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Longest Day of Play



Children and adults alike enjoyed an evening at the Longest Day of Play Community Health Fair held last Thursday at the Rockcastle Middle School. The event was sponsored by Cumberland Valley Health Department, Rockcastle Healthy Community, Rocket Refuel, King Bottling, Kiwanis Club, White House Clinics and Rockcastle Regional Hospital. The free event included a free meal by Rockcastle County Food Services.



City accepts Higher Ground Lane into maintenance system under split vote

By: Mike French
Editor

In the May Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting, a vote was taken to accept Higher Ground Lane into the city's road maintenance program on a motion by Councilman Wayne Bullock. However, the issue was questioned by Councilmember Shelley Lewis after it was pointed out that the road does not meet all the requirements to be accepted into the program. In fact, Lewis, and council member Michael VanWinkle, refused to vote in favor of accepting the street and passed on the vote.

Officials with the city asked realtor Danny Ford, who brought the request to the council, to search for engineering drawings of the street and other officials agreed to look into the issue.

At the regular meeting in June, the issue was discussed again in more detail. Lewis expressed concern over the cost of bringing the road up to city requirements but, since there is a cemetery at the end of the lane,

Mayor Tim Roberts said accepting the lane would provide a public good.

During her discussion about potential costs to the city, Lewis made a motion to table the first reading of the ordinance accepting the lane "until

we find out what we are getting into. I know it was voted in, but I don't think we can," she said. However, there was no second or action taken on Lewis' motion to table the issue.

Instead, Bullock made a motion, that was seconded by council member Gertha Mink, to accept the lane and approve the ordinance. This time the motion passed with four "yes" votes; while Lewis abstained once again.

(See "Vote" on A5)

Rock-tember Blast planned

By: Mike French
Editor

City officials decided last year against holding the Blast in the Valley July 4th Independence Day Celebration, after some disagreement in contract negotiations arose with the Renfro Valley Complex, according to city and county officials. The very successful Rock-tember Blast was held at the Industrial Park instead.

Part of the decision was also based on several weeks of bad weather last year, as well as the rising costs of materials and insurance concerns, officials said. "There were actually a lot of reasons the decision was made to cancel the traditional Blast in the Valley," said City Administrator Jim Bowman last year.

Instead, the City of Mount Vernon, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and Mount Vernon-Rockcastle Tourism, joined to create a new celebration later in the year at the Industrial Park on US-150.

Much like the traditional Blast in the Valley event, visitors were treated with many activities which culminated in

(See "Blast" on A5)

KLC to provide updated city personnel policy

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held their regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening at City Hall with council member Michael VanWinkle not present.

First on the agenda, after approval of the financial reports, was the second and final reading of the annual budget ordinance (see related story in this issue of the *Signal*.)

The council also approved a 44-page bond

resolution for \$864,000 which will provide the remainder of \$4 million needed to build the new water basin that is expected to remove the bad taste and odor from the Mount Vernon Water System. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Ground was broken last week to officially begin the project. Construction is expected to take one year. Officials say it may take a short time for

(See "KLC" on A5)

City of Mount Vernon approves 2024-25 budget

By: Mike French
Editor

The City of Mount Vernon has approved their budget for the fiscal year from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

According to the budget, the city ended the fiscal year with an estimated \$971,420 cash balance in all funds, with \$575,000 of that amount in the general fund.

The budget shows total expected revenue (all

departments) of: \$1,825,500 in property/personal taxes, \$8,000 in license and permit fees, \$63,324 in intergovernmental receipts, \$2,721,716, charges for services, \$602,850, other receipts and \$4,000,000 in project funding (new water basin for taste and odor) for total cash on hand and expected receipts of \$10,192,810 in

(See "budget" on A5)

Family dispute ends in serious injuries and arrest

By: Mike French
Editor

A serious family fight led to the arrest of Heather Rigsby, 40, of Mount Vernon last Thursday.

According to a uniform citation, Detective Sam Brock of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, was called to a home on

Whistlin' Hollow Road after a caller indicated an assault had occurred.

Upon arrival, Detective Brock spoke with Rigsby as well as several other family members. The citation says Rigsby met Brock in the driveway showing an injury and claiming her mother,

(See "Dispute" on A5)

Demo underway



Demolition started last week on the Vi Ellis Building on Main Street in Mount Vernon. An eight-alarm fire destroyed the building earlier this year and caused major damage to the RTEC building next door. KaCo insurance representatives agreed to pay the \$38,000 demolition costs. The agreement allows the City of Mount Vernon to pay the contractors and then the insurance company will reimburse the city. Demolition is expected to be completed next week.

Fireworks show at Western Fire Department

Western Rockcastle Fire Department will host a fireworks show Saturday, June 29th starting at 7 p.m. at the firehouse located at 3970 Willailla Road in Brodhead.

Hot dogs, nachos and chips will be served. The fireworks display will be at dark. The event is free and open to the public.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

President Joe Biden, and his Democrat acolytes and campaign staff, love to declare Bidenomics wonderful and the best in the world.

Well, that's a big load of bull hockey and it only takes a trip to the grocery store, a stop at a gas station or just opening your electric bill to realize it.

Biden lies and says that inflation was 9% when he took office. That another untruth (listen to me, I'm beginning to sound like a politician). Inflation was 1.9% when Biden took office and, with a combination of executive orders, he managed within his first year to get social security recipients an increase in their Social Security checks for 2022 of over 8% -- a cost of living raise is figured into social security checks each year and is tied to the rate of inflation. The rate of inflation in October is the rate used and the increase would have been much higher earlier in the year.

It would have almost been much, much higher if the price of food and energy (including gas and electricity charges) were even included in the rate but they are not.

Electricity rates are up 25% under this regime, auto insurance 33%, used cars 35%, groceries 25% and gas that went from \$1.86 a gallon under President Trump to its current \$3.39 here but is much much higher in, for example, California.

I get so tired of hearing from Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris how wonderful "Bidenomics" is when I KNOW that is just not so,

especially when I made a trip to the grocery Saturday and had to pay \$3.29 for a dozen eggs (when I paid \$1.45 a dozen in 2020) but it is better then 2023 when the average cost of a dozen eggs was \$4.82. I said no thank you to a bag of oranges that had cost me \$3 in 2020 but now cost \$6 for the same bag.

One good thing, I guess, is I am learning to do without foods (that aren't good for you anyway) such as potato chips with my sandwiches since they are now \$4.95 a bag and I simply will not pay that.

Statistics show that, under Biden, families need \$952 more a month to maintain the same standard of living they enjoyed in 2020 -- **don't forget, that is called "Bidenomics."**

But, some people obviously don't have time to worry about the price of their daily bread -- they have more important things to do. Those "more important things" here lately seem to involve surrounding a Synagogue in Los Angeles, fighting with police and parishioners (or whatever Jews call their church members), or throwing an older pro-Israel woman to the ground and putting her in a chokehold. She was left bloodied after being savagely assaulted by a pro-Palestine protestor, who was all the while screaming for the annihilation of all Jews.

Yes, Anti-Semitism is alive and well in our country. A Rabbi at the synagogue said the demonstration reminded him of the streets of Germany

in the 1930s.

The Whitehouse, of course, immediately jumped to the defense of Israel but some of their actions make you wonder if they are just paying lip service to their support of our only Middle East ally.

And, you wonder because one of their recent hires, as an Associate Communications Director, is Tyler Cherry. Mr. Cherry identifies as non-binary, has called for the abolishment of police saying they evolved from the old slave patrols-- supports BLM, referred to the Palestine extremists as the "Resistance" is virulently anti-Israel on X (formerly Twitter), is anti-capitalism and is against weapons being sent to Israel.

Now, since his appointment, he is saying "Past social media posts, from when I was younger, do not reflect my current views." Of course, he is ignoring the fact that his praise for Palestine extremists, his virulent anti-Israel stance, and being against weapons being sent to Israel, all concern fairly recent news events that disapprove his claim that these were his views "from when I was younger." How much younger? Like a year?

Oh, well, this regime's last blatantly diversity hire got fired when he was caught sneaking around airports, stealing women's luggage, so maybe this one will give in to his baser side and do something equally outrageous that even the Biden regime can't ignore!!

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



As a lad, we had an old hand-cranked Victrola to play records. So when I needed to learn to play a song on an instrument, I used that as my teacher.

But for the new music, we always had a television. Granted it was black and white with three channels, up until I was in school. But it kept us up to date on new music.

One of our favorite shows was *Hee Haw*. Our family gathered around the TV every week to watch the country music show. It never entered my mind that one day, mom and dad would watch the show and see their son on the *Hee Haw* stage.

I've played a lot of notable places in my blessed musical career, but the *Hee Haw* experience is the one that stands out to me because I had grown up watching and admiring those on the show every week.

To us, they were a vapor. Not real people. Kind of like an idea or an attitude. Watching Roy Clark and Buck Trent play the banjos seemed like a different world.

In later years I was blessed to find myself as the harmony singer and acoustic guitarist for Vern Gosdin. Vern was one of the top ten country music entertainers in the nation at the time and while I was with the band, his biggest hit *Chiseled in Stone*, went

gold (meaning it sold over 500,000 copies.)

Every week I drove to Nashville at about 3 a.m., loaded my gear, got on the bus and laid down in my bunk. When I woke, we would be traveling off to some city to play a show and I usually had no idea where.

But I knew about *Hee Haw*. I heard them mention it and had looked forward to that gig.

I guess the *Hee Haw* experience, in about

1991, was my biggest lesson that real life is not nearly what one's imagination builds it up to be.

Watching the show every week, I had built my own idea of what it must be like for those stars. I had somehow envisioned some grand, ballroom type entrance and a golden stage with 80,000 screaming fans that we had heard applaud on our television every week. I greatly misjudged that.

Upon arrival, we walked through a long, cardboard box-filled hallway with junk laying everywhere. "Well, maybe this is leading to

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Remembering the Art of Front Porch Sitting

Dear Journal,

I was sitting here the other day and wondered why it was that Stanley and I never seem to have the time to sit out on the front porch in the evenings like we used to when we first married. It seemed that we would sit out there and enjoy a cold drink almost every night in the warm weather. We would sit and talk for at least two hours and sometimes Stanley would play his guitar or dulcimer.

I guess that through the years we became responsible for more things and gradually allowed life to control us rather than us controlling our lives. We just don't know where the time goes anymore. I'm not sure about others but the time just seems to speed by anymore and less and less gets done. Is that the case with others as well? It is almost the 4th of July and we just got Easter over. We have every kind of convenience at our disposal but yet there aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done.

On an evening such as tonight, I can remember

sitting out on the front porch waiting for the air to cool so we could go to bed. I probably had helped Mom and Grandma with chores around the house and helped in the garden earlier in the day. After supper came the lull in the day when people rested and enjoyed life. We would sit on the front porch, talk, tell stories of family history and other common interests. We might enjoy some ice cream, lemonade or a root beer float. We would often string beans to can the next day or husk corn. Sometimes some of the neighbors would drop by and that just added to a good time. I always enjoyed catching lightning bugs. I'd put them in a little glass jar with a lid and punch a few small holes in the top. I'd take that jar of lightning bugs to bed at night and go to sleep watching them.

Across the road there was a hollow and at the end of the hollow there was a big cave. Most nights there was a cool breeze coming up from that cave...and a few bats. That was during the days of the art of front porch sitting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

Dear Editor,

The Rockcastle Coalition would like to thank everyone who contributed to and attended the "Longest Day of Play". There were 349 participants.

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations: Rockcastle County Health Department, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Rockcastle County Middle School, Rockcastle County Food Services, King Bottling INC., Kiwanis, White House Clinics, Community Trust Bank, Cedar Rapids, Walmart, Winstead's Heating and Air, DJ Charlie Napier, Mt. Vernon Inflatables, Citizens Bank, The Ridge, Rockcastle County Public Library, Hospice Care Plus, Rockcastle Early Childhood Council, Rockcastle County HANDS program, Rockcastle County Youth Service Center, WellCare, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, KCEOC Community Action Early Head Start, Christian Appalachian Project, Climax Fire Department, Cumberland Valley Children's Advocacy Center, Rockcastle EMS, Mount Vernon Fire Department, Family Planning Program, Rockcastle Therapy Associates, County Wide Stride, Rockcastle Family Wellness, Respiratory

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By: Markita Proctor

Serial Killers in Rockcastle? Tales of the Horrible Harpe Brothers

What specifically classifies someone as a serial killer? The Tarrant County College website in an article titled "How to Spot a Serial Killer: History of Serial Killers" gives this clarification: "A serial killer is conventionally defined as a person who murders three or more people in over a month, with a "cooling down" time between murders. For a serial killer, the murders must be separate events, which are most often driven by a psychological thrill or pleasure. Serial killers often lack empathy and guilt, and most often become egocentric individuals; these characteristics classify certain serial killers as psychopaths. Serial killers often employ a "mask of sanity" to hide their true psychopathic tendencies and appear normal, even charming."

What, you may ask, does Rockcastle's History have to do with serial killers? Rockcastle County was actually visited by who the website Legends of America.com deemed as two of the First American Serial Killers, the infamous Harpe Brothers. Micajah "Big" Harpe and

Wiley "Little" Harpe was known by several colorful names including "The Frontier Killers", "Revolutionary Killers", "Butchers of Men", highwaymen, river pirates, and "The Horrible Harpes", but they were known to simply Big Harpe and Little Harpe (because Micajah was so much bigger than Wiley) in legend as two of America's first serial killers.

The origins of these original serial killers are a bit murky. Some reports say they were true brothers. The children of Scottish immigrant John Harpe. Other reports say that they were actually cousins—the offspring of Scottish brothers. Micajah Harpe is said to be the son of John Harpe but "Wiley" Joshua Harpe was the son of John's brother, William. There is also a dispute over the location of the boy's birth. Some reports say the young Harpes were born in Scotland and emigrated with their parents to North Carolina, others say they were born in the colonies. The senior Harpes were believed to have been severely loyal to British

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the grand stage." Nope. We got into the stage area and it was rather large but, in all honesty, no bigger than the Red Lick Bluegrass Festival stage I had played so often at home. Except this was in a small room. The ceiling didn't reach the sky. It was no taller than my ceilings at home.

The huge, expansive cornfield that was on my television, where stars jumped up and told jokes, was actually fake corn and was barely bigger than my pick-up truck. It was also up against the stage and the cameras that filmed our playing was practically in that little corn patch during our songs.

When we finished a song, two scantily dressed girls stood up out of the middle of the corn patch, told a joke and then the cameras swung back around toward us again and we sang another song. Everything happened in that little, tiny room.

I was very young and naive and I knew nothing about the music business at that time. Still don't, really.

But, apparently, the Musician's Union was a big deal.

Vern and I were not members. I don't even believe in unions and wouldn't have joined even if I had known about it.

However, apparently to Charlie McCoy, whom

I had loved so much as a harmonica player, the union was the most important thing in the world.

He practically refused to let us play because Vern and I were not members. It was a huge ordeal. We had even started packing to leave when several bigwigs in suits came in the tiny room and said we could play anyway but had to sign some important form. All the while, McCoy and others were trying to get me to sign up with the union right there on the spot. "No, thanks."

It is a long story with a lot of interesting details but to make it short, we eventually played anyway (after nearly coming to blows).

Unfortunately for them, because Vern was so popular, fan letters and calls forced them to air the show several times on television. But I felt certain they didn't want to.

In the end, we were practically pushed out the door after we played our three songs, and I got the feeling they couldn't wait for us to be gone.

Then, as the final twist in my typical luck, the episode that I am playing on is not available now. You will not find it and it never plays on reruns.

Even on Google, where I can find the shoe size of an Egyptian cannibal, I cannot find that episode. It has been blacklisted.

I have written the company and the broadcasters, I have contacted state officials and done everything I know to do, but I cannot get my hands on that one episode. There are about

three I cannot find and I am betting those performers were not union members either. Just my opinion.

Luckily, the band leader at the time had a copy of the show and he sent me a copy of his copy. Someone had placed a VHS camera in front of their television when the show was aired and that is the only copy available.

I explained to Hee Haw company that my grandkids don't even believe me when I tell them I played on the show. But, no luck. They have never responded to any of my letters.

Every episode except those few are available.

but you will not find that tall, thin Kentucky boy playing on *Hee Haw* unless you are at my house some Friday night.

So it all has to be taken on just my word. And as bad as I hated unions then, you can imagine how I feel about them now.

Anyway, I know it happened and I know it was real. I also know that is when I learned that what I see on television is not what my imagination thinks it is.

My advice? When you are about to perform one of the biggest accomplishment of your life, take your best friend with you to back your story.

Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, July 1st: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston.
Tuesday, July 2nd: Maple Grove and Climax.

Farmers Market Coupons Available 7/1

Rockcastle Senior Citizens will be giving out Farmers Market coupons on Monday, July 1st, beginning at 7 a.m. at the Rockcastle Senior Citizens building. Please see Pearl Alcorn to sign in when you arrive.

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-Air 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.

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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Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition (RHCC)

ramblings...

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One last item. pResident Biden has spent \$167 Billion, thus far, on student loan forgiveness since the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional!!

His plan is to forgive \$430 Billion without the approval of Congress and after the Supreme Court told the administration NO. But, a federal judge just blocked the administration from moving forward with their plans.

However, since this rogue government refuses to acknowledge court rulings and the Constitution, it is doubtful if this action will have any impact.

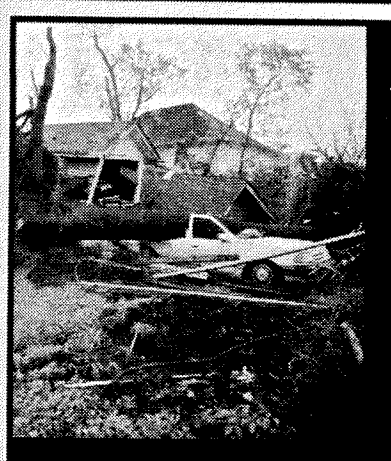
I can't decide if I will watch this Thursday night's Presidential Debate. Every common sense cell in my body urges me to boycott it sim-

ply because it's on CNN and I have never heard an unbiased report from that network (of course, the fact that I have probably watched it maybe 15 minutes total in the last 20 years might have something to do with that).

I have read the "rules" of the debate and they all seem to heavily favor Biden. I personally think the first thing moderators should do is make certain that it is actually Biden on stage and not a body double. And, they should make sure that he doesn't have anything electronic in his ear because, you know... It would also be really nice if there were drug tests done on both of them just to see what occasionally snaps Biden out of his half-comatose state.

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Obituaries

Edward Sowder, Sr.

It was on a Sunday, August 24, 1930 that Edward Sowder, Jr. entered the world. The first born child of Eddie Franklin and Alice (Adams) Sowder. They lived in the Dogwalk Community of Lincoln County. The following years saw his siblings Francis, Hazel, Helen, James, Faye and Ronnie added to the family. "Jr." as he was known, knew early in life that farming would be his vocation. He was always very serious about how work should be done, and if one of his brothers slacked off, they usually got a clot of dirt thrown at their heads. There was no doubt who the leader of the family was.



March 12, 1948, Jr. married a little red haired neighbor girl, Bernice Lovings. The young couple set up house keeping and farming on Brindle Ridge, just out of Brodhead. In 1951, Jr. joined the Army, moving he and Bernice to New York and then on to Texas. Jr. was a natural leader. He moved up in rank quickly, and was a Master Sgt. when he left the service in 1953. In the Fall of 1954, a son, Billy Dean, was born. In December 1956, Jr. and Bernice purchased a farm in the Spiro Community where they had a very successful Dairy for 31 years. In December of 1961, a daughter Tracie was born to the family. Throughout the years, Jr. became a farming leader in Rockcastle Count. He as well known for his quality alfalfa hay. Customers from all around Kentucky and a couple state would purchase hay, year after year. He was recognized as Southern Bell Dairy outstanding producer in 1964. Later Jr. and Bernice would be recognized by WLEX-TV as outstanding Kentucky Farmers with a segment on the news program. The couple retired from farming in 2014. But even then Jr. continued to do tractor work until the age of 91.

Of all his accomplishments, Jr. was most proud of his grandchildren, Craig, Cassie, and Ellie Sowder. He would always tell them "Whatever you do, make a good hand" Something he lived by, because he thought if it had to be done, do it right.

Edward Sowder, Jr. passed from this world on June 22, 2024 at 10:03 p.m. following a long battle with congestive heart failure. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Edd and Alice Sowder; his wife of 75 years, Bernice; brother James; and sister Hazel. Those left to honor his legacy are: son, Billy Dean (Debbie) Sowder; daughter, Tracie Annette Sowder; grandchildren, Edward Craig Sowder, Cassandra Lynn Sowder and Ellie Grace Sowder; sisters, Frances Humphreys, Helen Lunsford, and Faye Gullett (Doyle); brothers, Ronnie (Joyce) Sowder, Mark (Wendy) Sowder, Christopher (Angela) Sowder, and David Sowder; plus a host of nephews, and nieces, friends and neighbors.

Services were held Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at the Marvin E. Owens Chapel. Burial followed in Sayer Cemetery with Cory Craig officiating.

Pallbearers were: Craig Sowder, Mark Sowder, Andrew Sowder, Ron Powell, Chris Sowder, and Jeff Thompson. Honorary pallbearers were: Jerry Hamm, Doug Hamm, Lester Bullock, Lonnie Lovings, and Ronnie Sowder.

Virginia Thomas

Virginia Gail Davidson Thomas, 77, of Cincinnati, OH, died with her family and loved ones by her side on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. She was born in Hazard on April 5, 1947, the daughter of Roy and Martha Cook Davidson. She was a retired clerk for United Dairy Farms.



Mrs. Thomas is survived by her children, Douglas and Karen Thomas, Mikki and Forrest Allen, and Erika Thomas and Tim Hayes. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Shelby Wayne Thomas and siblings, Shelby Lane, Joyce Grainger, Tam Davidson, Bernice Griffin, and Pat Davidson.

The family will hold memorial services at a later date.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Doug Brock of Brock's Honeybee Farm at Mareburg

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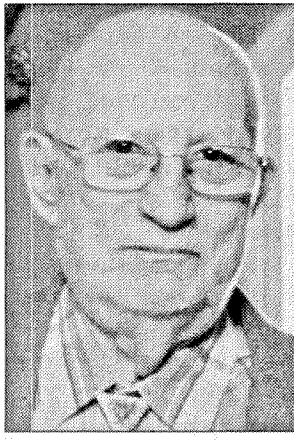
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James Joseph Gleissner

James Joseph Gleissner, 82, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, June 22, 2024, at UK Blue grass Hospice Care Center in Lexington.



He was born March 19, 1942, in Mishawaka, IN, a son of the late Frederick and Helen Gleissner. He had been a shipping manager for the automotive industry. He served his country proudly in the US Army. He was of the Catholic faith and found great joy in competitive horseshoes, (Elder State Champion and Elder Doubles State Champion) loved bowling and Bingo. He was a member of the Fraternal order of the Moose and American Legion.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughter, Jacqueline Gleissner of Mt. Vernon; his grandchildren, Ashley Carter of Brodhead, Amy Bryant (Brandon) of Mt. Vernon, James Gleissner II of Mt. Vernon, Rica Stephens of Berea, and Rachel Taylor (Jordan) of Livingston; 10 great grandchildren; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a great grandchild, Michael Durham.

Graveside service was conducted Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at Maret Cemetery. Corbin American Legion performed Military Rites at graveside.

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

Jack Swinney

Jack Swinney, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, June 23, 2024. Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

Evelyn Lackey

Rita Evelyn Lackey, 91, of Dayton, OH, died Sunday, June 23, 2024. Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

Walter Thomas Sniff

Walter Thomas Sniff, 40, of Livingston, died Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.



Rocky Boswell

Rocky Boswell died Monday, June 24, 2024. Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

Upcoming Reunions

Majors Reunion

The Majors Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 13th, beginning at noon at the Woodstock Community Center.

Phelps Reunion

The Phelps Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 6, 2024 at the Kentucky Christian Assembly Camp in Brodhead. Gate opens at 11 a.m., lunch will be at 1 p.m.

Bring a covered dish and plan to stay all evening. There will be games and Corn Hole for all ages.

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Jacob D. Stewart

Jacob D. Stewart, 31, of Orlando, died Friday, June 21, 2024, at St. Joseph in Berea. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, riding ATV, and game chickens. Jacob was born April 13, 1993, to the Late Helen Niki McKinney and Sammy Darren Stewart. He was raised by his grandparents Hazel and David Stewart.



Jacob is survived by: one sister, Kylie Stewart of Irvine; aunts, Vonnie Wilder of Richmond and JoAnn and Kenny Fredrick of Brodhead; uncles, Elmer and Vonda Stewart of Orlando, Davy Stewart of Orlando and Lewis and Susie Abney of Indiana; as well as a host of cousins and friends.

Besides both his parents, he is proceeded in death by: his grandparents, Hazel and David Stewart and grandfather Danny Joe McKinney; and one sister Samantha Stewart.

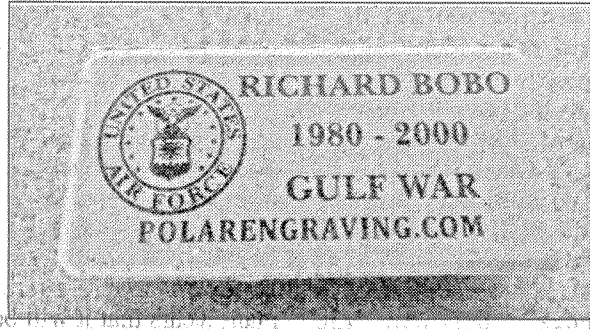
Graveside services will be held at Clark-Stewart Family Cemetery on Cove Branch Road Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 11 a.m. with Joe Spivey officiating.

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

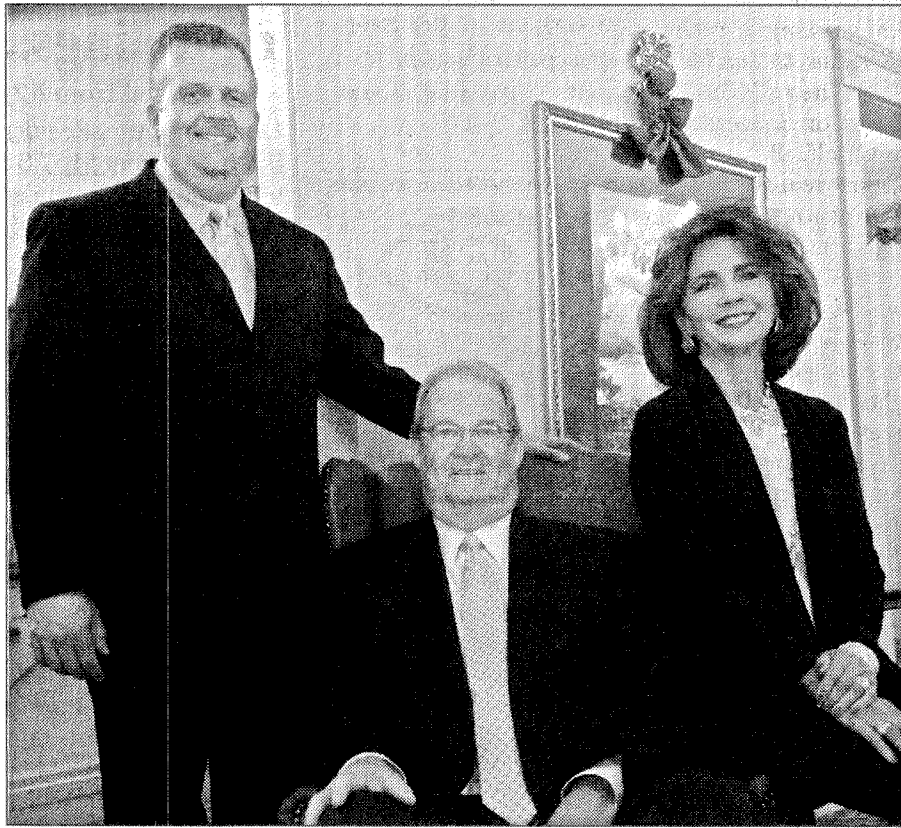
"Walk of Honor" Fundraiser

The "David M. Smith" American Legion Post 71 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5908 are holding a brick fundraiser to construct a "Walk of Honor" at the recently opened Rockcastle County Veterans Park.

Engraved bricks will be the foundation and will honor Rockcastle County Veterans, past and present. Order forms will be distributed by members of the two organizations. If you have any questions or would like an order form contact Richard Bobo at (606) 308-2271 or email boborichard719@gmail.com.



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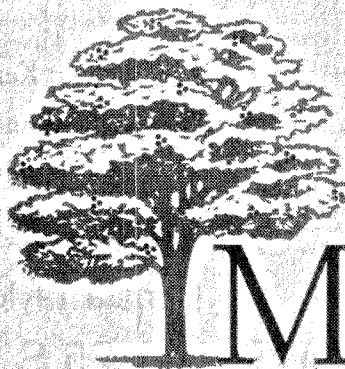
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We, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, would like to say to the Cox Funeral Home families, congratulations for your long time service to families of Rockcastle County for over 100 years. Some folks may say we have been competitors for all these years, but I like to say we were colleagues.

From the families and staff of the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, we wish you nothing but the best in your retirement.

Kevin Fletcher, formerly with Cox Funeral Home, has joined our staff as a licensed funeral director. We are glad to have Kevin with us.

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Convention of States

By Jerry Hopkins

I think many of you are as frustrated as I am with Washington, D.C., as our representatives, senators and other leaders refuse to change; attack conservative, patriotic initiatives; demean and reject efforts to economize federal spending and continually expand government powers. Our representatives and senators, for the most part, totally ignore those of us at the grassroots voting for additional government spending and bigger government even as our national debt and federal, state and local governments grow and spend. What do we need to do?

Certainly, we need to communicate with our elected representatives at all levels to alert them that we are watching them—how they vote, what they say and do. If our elected representatives refuse to act or vote as they ought we must “fire them” by voting them out of office and electing someone who will speak, act and vote for conservative and sensible measures, curb spending, limit government powers. At many levels our system is broken and needs to change. For many years our system has been under attack, actually since the beginning of the twentieth century. Both Republicans (Theodore Roosevelt) and Democrats (Woodrow Wilson) were involved in beginning to dismantle our Constitutional Republic with Progressivism and government expansion (the creation of a bureaucratic “Deep State” system). Our system of government was founded with three branches and established what has come to be called “checks and balances” between the branches. That system no longer works, largely because of the emergence of a powerful and determined fourth branch of government working with career politicians to ensure that government does not change or economize or limit itself. By now all of us must realize that government is not going to act for us, cut its spending or limit its expansive powers. Thus, someone else must intervene and act for the citizens whose liberties, rights and properties are threatened.

The citizens, the voting population, most recently acted to vote a president (Donald Trump) into office who committed to act in their behalf. It is amazing that our media—newspapers, television, internet and radio for the most part have engaged in an aggressive campaign to limit former President Trump’s actions, falsely charging

him with working with Russia interests to “steal” the 2016 presidential election from Democrat Hillary Clinton actually using materials that the Democrat National Committee and Clinton’s operatives ‘bought and paid for,” using the intelligence agency operatives to spy on presidential candidate Donald Trump and then planting suspicion in the media that he was working with the Russians. (These same forces have ignored the involvement of President Biden with the Chinese and related enemies.) Actually, the DNC and the Clinton Campaign had colluded with the Russians to “prove” Trump’s supposed meddling in the election and even before that the Hillary Clinton had worked with the CIA, the FBI and the Department of Justice under then President Obama to sell Russia one third of our uranium with enormous funds going to the Clinton Foundation. There is no proof of Trump’s colluding with Russians on the 2016 election, but there are many actual proofs available to substantiate Clinton’s breaking the law and selling her and the government’s influence for contributions to the Foundation. Yet, nothing has been done on the Clinton work with the Russians and others, including the billions of dollars in cash given to the Iranians. The federal bureaucracy has defended and promoted former President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton. This is merely the surface actions that we know about. I have said for many years that it will be many years before we learn all of the dark secrets and damaging actions of our former presidents and their several operatives planted in the “fourth branch of government,” the federal bureaucracy.

This fourth branch is what has come to be known as “the deep state” and in many cases it dominates and dictates what we must do or not do, pay and practice, as citizens. The Federal Bureau can ignore the president, his administration, the elected legislators and, in some cases, even the judiciary. Elements of the Federal Bureaucracy have been weaponized to attack those they deem as opponents or enemies. In other cases, the “deep state” actors intentionally ignore those who actually break the law because they are seen as favorable to the status quo and keeping things as they are. This

weaponization of government is clearly seen in the use of federal agencies, federal and state courts and the news media to prevent Trump from running again. The January 6 investigations, arrests and convictions of many people who supposedly attacked democracy is another proof of the employment of the “deep state” forces.

The weaponizing of the Federal Bureaucracy to attack individuals (even a duly elected president and members of his administration), conservative groups (the Tea Parties and other groups) is only part of the problem. The use of the federal and state courts to act against the

president, his administration, individuals and groups charged with being racist, criminal, anti-democratic and uncivil serve to show where we are headed. All of these actions on the part of our three branches and the strong actions of the fourth branch (the federal bureaucracy) indicate that the government is not going to change by itself so another means must be employed. The Constitution in Article V sets forth two processes to amend the document. One is where two-thirds of Congress passes a proposed amendment that is forwarded to the state legislatures for possible ratification by three-fourths of

the states voting favorably. This has occurred twenty-seven times in the past. The second method is what is known as “a convention of states” for proposing amendments. This process is currently being worked on in each state in an effort to restore our founding principles and providing a means for restoring our Constitutional Republic. Important meetings where you can learn how this is developing takes place periodically and are open to all who are interested in this legitimate and constitutional approach to limiting government and making significant changes and challenges to the Federal Bureaucracy.

In the present situation, in the light that Washington, D.C., is not going to

make any acceptable changes, we need to act together and make sure that Texas votes for the Convention of States so that we can by-pass the federal bureaucracy and the uncooperative House and Senate to propose amendments under Article V. Let me hear from you on what you think about challenges facing us and this Constitutional process to impose acceptable changes on our federal system using the power of the states. What do you think? Share your thoughts with me at H Y P E R L I N K "mailto:drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com" drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com. You may reach me by “snail” mail at Dr. Jerry Hopkins, P. O. Box 1363, Marshall, Texas 75671.

Dispute

(Continued from front)

Annie Rigsby, had cut her with a knife.

Brock then spoke with another man, who was present at he scene, who claimed that Heather Rigsby and her juvenile age brother had attacked the mother.

Brock found the mother, inside her bedroom, and she claimed her daughter Heather and the juvenile age son had burst into the room and attacked her. Annie Rigsby said a fight ensued that continued into the living room and then outdoors, where the two apparently beat the mother while she was on the ground and a Pit Bull was biting her in the geni-

tal area, at the same time, causing severe damage.

Annie Rigsby suffered serious injuries and was airlifted to the University of Kentucky Medical Center. The citation says the juvenile and Heather Rigsby claimed the mother had attacked them.

Heather Rigsby, and a juvenile, were transported to Rockcastle Regional for their injuries as well, the citation says.

Heather Rigsby was later arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with assault and is being held on a \$10,000 cash or property bond, according to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe.

Blast

(Continued from front)

the fireworks display. The event was called a huge success with thousands of visitors enjoying the festivities.

Hence, city and county officials have decided to continue the Rock-tember Blast in 2024.

The Rock-tember Blast is planned for Sunday, September 1 at the Industrial Park on US-150 and, once again, the event and the parking is free to the public.

This year's event will include live music, food

trucks, inflatables and much more for children and adults alike. The evening will culminate with the fireworks display at dusk and festivities will be kicking off at 6 p.m.

Several fireworks displays are planned this weekend in the county in observance of Independence Day. Fireworks shows are planned at the Rockcastle Speedway as well as the Western Rockcastle Fire Department and at the Copper Creek Campground.

Everyone is invited to all the events.

Budget

(Continued from front)

all funds.

On the appropriations side, the budget lists total appropriations of \$9,146,301 which would leave a balance of \$1,046,509 in all funds at the end of 2024-25 fiscal year.

The budget shows appropriations of \$902,415 for the administrative department; \$1,136,221, police department; \$166,574, fire department; \$14,400, LGEA fund; \$2,400 for a firehouse loan; \$50,000, streets/maintenance; \$1,641,337, water department; \$657,838, sewer department; \$575,116, debt service and \$4,000,000 in project development.

With the general fund cash balance carryover on July 1 of \$575,000 and expected revenue receipts of \$2,436,350 the general fund’s total budget is \$3,011,350.

General fund appropriations are: \$1,086,081 for general government; \$1,136,221 for police and \$168.350 for the fire department for total general fund appropriations of \$2,391,276 leaving an estimated final balance in the general fund of \$620,074.

General fund, rev-

enues are listed at \$2,436,350 in collectable taxes, licenses and fees.

City employee expenses are expected to be \$416,265 while professional service expenses are shown at \$72,500 and administrative expenses at \$211,000. Tourism and recreation expenses are listed at \$295,500 and miscellaneous expenses are expected to be \$90,816.

The police department expense is estimated at \$1,136,221 and fire department expense at \$168,974.

Revenues from alcohol fees and licenses is budgeted at \$168,000 while alcohol beverage control expenses are estimated at \$224,151.

"I am proud of the budget we put together because it deals with current issues as well as plans and prepares for our future," said City Administrator Jim Bowman. "A lot of dedicated people put in a lot of hard work to make this budget meet the needs of our city. The mayor and city council, all the department heads and, of course, Crystal (Rush, City Clerk), all worked together to make this budget happen."

See the annual budget ordinance summary, as approved by the council, inside this issue of the *Signal*.

Vote

(Continued from front)

VanWinkle, who abstained on the vote last month, was not present.

Mink spoke out in favor of accepting the lane saying it would be convenient for funeral homes as well as residents visiting the cemetery, if the lane was under city maintenance.

According to officials, the lane meets a list of requirements for a city street, except the blacktop and base thickness re-

quirements. "The Lane is wide enough and it meets all those requirements," said Mayor Roberts. "Since there is a cemetery up there, accepting the lane is for the greater good of the public."

Ford, who was present again, said the lane was built to meet all requirements at the time it was built.

Bowman said the city would now be responsible for mowing and blacktop and would have no other expected expense on the lane.

KLC

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water lines to rid themselves of existing water, after the new basin is operational. According to city officials, the bad taste and odor that the city has battled for well over two decades, is now expected to finally be eliminated in just over a year.

The council also voted to approve the first reading to accept Higher Ground Lane into the city maintenance program. (see related story.)

Also under old business, council member Shelly Lewis had asked that the city’s Personnel Policy and Model Procurement discussion be placed on the agenda. However, the personnel policy item came up on the agenda, City Attorney Bobby Amburgey addressed the issue first.

Amburgey said he, and City Administrator Jim Bowman, had been in touch with the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) which has made an offer to create a specific Mount Vernon Personnel Policy. He said the local personnel policy had not been updated since 2012 and KLC, who provided that policy, will visit Mount Vernon and discuss personnel issues and then create an updated specific policy for the city. "It costs \$6,800 to have this service but we get a \$3,000 rebate which means it would basically cost us \$3,800," Amburgey said. "This is a no-brainer. There is a separation of powers and the executive branch (the mayor) has full authority over personnel policy."

In fact, in a phone interview, Amburgey pointed out Kentucky revised Statute (KRS)83A.130(3) section B, which states that the mayor’s duties include to "supervise the day-to-day operations of city government and the conduct of all city officers and employees under the mayor’s Jurisdiction." The council agreed to pursue the updated policy from KLC.

Lewis said she would like to discuss the possibility of hazardous duty pay in the police department for recruitment and retainment purposes in the near future. Chief Joe Rush agreed saying, "A lot of our guys do look for that," he said.

Also under new business was the subject of Model Procurement. Some discussion recently had involved the city’s agreement to pay for the destruction of the Vi Ellis building, after an eight-alarm fire earlier this year, with the city being reimbursed by KaCo Insurance for the payment.

However, since the total amount was less than \$40,000, bids were not required, according to Amburgey. Amburgey said he held lengthy discussions with KLC concerning the issue and he highly recommends remaining under a bid document system. "Model Procurement requires a lot more hoops to jump through and is much more expensive for the city than just bidding projects," Amburgey said. "Both methods set the limits at \$40,000 anyway and KLC recommends keeping things the way we have it now rather than take on all the extra costs," he said. The council agreed.

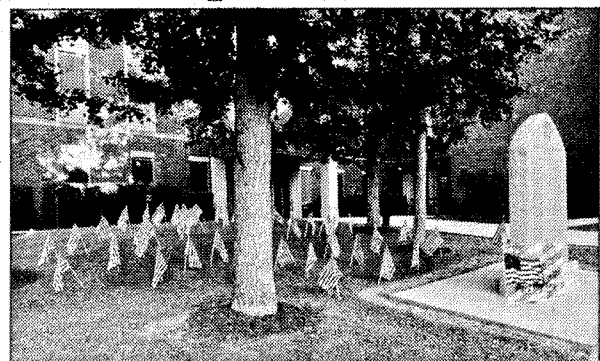
The council also heard the All American Report which showed eight bags of trash picked up along with old tires.

The Mount Vernon Police Department report showed 620 calls for service in May. Of those, there were 29 total arrests, 39 traffic violations and 44 calls involving vehicle accidents.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department reported 46 runs in the month of May and 8,000 gallons of water used. The report shows 16 accidents, and three woods/brush fires.. There were also seven coroner assists.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18 at 6 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend

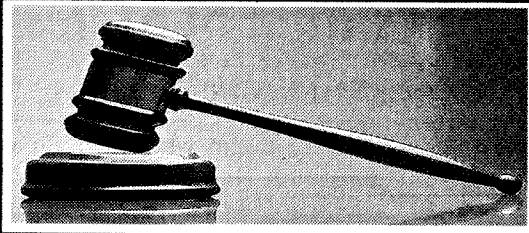
DAR Flags



In memory of the county's first veterans from the American Revolution and to commemorate US Flag Day, the Rockcastle Chapter DAR displayed a sea of U.S. flags on the courthouse lawn surrounding the patriot monument.



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

US Bank Trust v. James Lile, et al, complaint for foreclosure.

Lendmark Financial Services LLC v. Tammy Lynn Gabbard, et al, \$14,417 plus claimed due.

KY South Central Pools LLC v. Conley-Morgan Law Group, PLL, et al. Complaint w/ jury demand.

Stella Hisle v. Gordon Hisle, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Onemain Financial Group, LLC v. Donovan D. McGuire, \$1,412 plus claimed due.

KY Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. v. Charles Kirby, \$7,168 plus claimed due. CI-00144

Marriage Licenses

Tiffany Atlanta Orwig, 25, Mt. Vernon, homemaker and Isaiah Thomas De La Cruz, 27, Mt. Vernon, assembly. 6/7/24

Vernice Faith Mondie, 24, Hustonville, fast food and William Nathan Boggs, 22, Frankfort, general contractor. 6/7/24

Tessa Jane Hayes, 21, Mt. Vernon, customer service and Benjamin James Ferguson, 22, Berea, Physical Therapist Assistant. 6/14/24

District Civil Suits

BSP Capital Holdings LLC v. Amy Hale, eviction notice.

Paul Renner, et al v. Tim Philbeck, et al, eviction notice.

Unfund CCR, LLC v. Christine Fields, \$1,483 plus claimed due.

Denali Capital v. Gloria Barnett, \$1,111 plus claimed due.

Castle Village Apts. v. Jerry Gadd, eviction notice.

Eagle Financial Services, Inc. v. Brittany Abrams, \$3,724 plus claimed due.

RFFC Financial, LLC v. Scotty Owen, \$3,373 plus claimed due.

Lendmark Financial Services, LLC v. Mary Barnett, \$2,637 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Jim Rowland, \$3,603 plus claimed due.

Citibank v. Ashley Reppert, \$3,206 plus claimed due.

Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center v. Gerald Turner, \$952 plus claimed due.

Jason Upchurch v. Joshua Lamb, et al, verified complaint. C-00111

Deeds Recorded

C. Douglas and Judy Brock, property on Spiromareburg Road, to Michael and Cheryl Moser. Tax \$171

Wendell and Bethany Johnson and Damon and Janette Johnson, Purcell Family Trust Property, to Thomas and Elizabeth Assman and Michael Assman and Jonathan Assman. Tax \$83

William Owen Hackworth, property on Lambert Road, to Jerry Thomas Hackworth. Tax \$5

Patricia L. Isaacs, property in Rockcastle County, to Phillips Properties, LLC. Tax \$38

William H. Leger, property on Copper Creek-Conway Road, to Deanna Mullins and Oma Leger Perkins. No tax

Donald Eugene Turner, property on Scaffold Cane Road, to Harmon Property Management LLC. No tax

Jennifer Evans and Robert Burke, property on Poplar Grove Road, to Jennifer Evans. No tax

Karen Elaine Creech, property on Copper Creek Road, to James and Cheyenne S. Grimes. Tax \$40

Andrew Dalton Gross, property on Copper Creek Road, to Landon Daniel Curtsinger. Tax \$185

Harmon Property Management LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Macee K. Terry. Tax \$184

Rocky Dean and Pamela F. Leger and Vincent and Etta Carlene Leger, property on Loop Fork Road, to Dennis J. McQueen and Hannah L. Stapleton. Tax \$185

Robert D. Banks, Sr. and Chelsea Banks, property on Coplper Creek-Conway Road, to Chadwick B. and Rachel S. Doan. Tax \$6

Fred Hampton III and Rachel Hampton, property in Rockcastle County, to Free Pentecostal Holiness Church. Tax \$90

Steven and Paula Cameron, property in Mt. Vernon, to David L. Smith. Tax \$2.50

Linda K. Schell, property in Rockcastle County, to Aaron Spurlock. Tax \$150

Wayne and Janet Harrison and Wilbur and Tammy Harrison, property on KY 1505, to Kaycee Gooch. No tax

Mandy Smith, property on Pleasant View Dr., to Angela and Roger Alcorn. No tax

Susan Bray Coffey, property in Renfro Valley, to Julie Bray Phillips, Trustee. No tax

Susan Bray Coffey, property in Renfro valley, to Julie Bray Phillips, Trustee. No tax

Allen and Genett M. Newcomb, property on Jefferson St., to Shonna and Denver Newcomb. Tax \$31.50

Matthew Brown, property on Creech Road, to Cassandra C. Denney. Tax \$8

Harmon Property Management, LLC, property on Brindle Ridge Road, to Tanner Scott and Jessica Leigh Ann Garrett. Tax \$199

Freedom Duo Investments, LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to H&S Investments, LLC. Tax \$160

Sam Dye, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael Keith Murphy, Jr. No tax

District Court

Hon. Benjamin R. Hardy
June 12-19, 2024

Tasha R. Alexander: license to be in possession, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Donald Travis Brown:

no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Mitchell Clontz: driving on DUI suspended license, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registration plates - receipt, receiving stolen property, operating on suspended/revoked operators license and nine other charges, bw issued for fta.

Failure to wear seat belts: William R. Collins, James Terry Jackson, Louise Cole, Joy Coleman, license suspended for fta.

Clayton Duane Cox: unapproved/no eye protective device (motorcycle), 10 days in jail/credit time served.

Timothy R. Wolfe: Pt 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two counts), paid.

Crystal Lynn Gaskins: wanton endangerment (three counts), 30 days in jail/each count/concurrent/credit time served.

Clifford Jarvis: assault (three counts), resisting arrest and failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, 180 days (each count)/probated two years/concurrent/costs waived.

Joseph John Nix: commercial driver LLC - not licensed, \$25 fine plus costs; Part 391 Fed Safety Regs - Qualification of Drivers, Pt. 396, Fed

Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two count), Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, \$25 fine each count.

Christian John Roark: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Sara F. Spoonamore: license to be in possession, 10 days in jail/credit time served/concurrent with any holders/costs waived.

Randall Wilson: operating motor vehicle under influence substance, sentencing order entered.

Yasir Ali Yussuf: driving motor vehicle using handheld mobile telephone, license suspended for fta.

Speeding: Justin Jarnagin, paid; Kerry Scott Snow, Raydin E. Faught, Andrea Joy Isaacs, license suspended for fta; Riley Parker Davidson, 40 hours community service work;

Buford John Restor: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

James Roy Batterton: registered sex offender school restrictions and violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, 90 days in jail (each count)/to serve concurrent/credit time served/costs waived.

Mary Jones Helton: registered sex offender school restrictions, 90 days in jail/credit time served/costs waived.

Jason Deane Lille:

public intoxication controlled substances, disorderly conduct, menacing, 90 days (each count)/probated two years on condition/concurrent/costs waived; drug-paraphernalia, 365 days in jail/probated two years on condition/concurrent.

Andrew Lance Lovell: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, sentencing order entered.

Jason P. Northern: operating motor vehicle under influence of substance, sentencing order entered/16 days in jail in lieu of fines/credit time served.

Jason Paul Torres: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 10 days in jail/credit time served/concurrent with any holders/costs waived.

Nakota C. Clifford: alcohol intoxication in a public place, 10 days in jail/credit time served/costs waived.

Dillard W. Cotton: possession controlled substance, 90 days in jail/credit time served/costs waived.

Katrina Hall: public intoxication controlled substances, 16 days in jail/credit time served/costs waived.

Randall Mullins: probation violation and violation of Kentucky EPO.DVO, 90 days in

jail (each count)/credit time served/concurrent/costs waived.

Kevin Reece Bussell: theft by unlawful taking, \$100 plus costs plus 90 days/probated one year on condition.

Cynthia Chesnut: criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.

Clayton Wallace Fisher: menacing, bw issued for fta.

Aaron Douglas Medley: operating motor vehicle under influence of substance, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, criminal trespass and six other charges, bw issued for fta.

Latasha Sanders: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.

Ashley Megan Strickland: operating motor vehicle under influence, sentencing order entered.

Cody Ryan Offill: Ot. 396, Federal Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two counts), \$25 fine each count plus one cost.

Genaro Dominguez-Contreras: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Ordinance # 2024-3

Whereas, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the legislative body, and;

Whereas, the legislative body has reviewed such budget proposal and made modifications.

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

SECTION ONE: The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025 is adopted as set forth herein.

	General Fund	Municipal Aid Fund	LGEA Fund	W/S Fund	UDAG Fund
Resources Available					
Cash balances (estimate)	575,000	101,893	56,900	200,000	37,627
Taxes	1,825,500				
License & permits	8,000				
Intergovernmental receipts	0	45,864	15,000		2,460
Charges for services	0			2,721,716	
Other receipts	602,850				
Project Funding				4,000,000	
Bond Financing					
Transfers (in)*	0				
Total cash and revenues	3,011,350	147,757	71,900	6,921,716	40,087
Appropriations:					
Administrative Dept.	902,415				
Police Department	1,136,221				
Fire Department	166,574				
LGEA Trans on Police wages	0		12,000		2,400
Firehouse Loan	2,400				0
Streets/Maintenance		50,000			
Water Dept. O & M				1,641,337	
Sewer Dept. O & M				657,838	
Debt Service (short & long term)	183,666			391,450	
Project Development				4,000,000	
Miscellaneous, taxes, etc.				0	
Total appropriations	2,391,276	50,000	12,000	6,690,625	2,400
Balances	620,074	97,757	59,900	231,091	37,687

* Budgeted transfers per the detailed operating and accounting budget of the MRA and LGEA Funds.

SECTION TWO: This budget ordinance shall be administered by the executive authority as prescribed and set forth in the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Administration shall include but not be limited to at least the following:

- Preparation and submission of financial statements which include budgetary comparisons on not less than a quarterly basis.
- Provide for budget amendments if called for by the council or if anticipated through implementation.
- Prepare any financial statements required for publication purposes, pursuant to KRS 424 and 91A.
- Cause each fund of this budget to be audited as prescribed by law.

SECTION THREE: The detailed operating budget, including the water project budget of the funding agencies, is adopted by reference for administration and accounting purposes.

SECTION FOUR: This ordinance shall be published in the Mt. Vernon Signal by title and summary within thirty days of adoption.

Adopted this 20th day of June, 2024

MAYOR

June 13, 2024

Date of first reading

June 20, 2024

Date of second reading

Attest:

CITY CLERK



The Rockcastle County Public Library recently hosted the Honey Hill Mobile Petting Zoo for all to enjoy. The zoo included chickens, ducks, rabbits, sheep, goats, alpacas, a cow and a camel. A great crowd enjoyed petting the animals despite the heat.

The Library will be hosting a Foam Party this Thursday from 12:30 to 4:30. Those coming are encouraged to bring eyewear and a change of clothes.



Request for Bids

Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, Inc. requests bids for a new or demo 2023 or 2024 Type III ambulance, or a remounted Type III ambulance.

Bid specifications are available at the office of the ambulance service.

Bids are to be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 18, 2024.

The Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, Inc. reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest bid or the bid that meets the services of the Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, and reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Questions regarding the bid package should be addressed to:

EMS Director Amy Navarre at 606-256-3575 on Mondays or Thursdays or to rockamb@windstream.net.

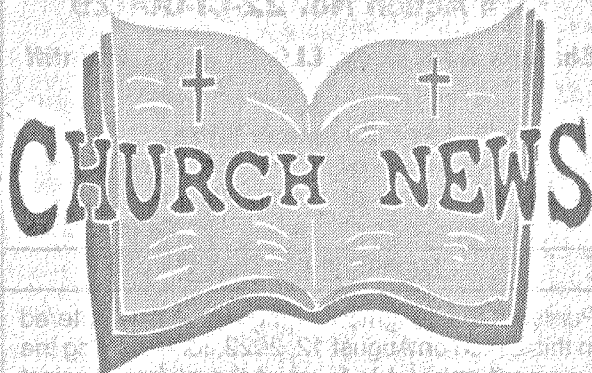
Notice

**Rockcastle County Schools
Destruction of Records Notice**

In accordance with district procedures and records retention guidelines, the following special education records housed by Rockcastle County Schools will be destroyed forty-five days from date of this notice: June 26, 2024.

Special Education Due Process Records to be destroyed are those for students who attended Rockcastle County Schools and whose birth year is 1999. It is noted that portions of these records may be needed by the student or parent/guardian for future services or benefits. A record of the student's names, grades, classes attended, grade level and year completed will be kept permanently.

The student (eighteen or older) or parent/guardian may obtain a copy of the records by contacting Benny Blanton, Director of Special Education, at 606-256-2125, no later than August 9, 2024.



50th Pastoral Anniversary Revival
Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church will hold a 50th Pastoral Anniversary Revival, in honor of their pastor, Bro. Randal Adams' 50 years as pastor of the church.

The event will take place June 26-30 with Rev. Scott Adams preaching on Wednesday night at 7 o'clock; Rev. Darrell Ragan leading a Fellowship Meeting on Thursday night at 7 o'clock; Rev. Richard Binkley leading a Youth Rally Friday night, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Rev. Doug Webb will lead a Family Day at the church on Sunday, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The church is located at 5762 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead.

Revival at Sand Hill Baptist

Everyone is invited to attend a Revival at Sand Hill Baptist Church July 10-13 at 7 o'clock each night.

Pastor Harold Harris will preach on July 10th and 11th and Pastor Danny Robbins on July 12th and 13th.

The church is located at 2726 Sand Hill Road, Livingston. Tommy Miller is pastor.

Everyone welcome!

Special Singing at Philadelphia Baptist

There will be a Special Singing at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Brodhead. on Sunday, June 30th, beginning at 3 p.m.

Featured singers will be the Medley Boys.

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

Seeking Bids

The City of Mt Vernon is seeking bids for removal and disposal of sludge from its filter backwash lagoon.

Project scope:

- Removal of sludge from lagoon
- Press sludge into solid
- Land farm solids or transport to landfill
- If toxins present, all solids must go to approved landfill

To Submit Bid:

Email: mtvernonwaterworks@gmail.com

Mail: Po Box 1465 Mt Vernon Ky 40456

Drop Off: 125 Richmond Street, Mt Vernon Ky 40456

Phone: 606-256-4441

Bid deadline July 12, 2024 at 330 pm local time

The city will analyze sludge prior to the award. Contractor required to handle transportation and approved disposal based on test results.

Questions? Contact Mt Vernon Water Plant Info above. Bids received after deadline will not be considered.

Upcoming Reunions

Majors Reunion

The Majors Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 13th, beginning at noon at the Woodstock Community Center.

Phelps Reunion

The Phelps Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 6, 2024 at the Kentucky Christian Assembly Camp in Brodhead. Gate opens at 11 a.m., lunch will be at 1 p.m.

Bring a covered dish and plan to stay all evening. There will be games and Corn Hole for all ages.

Please help us spread the word.

For more information, contact Sheary Mink at 606-758-8617 or 606-308-1886.

Rockcastle Health Department closed July 4

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed on July 4, 2024, for the Independence Day Holiday. We will reopen on July 5 at 8 am.

Free lunch for Veterans

ATTENTION ROCKCASTLE COUNTY VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Please join us at the Rockcastle County Veterans Center (Formerly the VFW) on the 4th of July from 11-3 for a free lunch, music and games. If you have any questions, call Rick Bobo at 606-308-2271.



A Bunch of Sick Sinners

Recently two young brothers were observed, Jacob was 1 year old and Samuel was 2 years old, both came down with the flu at the same time. Both was very sick, with fevers, runny noses, and just feeling poorly. The mother sitting there on the sofa holding the two trying to give them what comfort she could. The oldest of the two boys, which was actually feeling the worse, reached over to the younger and began to rub his head and try and comfort his little brother. As I viewed this act of love and sympathy from these two ill children, my mind began to think about the word of God telling man at his best state is still just vanity, and how our righteousness, is as filthy rags in the sight of a Holy God. Even after we have done all that is commanded of God, we have only done what was our duty to do, still not enough to purchase the favor of God, because while we were yet sinners God sent his Son to save us.

In view of all of this, I can't help but think how each of us, robed in the righteousness of Christ, are still just a bunch of sick feverish sinners, who depend on the love of God to redeem us. Consider: Gal:6-1-2 Brothers if any man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thy also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens so fulfill the law of Christ. There is away that is right, when it comes to our brother who has fallen away from Christ, learn how to redeem him back to the Lord, and that is we consider ourselves, and how that we would like to be treated if we were in that condition. To approach that one with meekness and love, and respect, understanding that could be us, and that we are all subject to erring. So instead of using a bayonet and a club on our weak, and erring brother. Let us realize our own weakness, and let us reach out our arms to our fellow man, keeping in mind we are all really a bunch of sick sinners, in need of the great Physician.

(The church is not only a place for saints, but a hospital for sinners.) Thank you for reading the message, I pray God has kept you safe and blessed you with the things you need.

Thank you as always for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube channel, Chestnut ridge Church of Christ, Mt Vernon Ky. The church assembles for worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Every one is welcome. We offer free Bible coursependence course. You can get in touch with some one from the church by texting or calling the numbers listed on the bottom of article.

REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU AND WE LOVE YOU TOO

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome
Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021
Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

New water treatment 20-year plan is ready when the need arises

By: Mike French
Editor

Mount Vernon will need a \$12+ million water treatment plant, sooner than later, according to several city officials.

For several years officials with the City of

Mount Vernon have brought up the idea of a new waste water treatment plant. Officials agree such a plant will be a necessity in the near future since engineers say the current plant is already working at nearly 90% of

its total capacity. Even without growth and development, the plant is functioning at near capacity, leaving very little room for malfunctions or other unexpected issues. However, with any measurable economic growth at all, officials

say a new plant will be required to maintain service for Mount Vernon residents.

This issue has come up several times at city council meetings over the past few years and officials across the county are now talking about the potential explosive growth expected in the area with the new natural gas service and the new 1,400 acre industrial megasite available. "You are near capacity now and when you think about the new industrial development expected here, that will change things," said Bo Smith, project engineer with Bell Engineering, at the city council meeting last week.

Smith and David Schrader, Bell Vice President, appeared at the meeting to present the 20-year Waste Water Master Plan for the city.

According to City Administrator Jim Bowman, having the plan completed places the city at a higher point for future grant potential from the federal government and the State of Kentucky. "Showing the state and the federal government that the city

has a plan to address our sewer deficiencies and that we are planning for future growth, will greatly assist the city with obtaining grants for the project when it becomes necessary," he said.

City officials are under no obligation to make any such decisions, according to Schrader, but having the plan ready, "will be of great help when the time comes." Bowman agreed it is better to be prepared. "Jeff VanHook (RCIDA and RGL Executive Director) or anyone may land some big factory or anything at any time and when that happens the funding will be even more available and the need will be much greater. There are no plans to take any action currently, but when the time comes it is good if a plan is ready for us to move," he said.

Bell Engineering representatives presented several optional approaches to replacing the city's waster water treatment facility with different pricing options. Part of the

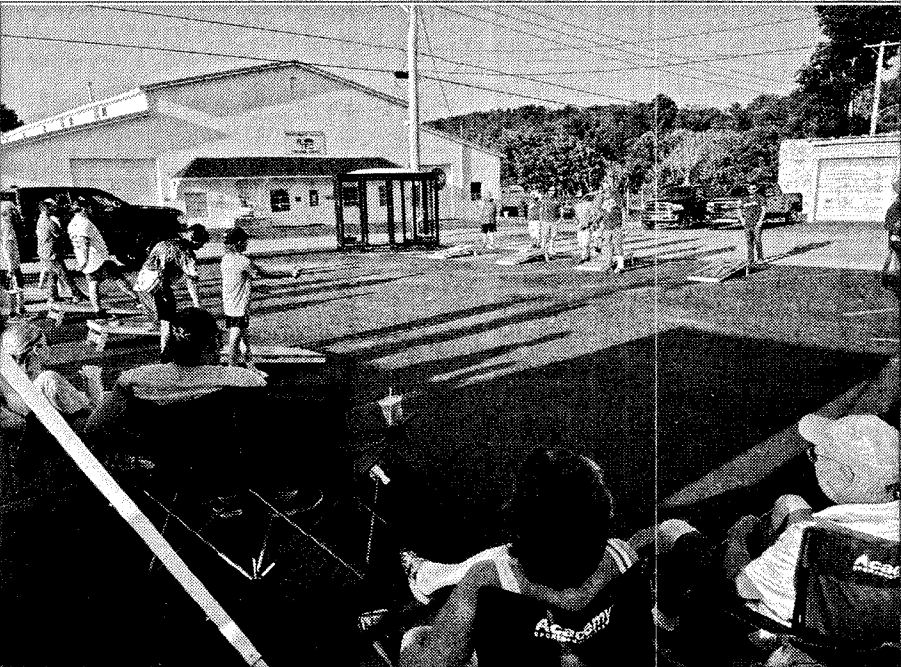
plan deals with several alternate proposals, while part of the master plan deals with the costs involved with each option.

The plan also includes suggested financing options and discussed grant potential and how the city should prepare for applying for such grants.

The \$12 million option lists several grant possibilities and includes a Kentucky Infrastructure Authority loan of \$3,291,000 along with a \$5 million line item. Of course, the plan also includes a sharp hike in sewer rates for customers but all the estimates are based on current figures and may be very different when the project reaches fruition.

Officials say having the master plan is a benefit for the city for many reasons and some day, such a new system will be required. "Planning now will help everyone then," said Bowman. "Being prepared is always a positive thing. And it is not a question of 'if' but 'when'."

Friday After Five



The first of three Friday After Five events was held last Friday on Main Street in Mount Vernon. Sponsored by the Mount Vernon/Rockcastle Tourism Department, the event included a car and motorcycle show and live music, among other events. The free event is part of a three-part series that will be held on Main Street and officials say each event has been growing since its inception last year. Last week, the new cornhole tournament was a huge success as a crowd gathered to participate as well as observe.

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**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**

**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. Duval 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**

50th
Wedding
Anniversary

Please save the date for a Golden Celebration as we commemorate 50 years of love and happiness! In honor of Bill and Glenna Mink on June 30th, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at Buffalo Baptist Church on Hwy 1249. No gifts please. All family and friends are invited. No formal invitations will be sent.



Historical Haven

(Continued from A3)

rule and as a result, were eventually lynched by local revolutionists in front of the younger Harpe boys. After the death of their parents, there is some speculation that suggests the boys grew up with the Chickamauga Cherokee and this is where they learned to hunt, and how to kill their enemies.

Sometime around 1775 the young cousins/brothers set off on their own. It is said that they left to be overseers on a slave plantation but the war may have deterred them from this goal. Some say their brutality began early on. They are said to have joined up with a gang of British supporters or militia. This motley crew was known to rape and pillage, steal, murder, and destroy the farms and property of any patriot. By 1780 they joined a regular British regiment and were reported to have participated in battles along the Carolina coast. Sometime in the following year they abandoned the British Army proper and rejoined a group of Cherokee Indians raiding settlements from the Carolinas and into Tennessee. In this venture, they kidnapped two young women, Susan Wood and Maria Davidson, and kept them as wives. One of their first cold-blooded murders was that of Moses Doss who was concerned with how the women were treated. The Harpes killed him for his interest. One specifically grizzly account states that both women became pregnant at least twice during their entrapment. The Harpe brothers killed the infants.

In 1798, Little Harpe officially married a minister's daughter named Sarah Rice. The other women became the wives of Big Harpe. The men were deviants, but their true murdering spree began after 1798. The two moved through Tennessee, Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, Illinois, and Kentucky wreaking havoc wherever they

traveled. The two "seemed more motivated by blood lust than financial gain, often leaving their victims disemboweled, filling their abdominal cavities with rocks, and sinking them in a river." (legendsofamerica.com)

John Lair wrote about them in his Rockcastle Recollections article published in the February 28, 1974 issue of the Mount Vernon Signal, "The Terrible Harpes..." In the article, Lair describes a killing spree that included the brutal murder of men, women, and children and included the names of two of Rockcastle's founding families: Langfords and Stigalls. The founding families of Mt. Vernon and Brodhead.

Somehow the Harpe brothers found themselves traveling alongside a Langford man who was traveling from Virginia to Kentucky to visit relatives, including Stephen Langford who was keeping a tavern within the county. Thomas Langford (the young traveler) was intent on settling in Crab Orchard. The travelers had stopped at a tavern near the crossing of the Rockcastle River in early December of 1796 which John Farris and his family operated. Jane Farris reported later at a trial against the Harpes that Langford had talked openly about having money in his saddle bags. Perhaps it was the promise of easy riches that led to his demise. Unfortunately, the stay at the tavern was the last that Langford was seen alive.

Some days after the stay at the Farris Tavern, some cattlemen driving a herd of cattle from Kentucky to the Virginia Market came upon the corpse of Thomas Langford. According to Lair, a posse headed by Joseph Ballenger was able to capture the Harpes. They were placed in the Stanford jail and later transferred to the Danville jail to await action by the courts. Interestingly, the Harpes were able to escape Danville and proceeded on a bloody killing spree that would lead to a \$300.00 reward for each of the Harpe men. They are reported to have killed at least five men near the Saline River before join-

ing up with a river pirate Samuel Mason at Cave-In-The-Rock in Illinois. Ironically the Harpes were too brutal even for the pirate gang. While with the gang, they are said to have captured travelers, whom they proceeded to rob and then took them to the top of the bluff, stripped them naked and threw them off, to their death. They continued the killing spree back through Kentucky into Tennessee and back again into Southern Kentucky. Lair stated, "they are known to have killed at least thirty-four more people, including one of their children. There were undoubtedly more victims whose names were never known and they were preparing to kill a man named Smith when they were overtaken by the posse searching for them. This man, by the way, was a brother of Raccoon John Smith, the famous early frontier preacher who once held services, as mentioned elsewhere, in Boone's Fork church house at what is now Brodhead, Kentucky." (Lair) They went on to the home of Moses Stigall who was absent for the night, they killed Major William Love, a surveyor, and Stigall's wife and baby before setting fire to the house and riding on. All of this and more is detailed in the Lair article.

A posse eventually caught up to the Harpes. Big Harpe, Micajah was shot. He was dragged from his horse and held till the others in the posse arrived. Stigall was a part of the party. According to Lair, "who proceeded immediately to end the outlaw's career, severing his head from his body with a butcher knife. The head was taken to the crossroads, near Robertson's Lick (Henderson, Kentucky) and deposited in the forks of a tree where it remained for years."

Little Harpe, Wiley, lived more than four years after the death of his "brother" cousin. He returned to the pirates at Cave-In-The-Rock. After learning of an award offered to the leader of the pirate gang, he killed him, cut off his head, and took it to collect the money, but was recognized as an outlaw himself and was soon arrested and eventually hanged. Afterward, Little Harpe also had his head cut off and placed on a stake along Natchez Trace as a warning to other outlaws. (legendsofamerica.com)

The Horrible Harpes clearly killed for the pleasure of killing. They fit the definition of a serial killer quite completely. They are believed to have killed more than 40-50 men, women, and children without empathy or guilt as two of the first American serial killers and are believed to have infamously walked the paths of Rockcastle County.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
Fiscal Year 2024-2025

BUDGET SUMMARY
AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

General Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,388,497.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	330,114.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	147,450.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	23,291.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	92,079.00
7100	GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	312,500.00
7700	LEASES	25,482.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,000.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	85,000.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	3,280,842.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	360,600.00
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	12,000.00
Total		6,058,855.00

Road Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	18,000.00
6100	ROADS	1,194,750.00
7700	LEASES	
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	46,000.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	152,350.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	314,000.00
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	11,000.00
Total		1,736,100.00

Jail Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,258,000.00
7700	LEASES	89,000.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	52,250.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	392,500.00
Total		1,791,750.00

Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	45,076.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	116,600.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	96,650.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	1,500.00
6100	ROADS	33,100.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	1,000.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	5,074.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	76,500.00
Total		375,500.00

Forestry Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,555.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	100.00

Forestry Fund		
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
Total		2,655.00

Fairgrounds		
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	23,400.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	2,000.00
Total		25,400.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	100,000.00
7700	LEASES	314,292.48
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	100.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	1,606,407.52
Total		2,020,800.00

FARMER'S MARKET		
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	14,000.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	100.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	3,700.00
Total		17,800.00

911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	395,250.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	50.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	25,000.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	151,300.00
Total		571,600.00

COUNTY CLERK STORAGE FEE		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	10,000.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	100.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	52,900.00
Total		63,000.00

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND		
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	100.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	287,712.00
Total		287,812.00

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS		
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
Total		

SPECIAL PROJECT FUND		
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	4,666,192.00
Total		4,666,192.00

CSEPP Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	270,150.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	4,000.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	100,000.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	27,925.00
Total		402,075.00

Total Budget Appropriations 18,019,539.00

Adopted this 20th day of June, 2024


HOWELL HOLBROOK, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

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All interested persons and organizations in Rockcastle County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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Property For Sale

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Posted: No trespassing on property located at 6633 Red Hill Road, in Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 19x6
Posted: No trespassing for any reason on land belonging to Matthew Broadus and others on KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge Road. Violators

will be prosecuted. 12(24)x52

Posted: No trespassing 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 LJI 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 Burkhart in Livingston and Mt. Vernon. **Anyone entering the properties must be with Orville Burkhart.** 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. 25fn

Miscellaneous For Sale

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

Motor Vehicles For Sale

For Sale: 1952 Chevy Show Truck, \$15,900. 1957 Chevy Show Truck, \$14,900. 2002 Chevy 3/4 Ton Truck, \$10,900. Call 606-386-1470. 19x5

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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 Tammy Jamison has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the Estate of David Thomas Jamison on June 24, 2024. A hearing on said settlement will be held July 24, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 19x1

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

Notice is hereby given that Zachary James Hale 163 Keith Drive, Berea KY 40403 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of James Elmer Hale, deceased, on the 11th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Zachary James Hale or Hon. Tracy Todd Blevins, 400 Richmond Rd. N, Ste. C Berea, KY on or before December 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. 19x3

Notice is hereby given that Juanita Reagan, 176 Christmas Tree Ln, Mt Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Benjamin Franklin Jones, Jr., deceased, on the 11th day of June 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Juanita Reagan or Hon. William A. Leger P.O. Box 1250, Mt Vernon, KY 40456 on or before December 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. 19x3

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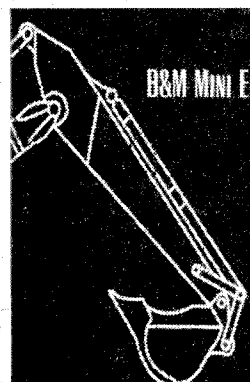
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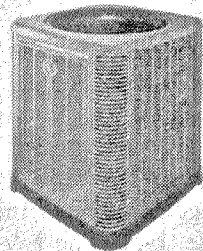
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The Rockcastle County Retired Teachers Association met on Wednesday, June 19th, at Limestone Grille. At this meeting we were honored to have Representative Josh Bray speak on issues of concern from the recent legislative session to retirees. Also, as part of this meeting the annual memorial service honoring those members who have passed away in the last year. Those being honored were Mr. Lloyd Cain, Mrs. Lena Hayes, Mrs. Patsy Morgan, Mrs. Anna Smith, Mrs. Florence Winstead and Mrs. Iris Young. Family members were invited as part of this service. The RRTA purchased 3 books for the Rockcastle County Library in memory of these teachers. Shown above are Satica Morgan, Tina Hasty, Vickie Arnold, Sherry Webb, Stella Young, Tim Young and Donna Young

President's List released 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 President'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 President's list. Local students are: Joshua Abney, Sarah Alcorn, Alexis Brock, Danielle Burdette, Jeremiah Caudill, Ashley Chapman, Kiarra Clouse, Melissa Cornelius, Barbara Cunningham, Sara Dawson, Kathilyn Feltner, JD Hamilton, John Kelley, Kaden Kidwell, Makinlee Kirby, Kimberly Lawson, Bobbi Lovell,

Lazarus McClure, Brandie Moore, Melissa Myers, Jayden Nicely, Elizabeth Payne, Emily Reynolds, Stella Reynolds, Alexis Stewart, Sierra Vanwinkle, Alicia Wentzel. The qualifications are as follows: Full-time President's Honor List Students who maintain a current GPA of 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 named to the Full-time President's Honor List. Part-time President's Honor List Degree-seeking students who have earned at least 12 credit hours from prior terms, currently taking 3 - 11

credit hours and maintain a current GPA of a 4.0 in courses numbered 100 level or above (courses with a grade of A, B, C, or D, excluding FYE courses) will be named to the Part-Time President's Honor List. Wagon and Stroller Parade A Wagon and Stroller Parade will be held on Main Street in Brodhead on Thursday, July 4. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will end at the Brodhead Park where kids can get Silcox Shaved Ice sponsored by the Brodhead Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to bring your strollers or wagons and join the parade. Everyone is also encouraged to line Main Street in support of the children who will be waving at the crowd.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

BROCCOLI GARLIC BAKE

2 to 5 heads of broccoli, washed and dried
3 to 3 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Preheat oven to 375°. Chop broccoli into bite-sized pieces. Rinse. While still wet, put broccoli, garlic, olive oil, salt, and pepper in a plastic baggie.

Shake it up to coat pieces of broccoli. Spread out on foil-lined baking sheet, place on top rack, and bake for about 30 minutes. Broccoli will be crunchy and delicious!

CRACKER BARREL BROCCOLI CHEDDAR CHICKEN

1 can cheddar cheese soup
1 cup milk
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 and 1/2 cups Ritz® Crackers (one sleeve)
4 tablespoons of melted butter (you can use more)
8 ounces frozen broccoli
4 ounces shredded cheddar cheese
Preheat oven to 350°. Spray 9 x 13 baking dish with non-stick spray. Mix soup with milk. Cut chicken into bite-size pieces. Place in prepared baking dish. Pour 3/4 of the prepared soup over the chicken. Spread broccoli over the soup. Melt butter and combine with crackers, sprinkle buttered crackers over the broccoli. Pour remaining soup mix over crackers. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes. Remove from oven, sprinkle with shredded cheddar cheese.

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, onion, and zucchini
1 to 2 cups grated or shredded parmesan cheese
Preheat oven to 450°. Using one 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 on 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.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Hawk, the 1 year-old male Coonhound, who is friendly, and Cash, the 2 year-old Pit Bull male 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.

Puzzle answers for week of 6-20-24

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SUGAR'S PUZZLE PAGE

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ACROSS

- 1) Doll's comment, often
- 5) Shoe lace piece
- 10) Tart taste
- 14) Early space explorer Shepard
- 15) Watts of Hollywood
- 16) English horn, e.g.
- 17) Reporter's challenge
- 20) "Aloha!"
- 21) Mark with grooves
- 22) "Green" emotion
- 25) Wistful exhalation
- 26) Humble dwelling
- 29) Make watertight
- 31) Cascade peak
- 35) 112.5 degrees away from S
- 36) Gave employment to
- 38) Blender's sound
- 39) Solid venture
- 43) Ripped
- 44) Twig used in grafting
- 45) Cause of team dissension
- 46) Pilfers
- 49) Roll call response
- 50) Bookcase locale, often

DOWN

- 1) It has its pluses and minuses
- 2) Skin cream ingredient
- 3) Wound by clawing
- 4) Camera view
- 5) Santa __, Calif.
- 6) One of the three states of matter
- 7) Bottom-line bumper
- 8) Sends forth
- 9) Baghdad's river
- 10) Native American weapon
- 11) Help, as a prankster
- 12) All's alternative
- 13) Attain
- 18) Chief Japanese island

- 19) Close by, in poetry
- 23) It's often removed from shrimp
- 24) Football-field units
- 26) Tests the weight
- 27) Knot-tying result
- 28) __ firma
- 30) Parasitic creature
- 32) __ away from (was timid)
- 33) Bit of color
- 34) Vacuum-tube gas
- 37) Beauty-shop device
- 40) Happening at noon
- 41) Singer/songwriter Amos
- 42) Iron deficiency
- 47) Chevrolet rival
- 48) Swallow kin
- 52) Run __ of the law
- 54) Type in
- 55) Additional amount
- 56) Russian skater Kulik
- 57) See red
- 59) Generic name for a dog
- 60) Stir up
- 61) Pay to join the hand
- 62) Insufficient, as an excuse
- 63) Cold-day feature
- 64) Banned insecticide's letters