, a native of Tennessee and now a citizen of Kentucky, and a voter of Rockcastle co., employed as colporteur of the Home Missionary Society was in jail on a charge of "having attempted to persuade a slave to leave his master;" and that the bail was assessed by the Judge at one thousand dollars for the principal, and the same for the surety. Rumors also came that eighty-five slaveholders had banded together in a written article that they would prevent by violence, Messrs. Fee and Fisk, from preaching in Rockcastle county-- where they had founded

a Church and made an appointment. It was also understood that Parker denied the charge of his accusers. I took a friend and went to Rockcastle, and in the Mount Vernon jail I found two prisoners committed on the charge of persuading slaves to leave their masters. The man named Shifflet, was said to be of a bad character and a habitual drunkard. I gave twenty dollars to his wife and children who are destitute, and five dollars to the jailor for his benefit--but refused to bail him. The other man, Parker, I learned was a citizen of impeachable character, a long time a member of good standing in the Methodist Church, and that lately he had become a member of the Free Church, and a colporteur. After I had read him in the presence of the jailor Mr. Fee's letter, he said that late in the night, after he had gone to bed, he was awakened by a slave of J. Newcum, who said his master had sold him, and he had run away, and wished to know how he could escape into the free States. Parker refused to give him the information, and the slave went away. After a while he returned, and pressed his suit so urgently that Parker told him to stay at a certain place and he would see his master, and know whether he had sold him or not. The slave went off and Parker went to bed, when several men entered and took him to jail. He denied positively all intent to induce the slave to leave his master, and avowed his determination not willingly to violate the laws of his country."

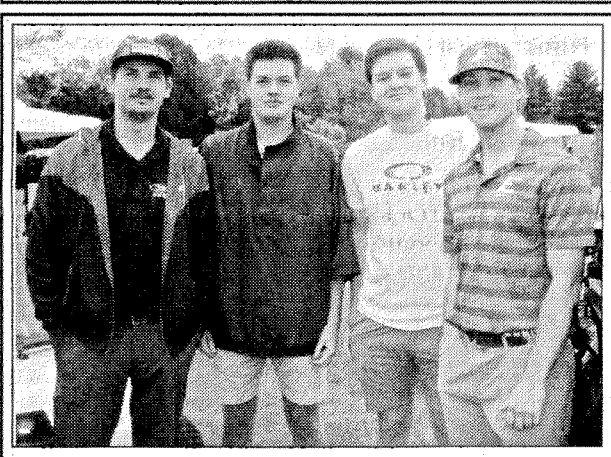
Clearly Clay had not made friends of the slaveholders within the county and obviously the feelings were mutual, although Clay did state that he had "due respect" for the citizens of Rockcastle County he persisted in the defense of Parker's character and in his disgust with the legality and institution of slavery. Articles in response to the events continued through October of 1853 and seemed to have subsided or at least to have lost momentum in the news.

However, as mentioned above tempers and temperatures rose in the summer of 1855. Clay again addressed the citizens of Rockcastle County. The website, historyengine.richmond.edu, published the speech. They state, "The speech was reported to the New York Times from a local who had witnessed Clay's speech in Mount Vernon. He used the words "remarkable" and "inflammatory" to characterize the speech; both terms seem fitting. Clay clearly wanted to get a rise out of his fellow Kentuckians by question-

ing their kindness and loyalty to the United States. He also said that Clay used powerful language. Clay stated that the only way the United States would be perpetuated was by the actions of rational and intelligent

people. Yet he toured in uneducated areas that were committed to their own ways." Clay was no longer holding back, he meant to fight slavery on a national level beginning in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

## 2nd Annual Joe Clontz Memorial Golf Scramble held at Cedar Rapids



### Notice To All

### Western Rockcastle Water Customers in the Dogwalk/Broughtontown area of Hwy. 39

We are in the process of making necessary updates & rehab of our existing water storage tank on Hwy. 39.

You will be experiencing low pressure and possible water outages during peak usage time throughout the day. The temperatures and lack of rain during this time has required a greater demand and as a result created some supply issues for the temporary storage tank we have on site.

We ask that you help us to conserve water usage at this time as much as possible.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused or will continue to cause. We plan to be finished with this project within a few weeks.

Please call 256-8283 if you have questions or 308-4793 after hours

### Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 24-CI-00014

PNC Bank, National Association Plaintiff

V.  
Jason W. Smith, Maggie M. Smith,  
Rockcastle County Defendants

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on May 10, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS AND 16/100 (\$55,806.16) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Thursday, June 27, 2024  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:20 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

All of the following real property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Tract No. 1 -- Beginning at a stake on the southwest corner of J.E. Woodward lot, on which J.P. Duvall lived at that date; thence W 29 1/2 E 20 poles to a stake; thence 60 1/2 W 4 1/2 poles to a stake; thence 29 1/2 W 20 poles to a stake on the north side of the state road and bounded by it S 60 1/2 E 4 1/2 poles to the beginning.

Tract No. 2 -- Beginning at a stake in the L&N R.R. right of way, a new corner of the Laswell and Owens; thence with the right of way of L&N R.R. 70 feet to a new agreed corner between Robbins and Owens; thence with the agreed line of Robbins and Owens S 31 W 256 feet to a corner of Robbins, Mrs. Marshall Owens and the grantee; thence with the W.J. Owens line to a corner of Laswell and Owens 70 feet; thence S 1 E 258 feet to the beginning corner in said L&N R.R. right of way.

Parcel ID #013-E-08-007

Address: 253 W. Main Street, Brodhead, KY 40409

Being the same property conveyed to Barbara Wilmott, unmarried and James Brumett and Rhonda Brumett, husband and wife, from beneficial Kentucky, inc. d/b/a Beneficial mortgage Co. of Kentucky, by Special Warranty Deed dated January 10, 2007, of record at Deed Book 214, Page 176, Rockcastle County Court Clerk's office, Kentucky. Some property to mortgagors herein, by deed dated March 31, 2010, of record at Deed Book 229, Page 684.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (5.25%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2024 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court

### NOTICE

### Soliciting Nominations to the Private Sector of the Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc., Board of Directors

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. (DBCAA) is soliciting nominations from private businesses or community organizations for representation on the DBCAA Board of Directors.

Nominations must be postmarked or received by **Monday, July 8, 2024.** Contact Robin Whitaker at (606) 598-5127 for a nomination form.

All nomination forms must be mailed to:

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

# Classifieds

**CLASSIFIED RATES**

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

**For Rent**

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

**Accepting Applications**

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**Posted**

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

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

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(23)x52

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

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 46/24x52

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt in Livingston and Mt. Vernon. **Anyone entering the properties must be with Orville Burkhardt.** Violators will be prosecuted. 35/23x51p

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

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on the former Berl Hopkins' land (now belonging to Judy Hopkins Marsh) on KY 461 near US 150 and KY 461 intersection. 40(23)x25

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

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

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

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

**Classified Deadline is 4 p.m. Monday**

Call 606-256-2244

**Suicide Warning Signs for Youth**

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

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

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

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

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**Motor Vehicles For Sale**

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

**Notices**

**Notice is hereby given** that Christie Brown, 183 Riverside Loop, Lily, KY 40740 and Robert B. Napier, 89 Breezy Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Diana J. Pierce, deceased, on the 5th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Christie Brown and Robert B. Napier or Hon. John D. Ford, 45 E. Main St., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before December 9, 2024 at 11 a.m. 17x3

**Notice is hereby given** that William T. Bullen, 6071 Scaffold Cane Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Scotty J. Bullen, deceased, on the 30th day of May, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said William T. Bullen on or before December 2, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 16x3

**Notice is hereby given** that Dana Lynne Ingram, 12187 North Wilderness Road, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been ap-

pointed Administratrix of the Estate of Jeffery Brooks Ingram (deceased) on the 30th day of May, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Dana Lynne Ingram on or before December 5, 2024. 16x3

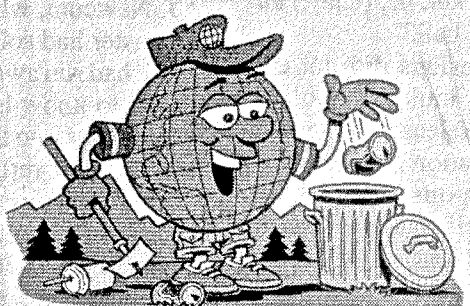
**Notice is hereby given** that Madonna King, 2910 Sweetwater Road, Berea, KY 40403 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Homer Cope, deceased, on the 30th day of May 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Madonna King or Hon. Mark A. Shepherd, 222 North Second Street, Richmond, KY 40475 on or before December 2, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 16x3

**Notice is hereby given** that William Kermit Blair II, 2185 Little Clear Creek Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and Laura Casey Chattelle, 2185 Little Clear Creek Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Sandra Lee Johnson Blair, deceased, on the 12th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said William Kermit Blair II and Laura Casey Chattelle or Hon. William A. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before December 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. 18x3

**Notice is hereby given** that James Cope, 777 Dicy Cope Chapel Road,

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Larry Lee Cope, deceased, on the 12th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said James Cope or Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before December 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. 18x3

**Notice is hereby given** that Dana Ingram, 12187 N Wilderness Rd., Berea, KY 40403 has been appointed Guardian of the Estate of Corbyne Brook Ingram on the 12th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Dana Ingram on or before December 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. 18x3

**Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations**

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

**Rockcastle County Solid Waste \$100.00 Per Mile Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!**

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

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

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

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Ribbon cutting



Officials with Velvet Vaquaro stand with members of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce and the Hall of Fame for the ribbon cutting ceremony held last week at the new business. Shown from left are Jill Medley, Nicole Roberts, Jim Bowman, owners Sandi and Don Laughlin, Hall of Fame Director Jessica Blankenship, and chamber members Phyllis Partin, Betty Frederick and Steve McKinney. The business is located at the John Lair House and will hold a grand opening ceremony Friday. The public is invited to attend.

Agricultural News

By: Lindsey New, FSA Director

Top Reasons to Visit the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center in June

1. Get a head-start on crop reporting. Most crop acreage reports are due by July 15, 2024, but especially if you're rained-out, we certainly encourage producers to visit before the deadline to report what is planted so far, then follow-up closer to the deadline with the rest of their reports. Early reporting saves you wait time as the deadline nears, and allows us to deliver better customer service.

2. Learn more about the COC or nominate for the 2024 County Committee (COC) election. The nomination period for the 2024 County Committee Election will begin June 17, 2024, and all nominations must be postmarked or received by Aug. 1, 2024.

BONUS REASON: Informational Open House! On Wednesday June 26th, we will have refreshments for our customers to enjoy, while checking out the displays, fact sheets, and brochures we've recently updated for your visit!

And... three ways you can connect with USDA

without leaving your home:

1. Log in, sign up, and do more with your Farmers.gov Account.

2. Farmers can make USDA Farm Loan payments online.

3. Use NRCS's new Conservation Concerns Tool to learn about conservation concerns that might impact your agricultural operation, then work with us on solutions targeted to fit your business needs.

File a Notice of Loss for Failed and Prevented Planted Acres

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds you to report prevented planted and failed acres in order to establish or retain FSA program eligibility for some programs.

You should report crop acreage you intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were prevented from planting. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and the Risk Management Agency (RMA). The final planting date for:

Corn - May 31

Soybeans, Single Crop - June 15

Soybeans, Double Crop - June 25

Burley Tobacco - June 20

Other Crops - contact FSA or crop insurance agent

Additionally, if you have failed acres, you should also use form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, to report failed acres.

For hand-harvested crops and certain perishables, you must notify FSA of damage or loss through the administrative county office within 72 hours of the date of damage or loss first becomes apparent. This notification can be provided by filing a CCC-576, email, fax or phone. If you notify the County Office by any method other than by filing the CCC-576, you are still required to file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, within the required 15 calendar days.

For losses on crops covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. You must timely file a Notice

of Loss for failed acres on all crops including grasses.

To file a Notice of Loss, contact your Rockcastle County USDA Service Center at 606-256-2525 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

Committee Meeting Date: July 3rd 2024 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 5.375%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 5.625%

Limited Resource Loans = 5.00%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.625%

Emergency Loans = 3.750%

Farm Storage Loans =

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10 yrs. = 4.500%, 12 yrs. = 4.625%

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Dean's List at SCC

Somerset Community College is proud to announce the names of the students who have exemplified outstanding academic achievement and therefore have been placed on the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester that began on January 8, 2024 and ended on May 5, 2024.

Both full-time students and part-time students qualified to have the opportunity to be placed on the Dean's list.

Local students are: Landen Broaddus, Ethan Carpenter, Madison Cash, Zachary Coffey, Granville Graves, Jonathan Hopkins, Darnell Lawson, Jaelyn Pennington, Naomi Heart Phillips, Savanna Santo, Malcolm Shepherd, Elana Vanwinkle, Madison Yates.

Full-time Dean's List

Students who maintain a current GPA of 3.5 but less than a 4.0, while

completing a full-time course load (12 or more credit hours in courses numbered 100 level or above, with a course grade of A, B, C, or D, excluding FYE courses), will be placed on the Full-time Dean's List. Students taking 3 - 11 credit hours (in courses numbered 100 level or above, with a course grade of A, B, C, or D, excluding FYE courses) will be named to the Part-Time Dean's List.

Part-time Dean's List

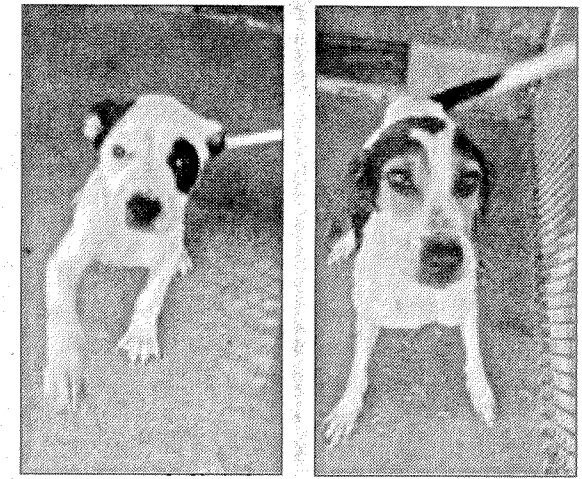
Degree seeking students who maintain a current GPA of 3.5 but less than a 4.0 and who have earned at least 12 credit hours from prior terms, currently taking 3 - 11 credit hours (in courses numbered 100 level or above, with a course grade of A, B, C, or D, excluding FYE courses) will be named to the Part-Time Dean's List.

Cotton named to Dean's List

Lee University congratulates Ethan Cotton of Orlando, on earning Dean's List honors during the Spring 2024 semester.

Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, undergraduate students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Butch, the three year-old male Pitbull who is very friendly and Lulu, the one year-old female Treeing Walker who is also 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.

NOTICE

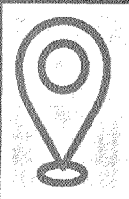
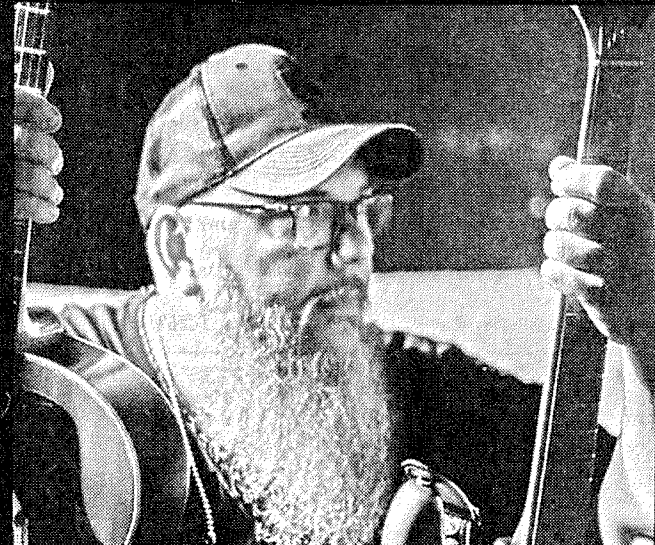
The City of Mt. Vernon will begin flushing fire hydrants throughout our area on July 1st.

Be sure to check your water to see if it's clear before doing laundry, etc. You can let it run a few minutes to clear out your lines. This has to be done periodically to check the fire hydrants pressure and clear out the lines.

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