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Eggcellent afternoon



Children and adults from around the county enjoyed the annual Brodhead Baptist and City Hall Community Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday at the Brodhead Depot Park. The event included an afternoon of fun with inflatables and many other activities. The event was sponsored in part by Citizens Bank.

City of Livingston water rates to increase, nuisance ordinance to be strongly enforced

By: Mike French
Editor

With the absence of Mayor Larry Davidson, Mayor Pro Tem Sandi Singleton led the Livingston City Commission's regular monthly meeting last Thursday night at City Hall.

Commissioners discussed several issues, after water and sewer reports and the police report. Singleton opened

the floor for public comments, but no guests spoke up.

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that the city is taking bids for a side by side vehicle for sale by the city and the Book Box announced last month is expected to arrive next week.

Singleton publicly thanked Nathan Carter, Jeff Carpenter and the Rockcastle County Detention Center's Work

Release Program for their help with city beautification projects and said many more such projects are planned.

As part of the beautification projects planned, the commission announce the city is about to become much more strict concerning the nuisance ordinance and enforcement of the regulations included in the ordinance.

Commissioner David

Mahaffey read an addendum to the existing ordinance which greatly increases fines for those who do not comply with the ordinance. "We have announced the need to clean up run down areas many times, we have provided free dumpsters and have bent over backwards being fair and open with everyone," he said. "But the time has come to be serious about cleaning up the dilapidated structures and trash areas around town. We are going to have to move on this in order to create a better, cleaner more attractive city."

According to Mahaffey, some of the fines in the ordinance will increase 400% for first time offenses. According to the addendum, those who are cited for violating the ordinance will have a fine schedule to follow for each offense.

*See "Water" on A5)

Fiscal Court receives excess fees and deals with several issues

By: Mike French
Editor

Member of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last week.

After hearing the Livingston Trail Town reports for January and February, the court next agreed to provide \$1,172 to the Rockcastle County Development Board. The court invited Development Board Chairman Lynn Tatum to the court meeting months ago to explain how the monthly support is used and to ask for assistance on some projects in Brodhead.

The court then heard the monthly report from the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA). The two development boards are separate entities with similar goals, according to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

The court also received a check from the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department for excess fees from mineral tax settlements in the amount of \$5,698. The department had already returned excess fees but found some that were reported to them later, according to Deputy Dale

McNew.

A check in the amount of \$86,569 from Danetta Ford Allen in excess fees from the county clerk's office was also presented to the court.

Judge/Executive Holbrook discussed a potential grant, related to the Rocket Docket Program.

*See "Court" on A5)

Tech department sets up fake cyber attack at schools

Kindergarten registration coming soon

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board held their monthly meeting on Monday of last week making it a special meeting. Therefore no agenda items could be altered.

After housekeeping items, the board's monthly special feature visitor included Director Sherman Cook and several students from the Rockcastle Area Technology Center. Cook and the students informed the board of the center's accomplishments and goals over the past year.

Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger also presented several awards, once again this month, to teachers and staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help make Rockcastle County Schools a better learning experience for students and a better workplace for staff.

The board also agreed to sell surplus buses and other equipment through a Ford Brothers Surplus Auction again this year. Officials at the school say last year's

*See "School" on A7)

Suspect rams police cruiser, chief injured

Mount Vernon Police Chief Joe Rush was transported by ambulance to Rockcastle Regional Hospital Monday after his police cruiser was purposely rammed at a high rate of speed by Scott Edward Martin, 40, of Brodhead, according to a uniform citation.

Rush, who says he has several bruises and was still very sore on Tuesday morning, and Mount Vernon Officer Dylan Hensley, had responded to a domestic dispute on Chickadee Lane, near Brodhead just before the incident occurred.

According to Rush, officers informed Martin that he was not welcome by the owner of a residence there and had to leave the premises.

However, when police officers and Martin left the home and reached US-150, Martin rammed his 2007 Malibu Chevrolet into the rear of Rush's police cruiser, the citation said.

Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan

*See "Chief" on A5)

Smoke in courthouse turns out to be a simple burned fuse

By: Mike French
Editor

A slight scare turned out to be a minor issue at the Rockcastle County Courthouse Annex last week. Some may have noticed the flashing lights of first responders last Friday at the courthouse.

Smoke had been reported in the courtroom on the second floor. The Mount Vernon Fire Department and the Brodhead Fire Department immediately responded and began the

search for the source of the smoke.

Reports indicated the smoke was minor and did not involve an evacuation of the building but was enough to cause concern. "It was a slight mist of smoke in the second floor courtroom. We immediately called for assistance," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. Upon inspection, it was determined by the courthouse annex

*See "Smoke" on A5)

VFW Egg Hunt

The Rockcastle VFW Memorial Post 5908 will be hosting the annual Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day and Easter Celebration on Saturday, March 20.

The 2024 event will begin at noon and last until 5 p.m. and will include many fun-filled activities throughout the afternoon.

The family-centered event will include food vendors, a bounce house provided by Mount Vernon Inflatables and, of course, the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The event is free and open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Countywide Stride



The second entry in the 14th annual Countywide Stride Run/Walk series was held in Livingston this past weekend. In honor of Saint Patrick's Day, the 5K/2M run/walk started in downtown Livingston and was sponsored by Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center as part of a 12-race event. The series helps raise funds for several different charities throughout the community.

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ramblings...
by: perlina m. anderkin

I often find it amusing what people will do if they think they can hurt someone of a different ideology. And, I think sometimes that translates to "cutting your nose off to spite your face."

I say all that to say that a Milwaukee, WI bar owner-- Milwaukee is where the Republican National Committee is going to hold their convention--has decided to close his bar down during the week the RNC is in town, because he doesn't want to deal with Trump supporters.

Milwaukee has 36.7 bars per 100,000 residents, the fourth highest in the nation, so conventioners are not going to have a problem finding somewhere to drink. It's fine, it's his bar and it's a free country but he needs get over himself.

Are we seeing a rerun of the Afghanistan debacle? The White House says there are as many as 1,000 Americans stranded in riot-torn Haiti and there are no plans for the government to get them out.

It is not surprising to this American. Ever since Biden has been in office, it has seemed that his least concern was the well-being of Americans. I think that the government would pay much more attention to this problem if the 1,000 Americans in Haiti were transgenders, drag queens, Ukrainian citizens or illegal immigrants.

They, at least, appear to have adjusted their view of Americans stuck there since last week when it was, 'tough, we have been warning them for sometime to get out.'

I know, you think I'm being mean and silly, but ever since Biden has been in office I have felt like an orphan in my own country. I no longer think our government's aim is to make life more prosperous and safer for its average citizen.

One of my favorite CDs is by Eddy Arnold

and one of my favorite songs on it is "Turn the World Around the Other Way." I know it's impossible but wouldn't it be nice if the world, once again, didn't have a huge problem with men identifying as women and wanting to use the same public restroom as little girls and women? Wouldn't it be nice if parents didn't consider it okay to take their small children to drag queen shows where they are encouraged to interact with said drag queens? Wouldn't it be nice if sports officials wouldn't support mediocre male athletes becoming transfemale athletes and destroying women's sports in the process? Wouldn't it be nice if, once again, our world wasn't more concerned with the needs of military-age young men, who are coming to this country illegally, than they are with the needs of our own military veterans?

You do realize that our present regime is spending Veterans Administration resources on illegals at the border and even sending VA doctors and nurses there to process the medical claims of illegal immigrants held in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

This, as opposed to in Montana, which has the second highest number of veterans per capita in the country, at their largest VA health care facility where wait times can be as long as 123 days for veterans seeking dental care and 70 days for those needing mental health care appointments. And, there are nearly 318,221 backlogged claims nationally -- which includes disability compensation and pension claims that have been received by the VA that requires development and a decision by a VA claims processor--as of September

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There are some Democrat arguments that make absolutely no sense at all. Their ideas are desperate grabs at political attention. They do absolutely nothing good for America.

I have figured out what is lacking in our government. Yes we have very complex and detailed bills flowing out by the thousands every year. Yes, we have thousands of new laws and restrictions and programs and taxes and fees. Yes, we have billions of tax-payer dollars flowing around to every whiner in the country.

But what each one of these big, lofty ideas lack is plain, old common-sense.

With their master's degrees in "spin" and marketing, they can twist things around and make the people thankful for an infection.

These people actually say that it is racist against African Americans to require an ID to vote.

Why on earth citizens aren't up in arms against that kind of statement is incredible. That is the most racist thing I have ever heard a politician say.

There are only two possible reasons for such a statement. Either, they are saying out loud that they believe black and brown people can't figure out how to get an ID, or they are saying the only way they can win an election is if people who are not allowed to vote, get to vote anyway.

Those are the only two options. There is no other valid argument against requiring an ID to vote.

You have to have an ID to rent a home, to have a bank account, to borrow money, to file taxes, to

stay at a motel, to apply for some benefit or program, to drive, to fly anywhere, to order anything online, to cash a check, to buy a hunting or fishing license, to get a job, to buy alcohol or cigarettes, and a thousand other daily needs.

There is absolutely no reason why choosing the elected leaders of the free world would be less important than everything else in the country. Democrats can only believe that people who can't figure out how to get an ID are the people who would vote for them.

If your policies are such that only people who can't figure out how to apply for an ID would vote for you, one would think they would re-evaluate those policies. Maybe if you had intelligent policies that actually helped American citizens in some way, then people who actually drive would vote for you too.

Having an ID in modern America is an absolute requirement to function in society.

Personally, I don't like that fact. I don't believe I should have to carry my papers on me to be able to live my life in a free country. A huge portion of what I do, isn't anyone else's business.

But that just isn't the world we live in. We have an overreaching government with an obsession with total control over their subjects and they require an ID before a free citizen is allowed to buy, sell or trade.

There are a lot of things I don't care for and some are in direct conflict with my religious beliefs. However, in America, if you want

to live in what is the closest thing to a free country on earth, rule number one, the bare minimum requirement, is to possess an ID.

For politicians to stand on the public square and say out loud that they want to be able to receive votes from those who do not participate in society and do not contribute to the betterment of the country, says a lot about their political goals.

It is clear that they want to be elected and hold on to their power even if it means letting

those who are terrorists or are ILLEGAL immigrants, and those who hide from taxes and do not participate in society, are the only people who support them.

If there has ever been a need to show an ID to vote, it is in this ILLEGAL immigrant world where Joe Biden has publicly invited every terrorist in the world to come on over. The last people who should have a part in electing American leaders, are those who want to see

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Spring is Popping Out All Over

Dear Journal

It is beginning to look a lot like spring. I don't get out much these days but I got out a little last week. I made a good decision. I discovered that the daffodils had bloomed and the pear trees were in full bloom, as well. Spring seems to inspire people and give them a little hope following a long, cold and somewhat snowy winter. It gives my spirits a little lift, anyway.

March first was Harold Hill, my stepfather's favorite day of the year. He knew if he could see the first day of March to come each year, the worst of the cold weather was gone. He could endure those little "winters" that we have in the spring. I'm expecting to see dogwood winter or redbud winter in the next two or three weeks. That should bring a lot of color to the countryside.

I've been thinking that I'd like for somebody to build some raised garden planter boxes for me. I could plant some lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, carrots, green beans, etc., and I

could tend them myself. I'd like some boxes about two or three feet high and painted spring-like colors. I can see them now just brimming full with fresh, homegrown vegetables. I guess, however, that will be about as far as that will be to fruition. It is a good thing that I can see so well as I can at least have a vision of it.

I hope to take a little drive with Stanley to see the spring countryside here in central Kentucky and have a nice lunch out somewhere. There is a little restaurant over in Bardstown that I've heard a lot of good things about that I hope we could visit. I want to get some little trinkets along the way, too. This is what we quite often do for our wedding anniversary. It is simple but we like it. We never leave with any definite plans, just wander as the road takes us. We have been married for twenty-one years this year on the twenty-ninth of the month. We have been friends for forty-two years this year. I guess you could say that we knew each other very well.

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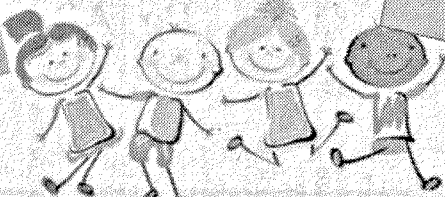
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ramblings...

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In contrast, illegal immigrants in ICE facilities appear to face low barriers to accessing specialty or emergency health care.

I'm sorry, but I count our government, particularly the justice department, as the real terrorists. The justice department has weaponized courts in our land to go after one man and his important supporters, exclusively, the main opponent of pRresident Joe Biden

in the upcoming November Presidential election. Donald Trump. This is the stuff of third world countries and something that every American should denounce.

As Massachusetts, Illinois and Michigan, among others, beg for citizens to take in illegals to help ease the huge influx, be aware that with the lax laws today concerning squatters--people who just move into a home that has been vacated by an owner for a short time for various reasons (or who 'rent' a residence with no intention

of paying the rent)--homeowners are having a ridiculously hard time getting their property back. It can take months, years and thousands of dollars in legal fees. The legal system now completely sides with renters over landlords and it can take months to get people out, even when they aren't paying their rent.

In Atlanta, under Democrat rule, over 1,200 homes have fallen into the hands of illegalsquatters with some of them being transformed into strip clubs.

The Los Angeles Po-

lice Department has formed a special task force to combat organized foreign gangs burglarizing high end homes. The gangs are coming from Peru, Columbia, Ecuador, Chile, etc., many on the government's Visa Waiver program. Over 900 homes in LA have been burglarized since January, 2024. One upside of this crime wave is that since rich people are getting hurt, by the lack of oversight of who is coming into our country, maybe there will finally be something done about them.

Things that make you go hmmm..

An Obama appointed federal judge just ruled that illegal immigrants can carry guns in the United States.

Our country is \$34.5 trillion in debt, up by \$3 trillion in the past 12 months. \$1 trillion per year in interest payments and growing faster than anything else in our budget.

Tyson foods sacks 1,300 staff at Iowa pork plant and offers 'job and lawyer' packages in bid to hire 42,000 asylum seekers in New York. Altogether Tyson is closing plants in Iowa, Virginia, Arkansas, Indiana and Missorui. The company says it wants to double its migrant (read illegal) hires to 84,000 this year.

The Biden administration is reportedly blocking private evacuations of Americans from Haiti. The head of a private rescue mission, attempting to evacuate American citizens from the war-torn country, has hit back at the U.S. government for blocking access to their landing strip.

Democrats in California are proposing to tax the rich to make energy more equitable and affordable. Lawmakers mandated utilities statewide begin billing ratepayers based not on how much electricity they use, but on how much money they make. Now mind you, this is a surcharge, on top of the ratepayers regular bill, and ranges from \$20 for those making \$28K to \$69K, to those earning more than \$180K who would pay a \$85 to \$128 monthly surcharge.

California's electricity rates are among the highest in the nation already with customers paying 32 cents per kilowatt-hour compared to the national average of 18 cents.

I wish I could find a meme I could reprint that shows me signing off on this column with a Looney Tunes logo. That's what I feel like I am reporting on.

More educational choices could be on the ballot in November

The Family Foundation applauds the Kentucky Senate for passing HB 2, a proposed amendment to the Kentucky Constitution that, if passed, would open the door for more educational choices for Kentucky families. HB 2, by Rep. Suzanne Miles, passed the Kentucky Senate today 27-8 and passed the Kentucky House 66-31 earlier this week.

The proposed amendment will now be put on the November ballot for voters in Kentucky to approve.

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

"Education always works best when parents are empowered with educational choices for their children. I am thankful that the General Assembly is looking to move Kentucky forward by providing families greater freedom to choose the best education for their children.

dom to choose the best education for their children.

"States all across the nation are allowing for diverse educational choices, including popular school choice programs, that are benefiting students and families in public schools, private schools, and in homeschools. Kentucky must not be left behind. We look forward to Kentucky voters having the opportunity to vote for more educational choices that will benefit every Kentucky student," Walls concluded.

Due to a problematic Kentucky Supreme Court decision restricting educational options for families, a school choice constitutional amendment must be passed to ensure Kentucky families have the full educational opportunities they need to meet the needs of their children.

More than 30 states have educational choice programs, and Kentucky is the only state in the region without an active school choice program.

The Family Foundation is the leading Christian public policy organization in Kentucky and stands for Kentucky families and the Biblical values that make them strong. Learn more at kentuckyfamily.org.

Aces

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America burn.

Getting an ID is so simple that it is pathetic that someone could claim they can't get one.

The only people who can't get an ID are those who don't want one or those who shouldn't be voting anyway.

To suggest it is racist to expect an ID from a voter, is the most racist sentence I have ever heard.

Community Volunteer Opportunities

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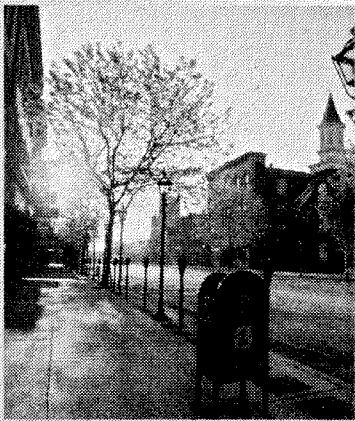


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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, March 25th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. Tuesday, March 26th: Green Hill, Fairview, Brindle Ridge. Wednesday, March 27th: Senior Citizens/Adult Day Health and Wayne Stewart Center.

MVES Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Mt. Vernon Elementary will be held Thursday, March 28th from 4 to 6 p.m.

MVES Spring Carnival

The MVES Spring Carnival will be held at Mt. Vernon Elementary School Friday, March 22nd from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be carnival activities and concessions that must be paid for by using tickets that are \$1 each. Cash only please. There will also be a Silent Auction to bid on baskets with the bidding ending at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds go to MVES students in the form of school supplies, replacements when needed, special things for classroom instruction, student incentives and other items that may be needed.

BHS Alumni Banquet

Brodhead High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024. Honored classes this year will be: 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969. You should have received a letter. All graduates are invited to attend. The meal is \$20 per person. To make reservations, please send money to Brodhead Alumni, Brodhead School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, KY 40409 by March 27, 2024. Questions? Call Judy King at 606-510-3759 or Susan Daugherty 859-200-9230.

KPR Meeting March 25

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Monday, March 25th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be Tracy Garrison from Humana. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

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

Weekly Grief Support Group

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

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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

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

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

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

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

Obituaries

Robert Bustle

Robert Lonnie Bustle, 78, of Orlando, died Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on June 12, 1945, the son of Luther Walker and Zelzia Nicely Bustle. He was a retired cement mason and attended Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church. He loved hunting and riding horses.

He is survived by: his children, Robby Bustle and wife Melinda of Orlando, and Cindy Bustle Goff and husband Keith of Poplar Grove; his step-children, Anthony Rader and wife Janet of Apison, TN, and Lisa Durham and husband Tim of Mt. Vernon; his grandchildren, Sha Bustle, Samantha and Chase McGuire, Leah Bustle, Lane and Emily Bustle, Nicholas Freson, and London Freson; his step-grandchildren, Charlie Rader, Logan and Katelyn Durham, and Jacob Durham; and his great grandchildren, Ophelia McGuire, Amelia Rader, and Will Rader. A sister, Sally Gray of Hampton, OH also survives. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Barbara Holcomb Rader; three sisters; and four brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 15, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Carpenter. Burial followed in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Lane Bustle, Darrell Collins, Jacob Durham, Logan Durham, Nicholas Freson, and Charlie Rader.

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

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Faye Rader

Ella Faye Rader, 77, of Orlando, died Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Irvine on November 15, 1946, the daughter of Everett and Kate Johnson Stepp. She had been a farmer and an order packer for Gibson Greeting Card Company for 32 years. A member of New Hope Baptist Church in Orlando, she had all her faith in Jesus Christ. She enjoyed shopping, singing in church, riding horses, and raising sheep. She loved her family dearly and was always full of life and laughter.

On June 6, 1981, she was united in marriage to Mitchell Rader. They enjoyed 43 years together. She is also survived by: her children, Rex Oliver and wife Tammie of Berea, Carl Oliver of Owingsville, Melinda Rader and husband Johnny of Orlando, and Tommy Oliver of Conway; a brother, Steve Andy Stepp of Ohio; a sister, Gertrude Stepp of Irvine; and her grandchildren, Amanda Owens, Johnathon Rader, Melissa Reynolds, Joshua Oliver, Brent Oliver, Megan Oliver, Kristen Oliver, Andrea Wescott, Amelia Oliver, Carlee Oliver, Samantha Parkhurst, Jarrod Brown, Jordan Weathers, Logan Oliver, and Christopher Ottersberg. 29 great grandchildren also survive.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: siblings, Bill Lee Stepp, Betty Mae Wallace, and infant Lonzo Stepp; and two grandchildren, Jeremy Scott Oliver and Katlynn Michelle Oliver.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Keith Hensley, Darren Sloan, and Paul Pearson. Burial followed in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Donald Anglin, Larry Mink, Brent Oliver, Ethan Oliver, Tucker Oliver, Matthew Owens, Johnathon Rader, Levi Rader, Stevie Saylor, and Jayden Thacker.

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Heartfelt appreciation

It is with sincere heartfelt appreciation for all the calls, text, visits and prayers made for Marvin during his healthcare journey.

Marvin is home now continuing his physical therapy. By God's grace and mercy he is continuing to improve. We covet your continued prayers.

Marvin and Judy Owens

Steven Duane Caudill

Steven Duane Caudill, 55, of Brodhead, died March 14, 2024, at his residence in Brodhead. Steven was born August 9, 1968, in Berea, to the late Douglas and Shirley (Cummins) Caudill. On July 11, 1987, Steven married Marsha (Oakley) Caudill and they enjoyed 36 years together. From that union came three children.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Marsha (Oakley) Caudill of Brodhead; three children, Kaitlin Thacker and Derick of Brodhead, Olivia French and Eli of Livingston, and Jeremiah Caudill of Brodhead; grandchildren; Weston and Myla French, and Anarrah and Aubrey Thacker; two brothers, Myron Caudill and Greg Parrott of Florida, and Shawn Caudill (Mary) of Mt Vernon; sister-in-law, Karen Sloan of Brodhead; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two siblings, Randall Allan Caudill and Sharon (Caudill) Ponder.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 17, 2024 at Marvin Owens Chapel with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Bobby Sigmon

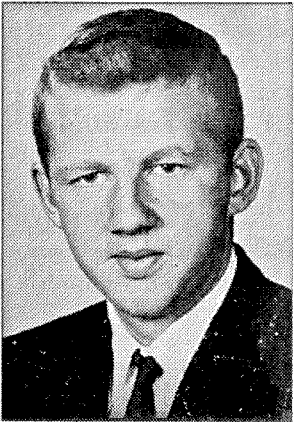
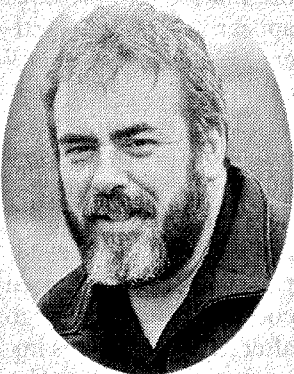
Bobby Bryant Sigmon, 85, of Richmond, IN, died Monday, March 11, 2024, at the Springs of Richmond. He was born February 8, 1939 in Mt. Vernon, and lived in Richmond most of his life. In 1960 he started Sigmon Ace Motors and in 1982 he became partners with his son, Mark. He was a member of Kings Highway of Holiness Church and was an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan.

Bobby is survived by: his wife of 63 years, Linda; one son, Mark (Lea) Sigmon; two grandchildren, Ashley (Logan) Wilmoth, and Robert Sigmon, both of Richmond; two great grandchildren, Linynx and Briley; and several cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Services were Friday, March 15, 2024, at Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home with Rev. Alton Hale and Pastor James Webb officiating. Burial was in Earlham Cemetery.

This is a courtesy obituary by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home for Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home of Richmond, IN.

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"Many Years Ago"

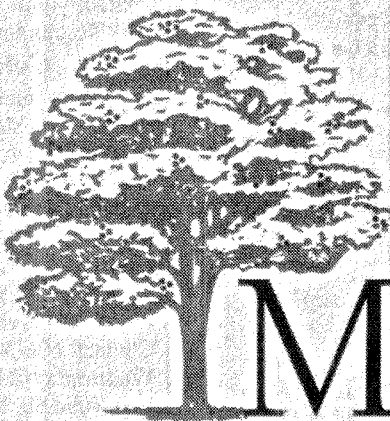


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Many Years Ago.....we might have taken your grandmother to the hospital when she had a heart attack, or we might have taken your grandfather to the hospital when he fell out of a tobacco barn, or we might have delivered your sister when she was born at home. In any case, the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was ready to help your family in a difficult time with the most modern and up to date equipment and years of experience....just as we are now over half a century later.



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Smoke

(Continued from front) maintenance crew that a motor on the heating and cooling system had over heated which sent a small amount of smoke spiraling through the air vents, making it appear to be a bigger issue.

The maintenance crew shut down the motor and stopped the smoke.

Holbrook said a simple fuse had blown causing the blower motor to receive inadequate electrical power, which caused the over heating. "We replaced the fuses and the problem was resolved," Holbrook said.

Holbrook has been advocating for a new HVAC system throughout the courthouse since the existing system was installed nearly 60 years ago. However, since the cost will use most of the COVID Relief Fund, some magistrates have not expressed the same interest in the idea.

Chief

(Continued from front) Loudermilk had been called to the scene to assist MVPD personnel and arrived shortly after the ramming incident. He then located Martin, who had traveled further along US-150 to Dug Hill Road, where Loudermilk caught up to him.

The citation says the detective attempted to perform sobriety tests on the suspect but Martin "continued doing the tests improperly."

Martin was then transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital for blood tests where Martin consented to the tests.

Officer Hensley ob-

served the crash and provided a statement to Loudermilk which identified Martin as the driver of the car that struck Chief Rush.

The citation says Martin admitted to ramming Rush's cruiser intentionally after he was read his Miranda Rights. The report says damage to the cruiser is in excess of \$1,000 and the intentional act caused injury to Chief Rush.

Martin was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with Assault of a police officer in the second degree, criminal mischief, failure to produce an insurance card and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance.

Rush was back home Monday evening and said he is thankful to his fellow officers and to God for protecting him from more serious injury.

Water

(Continued from front) The fine will increase for the second offense and increase again for all offenses thereafter.

However, the addendum says if the citation is appealed, and the enforcement board must hold a hearing, fines for those same offenses will increase more. The fine for violating the structure code, first offense will now be \$100. However, if the enforcement board holds a hearing after an appeal has failed, that same offense will be \$500.

However, two offenses, such as garbage offenses and weed offenses, decrease after a board hearing, according

to the fine structure.

Commissioner Greg Carpenter expressed his concern that handicap or elderly residents should be excluded under the proper conditions. The commission assured Carpenter that the ordinance provides exceptions under hardship conditions.

The addendum also clarifies the city's right to place a lien on property that does not meet ordinance requirements.

This was the first reading of the addendum which passed unanimously. The second, and final, reading is expected at the next regular meeting in April.

One of the audience members spoke up asking if a warning process is involved in the ordinance. "We have been warning people for about a year," said MaHaffey. "We have to move forward now."

Singleton also said the city has reached out to several potential city attorneys to find representation should the need arise. Singleton said two have responded and the city will look into starting the interview process.

In other action, Singleton told the crowd that there will be a change in water and sewer rates soon. "I know this is the bad news but we don't have any choice," she said. "I pay a water bill too and I don't want it to rise any more than it absolutely has to."

However, according to City Clerk Samantha Smoker, the city now charges only about 20 cents more per 1,000 gallons than the water costs the city. "We aren't making enough profit to keep things operating properly," said Singleton.

Smoker said the rate has not risen since 2006. "We have one of the lowest rates in the state but we just can't keep this up," said Singleton. "We simply have to raise the rates and split it between the water and the sewer rate. But we will make it as small an increase as possible and still be able to operate the water and sewer system properly."

The commission also appointed former mayor Jason Medley as the Livingston Homecoming Director. "We have talked with him and we believe he will do the best job and keep our traditions in place," said Singleton.

The commission then entered closed session to discuss personnel. Once the meeting was re opened, no action was taken and the meeting was adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Court

(Continued from front) County Attorney Jeremy Rowe said he will apply for any such grant.

The court also voted to provide \$7,500 to Hospice Care since the Richmond-based facility renders care to several Rockcastle County residents. Last year's annual donation was also \$7,500.

The court had also applied for a grant from the Department of Local Government, involving a Land and Water Grant. Holbrook read a refusal letter to the court and said the court would reapply for future grants.

Holbrook also pro-

vided the court with a letter from the Daniel Boone Back Country Byway Development Project, which includes road and byways in several counties as part of the Daniel Boone Back Country Byways. The letter informed the court of many roads in Rockcastle County that are about to be included in the Byways project.

However, Holbrook said some of the many roads involved are dead end roads and he intends to inform the project leaders of that fact soon. "We don't want people touring the Daniel Boone Byway to end up at a dead end and opening gates and getting on private land," he said.

The court heard the Animal Shelter report which showed 23 dogs and 1 cat housed at the end of February.

In other action, the court heard the Livingston Gym report which showed a total of \$800 in revenues for the month of February. Since heating costs are sometimes four times the revenues, the court also discussed a potential new internet-based thermostat system that would allow the court to keep better control over the heating

system in the gym. "It is easy to forget and leave the system on or have guests turn it up without our knowledge," said Holbrook. "This way we could control when the heat is on and off." More discussion is expected concerning the issue.

The court approved the county's March financial statement and approved the payment of four months of accumulated claims which totaled slightly over \$221,164 with \$69,918 of that coming from the General Fund alone.

Rockcastle County Treasurer Vickie Miller then requested a transfer of \$115,000 from the Occupational Tax Fund into the General Fund.

The financial statement showed that \$234,609 was disbursed from the General Fund in February but only \$70,665 remained in the account to begin March. The request was approved unanimously.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

NOTICE OF BIDS

The City of Mount Vernon is now accepting sealed bids for asphalt and repaving city roads. Please submit to:

City of Mount Vernon

P.O. Box 1465

Mount Vernon, Kentucky

40456

by July 1, 2024. The city reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

MARCH IS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



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HOSPITAL ■ RESPIRATORY CARE CENTER

Join us for an event to raise awareness for and learn more about colon cancer and how to prevent it. The event will feature a speaker panel of experts, including family practice physician, Dr. David Bullock, general surgeon, Dr. William Bakhos, and medical oncologist, Dr. Justin Williams.

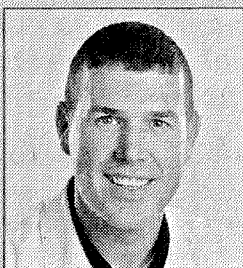
Dinner with a Doctor

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

5:30 PM • Rockcastle Middle School



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

RSVP to Kaitlyn Smith at (606) 256-7381
by Wednesday, March 20.

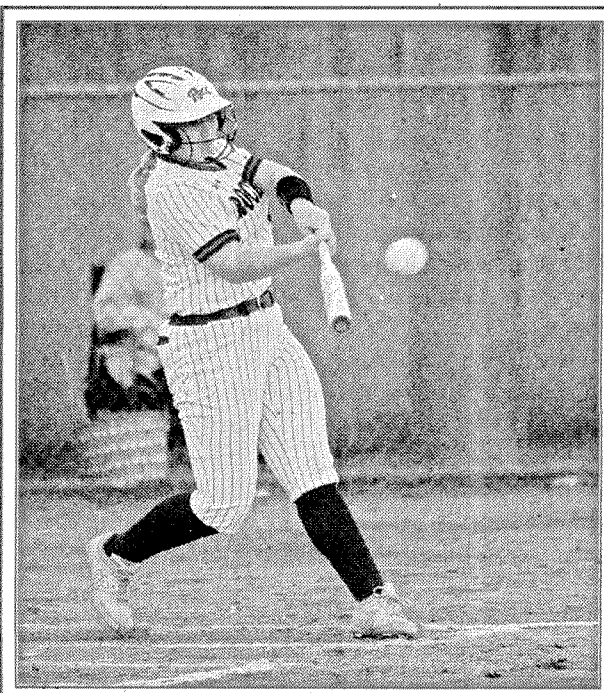


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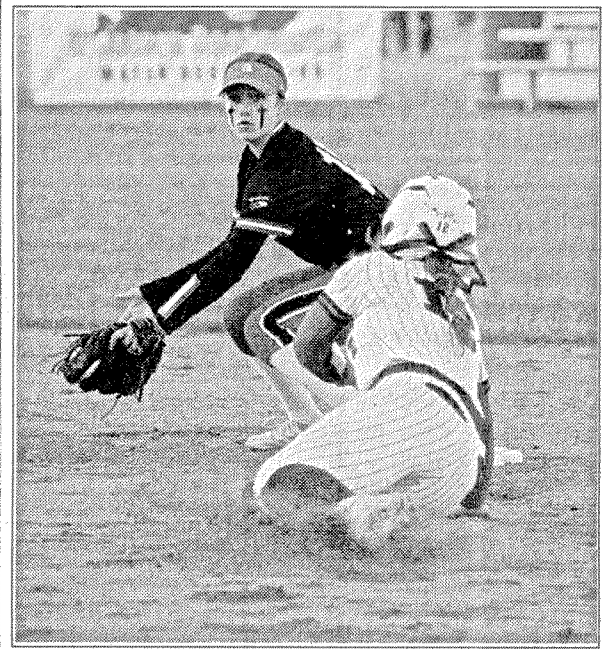
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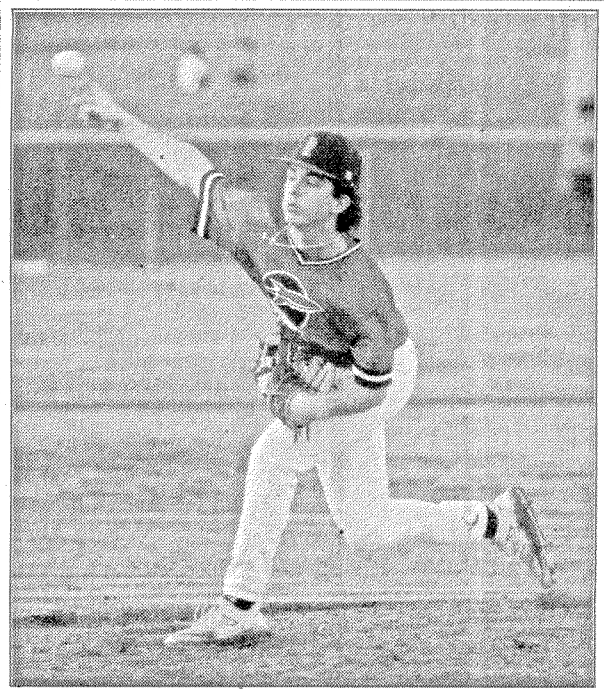
Lauren Hensley hit her first homerun of the season on this swing during the Lady Rockets' 10-5 win over South Laurel last week.



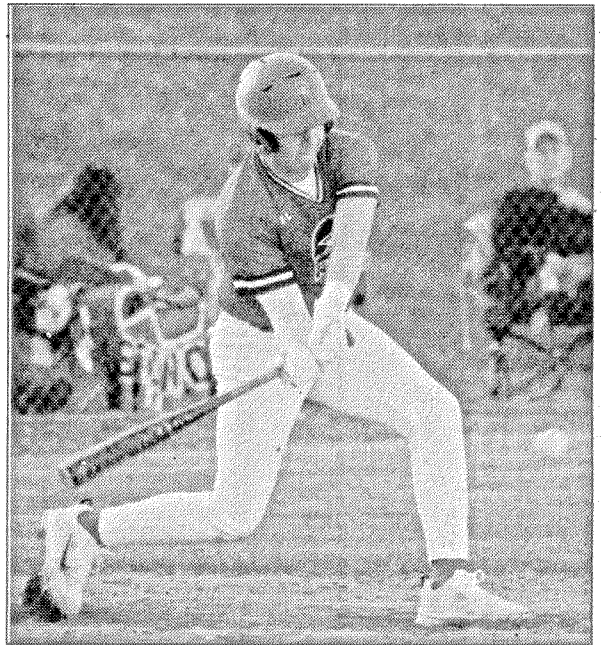
Kiley Dunaway hit one of the two homeruns for the Lady Rockets in their season opening 10-5 win over South Laurel last week. The Rockets lost 5-2 to Corbin and came back Monday night with a 6-5 win over Garrard County. The Lady Rockets will host Southwestern Thursday night at 6 p.m. and Saturday will face Estill County at 11 a.m. and Marion County at 3 p.m., both at home.



Makyla Hester slides into second base during the Lady Rockets' 10-5 win over South Laurel last week.



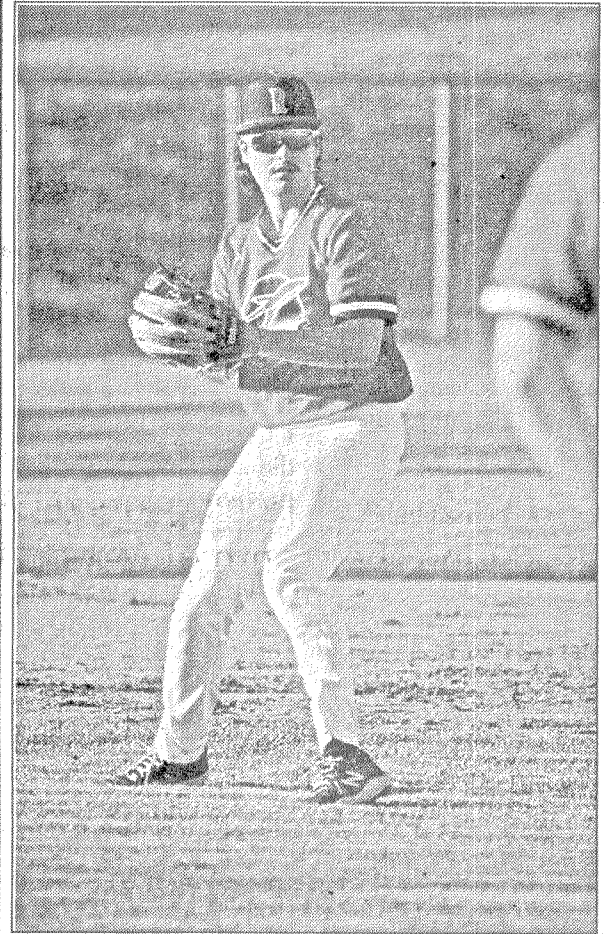
Zeke Fain took to the mound during the Rockets' loss to Whitley County last week. During the Rockets' win over Jackson County Monday night, Fain had three RBI for the Rockets.



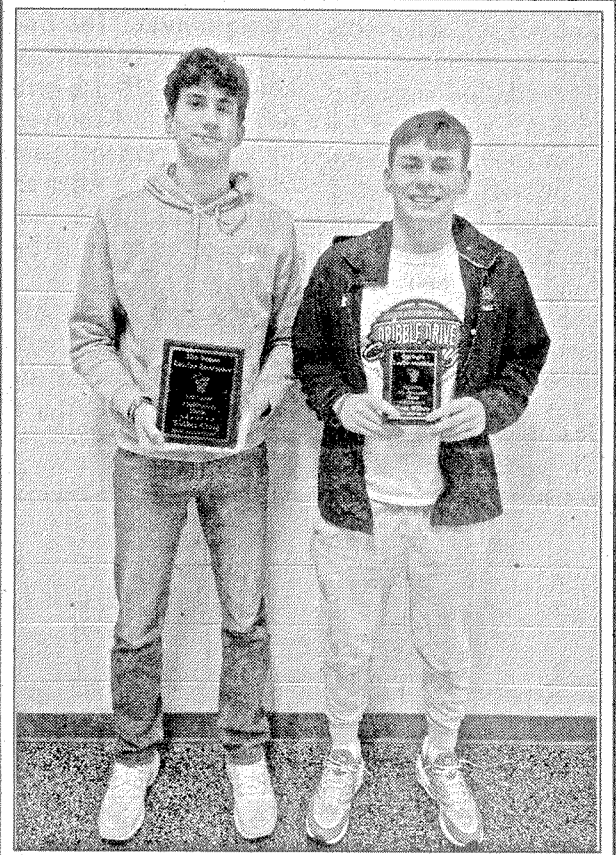
Cam Smith picked up one of the two hits the Rockets managed against Whitley County last week. Monday night against Jackson County, Smith had three hits with a double and two RBI.

Hot Rod sign-ups set for April 6th

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 YFW 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 same times. 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 Bengel, 606-308-1892.



Third baseman Lance Coffey makes a play during the Rockets' loss to Whitley County last week. The Rockets lost a close one to Danville 7-6 and Monday night defeated Jackson County 15-1.



Walker Craig, left, was named to the 12th Region Coaches Association All-Region Team and Trent Wilson was named to the 12th Region Coaches Association All Academic Team.

UNITE Community Celebration

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Church News

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

Special Singing
There will be a Special Singing at Philadelphia Baptist Church Sunday, March 24, beginning at 3 p.m., featuring New Harvest. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Guest Preacher
Mike Upright will be preaching at Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church on Sunday, March 24th at 6 p.m. Bro. and Sister Welch and congregation invite all.

School

(Continued from front) surplus auction went better than expected.

Finance Director Jenny Sweet also recommended the district use the same student insurance company at the same price as last year. The board approved the recommendation.

Director of Technical Services Brandon Reynold informed the board that his department

sent a "fishing attack" email to all teachers and staff throughout the school system. The fishing attack was intended to appear as a cyber attack risk as a test to see how many teachers and staff would "click" on the suspect email which would normally corrupt the system. However, this attack was fake as a test to discover how teachers and staff should be trained to avoid such potential cyber attacks.

Reynolds said throughout the entire school system, only 35 of those who received the email actually clicked on the fake link. "Of course this cyber attack didn't do any damage when they clicked on it," Reynolds said. "We simply needed to know how well our teachers were trained in avoiding such cyber attacks."

Reynold said his department received 130 calls from teachers and staff within two hours after the email trap was sent, informing him that a risky email had come through. According to Reynolds, of the 35 who clicked on the test, over 1/3 of them had been with the school system less than two years. "Obviously we do a pretty good job in training our people to watch for such attacks. Mostly the newer ones clicked on it. The rest knew what to look for."

Ballinger, too, was

proud of the outcome. "The fishing email was very convincing. It was a great test," she said. "I knew it was coming and I still almost clicked on it."

Reynold said his department plans to begin training on potential cyber attacks sooner with new hires. But, another such fishing attack is planned in the future. "We have to see if what we do to prevent cyber attacks is working," said Reynolds.

Board Chairman Angela Stallworth-Mink asked about attendance performance this year. Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert said attendance is improving. "We are better off than last year," he said. "We need to keep getting better each year."

Ballinger told the board that all schools are preparing for assessments and kindergarten registration is coming

soon. Information, dates and times about registration will be released soon.

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

Full time classified employees hired

Melissa Cromer, 2nd shift custodian at MVES

Resignations

Amanda Taylor, substitute instructional assistant; Iris Singleton-Gross, substitute bus monitor; Susan Mink, substitute cook/baker; Dawson Gibbons, 1st shift custodian at RCMS; Veina Anderson, assistant cheer coach.

Retirements

Marcelina Lawrence, food service cook/baker at BES.

Certified substitutes

Dalton Hulton and Sarah Hensley, substitute teachers.

Classified substitutes

Alexis Langford, Christie Samples, Courtney Mize, Emily

Frazier, Hallie Hines, Kristen Wilson, Melissa Hensley, Sonya Gregory and Trisha Carter, substitute instructional assistants; Darren Quinley, substitute custodian.

Classified staff updates

Jason Carter, vehicle maintenance manager.

Volunteers

Allie Renner, volunteer at BES; Douglas Wooton, fishing captain volunteer at RCHS; Heather Hancock and Joshua Hancock, volunteers at BES; Rachelle Riddle, diversity club volunteer; Sarah Hensley, volunteer at BES and Steven Nelson, fishing captain volunteer at RCHS.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

March 23 at HOF

Local writer plans book signing tour

Follow local author Randy Mink in this autobiographical anthology as he takes readers through four different periods of his life. His tear-jerking book, "Front Porches to the Picture Window," features heart-felt stories, written in his Hemingway style, writing the simplest and truest sentences he knows. Those tears of sorrow will change to tears of laughter with later humorous stories written in a style that has been compared to Lewis Grizzard.

Randy takes readers from his youth to his later years filled with darkness, depression, and suicidal thoughts as he pursues his dream of becoming a writer.

He bears his soul for all to see during his misdiagnosis of Early Onset Alzheimers and a massive heart attack, where he was clinically dead and visited heaven, only to be sent back to finish his work as a writer.

He does all this through faith, persistence, and never giving up on his dream of writing; all while being the caregiver for his mother, who also has Alzheimers. After his mother's death, he retired from his job of thirty-eight years to return to the front porches of his Appalachian roots to finish all the books he had been writing throughout his life, now as an old man himself.

Randy returns to the home of his youth set for demolition. As an old man, he gives words of wisdom to the young boy he once was, teaching him to never give up on his callings and gifts. As they stand together, looking out the picture window where he stood years before, he finds the innocence of his youth again. This is a story of faith, hope and love from which all readers can relate and draw encouragement for their own struggles and dreams.

Mink is a southern

writer with roots that run deep in the hills and hollers of Appalachia. He grew up listening to his dad, friends, and relatives sitting in the shade on front porches and under the Sugar Maple trees churning up stories from their lives in the mountains. Randy considered them all master storytellers and credits that experience for his love of storytelling and writing.

After moving to Hardee County, Florida as a teenager, he won his first writing contest and studied creative writing and English at South Florida State College. He says he's been everything from an outlaw to a mayor and a jail minister.

Most of his life, he was a miner who just wanted to become a writer. In June 2020, he retired after thirty-eight years of working in the phosphate mines of south-central Florida. He loaded up the hundreds of stories he'd written through the years, along with his two dogs and many rescue cats, and moved back to his Appalachian roots in Rockcastle County to finish his books.

Mink will begin his book signing tour on Saturday, March 23rd, at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

His book is receiving 5-star reviews on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, and several other retailer sites. The Ebook format is available through all major retailers, and all major book retailers will release the print copy on March 28th.

The print copy is available locally through Randy's website at www.randymink.com and Lonestar Farm & Home in Mt. Vernon. Randy will have copies to purchase and sign at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame on March 23rd.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Did you know?

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S.



Are you Over Age 45?

Rockcastle Regional is offering FREE at-home colorectal cancer screening kits (FOBT - fecal occult blood test) during the month of March. Results will be mailed to participants. For more information, call (606) 256-7381. Screening kits are available at the following locations:

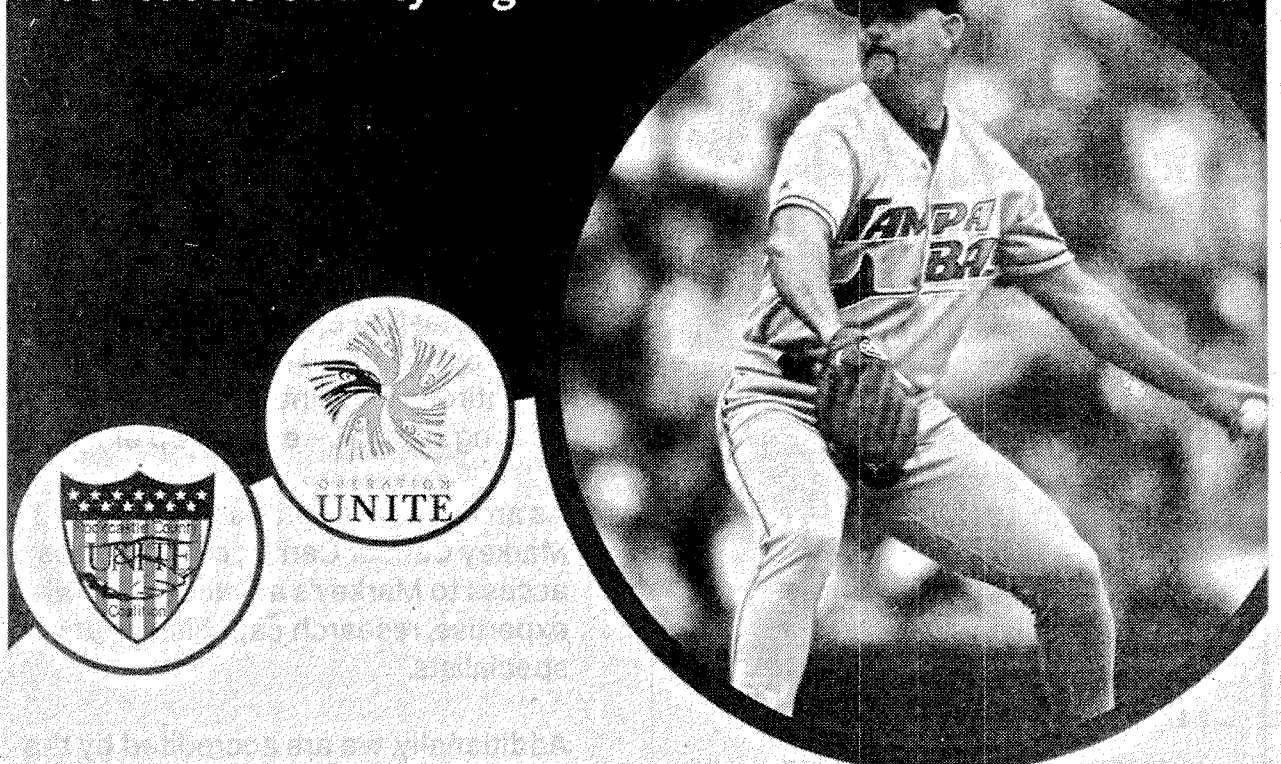
- Brodhead Pharmacy •
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Return your kit by March 31 to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital laboratory to be entered to win an Amazon gift card!

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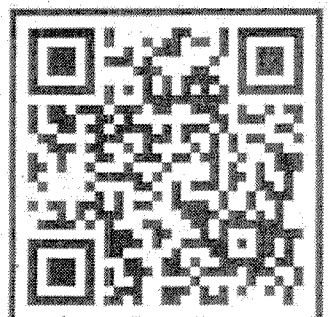
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Front Porches



to the Picture Window

Randy Mink

Yards to Paradise

NATURALISTIC LANDSCAPING: The Woodland Garden

Woodlands are typically associated with a rustic or unique home, but this naturalistic option for landscaping can be used with most homes if planning and details are done with thought and care. The object is to create something a little wild, something natural—yet tamed by using some modern plants to go among native ones. Keep some trees if you already have a lot that has trees; plant a few to get this started if that's what needs to happen to begin the creation of a forested garden in your yard. And plenty of mulch, some winding pathways, and being sure to eliminate things like poison ivy can result in a tranquil woodland just outside your house.

This landscape needs some trees, not all the same size or species. Then some small trees. Then some shrubs. Finally native flowers, some grasses, and a few shade lovers that happen to be your favorites or desired for some sentimental or whimsical reason. If some big canopy trees already exist, you may have realized lawn grass doesn't grow well under trees. Adding some shrubs and perennials and mulching takes care of trying to raise grass and cuts the hours every week mowing.

It's pretty easy if you already have some forested spots in the yard to begin.

But, what if yours is a newer house and has maybe a tree and a half dozen foundation plants—or nothing at all? Or perhaps you're just

tired of all the yard maintenance. We'll take a look into how to create a woodland garden where there is no lawn.

Let's assume you'll buy and plant at least two or three larger trees, maybe six to twelve feet tall. If the soil is too heavy, adding some good soil and raising the surface a few inches may help a lot. Planting these in some informal arrangement in a portion of your property that you'd like to begin this woody spot will get you on your way.

Shade is created in these types of landscaping. If you're starting from scratch, planting a little each season and slowly growing the natural area is probably best. Trying to convert a whole yard from scratch could be very expensive and still you'd not get the mature forest look. Some of the shade loving plants could probably be safely installed if the slope the yard is to the North even if there's but little shade early on in this planting and installation process.

So, let's start by a quick study of trees. Trees that have smaller leaves let more light through. Trees that have long deep taproots don't hinder smaller trees and shrubs nearly so much, so choose some of those. Red or Scarlet oak, some of the pines, gum trees, birches, honeylocust, ginkgo come to mind.

Once your bigger and taller trees begin to produce shade and darken the light hitting the ground, think of some understory trees. Serviceberry, snakebark maple or some of the Japanese maples, maybe redbud or fringetree or

mockorange.

You may need to put it off for three or more years, but adding viburnums, azaleas, hollies, Carolina allspice, symphoricarpos, hydrangeas, and some berry producing plants as edibles for both people and animals helps flush out the look of a forest.

The final plantings can be done over the years. These may be garden plants such as hosta, day-lilies, toad lilies, bee balm, columbine, and so many other diverse shade-loving blooming plants.

At some point paths should be installed. These can be simple, even moss or leaf covered, or a different shade of mulch from that around and under the trees and other plantings in your freshly created forest.

Making paths curve around a group of plants that you cannot see past makes people curious to see things beyond the bend, so create some mystery as you lay out your paths through your forested garden.

Thought out and carefully executed, this type of naturalistic landscaping only gets prettier and more elegant as the years go by. The cool shade may convince you to put seating, a gazebo or other amenities out in this naturalized area.

Yes, all added up it is a chore. But so is cutting the grass 30 or 40 times every year. Just add some improved soil if needed, get out the hose if it's a dry spell, mulch recently planted things, and be patient before adding the things that must have shade to thrive.

So, are you ready to get started for the long steady planting of a forest, or are you going to go all in and get rid of the grass and create a naturalized yard at once? It might be the talk of the neighborhood, but some other folks may desire to do the same if your project turns out to be a beautiful paradise.

The author is a landscaper. For contact, call (606) 416-3911 or visit rockcastles.net

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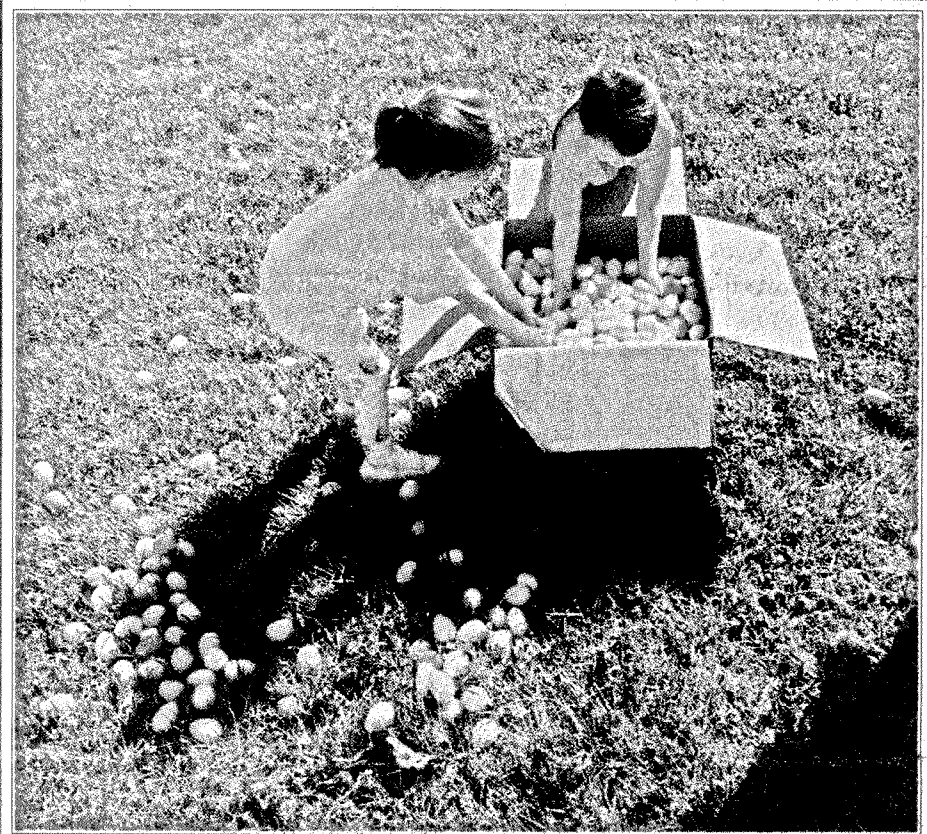
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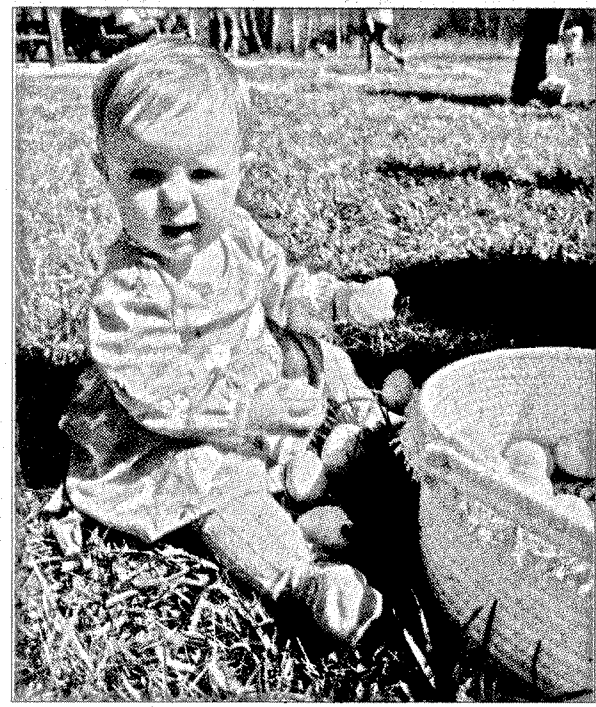
Little Everly Johnson high fives the Easter Bunny during the Brodhead Baptist and City Hall Community Easter Egg Hunt held at Brodhead last Saturday.



Ada and Eva Cromer helped ditribute the eggs before the Brodhead Baptist and City Hall Community Easter Egg Hunt held at Brodhead last Saturday. The event was also partly sponsored by Citizens Bank.



Saylor and Siggy Joenborg enjoyed the Community Easter Egg Hunt held last Saturday in Brodhead. The girls are the daughters of Kevin and Mary Joenborg of Brodhead.



\$1.7 million needed to operate jail for one year

By: Mike French
Editor

One of the largest annual expenses for the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, is the support of the local detention center. However, according to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and Jailer Nathan Carter, such support is required by law and state regulations and strict requirements mean that local officials have very little input as to how much that expense may be.

"There is a lot that the county has to provide to operate the detention center and the county tax payers have the burden of that expense, but none of the authority to change any of it," said Holbrook.

Carter has started more than one internal program in an attempt to raise funds for the operation of the local jail to help ease that burden upon taxpayers, but even those activities and procedures are overseen and regulated by the state.

Typically, officials agree that the local jail costs the fiscal court budget nearly \$1 million each year, above and beyond the funds paid to the jail by the state. "Without the jail to support, the county would have about a million dollars in the budget each year to use for a lot of things that could really benefit the county," said Holbrook.

As it stand currently, the City of Mount Vernon, the City of Brodhead and the City of Livingston provide no support specifically for jail expenses, according to county officials. Each of the three major cities in the county have a police force and house those arrested in the local facility, but are not legally responsible for any of the expense involved in the operation of the detention center.

"By law, none of the cities have to provide any funds for the jail. The expense is solely

on the fiscal court," said Holbrook. "It is a shame that the fiscal court has to foot the bill but has no say in what is done or how it is done."

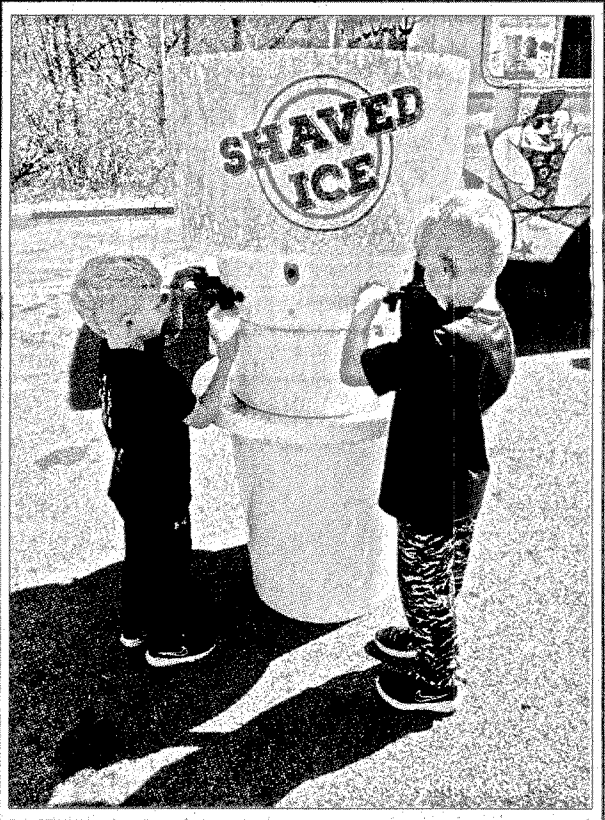
Some fear that if cities in Kentucky were forced to pay the jail for each person arrested inside city limits, it may become tempting for city officials to arrest fewer criminals during a budget shortfall.

Currently, the state reimburses the detention center with about \$34 per day for each state inmate but there is no reimbursement for local arrests.

Last week, Carter provided the court with his proposed 2024-25 budget. The budget is in its early stages and will be used by the fiscal court to help prepare the county budget. "This just lets us know what to expect with the jail so that we can plan the fiscal budget," said Holbrook.

According to the proposed jail budget, total revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 24-25 will be \$1,760,250. Of that budget, \$766,500 will be actual jail revenue. With the \$55,000 in carry-over from the previous year in the jail budget, the fiscal court will need to transfer \$938,750 into the jail account to satisfy the needed \$1.7 million total budget.

According to the proposed jail budget, the \$1.7 million is divided into six funds. Personnel will cost \$790,000, operating expense, \$445,200, equipment, \$4,000, juvenile detention will cost \$2,000, debt service, \$89,000 and administration, \$430,000.



At right, Lucian and Thayer Roberts, sons of Blake and Kristen Roberts, enjoy Silcox Shaved Ice at the Brodhead Baptist and City Hall Community Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Marriage Licenses

Kayla Paige Bryant, 36, Mt. Vernon, teacher and Wesley Ray Jett, 34, Lexington, sales. 3/8/24

Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Eleice Williams, complaint for child support and medical support.

Bank of America v. Amy R. Ada, \$8,442 plus claimed due.

Gabrielle Renner v. Holden Renner, petition for dissolution of marriage.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Terrell Houk, \$7,402 plus claimed due.

District Civil Suits

Crown Asset Management LLC v. Allen Johnson, \$4,565 plus claimed due.

Expansion Investments, LLC v. Shirley Mink, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Jack Carpenter v. Ashley Brooke Lewis, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Livingston Manor Apartments Ltd v. Tina Sowder, forcible detainer complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Destiny Niece, \$971 plus claimed due.

Heritage Way LLC v. Microfoodery Holdings

LLC, forcible detainer complaint.

Crown Asset Management LLC v. Zachary Bryant, \$1,271 plus claimed due.

District Court

March 11-13, 2024
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Yolanda Bidwell: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.

William Eugene Brown: fines/fees due (\$713), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/15 days in jail or payment in full.

Ethan Dayna Jin-Seong Chang: speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, no operators/moped license, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.

Chad C. Cochran: fines/fees due (\$248), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Sherman W. Collins: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

Lydia B. Frederick: fines/fees due (\$133), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

James Andy Harrison: driving DUI suspended license, driving w/o license/negligence in accident, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Clarissa Ann Howard: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, bw issued for fta.

Johnathon Wade Jones: fines/fees due (\$815), bw issued for fta/17 days in jail or payment in full.

Jesse O. Mason, Jr: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta.

Logan McGuire: fines/fees due (\$298)/converted to six days in jail/concurrent.

James Richard Melder: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Jessica Nunnally: fines/fees due (\$198)/converted to four days in jail/concurrent.

Timothy Allen Payton: possession controlled substance, bw issued for fta.

Amanda R. Peters: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Amy Michelle Philbeck: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Crystal S. Purcell: fines/fees due (\$171), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Failure to wear seat belts: Austin L. Renner, Eric Winfield Thacker, \$25 fine;

Rebecca Sanders: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Calvin Serpico Vincent: fines/fees due (\$393), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Marjorie Woods: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, 90 days in jail/pro-

bated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Sabrina Neeley: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 12 months in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Samantha Clem: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Billy Thomas Hines: public intoxication controlled substance, two days in jail/credit two days time served.

Jessica D. Mahaffey: assault, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Adam A. Smith: failure to or improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, operating motor vehicle under influence criminal mischief, public intoxication, burglary, attempted burglary, resisting arrest, bw issued for fta.

Gordon Sowder: possession controlled substance (two counts), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, tampering w/physical evidence, violation of conditions of release, disorderly conduct, public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

James Tomlison: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, license suspension of 30 days, ADE authorized.

Speeding: Deborah A. Tasker, license suspended for failure to appear

Help is coming to Livingston residents soon

By: Mike French
Editor

The City of Livingston is making special efforts to beautify the city and to provide programs to help the residents of the city, according to Commissioner Sandi Singleton and City Clerk Samantha Smoker. "We have some things coming soon to help those who find themselves in need," said Singleton.

The Whitehouse Clinic is coming soon. "There are some residents who don't have transportation to go to the doctor or get the medical care they need," said Smoker. "Thanks to the Whitehouse Clinic, everyone will have a chance for a medical appointment, including dental, vision or whatever need they may have."

Smoker said the mobile clinic will come to Livingston soon. Though the exact date has not been established, officials say residents should be looking for an announcement for the date and times. "We will let everyone know when the clinic will be here and they can provide a lot of information to people as well," Smoker said. Singleton agreed. "Some people have trouble getting to a

doctor but this will provide everyone with the opportunity to come and see medical professionals," Singleton said.

Also, KyKnect will be in Livingston on March 21 from 3:30 to 5:30 at City Hall. "People have no idea how many programs and benefits are out there that they qualify for and never knew it," said Singleton. "Everyone should come and talk to these people. They have information about SNAP benefits, wheelchairs, medical coverage and countless other programs and assistance. So many people qualify and never apply."

According to Singleton, professionals will talk with anyone who comes to the event about many possible programs that would help in very specific or in broad conditions. "If you just come, they will tell you all you need to know and can give you advice on so many programs that people qualify for and don't even know it," said Singleton.

Officials say to watch the *Mount Vernon Signal* and social media for the date and time for the Whitehouse Clinic visit and everyone is invited to the KyKnect event.

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- No Westminster contender
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- Irish actor Milo
- Lot of rows to hoe?
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- Sovereign time period
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- It's uplifting to a skier
- Street magician of note
- One that serves the queen
- Acting Mince
- Showing effortless grace
- "7 Faces of Dr."
- It can be more, proverbially
- Part of a runner's garb
- Edison's middle name
- Prefix for the opposed
- In spite of the fact, to poets
- Guys with white tigers, once
- Famed missionary Junipero
- Like any NBA center
- Medical fluids
- Commencements
- Fall on ears
- One of Tennessee's twosomes
- Gets better, as a wound
- Yankee's crosstown rival
- Socially conscious ad (abbr.)
- Long-time Vegas showman
- Eleven yards make two
- Where white suits are the norm
- Supreme Ross
- "Matinee" or "Billy" follower
- They're mined and refined
- After, on the slopes
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- A formality
- Pet-store purchase

DOWN

- Firewood measure
- Not on land
- Homemade knife
- Zeus' shield
- Summer shoe
- Badly clay
- Bruins go there
- Well-traveled path
- Came that starts with love?
- Start of the last qr.?
- Plant moved by an ant, in song
- Hillside near Glasgow
- Like the surface of Mercury
- Make indistinct
- Hawke of Hollywood
- No barred
- Will Rogers' prop
- Flying-saucer pilot
- Outshine
- Tizzy
- Word before "fast" and after "home"
- Rose protector
- High-protein beans
- Come to terms
- Monty Python performer
- Deadly
- "... lion and goes out like"
- Ski in a zigzag course
- Like a system of serfs and lords
- Type of drum
- Foolish talk
- Strait-laced
- It's in the can, maybe
- Good buddy?
- In (actually)
- "Gone With the Wind" estate
- Small bills
- Subject of "A Beautiful Mind"
- Camera type, for short

MARCH MADNESS

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Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Bertha (left) who is the 1-2 year old female Saint Bernard. She is super friendly and very quiet. On the right is Rocky, the 2-3 year old male Pomeranian who has been neutered and is very friendly and loving. Anyone interested in these or any other pets available should call the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter at 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee. These two and many more await your call.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 23-CI-00235

U.S. Bank National Association Plaintiff
Kirsty Beckett, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 9, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND 65/100 (\$174,701.65) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Thursday, March 21, 2024
Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract of land located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, which is more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the southern right of way of the County Road, corner to W.S. Stewart and lands conveyed; thence with the County Road, North 40 1/4 East 248.5; thence North 20 East 49 feet to the western right of way of the Clear Creek Road; thence with the right of way of Clear Creek Road, South 48 3/4 East 124.5 feet; thence leaving road, South 41 3/4 West 66.4; thence South 8 East 173 feet; thence South 69 West 176 feet; thence North 31 1/4 West 155.55 feet, to the point of beginning, containing 1.21 acres, more or less. Parcel No. 057-00-006

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Being the same property conveyed to Kirsty Beckett, an unmarried woman who acquired title by virtue of deed from David Nicley and Amanda Renee Nicley, husband and wife, dated May 27, 2022, recorded June 1, 2022, at Deed Book 283, Page 4223, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (5.125%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2024 local, county and state property taxes.
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6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 21-CI-00203

Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC Plaintiff
Rachael Miller, Eliza York-Hansel, Michael Joseph Miller, Midland Funding, LLC Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 17, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 15/100 (\$121,598.15) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Thursday, March 21, 2024
Beginning at the Hour of 10:10 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract of land located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, which is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Being Lot in Block A in the Sparks and Davis Addition and beginning at a stone in south line of Poplar Street at the northwest corner of Lot Number 4; thence S 22 1/2 W 200 feet with the line of Lot Number 4 to a stone in the north Locust Alley; thence in the N 67 1/2 W 100 feet with north line of Locust Alley to a stake in the southeast corner of Lot Number 6; thence with line of Lot Number 6, N 22 1/2 E 200 feet to a stone at the south line of Poplar Street to the beginning, containing 20,000 square feet.

Exclusion: There is excluded from the above portion of the above conveyed to Delbert L. Reynolds and Vicky L. Reynolds, by deed dated October 29, 1979, recorded in Deed Book 111, Page 610, described as follows: Lot in Block A in the Sparks and Davis Addition, and being at a stone in south line of Poplar Street at the northwest corner of Lot No. 4; thence South 22 1/2 West 100 feet with the line of Lot No. 4 to a stone in the north line of James David Shivel; thence North 67 1/2 West 100 feet with line of Shivel to a stake in the southeast corner of Lot 6; thence with a line of Lot No. 6, North 22 1/2 feet to a stone line of Poplar Street to the beginning, containing 10,000 square feet.

Easement: The grantor also conveys an easement for water line and sewer across property of the Mt. Vernon, Kentucky Congregation of Jehovah's Witness, in Deed Book 112, Page 454 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions, and legal highways of record and/or in existence.

Parcel No. 034E-06-002

Address: 30 East Locust Street, Mount Vernon

Being the same property conveyed from Donnie L. Eversole and Ethle S. Eversole, husband and wife to Rachael Miller and Eliza York-Hansel, for their joint lives, with remainder in fee simple to the survivor thereof by virtue of a deed dated November 8, 2018 and recorded November 16, 2018 at Deed Book 267, Page 10 of the Rockcastle County, Kentucky real estate records.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (5.25%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2024 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm
State Senator
Week 11 of the 2024
Legislative Session

The Kentucky General Assembly has wrapped up the 11th legislative week of the 2024 Regular Session.

I am pleased to say my Senate Bill 127 to grow and strengthen the Education and training pipeline of aviation professionals within Kentucky was approved by the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee on Tuesday. My bill sets up the framework for the 650-plus businesses that employ nearly 100,000 Kentuckians, which directly feeds into \$20 billion of exports in the aviation industry. This bill is vitally critical, because the current metrics and analysis estimated nearly 600,000 pilots and 650,000 aviation mechanics will be needed over the next ten years. SB 127 will play a significant role in filling this workplace pipeline. In addition to pilots and mechanics, other aerospace jobs will include sheet metal fabricators, avionics mechanics, powerplant and airframe mechanics, fixed base operation management, and flight engineers. I ap-

preciate the support of the aerospace and aviation caucus legislators, the industry, and educational institutions such as Morehead, EKV, Madisonville Community College, Somerset Community College, and others that will set up the framework and establish two pots of money. It will create the Kentucky Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Workforce Investment Fund. Under the bill, at least 65 percent of the funds, which could be up to \$8.25 million, will be used to encourage aerospace, aviation, and defense partners to team up with educational programs to pledge funds. Matched dollar for dollar, these state funds would establish scholarships for the aerospace and aviation industry. The other 35 percent would be available to incentivize universities and training programs to invest in building a faculty, providing equipment, and other training-related assets. I am optimistic about SB 127's ability to pass out of the state House, and I will update you next week.

After weeks of deliberation, the Senate approved its version of the two-year state budget this

week. The main focus of the two-year spending plan (House Bill 6) is to ensure we provide critical government services and further reduce the state income tax so we can leave more money in your pockets. Another budget bill, House Bill 1, uses funds from Kentucky's budget reserve trust fund toward transformational one-time investments. One of those includes an emphasis on road, bridge and highway repairs. As the Senate Transportation vice-chair, I thank Senate leadership and our Senate Budget Chair, Chris McDaniel, for their support in facilitating the transfer of approximately \$890 million from the budget reserve trust fund to the state road plan. These funds are crucial for addressing infrastructure needs in rapidly growing counties and supporting key industries. This injection of one-time funds will prioritize projects to improve our statewide infrastructure, particularly addressing the long-standing issue of overdue road resurfacing, which is nearly two decades overdue for repair. I am optimistic about this investment's positive impact on our communities.

Key Senate bills passed this week include: SB 3 reorganizes administrative duties of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and Department of Fish and Wildlife, transferring oversight to the Department of Agriculture.

SB 128 broadens youth employment opportunities by enabling nonprofit organizations to establish tailored work programs for minors aged twelve or thirteen.

SJR 170 directs the Council on Postsecondary Education to study expanding postbaccalaureate programs at Kentucky's comprehensive universities.

SB 232 introduces changes to decision-making processes regarding public school buildings in Kentucky.

SB 317 establishes property rights for individuals in their name, voice, or likeness.

SB 319 aims to strengthen support for victims of crime.

SB 349 establishes the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission to evaluate Kentucky's en-

ergy needs and oversee power plant retirements. SB 368 mandates informing the Kentucky Department for Housing, Buildings, and Construction about a property's use.

Find more on these bills online at Legislature.ky.gov and

vissitKYSenateRepublicans.com for news releases from the Senate Majority Caucus.

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 and Legislature.ky.gov.

Thank you for your continued engagement in the 2024 Regular Session. It is a privilege to represent you in Frankfort.

Sheriff's department receives new unmarked road vehicle

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department were approved by the Fiscal Court to apply for a 75/25 CVADD Grant for a new police road cruiser. That \$55,000 cruiser was delivered to the department and then sent to a company for installation of lights and other equipment.

Last week, the unmarked, black, Dodge SUV, all-wheel-drive cruiser was put on the road in Rockcastle County. "I love the fact that it is unmarked so that people can't tell it is a police vehicle," said Magis-

trate Shane Thacker. Some other magistrates agreed.

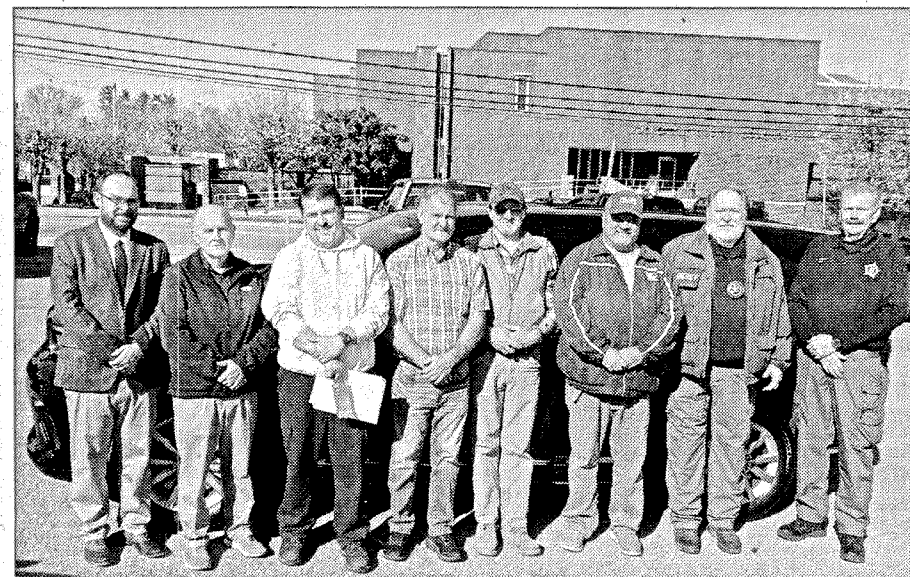
"One of the countless advantages to having an unmarked vehicle is that it helps keep people calm," said Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "For example, if we are needed at a school for a function or even official business, there is no need to stir up or worry the kids with police cars outside."

There are several other uses for such a vehicle as well, according to officials at the department.

Franklin said the department is currently planning to submit applications for two more similar grants for two ad-

ditional cruisers. "No department in the state has too many police vehicles," said Franklin. "We could always put cruisers to good use."

The sheriff also said he hopes one of the new vehicles, that may come to the county, will be a truck. "We have so many needs for a truck. Pulling equipment and hauling materials, to name a couple. Also, we need off-road capabilities since many of our calls are in rural areas that are difficult to get to with a Charger," he said. "This is one more effort to improve our sheriff's department for the citizens of Rockcastle County."



Shown above, the fiscal court along with members of the Sheriff's Department stand in front of the new 2023 Dodge, unmarked police cruiser. Shown from left are, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., Magistrates Shane Thacker, Doug Prewitt, Mike McGuire and Lee Earl Adams, Sheriff Shannon Franklin and Detective Sam Brock.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Garden and Home in 2024

Some things are always changing. Some things are proven winners and endure for the long run. That leisure suit for men passed. But, I have a blue striped necktie I wore with one 45 years ago that I still wear occasionally. With the internal combustion engine; we moved on from mules and oxen. So let's have a look at what this new landscape and garden season may bring us.

The preference for big open spaces—home floor plans or large green yards—seems to be with us, overall. But the colors and styles of recent years seem to be 'mutating' from greys and blues to beiges and pinks. And there is extra emphasis being placed on 'health & fitness'.

The color of the year as determined by the Pantone organization is "fuzzy peach". We are seeing this in the women's aisle at the stores, and we'll be seeing it in the furniture stores and the garden centers most probably as the year wears on.

The trend towards more health and fitness is partly real and partly an excuse to create a more luxurious bathroom, get a kitchen upgrade, and to create the outdoor oasis that may contain fire and water, as well as a spa or hot tub. Fancy grills and the thermometer and sen-

sors that tell us if things are cooked (where is the skill of the cook or grill operator in that?) are sending old-fashioned grills to the landfills. But, on the other hand, if you have but one life to live and you can't take money with you when your expiration date arrives, it's easy to understand the reasoning behind some of these trends.

Expanding on that thought, just as the Bible told us thousands of years ago, at the end of the age men put money in bags with holes in it. Inflation is the topic, even if that word didn't exist back then. And when you put money in the bank or under the mattress (or into a bag)...there is less buying power when you go to take the money and buy something. Saving for things has become taboo, but credit accounts are still flying high. For the history buffs, the President took your gold and gave you paper dollars for it in 1933...then soon 'devalued' your paper money as it took much more of the paper to buy a dollars worth of the real money.

Some things do seem pretty constant. Evergreen shrubbery or other trees and things that require little attention are most asked for by homeowners looking for landscaping. "No maintenance" is the oft-used way the request is worded. (Such a thing

doesn't exist, of course.) And some things change; for instance, the color of this year's most popular flowers. And the new paint colors.

Quirks and peculiarities I just don't fully comprehend sometimes. Why is it folks buy big sacks of bird seeds habitually at pet stores or the big boxes—when they could spend money one time and plant things the birds would enjoy from year to year for decades to come in the yard. (I guess it's our constant desire for "instant gratification"—but I could be wrong.)

Spring has arrived very early (let's hope winter doesn't return) and things are blooming days and weeks early. Many a box store has set out displays a month sooner than normal. The local garden store that closes for the winter may be missing out this year, as by the time they do open the budgets for garden stuff may have been spent.

So long as the stock market is on an upward roll, the outlook for home and garden expenditures is bright. I expect a good

to excellent first half of the year for businesses.

Then, probably, the constant jabber of the politicians will steal enthusiasm for doing new projects, as it usually does in election years. Promises, promises, and more money spent that was created from nothing. That seems to be a constant in life.

The reality is that our world may look rosy, (and who can be depressed when shrubs and trees and daffodils are blooming?), there is a foreboding in the air. And a trend that continues is more security and taking precautions. Making the home safer. Making the food in the freezer or cupboard safer. Stocking up for that next "100-year" event that seems to happen every 3 to 5 years anymore.

Only the surface has been explored as we try and peek into a new season and visualize the possibilities. May your home and garden edge closer to paradise this year. -0-

The author is a landscaper. Feedback welcomed. www.rockcastles.net

On this day you will be with me in Paradise!

This is what Jesus told the thief on the cross, when that thief acknowledged that Jesus was innocent, then the thief asks the other criminal, do you not fear God? Luke 23:39-43 reads. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, do you not fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation? VS 41 And we are condemned justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hasn't done nothing wrong. VS 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord remembers me when you come into your kingdom. VS 43 And Jesus said unto him, verily I say unto you, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Let us make a couple of observations about this scripture, First Jesus was given the authority to do God's will, Matt 28:18 says, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. So, a person can change his or her will while they are living but that will should be honored after the person is dead. So, it is with God's will that was accomplished through Christ. Hebrew 9:15-17 tells us, Because he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. VS 16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. VS 17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise, it is of no strength at all while the testator lives.

Christ will for all men and women is that they would come unto him seeking the salvation which can only be found in him. Forgiveness of sins and an eternal abode with him in heaven when this short life is over. His will, his plan of salvation is revealed in the New Testament. John 3:17 says, For God sent not his son into the world; not to condemn the world but the world through him might be saved.

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Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 23-CI-00134

Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint
Mortgage Servicing **Plaintiff**

V.

Joshua Curtis Smith,
Heather Renee Damrell **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 9, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 69/100 (\$177,774.69) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Thursday, March 28, 2024
Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Situated in Rockcastle County, Commonwealth of Kentucky:
Surveyed as Lot Number 4, and beginning at J on the plat corner tract 3; thence N 34 W 151 feet to the angle of the fence on L on plat; thence with the fence N 83 W 218 feet to the angle of the fence at A on plat; thence with the fence along the edge of the road; S 34 E 258 feet to a telephone pole at H on plat, corner to tract 3; thence leaving the fence and with the line of tract 3, N 59 1/4 E 167 feet as the beginning, and containing 0.9 acre more or less.
Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants to all legal highways and easements.
Parcel No. 043-00-090
Address: 1135 Wildie Road, Mount Vernon, KY 40456

Being the same property conveyed to Joshua Curtis Smith, an unmarried man and Heather Renne Damrell, an unmarried woman who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Adam P. Blanton and Jessica Donita Blanton (by Adam Blanton as attorney-in-fact), husband and wife, dated October 8, 2021, recorded October 19, 2021, at Deed Book 280, Page 325, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (2.75%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2024 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 21-CI-00084

RTL-F-KY, LLC **Plaintiff**

V.

David Lee Mahaffey, Doris Mahaffey,
Legal Recovery Services, Commonwealth of
Kentucky Division of Collections, Internal
Revenue Service, Eastern District of Ken-
tucky, The People's Bank, US Bank as
Custodian for Sass Muni V DTR,
Commonwealth of Kentucky, **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 23, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 65/100 (\$7,028.65) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Thursday, March 28, 2024
Beginning at the Hour of 10:10 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

The real property is located at 36 Church Street, Brodhead, KY 40409 and is more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at the northeast corner of lot now owned by C.A. Blanford (now Effie Crawford); thence with line of Charlotte Francisco King feet to Jefferson Street; thence with Jefferson Street 83 feet to Walnut Street; thence with Walnut Street 50 feet to southwest corner of C.A. Blanford's lot (now Effie Crawford); thence with Blanford's lot (now Effie Crawford) 83 feet to line of Charlotte Francisco King, the beginning corner
KENTUCKY MAP ID 0865-06-007

Being the same property conveyed to David Lee Mahaffey, married, by deed dated June 27, 2001, recorded at the Rockcastle County, Kentucky, County Clerk's Office in Book 185, Page 159.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
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Rockcastle Circuit Court

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Not God. (John 3:16) God gave His Son. (1Tim.2:3,4) Would that all men might be saved. (Rom.1:16) Gave the gospel to save the lost.

Not Christ. (Heb.2:9) Died for all. (Matt.11:28-30) Invites all to come who are heavy laden. (2 Pet.3:9) Does not want men to perish, but come to repentance.

Not the Holy Spirit. (2Pet.1:21) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. God's words guides mans every step, towards salvation and living a Christian life. It meets all our needs. (2Tim.3:16,17) All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Invites all to come. (Rev.22:17) And the Spirit and bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Yourself. Man must save himself. (Acts 2:40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Man must work out his own salvation. (Phil.2:12) Wherefore my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

It is true man may be deceived and be misled by others, but he allows this to happen. When he puts more trust in what he can feel than what he can read.

The apostle Paul reminded Timothy. (2Tim.2:15) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. I hope and pray we can all say, my religion came from the word of God, and not from some man.

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Position Summary:

The Weatherization Crew Laborer position is a full-time, hourly position. Weatherization Crew Laborers perform installation of home weatherization materials, air sealing, blow-in insulation, vapor barriers, seal crawl spaces, etc; We are willing to train people who are ambitious, show initiative, and have a great work ethic. Crews meet at our Clay County office location each morning and take company trucks to job sites located in Clay, Jackson, Laurel, and Rockcastle Counties. All tools, safety equipment, and supplies are provided.

Job duties and details:

- Insulate homes, mobile homes, walls, attics, and floors
- Seal under homes, in attics and walls, install some doors and windows occasionally
- Put up carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, replace light bulbs, and shower heads with low-flow shower heads
- Other duties as assigned by Supervisor or Evaluator

Physical requirements include the ability to:

- Crawl through and work in confined, dark spaces, such as attics and crawlspaces for extended periods of time
- Withstand extreme temperatures and adverse weather conditions
- Climb ladders and stairs
- Carry and set up equipment up to 50 lbs.
- Eye-hand coordination
- Work overhead

Minimum Applicant Qualifications:

- Previous carpentry or construction experience
- High School diploma or equivalent (basic reading and math skills are necessary to complete paperwork, required certifications and trainings)
- Strong interpersonal and professional skills including, but not limited to: professional appearance, communication orally and in written form, listening, time management, punctuality, and dependability
- Valid Kentucky driver's license * Clear driving record
- Clear background check
- Pre-employment and on-going drug testing required
- Ability to operate a vehicle in a safe manner
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Application Process:

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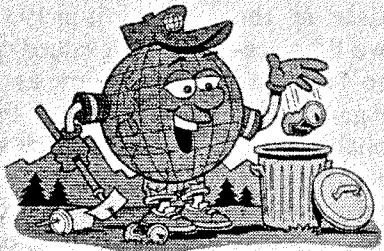
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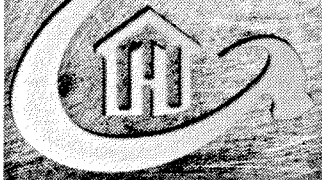
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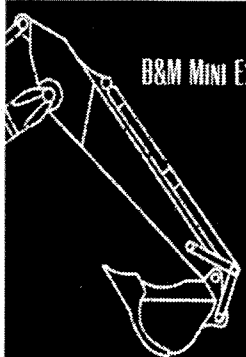
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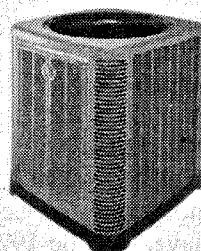
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The promise of spring is in the air, the days are getting longer, the sun is shining a little brighter and the buzzer sounds the start of yet another basketball game...clearly, it is March in Kentucky and everyone's eyes are on the court and everyone has their favorite player. The stars of the game may be playing their hearts out, but, the truth is behind every star player is a coach with a clipboard demanding they play harder! Here in Rockcastle County, we are right there with the rest of the country watching the seemingly never-ending games of March. I am certain one can find a couch-coach in almost every household shouting "Foul" at the screen. Love them or hate them, the coach is oftentimes the unsung hero of the game. When those talented stars are up before the crack of dawn at practice or in the gym well after dark, the coach is right there with them, pushing them to be better than their best. Here in Rockcastle, before there was a Chrysti Noble or an Andrew Cash other coaches were pushing and pressing those Rockcastle players to win. In fact, before there were Rockets, there were Brodhead Tigers, Mt. Vernon Red Devils, and Livingston Blue Devils and each team was led by an amazing coach.

Past Coaches of Rockcastle County Schools

(David Owens, "Before Consolidation: The Golden Age of Rockcastle County Basketball")

- Mt. Vernon High School:**
- 1915-1916 Coach D.H. Lyons
- 1919-1920 Coach John Lair
- 1920-1921 Coach A.E. McGuire
- 1929-1930 Coach Marvin Fairchild
- 1931-1932 Coach Charlie Perkins and Assistant Coach Oscar Owens
- 1939-1940 Coach Willam Landrum
- 1945-1946 Coach Albert Albright
- 1947-1948 Jack Laswell and Assistant Coach Albert Albright
- (Jack Laswell was head coach of Mt. Vernon through 1972)
- Brodhead High School:**
- 1931-32 to 1935-36 Coach D.A. Robbins
- 1936-37 to 1949-1950 Coach Jack Wright
- 1950-51 to 1951-52 Coach Millard Robbins
- 1952-53 to 1954-55 Coach Joe Harper
- 1954-55 to 1956-57 Coach Vesper Singleton
- 1958-59 to 1971-72 Coach Billy Riddle
- Livingston High School:**
- (years unknown) Coach John Lair
- 1930-1931 Coach C. A. Ramsey
- 1932-33 to 1933-34 Coach Earl Wilson
- 1934-1935 Coach Mitchell Stone
- 1935-1936 Coach Johnny Gaines
- 1936-1937 Coach H. E. Payne
- 1937-1938 Coach Burgess B. Robbins
- 1938-1939 Coach Grace Sharpe
- 1948-49 to 1950-51

Coach Lee Gentry

1951-52 to 1952-53 Coach Kenneth Moore

1953-1954 Coach James Baker

1954-1955 Coach William Lethgo

1955-56 to 1971-72 Coach Preston Parrett

The February 24, 1972 issue of the Mt. Vernon Signal featured an article titled "Friday Night Is 'End of an Era' For Basketball at Mt. Vernon High School" The article details the history of basketball at Mt. Vernon High School and the career of Coach Jack Laswell. Laswell was one of the longest-serving coaches at the school, according to the Signal. "This Is one of the longest careers of any coach In Kentucky High School Basketball at one school" the article stated.

From the article:

"Coach Jack Laswell came in at the start of the 1947 season and It was during the 50's that Mt. Vernon had outstanding teams, especially during the Earl Noe • Ken Cornelius years. During this period, the Devils went to the regional tournament eight straight years. The team that was the pride and Joy of Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County was the only team to ever represent Mt. Vernon In the state tournament, the team of 1953 was composed of: all-state center Earl Noe, Charles Baker, Charles Shepherd, Manuel Shepherd, Earl Pittman and a freshman starter Kenneth Cornelius. Cornelius was selected four straight years as an all-regional player and In 1956 as an all-state player."

Laswell was a coach to emulate, he respected his players, in the 1972 Signal article he stated, "During my 25 years at Mt Vernon, I have had the privilege of coaching some fine boys. There have been a lot more victories than defeats — but to me all boys who played the sport and worked hard to develop their basketball skills were winners." Laswell took the 1953 team to the State Championship and they held on for the Sweet Sixteen. Members of Laswell's 1953 Red Devils team included Jimmy Cummins,

Earl Pittman, Charles Shepherd, Bill Chaney, Ken Cornelius, Jack Laswell, Bobby Fields, Manuel Shepherd, Earl Noe, Bobby Spears and Charles Baker. As published in "Before Consolidation: The Golden Age of Rockcastle County Basketball" edited by historian David Owens, Charles "Tuck" Baker was known as "Playmaker" by the team. Baker would go on to be Laswell's assistant coach in 1962.

According to David Owens in "Before Consolidation: The Golden Age of Rockcastle County Basketball", the name that stands out in Livingston Basketball history is Coach Preston Parrett. "When you think of the Livingston Basketball program, the first name that comes to mind is Coach Preston Parret." Parret coached the Blue Devils through the 1965 District Championship. Members of the 1965 46th District Championship team included: Danny Hinton, Phil Childress, Billy Wyatt, Joe Bowman, Delbert Owens, Ronnie Taylor, Jerry Poynter, Billy "Red" Bryant, Lonnie Vanzant, Bert Newcomb, Vernon Sams, and Gary Mink. Parret would continue to coach at Livingston Elementary after the consolidation and would remain at the school until retirement in 1987. "He finished with 33 years coaching in the Rockcastle County Schools system."

Brodhead Tiger's Coach Bill Riddle took his team on to win the 1972 Region 13 Finals and won. It was the first time the Brodhead Tigers had ever made it to State. Members of the 1972 team included: Clayton Cash, Ronnie Arnold, Tommy Mullins, Darrall Proctor, Dewayne Mink, Terry Burton, Dennis Harris, Ronnie Brown, Pat Crawford, Gary Smith, and Larry LaFevers. According to an article in the March 16, 1972, Mt. Vernon Signal this team, this coach, and this season generated a sense of unity in Rockcastle County Schools. "The enthusi-

asm which has been engendered county-wide by the team has probably never seen its equal in the history of basketball in Rockcastle County." It seemed fitting as well, This was the last year that the three high schools would be separate, as consolidation would take place the following year, creating the Rockcastle County Rockets from Red Devils, Tigers, and Blue Devils. Also fitting, Coach Bill Riddle would be named the head coach of the first Rockcastle Rockets basketball team. Interestingly, Clayton Cash, a member of that winning team, would re-

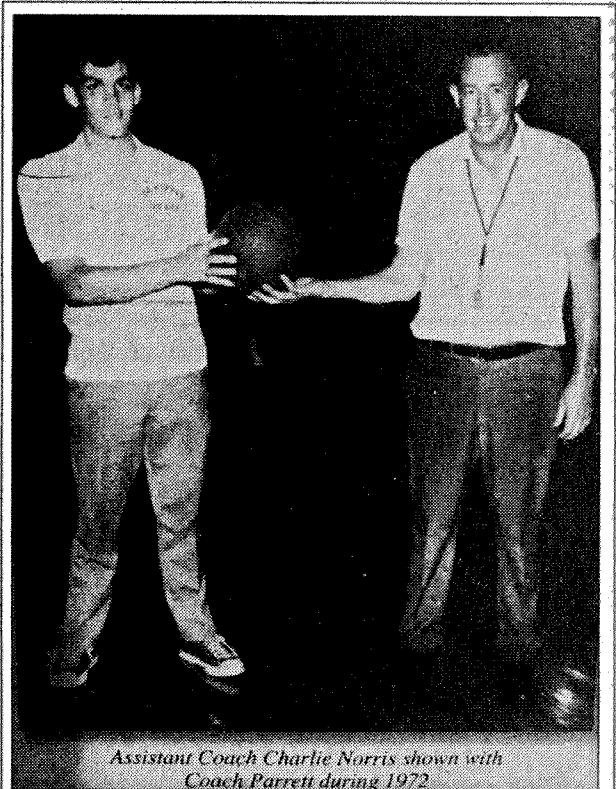
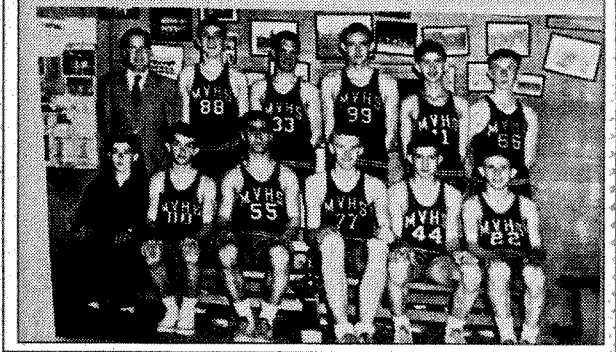
turn as Head Coach of the Rockcastle County Rockets.

As we ride the wave of the 2024 March Madness we will witness heroes and heartbreak and many a busted brackets. We will cheer on the winning teams and curse the losing coaches, but in the end will still love the game and remember the glory of our own Rockcastle heroes and the coaches that took us to the winning games.

Images from David Owens' book "Before Consolidation: The Golden Age of Rockcastle County Basketball"



Members of Mt. Vernon's State Tournament Team in 1963. (l. to r.) Front: Elaine Parrett, Verna Kelley, Pat Noe, Shirley Cummins, and Gail Russell. Back: Coach Jack Laswell, Manuel Shepherd, Kenneth Cornelius, Charles Baker, Earl Pittman, Earl Noe, Melvin Taylor, Charles Shepherd, Bobby Spears, Bobby Kelley Fields, Manager John Norman Meadows and Manager Bobby McFerron.



Assistant Coach Charlie Norris shown with Coach Parrett during 1972

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SALISBURY STEAK BAKE

1 package condensed French onion soup mix
1 and 1/2 pound ground beef
1/2 cup dried breadcrumbs
1 egg
salt and pepper to taste
1 bag (1-pound) frozen hash browns, thawed
1 onion, roughly chopped
1/4 cup ketchup
1/4 cup water
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon yellow mustard
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon butter, softened
2 tablespoons heavy cream

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. Set aside. In a bowl, mix half of the soup mix with the beef, breadcrumbs, egg, and salt. Shape into 6 oval patties. Brown patties on both sides in a skillet over medium-high heat. Set patties aside. Pour off and discard any excess fat. In the same pan, mix the remaining soup mix with the ketchup, mustard, water, and Worcestershire sauce. Add the butter and whisk until melted and smooth. Reduce the heat to low and whisk in the heavy cream. Spread the hash browns over the bottom of the baking dish. Top with the chopped onion. Arrange the browned meat patties over the potatoes. Pour sauce over the pat-

ties. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until the potatoes are golden and the sauce is bubbly. Serve immediately.

HAMBURGER STEAKS WITH ONION GRAVY

1 package (1 pound) ground beef
1 egg
1/3 cup breadcrumbs
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1 clove garlic minced
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon oil
1 and 1/2 cup thinly sliced onion
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup beef broth
1/2 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, mix the ground beef, egg, breadcrumbs, pepper, salt, onion powder, garlic, and Worcestershire sauce. Form into thick patties. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Fry the patties and onion in the oil until patties are nicely browned. Remove the beef patties to a plate and keep warm. Sprinkle flour over the onions and drippings in the skillet. Stir in flour with a fork, scraping bits of beef off the bottom as you stir. Gradually mix in the beef broth. Season with seasoned salt.

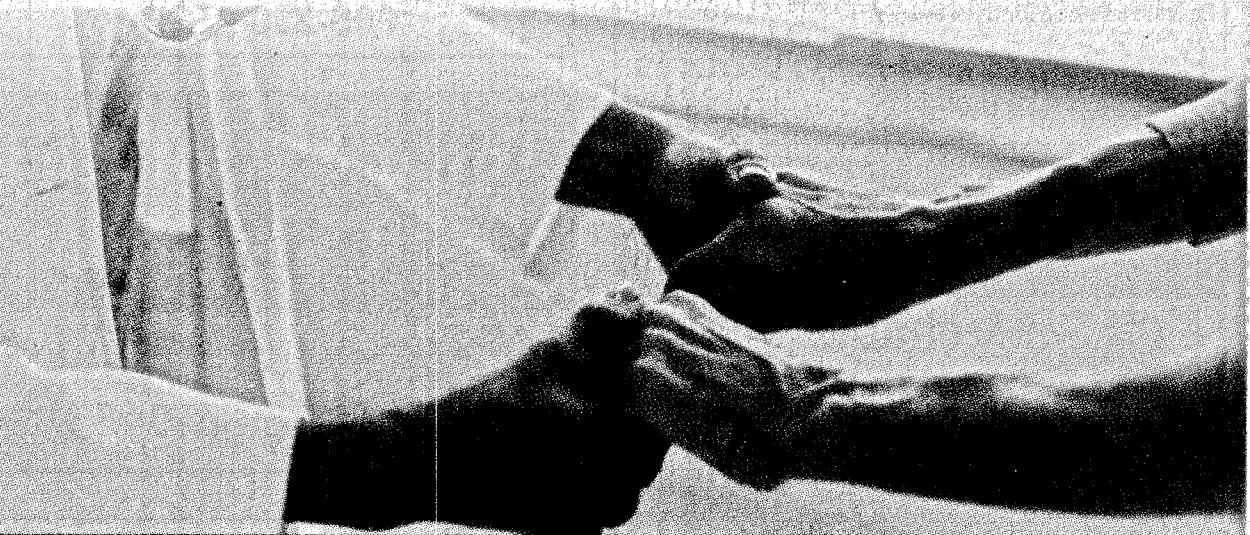
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