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One of the many trees that fell across roadways during last week's storms was this one on Clontz Road. Officials say clearing roadways after storm damage is a top priority but knowing who to call may speed up the process.

Who you gonna call?

Several trees fall across roadways in recent storms

By: Mike French Editor

Who are you going to call if a tree falls across your roadway? According to officials, it depends upon where you are.

Heavy rain and high winds last week in Rockcastle County caused several trees to be uprooted or broken and to fall across roadways and utility lines. Some residents may not know who to contact in such a case.

According to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., there were several calls to the county alone from residents asking how to proceed with clean up procedures. "We had close to 10 trees fall across roads and block traffic on Wednesday and Thursday (last week). There were some that fell across utility lines."

Holbrook said his office received calls throughout the windy days last week and the county was able to help some of the callers right away. However, the county does not remove all trees that have fallen. In fact, there are strict state regulations concerning which trees a fiscal court or a city body may remove, according to Holbrook.

The Judge/Executive said the county will remove any tree that falls across a county road. "It is the county's responsibility to keep county roads clear from fallen trees," he said. "If the tree is not blocking the road-

(See "Storms" on A5)

Studies required for park

RGL Park Board gets \$250,000 in additional grant

By: Mike French Editor

Progress on the new Rockcastle/Garrard/Lincoln Regional Industrial Park (RGL Park) continues to move forward.

RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and Lincoln County Judge/Executive Woods Adams, spent some time in Frankfort last week seeking additional funds for "due diligence studies" at the site in preparation for finding the ideal industry for the property. Before the property can be leased, laws require certain studies to be completed.

Before the team left Frankfort, they were promised an additional \$250,000 in reimbursements by the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) after the studies are complete. Brad Thomas of Touchstone Energy was also present at the meeting via a zoom

VanHook said the

RGL Park Board will have about \$49,000 in expense above the reimbursement for the survey process since the total costs will be about \$299,000.

According VanHook, the studies required include surveys, cultural studies, archeological studies, stream and wetland studies, basic design studies and

The meeting took place in the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development board room where VanHook addressed the board with the

needs and requirements for the regional park. "It was an honor to address the cabinet and I learned that Rockcastle County is the talk of the town in

(See "Grant" on A5)

City reaches agreen ent on Microfoodery account

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held their regular monthly meeting last week at City Hall.

Shelly Raines Lewis studied the monthly financial report closely, asking for clarification on several issues. Each question was addressed but once again Lewis pointed out that the budget shows the interest payment on the Microfoodery account as an expense to the general fund while, in actuality, that payment is made from the Microfoodery account since owners have already paid back that loan from the city. Once repaid, the city cre-

ated a Microfoodery account for the funds but voted to not pay off the city's loan since the contract includes an early payoff penalty. Money from that account pays member alty is removed next year." Microfoodery account. Microfoodery account,"

when the city plans to pay off the note in its entirety.

However, according to City Clerk Crystal Rush and City Administrator Jim Bowman, the interest payment amount is trans-

and into the general fund account before that interest payment is made. "In * more discussion concernessence, the interest payment comes from the genferred to the general fund the interest until the pen- aftered is from the account from the the funds be moved from

said Rush.

There was also much ing the \$1.2 million Microfoodery account. eral fund, but it is trans- Lewis had, at a previous meeting, recommended

City and county meet to discuss planned growth in Rockcastle

By: Mike French Editor

Officials in the City of Mount Vernon are making efforts to better serve the public and prepare for the future, according to City Administrator Jim Bowman and Mayor Tim Roberts.

Those efforts include: the new Regional Industrial Park; several recent grants to the county and the city; a \$4.4 million school district grant and hopes for a new middle school in the near future; the planned widening of US-461 and changes in entrance and exit ramps for I-75; discussion of an access road between exit ramps; development of property on 461 near Exit 62; a new 60-bed rehabilitation center; millions available in COVID relief funds; discussion of a new water plant; recent growth in park systems and the Veterans Memorial Park; natural gas lines on the way to Rockcastle; high speed internet planned for the county and countless rumors of growth and development,

local officials decided to talk about it all in an informal setting last week.

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council invited RCIDA Executive and Judge/Executive Vernon. Howell Holbrook, Jr. to a According to City Admeeting last week to discuss recent and projected the meeting was set up for

Director Jeff VanHook in and around Mount

ministrator Jim Bowman, growth and development // (See "Meetings" on A5)

Indictments returned

A Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down four indictments Friday, February 23rd, against three defendants.

Natasha Lanelle Mason, 49, of Rocky Top Trailer Park in Mt. Vernon was named in two separate indictments.

In one, she was indicted for tampering with a prisoner monitoring device and also one count of being a persistent felony offender. On that indictment, her bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property (c/

In the second indictment, Mason was charged with the offense of bail jumping and a second charge as a persistent felony offender. Her bond was set at \$10,000 c/p on those charges.

Kyle Ditson, 31, of Castle Village Drive, Brodhead, was indicted on one charge of criminal abuse, first degree, by intentionally abusing a person under 12 years of age.

His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p.

DarrinDenny, 49, of Berea was indicted on two counts: trafficking in a controlled substance and as a persistent felony offender.

A criminal summons was issued for his appearance on March 22, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Frankfort meetings



Shown above are those who traveled to Frankfort to meet state officials and discuss plans, hopes and goals for the City of Mount Vernon last week. Shown from left are Mount Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman, State Senator Brandon Storm, Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts, State Representative Josh Bray and Mount Vernon City Clerk Crystal Rush.



Of Special Note Inside Deadline submission is 4:00 p.m. Monday

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ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

I'm going to take a brief respite from my usual bashing of Democrats in this column to say how much I admire how hard our Rockcastle Lady Rockets fought Monday night for their very welldeserved win over the Mercer County Lady Titans in regional competition at Lincoln County.

For one thing, in the first quarter, they lost the services of starter Macy Spivey to a knee injury. They were also hampered throughout the game with an inability to put in their layups and short jump shots, their three point shooting was almost nonexistent but, wow, were they warriors on defense.

Senior Talynne Shearer upped her game and was all over the court, harassing the Lady Titans on defense, stealing the ball, scoring nine baskets and hitting 8/10 free throws. She also picked up her fourth foul with over five minutes left in the fourth quarter and had to leave the game until something over the three minute mark. She came back in to score five of her team's last seven points.

Sophomore Taylor King spent the night calmly directing her team from the point guard position and hauled down many rebounds. She got six of her nine points in the fourth quarter of the game.

Senior Camryn Cash came through with her team's only three baskets and played hard on offense and defense.

Junior Abby DeLeon played a great second half, hauling in rebounds, causing two turnovers and getting a couple of steals and just generally upping her game a lot. Markley Richards and Ella McKinney both came off the bench and admirably acquitted themselves when the Rockets needed them the most.

All in all, it was a great 'leave everything on the floor' game for the Lady Rockets who refused to cave to the 46th District champs Mercer County.

It was an enjoyable night, a chance to forget for a while the depressing state of our nation. There was some good news Monday when the Supreme Court released their 9-0 ruling that states could not keep former President Trump off the ballot. The states, Colorado, Maine, Illinois, were using a section of the 14th admendment, dealing with insurrection that was passed to keep officials of the Confederacy from holding public of-

Completely ignoring the fact that President Trump had never been charged with insurrection, let alone convicted, the powers that be in these states, a Democrat secretary of state, by herself, in Maine and a lone judge in Illinois (who had just been elevated from a traffic court position), took it upon themselves to disenfranchise voters. Meanwhile our Attorney General Merrick is suing states, who are requiring ID to vote, claiming voter suppression.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I don't feel like causing a bunch of screaming this week. I get tired of being yelled at by young, "new world? anti-Christian, anti-Constitution left

There is so much going on in the political world that is astounding to me. So I wrote a column about it all. The next day I read it over and decided it was a bad idea.

wingers.

After all, I just don't feel like having a "letter writing campaign" against me this week.

So, I cleaned it all up and wrote it again. Nope! Too harsh! Delete! Try again.

The third attempt was much less accusatory towards Democrats but still pretty plain. Nope! That one didn't work either. I have written more columns this week than I normally do in a month.

The problem is, Democrats are doing such absolutely ridiculous, unbelievably unAmerican things, that if I talk about what they want to do, the column turns out to sound like a fiction novel by an angry old man. Who would believe it?

So, anyway, what about those Wildcats!

No, that is too soft. Anyway, just let me say that I am extremely proud of Ron DeSantis this week. I (and about 80 million others) am really happy he has eliminated some of the racist policies in Florida. Twenty other states now have legislathe rest of us.

But I will leave it to you. to research what he has

I am also very proud of the Supreme Court's unanimous decision that keeps Trump on the ballot. It was a ridiculous, first grade idea to remove him in the first place. Of course anyone with anything in their head except mendacious propaganda mush, knew the removal of him from ballots would never stand. You can't keep a political candidate off the ballot because you don't like him and most of the rest of the country

Not only was Trump never convicted of insurrection but he was never even accused of being an insurrectionist in any court in the land. In fact, no human being has ever been charged with insurrection from the January 6th protest. Obviously you can't disqualify someone for inciting something that never hap-

> pened. Also, Kudos to Texans for standing up to ILLE-GAL immigrants. Finally someone has stood up to the Biden open-door policies and is putting a stop to the ILLEGAL immigrant invasion. I capitalize "ILLEGAL" because some left-wing nut jobs are trying to make it illegal to say "ILLEGAL" immigrants. They want me to call them "newcomers." Talk about ironic!

If these lunatics had their way, it would be illegal to say an illegal immigrant is illegal. Democrats are concerned about "their dignity." You know, those 20 year-old fighting men who are ILLE-GALLY crossing our border and getting free cell phones and free insurance and a monthly check bigger than an American's Social Security payment. Those ILLEGAL people.

Do you realize that your government fined you if you did not pay for health insurance and then want to give free health insurance to ILLEGAL immigrants.

I better talk with Nathan tion in the works that Carter. He is our Jailer and agree with DeSantis and I am afraid he may refer (Continued on A-3)

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T.J.'s Journal By: Tonya J. Cook



TheTraditional Pineapple Upside Down Cake

> Dear Journal, Today has been my

Uncle Junior's birthday. He would have been 97 years old today. I grew up with him since Mom, my older brother and I grew up living either at my grandparents' with Uncle Junior or next door in a house that was built for Mom and us children. Uncle Junior and my brother, Don, helped a carpenter build the house. Junior was a "jack of all trades". He knew plumbing, carpentry, electrical, car mechanics and welding. He was a whiz in mathematical equations and a lot of other things. He was a veteran of WWII and served in Ger-

many. When Don's buddies, a gang of six to ten or more teenage boys (Lewis Jones, the Creech boysone of which looked just like Howdy Doody, the Daughtery boys, the Keller boys, and there may have been more) who lived in the neighborhood would come to visit, Junior always joined in the fun of whatever they were doing. He was always just a big kid at heart. Sometimes, they would be working on an old car as most of the boys had an old car of some kind. It probably didn't have so much wrong with it, but they just enjoyed working on it. I was always underfoot on the heels of this gang of boys and I tried to keep

up. I was the tomboy, indeed. So, Junior and these boys were my buddies. I remember one day that Don and these boys were going to stay all night in a cave about two miles from our house. They,-as many as could-, squeezed into a Jeep, and drove as far as they could through pasture fields, leaving about a mile or more on foot. It was pretty rugged,

down rough slopes and up steep cliffs ... then you get to the cave. (The reason I know is because when I was about twenty-five or so. Don's daughter, Sandy, and our boyfriends went to the cave. I didn't think Sandy or I would make it back home. We fell into a creek twice, got tangled in brush, got scraped and scratched, got soaking wet, our hair full of sticks etc.). I knew that they were going to have a good time and I wasn't going to be left out. They packed food to cook over a fire and even took food for breakfast. They took blankets, etc., for pallets too. I threw one of the worst tantrums that has ever been known to man when I found out that I couldn't go. I was about three years old and it took Mom and Grandma both to take me to a bedroom and keep me entertained while the boys sneaked away. I don't remember if Junior went or not.

It has always been a tradition in our family

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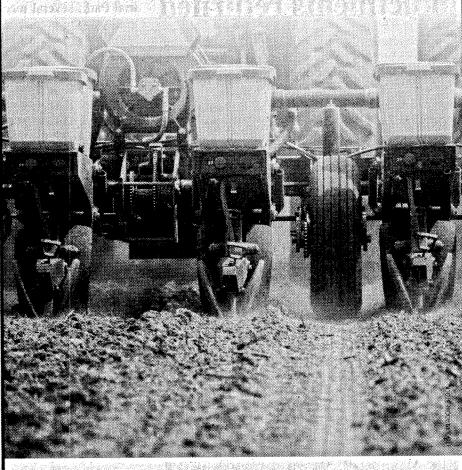
STAVALERI Alejandro Mayorkas done that is a right step (Continued on A-3) for America, rather than start a local battle that Mount Vernon Signal would help no one.

DURING SPRING PLANTING

Spring has sprung in the Bluegrass state. It's planting season for many of our local farmers.

- To prevent electrocution, make sure farm equipment safely clears overhead power lines - as tall equipment can easily become entangled in the lines. A good rule of thumb, try to maintain a 20-foot distance from power lines in all directions.
- Contact 911 immediately if your equipment comes into contact with a guy wire or pole.
- Water, dust and farming often go hand-in-hand. Install waterproof and dust proof electrical boxes and outlets at the farm.







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Aces

(Coninuted from A2)

to some meth dealer as "engaging in ILLEGAL activity." Sure wouldn't want to offend them. Surely everyone has the right to break the law without having their feelings hurt.

A person should be able to rob the local liquor store without fear that someone will hurt their feelings. What kind of barbarians are we?

Oh yeah! We are "deplorable barbarians."

Anyway, what about

those Wildcats? It has gotten to the point where I can't even talk about the unbelievably stupid ideas some of these left-wingers have. Even to mention them sets me up for ridicule. It is almost like Democrats don't want Republicans to have an opinion that differs from theirs. And if they do, it should be censored.

But no. Those tolerant liberals would never be so worried about their opinion as to outlaw opposing views on social media. Right?

Anyway, have a great week and may the Bird of Paradise relieve himself over the next ILLEGAL immigrant, that ILLE-GALLY crosses our border.

Go Cats!

T.J.'s

(Continued from A2) that "aunt" or "uncle" were never used because the age difference in the aunts and uncles were usually only a few years. I became an aunt at age five. Don married very young. I've just turned sixty-five and I have several great-great nieces

I remember that Junior could make any outing special. He took me to the fair and rode the rides

and nephews.

with me and then Don's children began coming along. They enjoyed the travels with our Uncle Junior as well. He once took all of us to Beach Bend, an amusement park in western Kentucky. Later, one summer we all went to Disney World and other sites in Florida. Mom and Grandma went too.

Junior never had any children of his own but sure had a hand in rearing his nieces and nephews. We all remember him with love and miss him terribly. His favorite cake was pineapple upside down cake. He requested one every birthday. I remember one birthday, Mom made him one and to make a long story short, she was holding it upside down when it let go of the skillet and fell all of the way down her house coat onto pink fluffy house shoes and soon she was ankle deep in cake. In keeping with tradition and in Junior's honor, I've made a pineapple upside down cake. Can't wait to get a slice.

ramblings...

(Coninuted from A2)

recently announced that the term 'illegal immigrant' would no longer be allowed and they must now be referred to as noncitizens. A few days later, it was announced by the Biden administration that the newest term for illegals would be 'newcomers, this all in an effort to 'save their dignity' according to Mayorkas. And, of course, we all understand that reasoning, don't we? It's so very important in this day and age that we not offend the millions of illegals (mostly young military age men), about whom we know nothing, that have been ushered into this country since Day One of Biden's Installation!

But, don't worry, even with the occasional blow to their dignity by being called 'illegals,' the Biden regime is still taking care of them and they have now admitted to flying 320,000 into the U.S. secretly to reduce the number of crossings at the border!!! This while campaigning on wanting to fix the border situation but 'the Republicans won't let me (Biden).' This man really thinks we are too stupid to know that if he really wanted to 'fix the border' all he would have to do is put back in place Trump's measures that he removed as soon as he got in office and finish building the

We think we are safe here, and we may very well be, but we also may wake up one morning with thousands more illegals here than there are of us that we are supposed to take care of somehow. Well, you can be assured right now that this old woman will not be loaning out a bedroom to them. I have sympathy for those who are truly here to escape being killed by dictators in their own country but that's no reason for my life to be put in danger because our country acquired a dictator of our

very own in 2021. Our Senator Mitch McConnell has announced that he will step down as Republican leader of the Senate in November. Big Whoopee! I have had absolutely no use for this man for years but particularly in the last couple when he has made it a personal crusade to fund Ukraine's war with Russia out of our treasury (when we actually have no treasury, just a lot of IOUs) and calling the war 'the most important issue facing America today.' He also was largely responsible for our small margin the last election since he

controlled which elections Republican National Committee's campaign funds were spent on and placed them primarily in areas where he would be sure to get his RINOs back in.

The only good thing I can think of that he has actually done to help the Republican party is when he managed to keep Anthony Scalia's Supreme Court seat vacant for a year so that Trump could name a replacement--Neil Gorsuch-- and keep Obama's pick, Merrick Garland, from the posi-

That might not even be true since Trump wasn't supposed to beat Hillary and he may have just been doing it, thinking that Clinton would get to put a Democrat in anyway, but he'd look good. (I'm sorry, but I really have a hard time saying something nice about the

I have my fingers crossed that our other Senator, Rand Paul, will get the position. He has a fair amount of support from colleagues.

On another subject, life insurance companies are reporting an unexplained increase in deaths among 18-49 year olds. Here in America, it was up 40% during the third and fourth quarters of 2021. In Australia, within the first eight months of 2022, more than 10,200 Australians died due to heart-related disease. That's 17% higher than what would be considered normal.

At some point, Big Pharma and politicians should be held accountable for the damage caused by Covid vac-

Attorney General Garland has announced that his office is working y to end voter ID requireof victory in the House in ments and I think it's pretty obvious why. Democrats are trying to get rid of voter ID laws at the same time they're flooding our country with millions of illegal aliens.

The main thing the globalists are working on now is stopping farmers from growing food even to homeowners not being allowed to have gardens.

This is to move forward our government's globalist agenda to change our eating habits to man-made meat and insects. The plan, as I have read it, is for big agriculture to force all smaller farms out. ADM and Tyson Foods are right now in the middle of building \$500 million plants where they are going to grow insects for human consumption, all in the name of climate change.

This is already going on in other countries and

mass protests by farmers are in progress in France, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain. In Germany, farmers have gathered in front of their municipal buildings and sprayed manure on them. In Spain, the police have been set on the farmers

protesting there. Of course, mainstream media is not reporting on these protests at the behest of their bosses, big corporations.

There is other depressing news I could report but, frankly, I have about reached my own limit for the day.

Again, pray for our country that we are strong enough in our faith and actions to save it from those that would destroy

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule Monday, March 11th: Calloway, Red Hill and Livingston. Tuesday, March 12th: Maple Grove and Climax.

WRVFD Soup Bean Supper

Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department will have a soup bean supper, including combread, fried potatoes and polish sausage with a drink and dessert included for \$6 each on Saturday, March 9th, beginning at 6 p.m.

New Volunteer Training

Hospice Care Plus will host a new volunteer training. Saturday, March 2, in Richmond. Volunteers are trained to work in their own communities or at the Compassionate Care Center. A variety of programs allows volunteers to support patients and families directly or indirectly. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Register online at hospicecareplus.org or contact Mariah Smith at 859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org.

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 pub-

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Katheryn Pope 606-308-3099.

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-

Tuesday - MARA - Medicated Assisted Recovery Anonymous - Mt. Vernon: 2 p.m., 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon. Contact: 606-308-8900 for info-

Wednesday-Air-All In Recovery-Mt. Vernon: 12 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY. Contact: 606-308-8900 for more info.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact; Katheryn 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 OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of Fuzzy Duck Road County

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of Fuzzy Duck Road and;

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:

To Reduce County Maintenance to end at 3,830 ft. which is 0.725 mile of Fuzzy

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

Does the portion of Fuzzy Duck Road proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: March 12, 2024

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

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

This the 27th day of February, 2024

/s/ Howell Holbrook Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

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Jerry Mitchell Blair

Jerry Mitchell Blair, 74, husband of 50 years to Elaine Nolan Blair, died Monday March 4, 2024, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born Sep-



tember 27, 1949, in Richmond, to the late Julius Kermit and Dorothy Barnett Blair. Jerry was a Rockcastle High School Graduate and an exceptional player for the high school football team. He loved the outdoors, spending time with family, especially his grandchildren, and fishing was his life. Jerry was a diligent

worker, working in construction, farming, and was the Owner/Operator of BCC Metals. He was of the Baptist faith.

Other than his wife Elaine, Jerry is survived by: three sons, Jerry Scott Blair and wife Laura, Troy Blair and wife Sharon, and Bill Blair and wife Malissa, all of Berea; three brothers, Gary Blair and wife Irene, Jeff Blair and wife Delilah, and John Blair; six grand-children, Jared, Cody, Kyle, Kurtis, Rachel (Andrew), and McKayla Blair; and one great grandchild. A host of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Keith Taylor and Rev. William Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers are the grandchildren.

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Ruth Ella Burton Owens

Ruth Ella Burton Owens, 86, of Somerset, died February 27, 2024, peacefully at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 8, 1937, in



Somerset, to the late Grover and Mattie (Hurst) Burton. Ruth is survived by: her husband of 68 years, William Alfred (WA) Owens

husband of 68 years, William Alfred (WA) Owens, who she married September15, 1956, in Cincinnati OH. They were blessed with a son, Mark William Owens and wife Nancy of Somerset, She was a devoted and loving grand-

mother to Ian Owens and wife Patricia and Tyler Owens. She took immense pride in her three great grandchildren, Alexzander, Elijah, and Ella Mae Owens.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Ronnie, Carl and Lloyd Burton and a sister, Bernice Burton Cromer.

Ruth enjoyed working in her garden, canning, and was an amazing cook, preparing many delicious meals for her family. She greatly enjoyed working at Owens Garden Center arranging flowers for customers and family. She planted the first seeds and transplanted the first plants when the greenhouse first started in 1986.

Ruth's life was anchored in her family. Showering love and attention on her grandchildren and great grandchildren was a priority in her daily life. She took the role of doting grandmother very seriously and "Mamaw Ruth" always kept a pan of brownies available to snack on following their many adventures. Her kindness, integrity, and devotion to her family will be forever cherished.

Ruth loved her family, and she loved her Lord and Savior. She was a faithful member of the Fairview Church of Christ for many years. We take comfort knowing she is resting in the arms of Jesus.

Ruth will be deeply missed by a host of family and friends that knew and loved her and will morn her passing. She leaves behind a legacy that will continue to resonate in the hearts and minds of those fortunate to have known her.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Fairview Church of Christ. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery with Bros. Jonathon Barnett and Curt Herrington officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Somerset in memory of Ruth Owens

Mary Ann Brown

Mary Ann Brown, 80, died Sunday, March 3, 2024, at Danville Center in Danville. She was born June 18, 1943 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Raymond and Martha Carter Owens. She was a 22 year Cowden employee as well as 10 year sewing factory employee. Mary Ann was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church and found great joy in cooking, sewing, and helping others. On November 5, 1960, she was united in marriage to Garner Brown, and they enjoyed 63 years together prior to his passing January 13, 2024.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter, Connie Marie McClure of Brodhead; her grandchildren, Jessica Cromer and Jason, Chris Childress and Jennifer, Lorrie Santo and Katie McClure; her great grandchildren, Jordan, Faith, Trinity, Fynnley, Elizabeth, Jamison, Braxton, Benjamin and Kaleigh; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her three brothers and four sisters.

Funerals services will be Thursday March 7, 2024 at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Chapel. Burial will follow in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Virginia Desjardins

Virginia Desjardins, 97, died Friday, March 1, 2024, at Landmark Rehabilitation Facility in Danville. She was born March 18, 1926, in Detroit, MI, the daugh-



ter of the late Fred and Elizabeth McMullen. She was member of Fairview Church of Christ. She found great joy in reading, puzzles, and bird watching. She was employed for 35 years at Rate Clerkin Truck Co. in Detroit, MI.

On October 16, 1976, she was united in marriage to the late Leonard

Desjardins, and they enjoyed 42 years together prior to his passing in 2018.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her grandchildren, Valerie McCartney of Toledo, OH, Elizabeth Caudill (Larry) of Casey County and Thomas Vuocolo of North Carolina; great grandchildren, Chelsea Matthews, Tabitha Caudill, Carolyn McCartney and Dominic Vuocolo; a host of friends and neighbors; and her special care giver, Jeannia Elder.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: two sons, Paul and Wayne Matthews; and her brother, Billie McMullen.

Private graveside services were conducted Monday, March 4, 2024 at Fairview Church of Christ Cemetery in Willailla with Bro. Curt Herrington officiating.

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

Jerry Smith

Jerry A. Smith, 74, of Louisville, died Friday, March 1, 2024.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Smith Cemetery at Burr.

We ask that you please respect the family's private visitation time prior to public visitation hours from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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

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

Walter Delano Coffey

Walter Delano Coffey, 90, of Crab Orchard, died Monday, February 26, 2024, in Brodhead. He was the widower of Georgia Ellen Newcomb Coffey, who pre-



ceded him in death in 2011.
Walter was born in Hummell on March 4, 1933, a son of the late James Madison and Minnie Langford (Parett) Coffey. He enjoyed a long career with Stearns and Foster, where he worked as an assembly supervisor. Walter enjoyed traveling, sightseeing, and taking

walks. He was a member of the Watts Chapel Baptist Church. He was a former Vice President of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Working Union #1495. He was also a proud member of the Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 of F&AM, and was honored as a Scottish Rite Mason in May 2021.

He is survived by: step daughter, Jenny (Lonnie) Brumett; sister, Marie Clark; two brothers, Jesse Coffey and Lloyd (Janice) Coffey; and two grandchildren, Mark Brumett and Chris (Sondra) Brumett.

He was preceded in death by: parents, James Madison and Minnie Langford Parrett Coffey; wife, Georgia Ellen Newcomb Coffey; six brothers, Henry, Ronald, Johnnie, James, Conrad, and Donald; and three sisters, Mae, Margaret, and Clercy.

Services were held Thursday, February 29, 2024 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dan Gutenson officiating. Burial was in Crab Orchard Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Alzheimers Association at P.O. Box 96011, Washington D.C. 20090-6011, or to the Shriners Childrens Hospital at ATTN: Philanthropy Dept., 110 Conn Ave., Lexington, KY 40508.

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854 Ridgewood Dr. • Berea, KY 40403 www.eyedoctorberea.net 859-986-7027 black powder rifle. He was happily married, a father to one daughter, two stepsons and grandfather to eight.

Tommy Ray Clark

Tommy Ray Clark, 65, of Lamero, died Monday February 12, 2024 in his home. He was born September 27, 1958, in Indio, CA, a son of the late Hubert

and Pearl Clark.

Tommy loved his life in Kentucky after spending his first 55 years in the

California - Coachella Valley, and found great joy in

spending time with family,

community, and friends He

loved spending time on the

front deck, riding his side

by side in the forest and his

family.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Anna "Cookie" Sipes; sister, Diane Lynch; brothers, Ronald (Martha) Clark and David (Sybil) Clark; a daughter, Connie; along with many family members and a host of friends who will miss him greatly.

Tommy adored all of his immediate and his extended

Tommy was preceded in death by both his parents and his two brothers, William (Linda) Clark and Robert Clark

Graveside services were held Thursday, February 22, 2024 at Red Hill Community Cemetery in Livingston.

Pallbearers were: Ronald Clark, Diane Lynch, Rick Wilson, Russell Hamrick, Wayne Carpenter and Ryan Carpenter.

I (Cookie) would like to thank my neighbors, my church and our many friends for their support and comfort during this difficult time. Special thanks to Dawn Carpenter, Wayne Carpenter and Ryan Carpenter who expended every effort to try and keep Tommy with us.

Edith Alsup

Edith Ruth Alsup, 84, of Brodhead, died Thursday, February 29, 2024 at her home. She was born in Albuquerque, NM on September 2, 1939, the daughter



of Robert and Marilyn June Miller Monk. She was a retired medical bill coder for Muskogee General Hospital in Muskogee, OK and was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. She was an avid reader and especially enjoyed reading her Bible.

She is survived by: her daughter, Marilyn Crabtree and husband Charles of

Mt. Vernon; and a brother, Steffan Monk of Tucson, AZ. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Donald Reed.

The family will hold celebration of life services on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7 p.m. at Bible Baptist Church.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

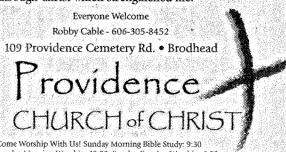
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What is Spiritual Energy?

We all know that energy is what it takes to make things happen. A few examples of this would be, it takes gasoline to make our vehicles go, unless of course you have an electric vehicle then it takes a charged battery, to give it power to turn the wheels. Americans love energy and what it will accomplish. We want to accomplish so much, often we must be reminded of the fact that our physical bodies have limits on what we can do. Jesus Christ being in the flesh understands the limitations of the fleshly body. Many times, over the course of his life, he has reminded us of that. In John 4:6 Jesus had been walking for a while and the scriptures tells that he was wearied, and when he came to Jacobs well, he sat on the well to rest a while. Mark 6:31 says, Jesus told his disciples, come ye yourselves apart into a dessert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. Christ understood what his purpose on earth was, John 17:4 tells us, I have glorifiedyou on earth, I have finished the work thou gave me to do.

I say all of that to say, it simply takes energy to do anything we do, what we do spiritually takes both spiritual and physical energy. It seems that if our inward spiritual energy is lacking, it often causes us to become weary in well doing. Paul says in Ephesians 6:9, Let us not grow weary and do well. I fear that often we become so busy with physical and material things that when it comes time to worship God, he gets what's left of us, unfortunately sometimes that is not much. Paul realized something that all of us need to realize and that is that our spiritual energy must come from God.

2 Corinthians 13:5 says, Examine yourself, whether you be in the faith! In 2 Corinthians 12:9, Here Paul realized that his inner man is what Christ needed him to be. Paul had prayed three times that his thorn in the flesh might be removed and the answered he received from Christ is my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. In conclusion, it takes spiritual energy to do physical things it takes physical energy to do spiritual things. The glory be to God who gives us both. Philippians 4:13 reads, I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.



Account

(Continued from front) Community Trust Bank since the funds originally flowed through the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) and some board members are closely associated with the bank. Lewis said moving the funds may help avoid any appearance of a conflict of interests.

Lewis presented a detailed plan from Whitaker Bank to protect the funds. Lewis expressed concern that FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) only covers up to \$250,000 but Whitaker Bank has a partnership program that deposits the money in different accounts of \$250,000 or less, which covers all the funds.

Bowman and council member Gertha Mink continued to support leaving the funds at Community Trust Bank. In fact, Bowman called Community Trust representative Keith Pierce during the meeting and placed him on a speaker phone so that he could explain a similar plan that will insure the full amount while leaving the funds at Community Trust.

Rush explained that some of the funds must remain "Usable" since the interest payment must be made but Pierce said that money will be available when the payments are due.

Lewis continued to explain the Whitaker Bank "Sweep Program" but Mink made a motion to leave the funds at Community Trust in an insured 4.75% interest bearing account and councilman Wayne Bullock immediately sec-

onded the motion. On a vote of the motion, all members voted "yes" with Lewis reluctantly agreeing. Council member Lonetta Daugherty was not present for the meeting.

In other action, the council heard the annual audit report from Sam Waninger who said the city is in "good financial condition" and no notable discrepancies were found.

Bowman also informed the council that the Bishop family has offered three small lots to the city, located near Spout Springs, as a donation. The council voted to accept the property.

Bowman also announced an AutoZone coming to Mount Vernon, to be located between KFC and the carwash.

The council also agreed to replace all street lights in the city with new LED lights. According to calculation from Kentucky Utilities, the city's utility bill will be reduced by \$85 per month for several months until the conversion expenses are paid. Once the conversion is paid, the city will save \$1,187 each month in utility bills. The council voted unanimously to move to LED lighting.

The council also heard department report.

Providing his first report, as Mount Vernon Fire Chief, Adam Bales reported his department made 42 runs during the month of January using 7,500 gallons of water. Bales reported six structure fire calls and 14 calls involving vehicles. The department also made four calls to provide medicine, food or kerosene during the snow storm in January.

According to the All American Club report, 25 bags of trash were picked up and several areas cleaned up over the month.

Police Chief Joe Rush reported 485 calls for service in January with 35 arrests and 31 traffic violations cited. The department also served 23 warrants.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Storms

(Continued from front) way, it is up to the property owner to clean up the debris."

Holbrook said the City of Brodhead, the City of Livingston and the City of Mount Vernon are responsible for cleaning up fallen trees that block city streets.

"Anyone living in the city limits in any of our three cities, would have to call that city if a tree blocks a city street," said Holbrook.

The exception to the rule includes a tree that has fallen onto a utility line. "In that case, the homeowners should call their utility company," said Holbrook.

According to Holbrook, the county has received several calls concerning trees or limbs on electrical lines. "We can't allow employees to remove limbs from electric or phone lines," Holbrook said. "For one thing, it is extremely dangerous, not to mention the liability to the county would be massive. We have to depend on utility companies to remove any trees or limbs across utility lines." OS and division af event to Mores

As a rule, those not residing inside city limits, should call Rockcastle County Road Department at 256-2956 should a tree block a roadway.

Those residing inside city limits should call the city hall in the city in which they live when a tree is blocking the roadway or street.

However, if a tree or limb is in contact with (or about to fall onto) utility lines, residents should call their utility company regardless of whether they are inside or outside city limits.

In the event of a blocked road anywhere in the county after hours, Holbrook said residents should call the 911 nonemergency number at 256-2121.

"When we get a call about a tree that has fallen on a county road, it becomes a priority for us and we get to it as soon as possible," Holbrook said.

If the tree has fallen onto the roadway but is located on private property, the county or the city will cut the tree that is on the right of way and clear the road, but actual cleanup of the tree and debris beyond the right of way is up to the property owner, according to officials.

Meeting

(Continued from front) county officials to answer

questions from city council members about planned growth and expansion and to create improved communication between the two entities.

Holbrook said city officials did not call an official public meeting since only a few council members were present at a time and then other council members arrived after those left the meeting. "They just wanted to discuss the new regional park and any other plans that may be in the works," Holbrook said.

During the meeting, council members discovered an AutoZone business is about to locatebetween the Kentucky Fried Chicken and the carwash.

"We were able to ask questions about plans the county has that will directly affect our city and share our plans that may affect the county," said Bowman.

Councilman Wayne Bullock agreed the meeting was useful. "We talked for about two hours about all the plans everyone has," he said. "It was very useful for everyone I think."

Officials of the city also spent part of last week in Frankfort in an effort to learn to perform their job in a more efficient way, according to Bowman.

Mayor Roberts, Bowman and City Clerk Crystal Rush traveled to Frankfort for a "City Day" Conference last Thursday and got the opportunity to meet and build relationships with many state officials, Bowman said. "This is a huge networking opportunity for each of us. We had the opportunity to meet state officials and legislators and express some of our hopes and goals for Mount Vernon."

The following day, Bowman attended the KCCMA (Kentucky County/City Manager Association) which provided constant lectures and discussions concerning legal updates, scholarships, retaining premier talent, management practices, planning, organization and much more.

"The mayor is committed to professional development and every city employee becoming better at what they do," said Bowman. "He is always looking for ways for his staff to become better civil servants. I learn a lot at these kinds of events. It is all just a part of trying to make a better city."

The city meeting with county officials apparently lasted about two hours and most officials agreed the meeting, as well as the conferences and workshops in Frankfort, were useful tools for both the city and the county. "The meeting with the county was also a very useful meeting," said Bowman. "I think both entities were pleased with the outcome. Communication is always good. No one needs to be surprised or caught off guard and evervone can be better prepared for upcoming growth if we know what to plan for. Meetings like those in Frankfort help us to better plan for upcoming growth. Meetings like the one with the county help us know what to plan for."

Grant

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Frankfort," VanHook said. "With all the recent economic development and the plans we have for so much more, our county is the center of attention right now. And for good reason."

Surveys and studies are expected to start immediately and the park is already being marketed to industry and manufacturer entities across the country. "We will have some big news very soon," said VanHook.

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hard-fought battle Monday night.

The score was 10-9 Mercer in the first quarter when sophomore turn.

The Lady Rockets will Lady Titans 51-47 in a Macy Spivey had to leave the game after colliding with a Mercer player and suffering a knee injury. Spivey was unable to re-

Lady Rockets fall to Lady Maroons 44-43 in district finals

for the Lady Rockets in their encounters with the Pulaski County Lady Maroons this season.

In regular season play, they beat the Lady Maroons at home by two then fell to them at PC by 24 points.

Last Wednesday night's 47th District finals between the two teams was no exception, with the Rockets and

It was feast or famine Maroons both battling hard throughout the game with the Lady Maroons finally coming out on top 44-43 on a last second shot by PC that came off an offensive rebound of a three point attempt. The buzzer went off as the ball was in the air.

Both teams came out cold with the first points not scored until the 4:02 mark of the first quarter -- two free throws by junior Markley Richards.

PC tied the score at two all before a three basket put the Lady Rockets up 5-2 and, after another three by Camryn Cash it was 8-2 for the home team. It was 11-2 Lady Rockets when the Lady Maroons went on a 5-1 run for a 12-7 first quarter lead for the Rockets.

The Lady Maroons opened the third quarter with a 9-0 run, hitting three straight three baskets and eventually an 18-15 halftime lead.

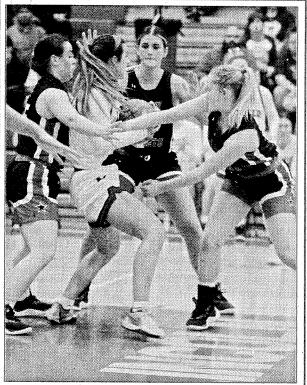
In the third period, the Lady Rockets battled back with Talynne

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The score at the end of the first quarter was 12-10 Mercer but Talynne Shearer tied the score at 12 all on free throws to begin scoring in the second quarter which ended in a tie at 19 all. Neither team could find the basket in the second quarter with the Lady Rockets hitting 3/3 free throws but missing 11 of 14 shots, and the Titans getting only one basket and five free throws.

In the third period, Mercer scored first, a three basket but the Rockets were ahead at the end of that period 36-34 on 12 points by Shearer

(Cont. to A7)



Markley Richards, Talynne Shearer and Ella McKinney triple team Mercer County's leading scorer during the Lady Rockets' first round win Monday night over Mercer County. Shearer led the Lady Rockets with 26 points in the win.

Rockets lose heartbreaker to PC in first round of district play

Two regular season games between Rockcastle County and Pulaski County were decided this

Rockcastle losing the first encounter 69-64 at home and winning the second one 54-53 at PC. Their district tournament matchup Tuesday night was no different

season by six points, with

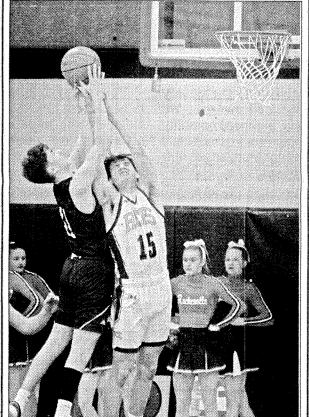
with each team fighting tooth and nail right through the overtime period that decided the 59-57 win for the Pulaski County Maroons. The Rockets jumped

out to an early 5-0 lead on two baskets by Walker Craig but Pulaski came back to outscore the Rockets 20-11 the rest of the quarter for a 20-16 lead at the end of the first period. Connor Hunt also picked up two quick fouls, his second at the 5:20 mark, which limited his action the rest of the half.

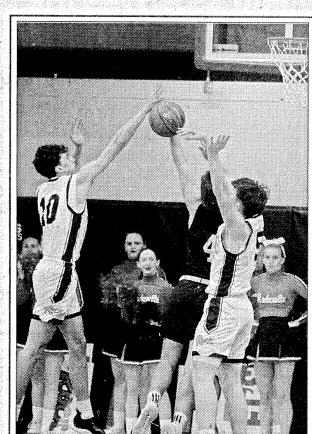
The second quarter was also a good one for PC who won that period 14-8 for a 34-24 halftime

However, the Rockets

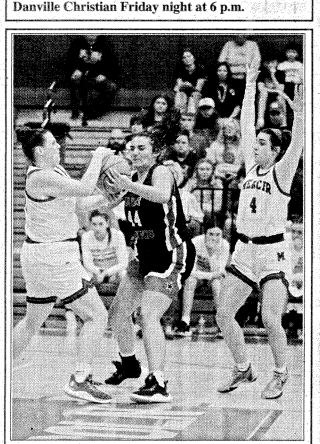
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Colton Cash fights for a reboun in the Rockets' 59-57 overtime loss to Pulaski in the first round of the 47th District Tournament last Tuesday.

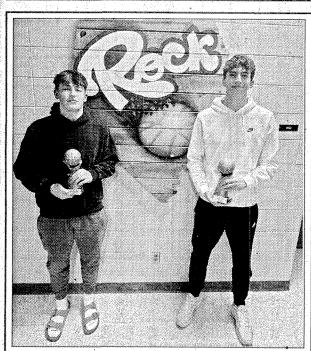


Walker Craig gets a block in the Rockets' overtime loss to Pulaski in the first round of the 47th District Tournament last Tuesday.

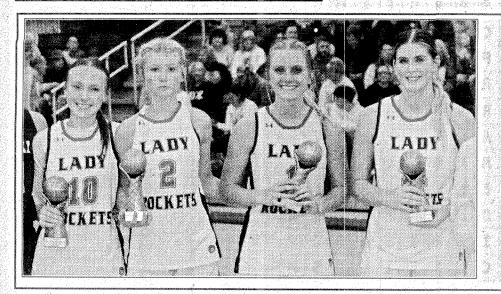


Taylor King applies defensive pressure during the Lady Rockets' first round win Monday night over Mercer County. The Lady Rockets will now face

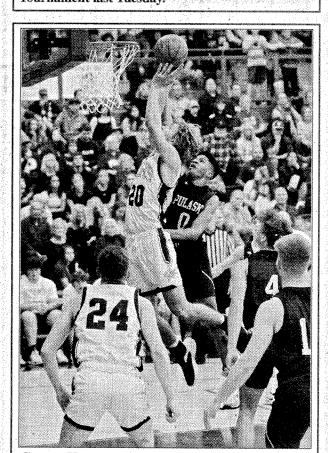
Abby Deleon fights hard for a loose ball during the Lady Rockets' 51-47 win over Mercer County Monday night in the first round of the 12th Region Tournament. The Lady Rockets now face Danville Christian Friday night at 6 p.m. at Lincoln County High



Jace Rogers and Walker Craig were named to the All 47th District Team for their season play for the Rockets.



From left: Camryn Cash, Macy Spivey, Taylor King and Talynne Shearer were named to the All 47th District Team for their play during the Lady Rockets this season.



Connor Hunt goes to the basket during the Rockets' overtime loss to PC last week.

The terminal expression

Rockets

(Cont. from A6)

came out hot in the third period and immediately cut the lead to four on a three basket by Craig, after baskets by Hunt and Jace Rogers. Craig hit another two basket and Trent Wilson then contributed six straight points to cut the lead to three at the third quarter stop 43-40.

In the fourth quarter, Rogers put his team ahead 51-50 with a three point basket with 1:48 remaining in regulation. Craig was then called for a personal and the PC player hit 15 night at the free throw 1/2 to tie the score at 51 all with 1:34 left in the game. Craig then was driving to the basket and was whistled for a charge, at the 51.2 mark which was also his fifth personal of the game. PC got off a shot, Skyler Durham rebounded the ball and with 2.5 seconds left on the clock. Rogers last second three point shot hit the front of the rim to put the game in overtime.

In overtime, Connor Hunt had an immediate charge called on him and then Colton Cash was called for a personal foul, sending the PC player to the line where he hit both of them for a 53-51 lead. Rockets then had a turn-

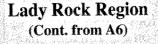
they hit a basket for a 55-51 lead with 1:24 on the clock. Jace Rogers sank a three point basket to pull his team to within one at 55-54 and Wilson then stole the ball with 50.3 left in overtime. However, the Rockets immediately had a turnover and Cash was called for another foul at the 26.3 mark and the PC player hit both for a 57-54 lead. Rogers then sank another three to tie the score with 4.2 second left on the clock but Durham was called for a foul and the PC player hit both of them for the 59-57 win.

The Rockets had a 10/ line with Wilson hitting 7/ 8 and PC sank 16/19.

Both teams hit seven three point baskets with Jace Rogers hitting four for the Rockets, Craig two and Wilson one.

Rogers led the scoring with 18 points; Craig had 15: Wilson 10, including 7/8 free throws; Hunt eight and Durham six.

Durham had the most rebounds with eight, he added six assists and three steals. Rogers got five rebounds and four assists; Hunt grabbed four rebounds, had two steals and one assist; Wilson also had four rebounds with one assist and three steals and Craig and Cash were each credited with two reover which gave the Ma-we bounds with Craig adding roons the ball back and two assists and one steal.



and five by Camryn Cash. Taylor King got six of her nine points in the fourth period, Shearer added a basket and three

more free throws and Cash

and DeLeon each scored for the final 51-47 score. Shearer picked up her fourth foul with 5:31 left in the fourth quarter and sat out until returning with just over three minutes left and accounted for five of

the last seven points the

Rockets scored in the game.

There were some tense moments for the Rockets in the final minutes of the game. They lost the ball on a five second violation on an inbounds play and then a Rocket was trapped on the baseline and turned the ball over. The score was tied at 46 all with 2:20 on the clock and was 49-47 Rockets with 23 seconds left but it was Mercer's ball. They missed a three point shot, Shearer got the rebound, was fouled and put in both free throws with four seconds left and it was all over but the celebrating.

Shearer took scoring honors big time with 26 points, including hitting 8/ 10 free throws; Cash got the only two three point baskets for her team and had 10 points total; King ended up with nine points; Abby DeLeon got four and Ella McKinney two. The Rockets were 9/12 in free throws while Mercer was 9/16. Mercer got six three point baskets to the Rockets two.

Shearer and King each pulled down several rebounds but it was Abby DeLeon, who played a great second half, who took rebounding honors with ten. She also had a block and a steal.

The Lady Rockets will play a 6 p.m. game Friday night against Danville Christian Academy who defeated Wayne County 61-45 in the first game Friday night. DCA has a 6'4" player and are the #1 ranked team in the 12th Region.

Lady Rock District (Cont. from A6)

Shearer's basket giving the Rockets their first lead at 23-22, followed by a three basket by Macy Spivey which put the Rockets up 26-22. But PC scored the last four points of the quarter for a tie score, 26 all, at the end of the period.

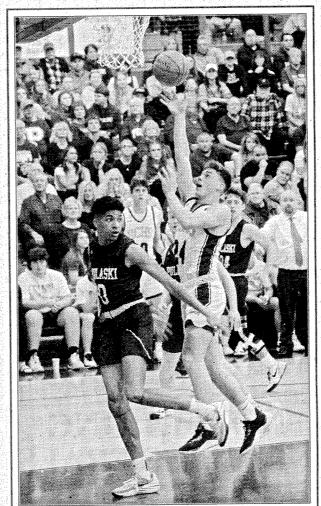
In the fourth quarter, Taylor King scored all of her teams's points (9), except for a free throw by Shearer and the score was tied at 35 all at the end of

regulation play. In overtime, PC got the tip but it was the Rockets who drew first blood on a basket by Shearer who was also fouled but missed her free throw for a 37-35 lead. PC retaliated to tie the score and then, Spivey hit a basket for a 39-37 lead. The score was tied at 39 all when Pulaski hit 1/ 2 free throws to go ahead 40-39. Spivey pulled down a Pulaski rebound but was stripped by a PC player. A Rocket was called for a foul and, on the same series, a PC player was called for an intentional foul for deliberately shoving Shearer during the action. The PC player hit both of her free throws for a 42-39 lead and King then hit both technical foul shots for a 42-41 score. The Rockets also got the ball and Shearer put in a basket for a 43-42 Rocket lead with 8.2 on the clock. PC came down the floor, a three point shot missed but the rebound came straight to a Lady Maroon who put the ball in for the 44-43 win as time ran off the clock.

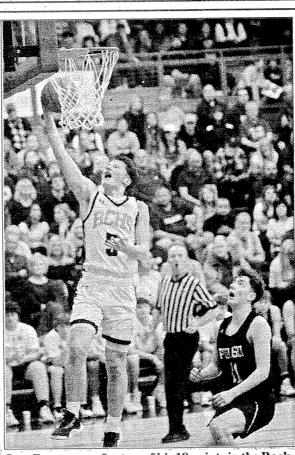
The Lady Rockets were led in scoring by King with 17 points, including two three baskets and hitting 7/10 free throws. Spivey scored 12 points, one of them a three; Shearer got seven points on the night; Richards four and Camryn Cash the other three basket.

The Rockets were 11/ 18 from the free throw line (61.1%) while Pulaski hit 15/16, their only miss coming in overtime action. The Lady Rockets hit four three baskets (4/15/ for 26.7%) and Pulaski had three. The Rockets total shooting percentage on the night was 35%

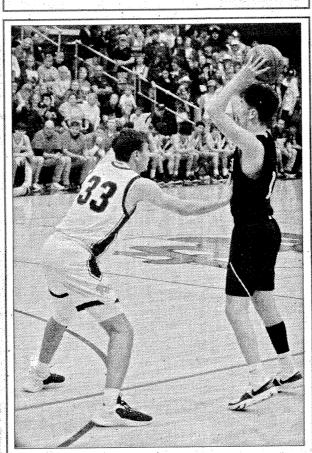
Shearer led the rebounding wars for her team with 10; Spivey got six; King five and Cash and Richards, two each.



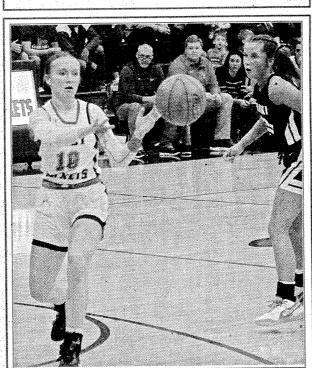
Trent Wilson goes for two during the Rockets' overtime loss to PC last week.



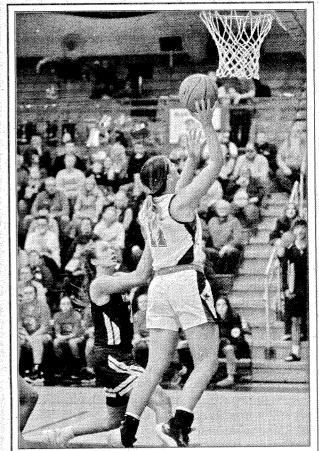
Jace Rogers goes for two of his 18 points in the Rockets' two-point loss to Pulaski in the first round of the 47th District Tournament last Tuesday.



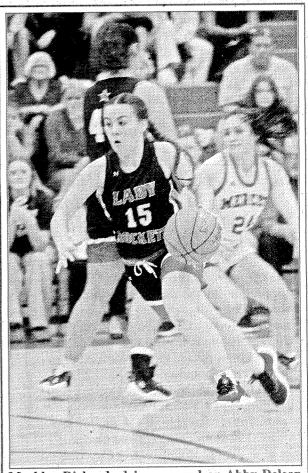
Skyler Durham applies defensive pressure in the Rockets' overtime loss to Pulaski in the first round of the 47th District Tournament last Tuesday.



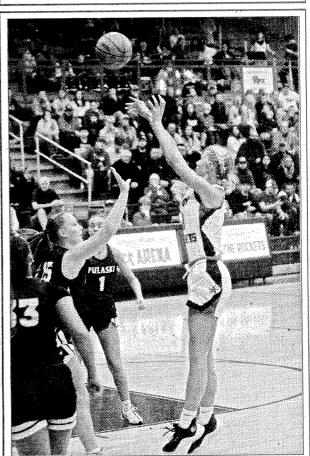
Camryn Cash makes a pass in the Lady Rockets' 44-43 loss to Pulaski County in the finals of the district tournament. The Lady Rockets have advanced in 12th Region Tournament action and will face Danville Christian Academy Friday night at 6 p.m. at Lincoln County High School.



Talynne Shearer goes for two in the Lady Rockets' heartbreaking loss to Pulaski County in the district tournament finals last week.



Markley Richards drives around an Abby Deleon screen during the Lady Rockets' first round win Monday night over Mercer County.



Macy Spivey puts up a jumper in the Lady Rockets' loss to PC in the 47th District finals. Spivey went down early in the first round of the 12th Region tournament Monday night with a knee injury.

Hot Rod sign-ups

It is once again time for Hot Rods T-Ball action.

The 38th season of Rockcastle County's Hot Rods T-Ball will begin with registration at the Memorial VFW Post 5908 on the back side of Lake Linville, on April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again on April 13 at the

The cost for the 2024 season will be \$40 which includes a hat and t-shirt. Parent's shirts are also available for order.

Organizers say Hot Rods T-Ball teaches the fundamentals and lessons that will help each child throughout their life. "We help them to build their skills in batting, throwing, catching and most importantly, team work," said one spokesman.

Field preparations will be held on April 20 and any parent or guardian who would like to help get the field ready for the season is encouraged to attend.

Games are held on Saturdays at the ballpark beginning April 27.

Anyone with questions concerning Hot Rods T-Ball should contact one of the coaching staff. They are; Head Coach Doug Proctor, 606-308-5319, Assistant Coach Jason Proctor, 606-308-5717, Assistant Coach Travis Powell, Assistant Coach Perry Mason, Jr., 606-308-5450 and Assistant Coach Chris Benge, 606-308-1892.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps Grafting: Part of the Edible Landscaping Series

Grafting is a way we are able to obtain thousands—and millions—of trees or shrubs that are exactly alike, genetically. Just like the parent tree or shrub. Plants created this way are known as "clones" of the original. (Rooted cuttings, stooling, divisions and plants produced from a little DNA in a test tube are other cloning methods.)

Seeds of many plants do not produce true. For instance, plant a seed from a Honeycrisp apple, and you'll get something else. (Oh, you'll get an apple, for kind produces after kind as we're told in the Creation story in Genesis. But you may get a small or sour or red or green or disease prone apple rather than one that resembles the Honeycrisp you planted.) Though very rare, you can also get a seedling that is superior to what you planted—this is how new plants worth getting a patent or trademark for are discovered and reproduced by clon-

Similarly, if you plant seeds of a Japanese maple, you are going to get a maple tree. But, often it will have minor differences that will make it less desirable than the cloned one you can buy that has been grafted.

Late winter is typically when grafting begins. Actually, it begins even earlier as you collect dormant sticks or scions of one and two year old wood from the tree you want to graft more copies of. You put these scions in a zip-lock bag together with a slightly damp piece of tissue and keep them cool and safe until ready to graft. (For dormant wood is best for grafting, even if the tree you plan to graft to has 'come out of hibernation".)

March is ideal for Apples, cherries and pears, but many fruit and other species need warm temperatures for grafts to take. Peaches, persimmons, pawpaws are just a few that the sap should be up and maybe even leaves growing when you graft your dormant wood to

instruction or 'how-to' on

grafting. Terms like whip

grafting, whip & tongue,

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ding, etc., are best left to

you to research yourself

if you decide to try some

grafting to propagate a

to graft a stick of wood

from a tree you want an-

other of, you'll need a tree

or a 'rootstock' to graft

your scion to. Seedlings,

root cuttings, even larger

existing trees, can be-

come recipients of your

grafting attempts. (I have

several apple trees with 8

to 12 varieties on one tree,

for instance.)

Obviously, if you plan

favorite tree.

Overtime Available

The Garrard County Sheriff's Office is now accepting resumes for CERTIFIED Deputy Sheriff's. The GCSO offers a top pay and benefit package along with a 4 on 4 off work week. Pay based on Experience.

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Give it a try!

Church **News**

Special Singing at Maretburg Baptist

The Medley Boys will be the featured singers at Maretburg Baptist Church's service on Sunday, March 24, beginning at 6 p.m.

Republican Party **Mass Meeting**

Rockcastle Republican Party will hold a mass meeting Tuesday, March 12th at 5:30 p.m. at Limestone Grille to elect delegates and alternates to the District and State Convention.

The Greatness of the Church

The only body purchased with the blood of Christ. (Acts 20:28) The purchase price of the church was the very blood of Christ, and He only purchased one. The only body with Christ as it's foundation. (Eph.2:20) The foundation of any building will determine whether that building stands or falls. The only body as Christ as its head. (Eph. 1:20) The church doesn't have a central headquarters; where they meet to decide how to govern the church. We have our Bibles: What was good for first century Christians is still good for twenty-first century Christians. The only body with perfect and everlasting laws. (Jas.1:25) Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away. (Matt.24:35) Its field of labor is universal. (Mk.16:15,16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (Rom.1:16) Its members wear the greatest name ever worn by men. (Acts 11:26), (1Pet.4:16) Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. It is the only missionary society known to the Bible. (Eph. 3:10) To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

It is the only organization that man can glorify God. (Eph.3:21) Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. It is the only institution that will last longer than time. (Matt. 16:18) And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Mount Vernon

March 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

A public hearing will take place on Monday, March

18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Mount Vernon City Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide general

information to the public regarding the City of

Mount Vernon purchasing a police vehicle and

materials through USDA Rural Development fund-

ing. The public is invited to attend and comment

Topic: Mount Vernon-Public Hearing for USDA-

Time: March 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

on any issues related to the proposed project.

By: City of Mount Vernon

RD Funding for Police Vehicle

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Dr. William Bakhos Surgeon



Dr. David Bullock Family Medicine



Dr. Justin Williams Oncologist

Free meal • Health education • Mobile Health Clinic: Guardant Colorectal Cancer Screenings 4:30-6:30 pm



Second Section

Thursday, March 7, 2024

RCHS Cheerleaders are recognized at state capitol

On Wednesday, Sen. Brandon Storm, R-London, welcomed the Rockcastle County High School (RCHS) cheerleading team into the Senate Chambers at the state Capitol, recognizing their outstanding achievements during the 2023-2024 season with Senate Resolution 183 (SR 183).

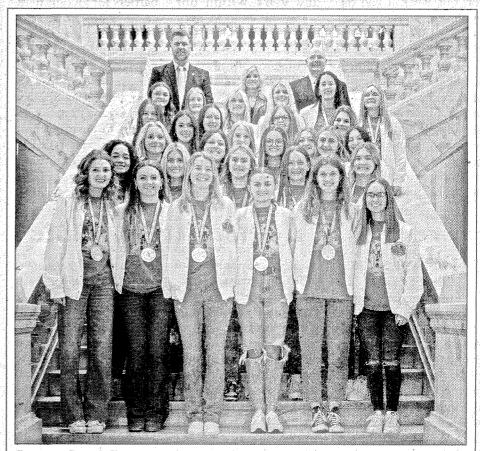
RCHS Cheerleaders, under the guidance of Coach Joanie Lake, had an exceptional season that culminated in a national title at the 2024 National School High Cheerleading Championship in the Super Large DII Non-Tumbling Game Day Division.

Throughout the season, the RCHS Cheerleaders demonstrated their skill and dedication, placing as the runner-up in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Cheer Region 6 Competition and earning a fifth-place finish in the KHSAA State Cheer Championship. Additionally, they competed in the United Cheerleader Association's Bluegrass Regional competition, securing sixth place overall and earning a spot at the prestigious National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida.

At the national championship, the RCHS Cheerleaders made a remarkable appearance in two divisions. In the Medium DII Non-Tumbling Traditional Division, they finished in third place. At the same time, in the Super Large DII Non-Tumbling Game Day Division, they proudly took home the title of National Champithe sometiments are

Storm—and former Sen. of Rockcastle County before redistricting Jared Carpenter, R-Berea—and the Senate congratulate the RCHS cheerleaders and Coach Joanie Lake for their remarkable accomplishments. The resolution officially acknowledges and commends the team's dedication, passion, and outstanding performance throughout the 2023-2024 season.

SR 183 and the team's accomplishments will forever be cemented in the legislative record.



Senator Jerad Carpenter (top left) and Senator Brandon Storm (top right) greeted the RCHS Cheerleaders on the steps of the state capitol after their recent National Championship win in Florida.

Wayne Bullock City Councilman once again recognized with state awards

By: Mike French

Once again, Mount Vernon City Councilman Charles Wayne Bullock has been recognized by the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Bullock has received the recognition every year for many years and he says he is more appreciative each year.

According to the Citation of Appreciation, Bullock has been named as an "Outstanding Citizen of the Commonwealth."

Bullock, who was diagnosed with Schizophrenia at a young age, has never lost an election and has served on the Mount Vernon City Council for 29 years. Bullock started the All American Club Litter Abatement program in Mount Vernon in 1987 and has been a part of the Kentucky Adopt-A-Highway Program for several years.

Bullock has also served

as President of the Cumberland Valley River Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). The citation goes on to say that state representatives were proud to join Representative Josh Bray in offering "sincere commendation and gratitude for his years of exemplary service and in extending best wishes for every future success as he continues to labor in the interest of the common good."

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe also recognized Bullock's 30 consecutive years of awards for "an accomplishment beyond compare." A letter from Rowe's office says, "The House of Representatives is merely recognizing what our local community already knows all too well." The letter is signed by Rowe and William Leger.

Bullock said he greatly

Fiscal court sets trash Drop off Day in county appreciates the recognition from the state and the county and appreciates By: Mike French the donations and other help over the years aid-Editor ing his effort to keep

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting last week to act upon several timely issues.

The court agreed unani-DE LE COMMUNICIPAL DE

mously (Magistrate Shane Thacker was not present) to a change in the Windstream phone system used by the county. The new plan, still a part of Windstream, will reduce the monthly phone bills by about \$40, and there will be no annual \$1,000 maintenance agreement involved with the new program. "It saves the county each month and the company takes care of installation and all maintenance," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

Holbrook also asked the court for approval for the annual Trash Drop-Off Day to be scheduled for May 18th. The annual event allows Rockcastle County citizens to bring much of their trash to the local land fill without charge. More details of the event will be released closer to the May date, according to officials.

Holbrook also explained in detail why the \$79,000 received for the property recently sold in Livingston was less than the \$85,500 sale price. "This is just a proper paper trail so that the minutes will reflect why the amount we received was less than the sale price. In the event an auditor ever wonders why the two numbers don't match, they will be able to see why," he said. Holbrook explained that agent's fees, taxes, closing costs, and realtor fees required the use of some of the funds.

The court also agreed to pay claims that were received after the regular meeting on February 13.

Holbrook and Court Clerk Vickie Miller requested \$20,000 in transfers from the Occupational Tax Fund to the General Fund for help with the payroll. The request passed unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pawfect Pets

Rockcastle County clean

Bullock said he was

honored to be recognized

once again for his contin-

ued efforts to help keep

the community trash free.

of litter.





This week's installment of Pawfect Pets features 1 year-old "Lady" shown on the left. The female Border Collie is friendly and lovable. On the right is two year-old "Thor." Thor is a male German Shepherd who is also friendly and loves everyone. Anyone interested in adopting these, or any animals, should visit or call the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter at 606-256-1833. A \$20 adoption fee will apply.

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Mount Vernon City Councilman Wayne Bullock stands with the recent recognition award he received from the State of Kentucky. The award was given for Bullock's relentless service to his community.

Traffic safety checkpoints planned at approved sites

The Kentucky State Police, London Post which provides coverage for Clay, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne and Whitley counties, will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints at approved by the Kentucky State Police Policy and Procedures Manual. These checkpoints will be conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Special attention will be paid to occupant protection (seatbelt adherence). Sobriety, insurance and registration violations.

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By: Josh Bray State Representative Legislation to prioritize health, first responders, and children passes House

Before leaving Frankfort this week, I had the opportunity to reflect on the legislation that cleared the House this week, including measures aimed at protecting our children and bills that seek to improve access to health care. Most of what we acted upon traces its origin back to the work we did between the 2023 Regular Session and

State Senator

Week 9 of the 2024

Assembly has wrapped up

the ninth legislative week

of the 2024 Regular Ses-

sion. The week marked

the final period for law-

makers to submit new

bills. By the end of the

week, 838 bills were filed

in the state House of Rep-

resentatives and 382 in the

annual Military Kids Day

event, where children of

military families engaged

in various Capitol activi-

ties, from a committee

meeting introduction to

enjoyable experiences like

cornhole, and a Capitol

tour and scavenger hunt.

The event is a day dedi-

cated solely to children of

military moms and dads.

It was a joy to recognize

them and hopefully sow

some seeds that may one

day grow into their own

the opportunity to wel-

come the Rockcastle

County High School

cheerleading team into the

Senate Chambers. My

colleagues in the Senate

and I honored their out-

standing achievements

during the 2023-2024 sea-

son with Senate Resolu-

tion 183 (SR 183). The

resolution officially ac-

knowledges and com-

mends the team's dedica-

tion, passion, and out-

standing performance

throughout the 2023-2024

season. SR 183 and the

team's accomplishments

will forever be cemented

in the legislative record.

Small Business Day in the

Capitol on Wednesday.

Small businesses are the

backbone of our commu-

nities and provide a strong

foundation for communi-

Thursday, we celebrated

Aviation/Aerospace Day,

which is a day of learning

and awareness surround-

ing the industry. These in-

dustry experts truly care

about igniting the

younger generation to find

their passion for flying

and other careers available in the field. Earlier

this month, my legislation

creating scholarships for

aviation education, Senate

Bill 127, passed the Sen-

ate and has been making

progress in the House of

Representatives. I look

forward to the prospect of

At the State Capitol on

ties to thrive.

We also celebrated

On Wednesday, I had

public service.

simulators,

Tuesday brought our

state Senate.

flight

when we convened in early January. This period of time, commonly referred to as the legislative interim, provides us an opportunity to research, hear from folks, and work within our communities to identify areas we can improve. While we are a part-time legislature and only meet in session for a limited time, our legislative work really is year-round.

Here is a brief summary of a few measures that cleared the House this week and now find their way in the Senate:

Frankfort Update

Toughening Penalties for Crimes Against Children/HB 278 would work to increase penalties for offenses, prevent opportunities for predators to be near children, and remove barriers for victims to receive justice. The main goal of the measure is to generate a zero-tolerance policy towards those who choose to exploit children. Protecting children from exploitation is paramount to ensuring their well-being, development,

and mental health. Establishing the Medicaid Oversight and Advi-

sory Board/HB 316 would establish the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board of the Kentucky General Assembly. The budget approved by the House several weeks ago contains record funding for Medicaid and other entitlement programs. And, while we know these programs play an important role in supporting Kentuckians in a time of need, we also have an obligation to ensure that they result in healthier individuals. We also must recognize that for most Kentuckians, they are designed to be temporary, not a permanent way of life. The board would be tasked with reviewing, analyzing, studying, evaluating, and providing legislative oversight to ensure Medicaid meets these goals.

Regulating Chemical Dependency Treatment Services/HB 408 would establish a framework to prevent rehabilitations from recruiting out-ofstate residents, bringing them to their facility and putting them on Kentucky Medicaid. The measure lays out a process to ensure residents of a drug treatment programs are returned to their home community upon leaving the facility.

Prioritizing Mental

Health of First Responders/HB 212 would allow rescue squad members to participate in the Alan "Chip" Terry Professional Development and Wellness Program. The program is named after former Covington Firefighter Chip Terry. The measure would direct the Division of **Emergency Management** and the Kentucky Fire Commission to enter into an agreement to ensure that rescue squad members have access to the program. This is another small but important step in the fight for more protections of our first responders, especially those dealing with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Establishing Sepsis Diagnosis Criteria/HB 477 would expand preventative screenings for sepsis. The measure would call for providers to do a blood culture upon a positive test. Additionally, HB 477 aligns Medicaid and Medicare standards with each other, ensuring all stages of sepsis are covered under insurance. Kentucky has one of the highest rates of sepsis and septicemia in our nation. More than 35,000 Kentuckians are hospitalized with sepsis each year, and on average, almost 17% of patients will die from severe sepsis and septic shock with an estimated cost of over \$2.3 billion. Every hour without intervention increases the risk of death by 7%. Health care providers must treat patients for sepsis before it reaches the level of organ failure.

Covering Cancer Detection Screenings/HB 52 would require Medicaid, health plans (both state employees and student), and group health plans to extend coverage for specific screenings as they relate to the detection of cancer. If a physician suspects cancer, screenings become essential for confirming the diagnosis, determining the extent of the disease, and planning an appropriate treatment strategy. Timely screenings play a pivotal role in facilitating early intervention improving prognosis, and optimizing chances of successful treatment.

Last week we also took a moment to recognize March as Colorectal Cancer: Awareness The House Month. adopted a resolution to highlight the importance screening colorectal cancer, as well as to promote healthy lifestyle habits that can decrease a person's risk of developing cancer. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in Kentucky. By 2030, colorectal cancer is projected to be the leading cause of cancer death in 20-to-49-year-olds.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Please feel free to also contact me via josh.bray@lrc.ky.gov and keep track through Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm enabling more students to fulfill their career ambitions and address the growing aviation em-Legislative Session ployee shortage. The Kentucky General

> We passed quite a few bills this week on various topics including. Some of the measures seeking Senate approval were:

Senate Bill (SB) 1 would establish an endowed research fund managed by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to support collaborative research initiatives across higher education institutions. CPE would oversee the application process, including soliciting, accepting, and reviewing applications from universities to select five eligible research groups for seed funding over a five-year period. Additionally, the legislation establishes a review mechanism to assess ongoing eligibility for funding and directs the CPE to address any vacancies that may arise if a consortium becomes ineligible.

SB 71 is a public safety measure that would provide transportation services for individuals who wish to voluntarily leave a chemical dependency treatment program. The bill puts in place safety provisions such as requiring notifications for family, court officials, the county attorney, and local law enforcement that a resident has left the treatment facility. It also ensures the individual is only transported to their home, a public transportation location, or a ridesharing service.

SB 118 aims to safeguard property rights and address criminal trespassing by permitting private property owners to use purple paint marks as a clear notice of no trespassing. It eliminates the need for a written notice, allowing property owners to rely on the visual indicator of purple paint on trees, fences, or other objects. The bill establishes specific requirements for using purple paint to mark private property, providing a legal means for property owners to communicate and enforce boundaries without the necessity of written warnings.

SB 174 would improve efficiency and service to Kentucky consumers. The bill would exempt communication service providers from the requirement to call 811 before

they hook up residences and other properties to communication terminals. This process typically only requires communication service providers to dig down a few inches, where it is highly unlikely they would impact other utilities in the area. The requirement to call 811 in advance can delay hooking up the service.

SB 229 enhances the representation and focus on blockchain technology in municipal utilities by replacing key members with designated representatives from the Kentucky League of Cities. It acknowledges the significance of roles within municipal utility commissions, aiming to attract skilled individuals by increasing the maximum annual pay. Additionally, it grants more autonomy to address operational needs efficiently by doubling the maximum spending limit for superintendents employed by electric plant boards contracting with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

SJR 149 would ensure a more focused representation of municipal utilities' interests in the development of blockchain technology by replacing specific members on the Blockchain Technology Working Group and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority board with desig-

nated municipal utility representatives from the Kentucky League of Cities. Additionally, it would acknowledge the significance of their roles by proposing an increase in the maximum annual pay for municipal utility commission members and granting greater autonomy to address operational needs by suggesting a raise in the spending limit for electric plant board superintendents without extensive board approval.

Ama Danie grennerwali

Two bills made their way to the governor's desk in week nine. Includ-

SB 5, recognized as a 2024 legislative priority, addresses a specific public concern by eliminating the five-acre ownership requirement for residential landowners seeking exemptions from sport hunting and sport fishing license requirements.

Find the status of legislation by calling 866-840-2835, legislative meeting information at 800-633-9650, or leaving a message for lawmakers at 800-372-7181. You can watch and follow legislative activity at KET/org/ legislature Legislature.ky.gov.

Thank you for your continued engagement in the 2024 Regular Session. it is a privilege to repre sent you in Frankfort.

ORDINANCE 2024-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL MANUAL OF ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

Whereas, it is the intent of the City of Mount Vernon to maintain a current and up to date personnel policy manual, and;

Whereas, from time-to-time circumstances and issues coming before the City warrant a review of current policies and past decisions, and;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Mount Vernon to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its employees through the practice of equitable and reasonable policies, as well as job descriptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the City of Mount Vernon that the Comprehensive Personnel Manual (Ordinance 2012-2) be amended as follows:

Section 1:

Section 3.3: Hours of Work

Scheduling shall be as follows: A.

Safety Personnel:

-Ten hour shifts unless otherwise scheduled by the department head with Mayor approval.

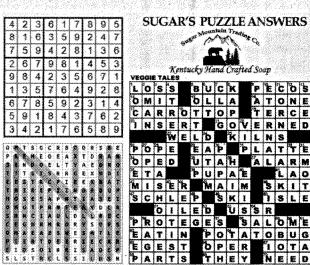
Administrative Personnel:

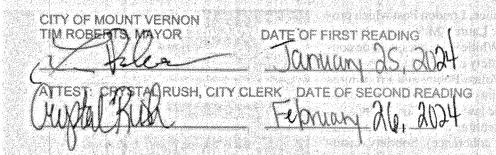
-Eight hour shift 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 3:30 PM)

Unless otherwise scheduled by the department head with Mayor approval.

Public Works Personnel:

-Work schedule shall begin at except wastewater treatment plant employees Eight hour shift 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 3:30 PM) Unless otherwise scheduled by the department head with Mayor approval...





Church Directory

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

Berea Gospel Tabernacle 231 US 25 South Berea, KY Monday Night 7 p.m.

Pastor: Bro. Gregory Isaacs **Bible Baptist Church** 100 Higher Ground (off US 25)

Mount Vernon, Ky. Church Phone 606-256-5913 e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m. Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Live services on www.biblebaptist.org and Facebook® Pastor: Bro. Alan Dodson

Blue Springs Church of Christ 7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)

Services:

Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Preaching Brethren Marcus Reppert Phillip Permenter Eric Bullock Contact Info:

Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794 223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd. Mt. Vernon, Ky. marcusreppert24@hotmail.com **Brodhead Baptist Church**

Corner of Silver & Maple St. Brodhead, Ky. 40409 606-758-8316 Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided) Sunday Youth Bible Study

5 p.m. Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m. Children's Programs: RAs & GAS

Mission Friends and Creative Ministry Ralph Baker, Pastor **Brodhead Christian**

237 W. Main St. Brodhead 606-758-8721 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Tracy Valentine, Preacher 606-758-8662

Cell 606-305-8980 **Brodhead Church of God**

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

Brush Creek Holiness Church Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor **Buffalo Baptist Church** Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy, 1249

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

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

Central Baptist Church 86 Maintenance Rd.

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 606-256-2988 centralbaptistky.org Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning 11 a.m. Bus Sunday School 5 p.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Climax Christian Church Hwy. 1912 308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977 Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Climax Holiness Church Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m. Thursday Nights 7 p.m. 3rd Sat. of every month at 7 p.m.

Community Worship Church of God 758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor Worship Service Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship

11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. www.cwchurchofgod.com Conway Missionary Baptist

116 Meadow Lark Lane Berea, KY 40403 Sunday School 10 a m Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service and

Bible Study 7 p.m. Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Bobby Turner, Pastor 606-758-4007

Crab Orchard Pentecostal Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

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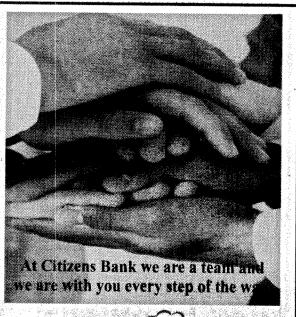
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Tuesday Evening 7 p.m. 606-355-7595

Creekside Baptist Church 2261 Copper Creek Rd. Sunday morning breakfast: 9:30 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night 7 p.m. Pastor Bro. Jack Stallsworth CrossPoint Church of God

211 Industrial Park Rd. Mt. Vernon, KY Sunday 2 p.m. Thursday Evening 7 p.m. Pastor: Matt Griggs 859-582-2553

Crossroads Assembly of God Hwy. 150 · Brodhead Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night 7 p.m. **Cupps Chapel Holiness** Copper Creek Rd.,

Brodhead Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Thursday Evening 7 p.m. Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

Fairground Hill Community Holiness Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Thursday Service 7 p.m. Robert Miller, Pastor Fairview Baptist Church

520 Fairview Loop Road Mount Vernon, Ky Sunday Services Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Children's Choir 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m. Wednesday Services Creative Ministry 6 p.m.

Bible Study 7 p.m. Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m. RAs and GAs 7 p.m. Mission Friends 6 p.m. 606-256-3722 email: fellowship@fvmbc.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal S. Wilderness Road Mount Vernon, Ky Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Saturday Service 7 p.m. Jack Carpenter, Pastor First Baptist Church

340 West Main Street Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922 Dennis Wilder, Pastor Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth website: www.fbcmvkyorg

email:fbcmtvemon@kyn.twcbc.com Every Sunday: Morning Worship: 9 & 11 am Sunday School/Growth Groups 10 am WRVK 1460AM at 11 a.m. LiveStream at fbcmvky.org

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Baptist 504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004 Orlando, Ky. Sunday School 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Fountain of Life **United Pentecostal Church**

80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon Sunday 3:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome Pastor: James Blanton

Freedom Baptist Church Freedom School Rd. Mt. Vernon Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m. Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst

859-200-6331 Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church

Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead) Brodhead, Ky. Randal Adams, Pastor Youth Pastor, Scott Adams Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wed. Evening 7 p.m. Higher Praise Ministries 4896 Lake Cumberland Rd

Chris Davidson, Pastor Sunday 11 am & 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777 Lighthouse Assembly of God

Hwy. 1004 · Orlando, Ky. Tim Hampton, Pastor 606-256-4884 • 606308-2342 Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Little Country Church Jarber Rd.

Jack Weaver, Pastor Sunday 6 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Livingston Baptist Church

606-392-3809 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Children's Church 11 a.m.

Church Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Arthur Hunt, Minister

Holiness Church Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Jim Miller, Pastor

Living Word Community Church Sunday School 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Noon Wednesday Service 7.p.m. Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor

Macedonia Baptist Church Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road) Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873 Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor Home Phone 606-256-3075 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Maretburg Baptist

Church Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Phone: 256-8 Sunday School 10 a.m.

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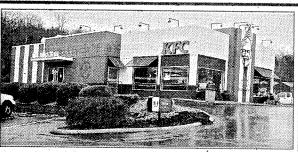
Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Bobby Owens, Pastor 859-986-1317

606-308-3293 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

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11 a.m.

2617 New Brodhead Rd. Bro. Tony Smith, Pastor (all ages)

maretburgchurch@yahoo.com McNew Chapel Baptist

1025 W Main St.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. New Heart Baptist Church

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Service 7 p.m.

525 Williams St (across from MVES) Mount Vernon, Ky. 606-256-4170 Mass Times: Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m. Holy Days 5 p.m. Father Alfredo Basuldo, Pastor Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper Tom Darst, Maintenance Philadelphia United

Baptist 834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Saturday Service 7 p.m. Gordon Mink, Pastor 606-308-5368

Pine Hill Holiness 5394 S. Wilderness Rd. Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship II a.m. Thursday Night Worship

7:00 p.m. Children's Church 7 pm Thurs. Pastor Ashley Noe Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church 81 Limeplant Hollow Road

Mt. Vernon, Kv. 40456 Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor 859-986-1579 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship II a.m. Discipleship Training

5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Pleasant Run Missionary Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

1st Sunday in Month Church at 2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor **Poplar Grove Baptist** 145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor

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Sand Springs Baptist Church Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go exactly 5 miles, church on right Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Pastor: Bro. Denzel Jones

Scaffold Cane Baptist Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7 p.m. Pastor: Bro. James Hardin Skaggs Creek Baptist Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Bro. Richard West Everyone Welcome! Tabernacle of Love 244 Old Somerset Rd. Mt. Vernon • 606-256-5894 Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

Pastor: Clyde Hodge

Union Chapel Pentecostal 1505 Union Chapel Rd. Brodhead, Ky. (3 miles out of Brodhead) Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night 6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Walter Bowling

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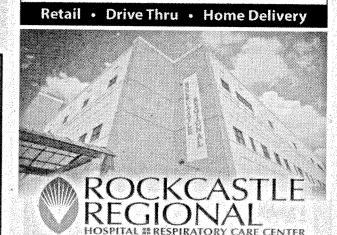
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Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be

prosecuted. 8/17/23

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 39x24

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: 47xnff

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(23)x25

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Anyone entering the property must be with Orville Burkhart. Violators will be prosecuted. 35/23x51p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Orville Burkhart. Violators will be prosecuted. 35/23x51p

passing 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

passing 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

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

Miscellaneous For Sale

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

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Wanted: Potato Onions. Please call Gary Davidson, 937-845-8322. 2x2

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Notice is hereby given that Johnny Harris, 189 West Main Street, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Preda I. Harris, deceased, on the 8th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Johnny Harris, or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 12, 2024 at

11 a.m. 2x3 Notice is hereby given that Virginia Bond, 130 Barrow Street, New York, NY 10014 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Clifton Bond, deceased, on the 13th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Virginia Bond or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August

14, 2024 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Donald C. Doan, Jr., 8627 Wyndhurst Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32226 has been appointed Executor, w/will annexed, of the Estate of William Bentley Doan, deceased, on the 14th

day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Donald C. Doan, Jr. or Hon. Carrie D. Risert, 209 Old Harrods Creek Road, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40223 on or before August 19, 2024 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Rhonda Jean Nottingham, 1651 Poplar Grove Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Frances E. Jones, deceased, on the 14th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rhonda Jean Nottingham, or the Honorable Keith Allen McLamb, 209 East Mount Vernon Street, Somerset, KY 42501 on or before August 19, 2024 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that
Steven Deborde, P.O. Box
1158, Mount Vernon, KY
40456 has been appointed
Executor of the Estate of
Barbara Deborde, deceased,
on the 7th day of February
2024. Any person having
claims against said Estate
shall present them, according to law, to the said Steven
Deborde, or Hon. John D.
Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount
Vernon, KY 40456 on or
before August 7, 2024 at 11

a.m. 1x3 Notice is hereby given that Joseph R. Young, 160 Lair Street, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Iris V. Young, deceased, on the 14th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Joseph R. Young, or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 14, 2024 at 11 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Jaclyn St. Clair Shoop, 625 West Short St., Lexington, KY 40508 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Kathryn St. Clair. deceased on the 28th day of February, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jaclyn St. Clair Shoop, or Hon. Michael F. Reynolds, Kinkead & Stilz, PLLC, Suite 800, 301 E. Main St., Lexington, KY 40507 on or before August 28, 2024 at 11 a.m. 3x3

Notice is hereby given that Donald Nunamaker, 120 General Nelson Dr., Richmond, KY 40475 has been Administrator of the Estate of Meggin Kathleen Nunamaker, deceased, on the 28th day of February 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Donald Nunamaker or Hon. Michael S. Fore, P.O. Box 26, Richmond, KY 40476 on or before August 28,

2024 at 11 a.m. 3x3 Notice is hereby given that Jeffery Lyn Nicely, 3731 Big Cave Rd., Orlando, KY 40460 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Melvin Preston Hensley, deceased, on the 28th day of February, 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jeffery Lyn Nicely or Hon. William A. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 28, 2024 at 11 a.m. 3x3

Notice is hereby given that Bill McKinney has filed his final settlement as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Darrell McKinney. A hearing on said settlement will be held April 8, 2024 at 11 a.m. if any exceptions are filed. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 3x1

Accepting Bids: The Housing Authority of Berea is taking bids on a mower. (Details below). This will be sealed bid process and bids will be accepted until Friday March 15th at 4pm. The bids will be opened publicly at the Housing Authority of Berea Board of Commissioners Meeting on Monday March 18th, 2024. The meeting begins at 11:30. The winning bidder will be contacted March 18th, 2024. To place a bid please mail in your bid amount name, address, and phone number to The Housing Authority of Berea 110 Orchard Street Berea, Ky 40403. If you would like to see the equipment, please contact the Housing Authority of Berea office 859-986-4436 or email berhousing@windstream.net. Bids are for a 2017 Grasshopper 52 inch cut with Collection System. 204 Hours, Minimum bid is \$5,000.00.

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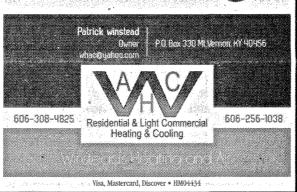
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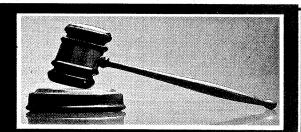
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Patricia Gail Newcomb, Livingston, Behaviorial Health, and Jessie Dean Mason, 57, Livingston, self-employed. 2/23/24

Rose Marie Ludeman, 66, Orlando, unemployed and Everette Swinney, 67, Orlando, retired. 2/ 23/24

Kristyn NMicole Dennis, 28, Mt. Vernon, paralegal and Billy James Satterfield, 23, Mt. Vernon, tow truck operator. 2/27/24

Circuit Civil Suits

Kiaya Faith Otey v. Thomas Jackson Otey, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Roy Rogers Dykes v. Latasha Dykes, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ryan Taylor v. Leslie Nicole Taylor, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Timothy Clines v. Megan Sizemore, verified petition for custody.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Kristopher O. Estes II, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Michael Bennett, complaint for child support and medical support.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Brock R. Harreschou, \$6,582 plus claimed due.

Tiffany Rae Cooper v. Jacob Aaron Cooper, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00056

District Civil Suits

Simon Laird v. Angel Smith, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Midland Credit Management v. Nichole Baker, \$4,948 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management v. James Dennison, \$4,248 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management v, Rhonda Yaden, \$1,394 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management v. Charles Brown, \$563 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Robert Means, \$632 pllus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Joel Harvey, \$760 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. LeviNorthern. \$2,170 plus claimed due.

Baptist Health Medical Group, Inc., et al v. Timothy A. Jenkins, \$259 and \$954 plus claimed due. Cavalry SPV I, LLC v.

Stacy L. York, \$938 plus claimed due.

Bank of America v. Tim R. Gadd, \$3,461 plus claimed due.

Baptist HealthMedical Group, Inc., et al v. Shannon Smith, \$454 plus claimed due.

CrownAsset Management LLC v. Allen Johnson, \$4,565 plus claimed due. C-00045

Deeds Recorded

DGS Development Ltd, Lot 14 Shady Grove Farms, to Parham P. Baker. Tax \$32.50

C. Douglas and Judy Brock, property in Sunset Place Subdy., to Jason and Angela Alcorn, Tax

Jeffrey and Michelle McKinney, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeremy L. and Kelsey M. Adams. Tax \$100

James E. and ruth M. Lunsford, property in Quail Acres Subdy., to Casey McIntosh. Tax \$23.50

Archie Graham and Jenni Beth Fay, property in Rockcastle County, to T. Blaine and Maria Yeagley. Tax \$140

Randy J. Rhodes and Sarah Rhodes and Joseph Frederick, property in Calloway Community, to William K. and Shayli Makaneole. Tax \$470

Everett Swinney, property in Rockcastle County, to Shawn and Jennifer Cain. Tax \$20 Janet K. Foster, property on Old Copper Creek Road, to Jose Perez-Ramsey and Ashley F. Perez. Tax \$20

BAD Property Holdings LLC, property on KY 461, to Kenneth Miller. Tax \$41

Rose Marie Phillips Revocable Trust, property in Rockcastle County, to Nicola Cassetta, Giovani Cassetta and Andrea Cassetta. Tax \$2

District Court

Feb. 26-28, 2024 Hon, Benjamin R. Hardy

Regina Jones: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, five days in jail/credit time served/costs waived; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, five days in jail/ credit time served/concurrent/costs waived.

Jack McCormick: no tail lamps and rear license not illuminated, \$50 each charge/each converted to one day in jal/credit time served/costs waived; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, drug paraphernalia-buy/ possess, failure to surrender revoked operators license, 90 days in jail/each count/each probated for two years on condition of no new violations.

Hayley Brook Allen: nooperators licenseautocycle, no/expired registration plates - receipt (two counts each charge), failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (two counts) and five other charges, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Matthew Dwane Baker: speeding, \$32 fine plus costs and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100

Clay M. D8ials: driving commercial motor vehicle while out of service, \$25 fine plus costs.

Michael Dunn: rear license not illuminated, no/ expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Rebecca Green: possession controlled substance, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, public intoxication controlled substance, disorderly conduct, bw issued for

Jonathan Houk: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bw issued for fta.

Jason Lynn Mathis: failure to wear seatbelts and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, licenswe suspended for

Angel Marie McCollum: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine/\$400 suspended.

A.M. Edgar Rodriguez: no operators/ moped license; no/expired registration plates receipt; failure to produce insurance card and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

Benjamin Lynal Sillings: unified carrier registration act violations, \$25 fine plus costs and Pt 396, Federal Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two charges), \$25 fine each charge.

Leatrice Ann Sparkman: speeding, no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, license suspended for fta. Speeding: Kristy

Nichole Cheek, Deanthony Leonard Jackson, Kelly M. Stumbaugh, Christopher Jay Vickery, license pended for fta; Griffin Leigh Gabbard, paid;

Ana Lydia Echevarria Valentin: improper lane usage/vehicles keep to right except to pass, license Isuspended for fta.

Mohammed Imraz: improper use of left lane/ overtaking vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Jordan Bradley Johnson: improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, \$25 fine/costs waived.

Thomas Lee Meeks: Violation Part 383 Fed Safety Reg-Commercial Driver License and four other charges, bw issued for fta.

Yanoy Luis Pimienta Mauteca: improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, tendered order to be entered.

Juan Carlos Rivera: following another vehicle too closely, tendered order to be entered.

Thomas L. Weber: improper use of left lane/ overtaking vehicle, paid.

Jennylee Britt: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.

Kalina G. Duckett: DUI, sentencing order entered. Earnest Gadd: fine/

fees due (\$443), bw issued for fta/nine days in jail or payment in full.

Anthony William Jewett: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine.

Erica Dianne Johns: speeding, \$34 fine plus costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Carl Demetrius Johnson: speeding and no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Hunter Laswell: fines/fees due (\$1,963), bw issued for

Sabrina Neeley: unauthorizede use of motor vehicle, bw issued for

Delver Josue Urbina Torress: no operators/ moped license, bw issued for fta.

Samantha Danielle Vanzant: possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, agreed order entered.

Michael Craig Baker: fleeing or evading police, 180 days in jail/to serve 75/remainder probated for two years/credit time served; controlled substance prescription not in original container, 180 days in jail/to serve 75 days/remainder probated for two years/credit time served/concurrent.

Nakota Clifford: false report which generates an emergency response/ amended to disorderly conduct (two counts), 60 days in jail/concurrent/ credit time served also credit for time served in Madison and Fayette Counties.

Phillip Hudson: public intoxication controlled substance (two counts), 40 days in jail/concurrent/credit time served plus credit for time served in Fayette County.

NOTICE Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice of its requested adjustment of

the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee. The fees contained in this notice are the fees to be proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission no later than March 1, 2024, to be effective on March 31, 2024. The current fee, which applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority and Sales for Resale customers, is \$0.0265 per 100 gallons. The requested fee, which applies to the same customer classes as the current fee, is \$0.0298 per 100 gallons. For all customer classes to which the fee applies, the requested fee is an increase of \$0.0033, or 12.45%, per 100 gallons. Average usage, in hundreds of gallions, for each customer class to which the fee applies is: Residential: 38; Commercial: 355; Industrial: 18,327; Other Public Authority: 1,294; and Sales for Resale: 11,837. The effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class to which the increased fee applies is: Residential: \$0.13; Commercial: \$1.17; Industrial: \$60.48; Other Public Authority: \$4,27; and Sales for Resale: \$39.06. Customers in Eastern Rockcastle County are not charged the fee, therefore are excluded from the calculation. Any person may examine this tariff filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at https://www.amwater.com/kyaw/. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at https://psc.ky.gov. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written re quest for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

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