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Driver burned in car fire



First responders were called to a fire on Sweetwater Road last Saturday afternoon to find a vehicle fully engulfed in flames that were spreading to the wooded area nearby. According to officials at the Brindle Ridge Fire Department, crews attacked the blaze but the driver of the vehicle barely escaped the blaze. Though the fire was extinguished in about 10 minutes, the driver had to be air lifted to receive medical treatment for serious burns. Officials say the driver was burned attempting to exit the vehicle. Brindle Ridge personnel were assisted at the scene by Rockcastle EMS, PHI Air Medical of London and the Kentucky State Police. The cause of the fire is not known at press time.

Water project now stands at \$4,082,000 in total costs

By: Mike French
Editor

One of the most asked questions in Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County for several years has been "when is the water project, that will remove the bad taste and odor from the Mount Vernon water system, going to start construction?" The answer is, we still don't know.

But there is no longer much doubt that the project is "very close to starting" and, once construction starts, officials expect it will take about one year to complete.

Officials addressed some big changes revolving around the project during last week's regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council.

City Administrator Jim Bowman presented the new increased budget for the project to the council. Bowman

also informed council members that the original low bidder, Sensabaugh Design and Construction, could not hold their original bid any longer and withdrew it. The contract was then awarded to the second lowest bidder, Smith Contractors Inc. of Lawrenceburg and they

are expected to begin the project within months instead of years.

The original budget for the project in July of 2018 was \$1,165,000. The budget stands now at \$4,082,000.

Bad taste and odor have been noticed in the Mount Vernon Water system since Lake

Linville, which supplies the water system, was built in 1968.

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City adopts new investment policy, hears local reports

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held their regular monthly meeting last week with a short agenda.

After approving financial reports and minutes, the council dealt with recent water plant issues. (See related story)

The council also au-

thorized Mayor Tim Roberts to apply for a grant to build a fence around the water tower near the local high school.

After recent discussion concerning use of the funds in the Microfoodery account, and how to best utilize those funds until the city pays off the loan; City

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Two development boards serve different purposes

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court hears the reports of two different development boards each month during the regular court meeting.

Some have asked about the difference in the two development boards and officials recently invited Lynn Tatum, Treasurer of one of the boards, to a fiscal court meeting to help describe the duties and goals of the Rockcastle County Development Board (RCDB). RCDB members are Carrie Mullins, Tonya Cook, Stanley Cook Martha Cox and

Tammy Cox.

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA), executive director Jeff VanHook is present at all fiscal court meetings for questions or to provide new developing information.

Members of the RCIDA are Chairman Corey Craig, Roland Mullins, Jason Medley, Dale Whittaker, Donna Hopkins, John Ford, Steven Eversole and David King.

"There are some differences in the two boards," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. "The RCIDA board deals

with industrial development and focuses on county growth and economic development. They deal mostly in things like the widening of our state highways and exits off the interstate, as well as attracting large industry to the area from around the world. They administer state and federal grants and CDBGs and were mostly responsible for the new regional industrial park located in our county."

Corey Craig, Chairman of RCIDA, said the differences in the two boards center around

(See "Boards" on A7)

A heartwarming reunion

Ruby Brock finds lost class ring after 52 years

Ruby Brock, a remarkable 79-year-old woman, recently experienced a moment of joy and nostalgia when her long-lost high school class ring was unexpectedly found by her grandson, Dylan Coomer.

Ruby's son, Tim, had removed some apple trees in her backyard, and Dylan began searching for arrowhead rocks in the dirt around those trees. It was in that dirt that he discovered her class ring. This unexpected discovery brought back memories of her youth and academic achievements, marking a special chapter in her life that had been missing for half a century.

Ruby's journey is one of resilience and determi-

nation. She was the only one out of 18 children to graduate high school, defying the odds and pursuing her education with unwavering dedication. In 1963, she proudly walked across the stage at Brodhead School to receive her diploma, a significant milestone that set her on a path of lifelong learning and personal growth.

Throughout the years, Ruby has built a legacy of love and family. With three children - Tim (Brandy), James (Vickie), and Beverly - six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, she cherishes the bonds that tie generations together. Her commitment to nur-

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Ruby Brock with her long-lost high school class ring found by her grandson, Dylan Coomer.

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ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

There are several events, now a part of society, that I never expected to see, or have to deal with--until the last few years of my now advanced age.

When I was a child, teenager, young woman, married woman, mother, grandmother, I actually thought that the things that I have seen in the last few years could never, ever happen in our country--a country protected by a Constitution that sets forth certain rights that were inalienable but that are now part of a framework that seems to be teetering on the brink of oblivion.

I am trying to lead into the absolute miscarriage of justice that is being leveraged against a former President, and the frontrunner for this year's Republican Presidential nomination.

No matter how you feel about Trump's politics, you have to see that our present Biden regime is waging a war (normally only seen in third world countries) against his main political opponent. That should be an embarrassment to this entire nation, whether you are Democrat, Republican, Independent, Socialist, Communist, rich man, poor man (or woman). It is absolutely ridiculous what is going on in this country, and it is being treated, by about half of the population, as fair and equal treatment of a man who, from my perspective, only tried to improve the lot of the entire country, and especially the middle class, while he was in office.

There was some sanity shown Monday, when his deadline came up for him to post a \$454 million bond, on charges that he overvalued his properties when applying for loans in years past.

The strangest part of this scenario was that a trial was not held to determine if he overvalued said properties in his business dealings, and to show who was harmed by

this action, his guilt was evidently predetermined by New York Attorney General Letitia James and Judge Arthur Ergoron, a Democrat, and the trial was only to determine damages to be assessed against him.

James campaigned on "getting Trump." The judge in this case was a willing part of the plan, obviously, and he assessed a fine of \$454 million for "overvaluing property," even though there was never a complaint filed against Trump on the charge. James had asked for a fine of \$250 million. The fine also came with a daily interest penalty of over \$100,000 for each day the \$454M is not paid.

Anyway, Trump contacted several insurance companies to try to get a bond for the \$454M, so that he could then proceed with an appeal of the verdict, but was unsuccessful. The deadline for fulfilling the bond was Monday and, on that day, a New York appeals court reduced the bond amount by 60% to \$175 million and gave Trump 10 additional days, to post it. Trump says he can fulfill this bond amount on his own.

Also on Monday, another judge set Trump's "hush money" trial to begin April 15th -- right at the onset of the official campaign season. This is another charge, which supposedly occurred in 2006, which Trump denied but paid Stormy Daniels, an adult-film star, \$130,000 through his attorney Michael Cohen, to keep the matter from coming up while he was running for President in 2016.

Trump later was sued by Daniels for defamation, a case she lost. She was then ordered to pay Trump's legal fees to defend the charge, which amounted to over \$600,000. Of course, Daniels appealed the awards and after an appeals court ruled against her last year, Daniels tweeted, "I will go to jail before I pay a penny."

But, somehow, this case is once again on a New York docket with Trump

being charged by New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg, with falsifying business records related to reimbursements for the payment to Daniels in the days before the 2016 election.

Former New York DA Cyrus Vance and Bragg, at one point, had both given up on bringing the charge up again but, with James success, decided they had a chance to make the criminal charge stick, especially with the case being heard by a New York jury.

Trump is also facing indictments for trying to overturn the 2020 election and for retaining classified documents from his time in office as President (something he is absolutely entitled to do because of his position as President). It's interesting to note that Biden was found to have done the same thing during his tenure as Senator and Vice President (when he did not have the authority to declassify documents) but the prosecutor investigating Biden's actions said he did not feel that Biden could be held accountable by standing trial because he was "a well-meaning elderly gentleman with a poor memory."

But, hey, let's let him be in charge of our nuclear codes which could send our country into WWII!!!

I'm personally sick of our entire government at this point. I'm sick of this regime using our tax dollars to prop up Ukraine's foolish war with Russia (brought on by Ukraine's push -- encouraged by us -- to join NATO and Russia not wanting NATO on their doorstep).

I'm sick of over 10 million people being allowed to flood our country (the vast majority military age young men) about whom we know nothing and who are being given money, free

housing (five star hotels for many) and medical treatment all of which is costing taxpayers \$451 billion a year. But, hey, it's all good for diversity, equity and inclusion, quit your complaining you racist!! Just remember, "It is the habit of tyrants to prefer the company of aliens. Citizens they feel are enemies, but aliens will offer no opposition." Aristotle

I'm sick of this regime's defense of transgender women who want to compete against actual women in sports and are in the process of destroying women's sports.

I'm sick of our House of Representatives, with a slim Republican majority, falling in line with the regime's wishes for handing out trillions of dollars in pork projects but not standing up to the Democrats and insisting that NOTHING gets passed until our border is secure again, as it was under President Trump. Two of the recent pork projects passed includes \$850,000 for Elizabeth Warren's project of a gay senior citizens home and \$15,000,000 for college tuition for Egyptian students -- not in the US but in Egypt.

I'm sick of this ignorant President telling me I'm an extreme threat to this country because I refuse to vote for a party whose only aim is to destroy our country.

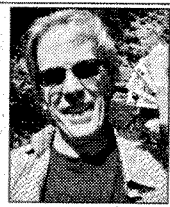
I am sick of the black population of this country demanding reparations from me for their being held as slaves almost 200 years ago, not by my ancestors, mind you, but because I, who have worked for everything I have since I was 14 years old, am white! (Racial justice church leaders are now demanding \$15 billion from Boston and additional cash from "white churches.")

I am sick of a government that refused treat-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There was nothing I enjoyed more than riding in the back of dad's pick-up truck for a warm, summer ride through the country. Me and mom and some uncles and cousins would pile in most Sundays with a styrofoam cooler, full of Pepsi and bologna sandwiches, and we never knew where dad was going to take us.

Usually we wound up at a creek somewhere in the country and, after we ate, we would play in the cool, running water.

The wind blowing in our hair and the smells of freshly plowed ground was a life moment every time we experienced it.

Soon we would hop back into the back end of the old truck and head down the highway again.

It kept all us kids entertained, it kept us out of mischief and it created family time.

What happened? The government decided it is illegal. You can't do that anymore.

As I got a little older, I used to love to spend my Sunday's heading up to exit 49 with my four-wheeler.

Every week there were hundreds of people out in the woods enjoying nature, riding, exploring, experiencing and playing. Yes, there were other things kids could be doing. Like drugs or stealing. But instead, they were with their families getting muddy and at one with nature.

What happened? The government decided it is illegal. They blocked it off and started fining people because they would move some dirt from one spot to another spot. Oh my! The end of the world is near!

I used to smoke four

packs of cigarettes per day. I don't believe the horror stories. It is propaganda. My grandfather smoked that much and died of liver disease at 92. Smoking did nothing to him.

But, just to go along with all the cryers and try to get along in a society that does everything possible to force others to obey the popular fad, I started vaping instead. Using a vape cut me down to about 3 to 5 cigarettes per day as opposed to 80 per day.

What happened? A state legislature bill right now is trying to place so many restrictions and limitations on vaping that it will become much more expensive than the cigarettes were--or illegal.

Back to Marlboro. If I have to, I'll grow my own. I grew tobacco all my life and I know how. I'll grow some extra so that my friends can smoke too.

Vape haters should be proud!

It gets pretty old watching government and judges deciding how I need to live my life and what I am not allowed to do. The fact that I never harmed another person in my life doesn't matter. They just have to insert themselves into my daily life and then pat themselves on the back for their virtue.

We are becoming such an antiseptic, antibiotic, clean little nation that soon sugar and chocolate and hair spray and processed fast foods and soft drinks and meat and lard and oil and gas and anything else they can regulate will make us all criminals.

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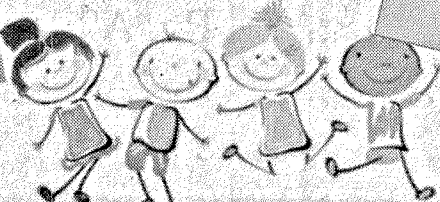
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Rockcastle Historical Haven

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By: Markita Proctor

March is Women's History Month. Women's History Month actually began as Women's History Week. 1978 was possibly the height of the women's movement. The March for the Equal Rights Amendment took place on July 9, 1978, in Washington, DC. According to many sources, the event drew more than 100,000 participants, more than any feminist

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ment (Ivermectin and HDQ) for Covid 19, that could have saved 10s of thousands of lives, because that enabled them to push a vaccine that cost thousands of lives and will continue to claim lives for years to come.

Do you get my message? I'm old, I'm grumpy, I'm helpless I feel to combat the present regime of terror being perpetrated on our country. Plus, I don't have one iota of confidence that the 2024 election will be carried out without cheating by those who stole the 2020 election!!

March in history. The National Archives.gov provides a brief history of the Equal Rights Amendment. Not to be confused with the suffragist movement and the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote, the Equal Rights Amendment was introduced into Congress in 1923, three years after the ratification of the 19th Amendment. This amendment sought full equality for women in terms of employment among other areas of equality. That same year, 1978, The Education Task Force of Sonoma County, California celebrated the first ever "Women's History Week" during the week of March 8 in order to coincide with the International Women's Day. The Equal Rights Amendment did not pass, but women did continue to fight for equality and the right to be seen as equals in modern society. In 1980 President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. Each president thereafter

continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress designated the month of March as Women's History Month.

Interestingly there are moments in the history of Rockcastle County when we were somewhat ahead of the times. In September 1921, Mrs. W. J. Starks was the first woman in the city of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky to sit on a grand jury for Rockcastle County. Not only did Ms. W. J. Starks sat on the jury; she was the foreman of this special grand jury sworn in by Circuit Judge B. J. Bethurum. Mrs. Starks was also the only woman member of the special grand jury. She was sworn in to investigate the killing of Watt Norton. According to the Mt. Vernon Signal, Mrs. Stark along with the other members of the jury indicted James Winstead, the former jailer of the county, with wilful murder in a dispute over land. I am still investigating why Mrs. Starks was selected for the grand jury, but the fact that a woman was on a grand jury was headline news for both The Richmond Daily Register in Richmond, KY, and The Bourbon News, of Paris Ky.

Even before Mrs. W. J. Starks, there was yet another Rockcastle Woman making history and the news. Mrs. Lucy Adams Nield was born in Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky sometime around 1862. According to H-Kentucky, H-Net's Network on Kentucky History, Ms. Lucy was one of eight children. Her father was a well-to-do farmer. In 1880 she married Charles Smedley Nield was also from Mt. Vernon. Charles Nield became the general manager of a new coal mine company. While the company did well, the real story is on Lucy. The young couple eventually moved to Louisville, and the city is where Lucy's story begins.

Many upper-middle-class women of this time joined the women's suffrage movement and Mrs. Lucy Nield was no different. She began her work by volunteering at church-sponsored events, such as charitable work. Her church provided support for foreign missions as well as "home" missions. It was at one of her mission meetings that Lucy heard of the concern for the Kentucky mountain women. This hit a little close to home for Lucy, because the mountain was where her husband worked and where the family had a summer house.

As time passed Lucy Nield became one of the most active members of the Louisville Women's Clubs. She became head of the Civics Dept. She spearheaded a wide range of programs on a multitude of social issues. By 1909, Lucy stood out as an outspoken suffragist. She spoke out on labor conditions in the textile industry and the promise that if others supported women's suffrage, one could expect an effect on wages for women and men. Lucy Adams Nield died in 1930 but was always known for her fight for women's rights.

I am certain there are many other Rockcastle County women who took their seats in positions of importance and decision-making and were among the first of the county and of the state. As we bring March to a close, I hope you take time to recognize the memorable women in your own life.

Aces

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We are forcing people to be safe and there is no way to draw a line between what one thinks is safe and what another thinks of as life.

Where does it stop? No one seems to care. As long as daddy government is making decisions for the sheep of America, everyone seems content.

If you want to force safety, then outlaw cars, one of the most deadly devices ever created. Outlaw alcohol, the cause of fights and family break-ups and deaths for centuries. No way! Those deadly things are popular. So leave them alone.

Outlaw leaving your home on rainy days or if a storm is predicted. Outlaw shoes that are too tight and cause ingrown toenails. It is a burden on society. Yeah, right!

At one time, America was a free country. One of the bad things about getting old is not only failing health and the weakened condition, but it is that we can remember about real freedom. We were forced to watch as those who deem themselves as our superiors took away anything we enjoyed too much. Over and over again I have watched this government regulate and demonize anything that could be a free choice by we the people.

If they had their way, we would have to ask permission, or fill out a form, to watch a sunrise. Let's hope sunrise watching doesn't catch on as a national pastime, if it does, they will soon regulate it and you will be a criminal.

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Monday, April 1st: Child Development, Seek and Learn, Lisa's Little People and Tic Toc Pre School. **Tuesday, April 2nd:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

Health Department Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed Friday, March 29th, in observance of Good Friday. It will reopen on Monday, April 1st.

MVES Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

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.

Family Event Night

Family Event Night at the Spring Book Fair at Mt. Vernon Elementary will be Thursday, March 28th from 4 to 6 p.m. Local author April Renner Curtsinger will be the featured guest of the event.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following items may be recycled:

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

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

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

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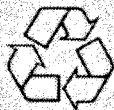
Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)

Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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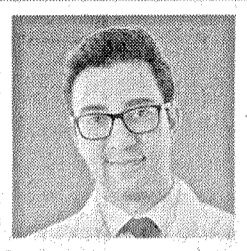
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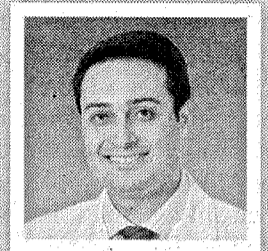
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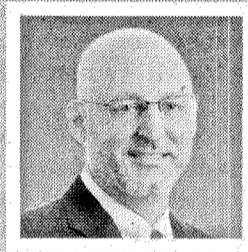
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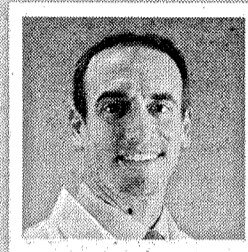
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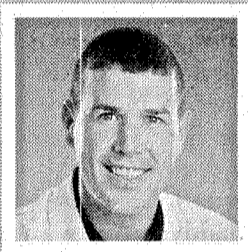
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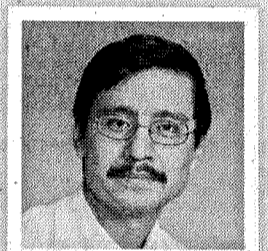
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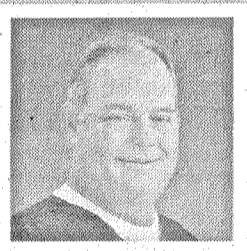
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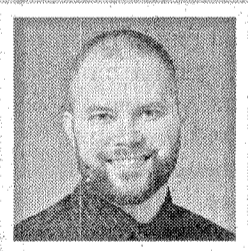
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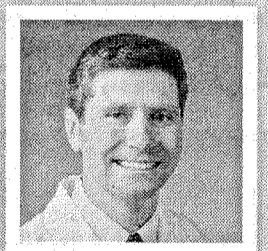
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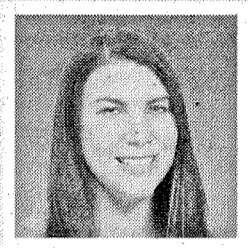
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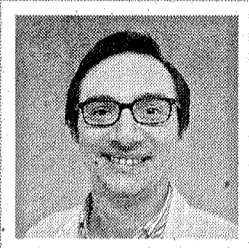
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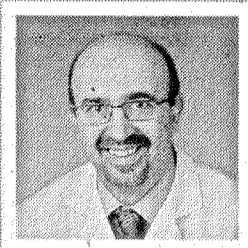
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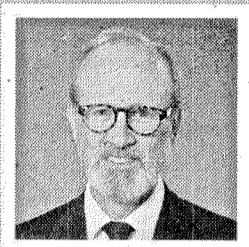
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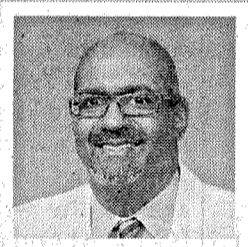
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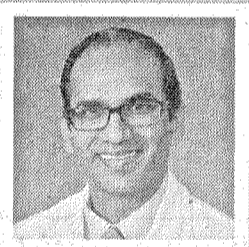
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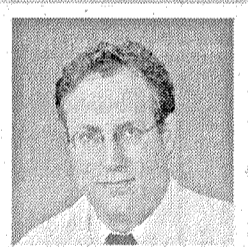
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Obituaries

Steven Ray Hayes

Steven Ray Hayes, 67, widower of Patricia Lynn Hayes, died Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at his home. He was born November 28, 1956, in Berea, to the late Oscar and Christine Hardix Hayes. He was a family man loving his wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, and sisters with all his heart. Steve retired from Hitachi where he worked in the maintenance department and was a former machinist. He also had owned and operated several small businesses in the past to include Snyder Grocery and his machine shop. After his retirement, he and Patty spent lots of time helping his son at Hayes Market in Mount Vernon. Steve enjoyed his farm and caring for his horses, especially his broodmare Bell. He raised Tennessee Walking Horses and had shown them in the past. He was a musician and enjoyed playing the guitar, especially his bass, Steve was a part of the Renfro Valley Jamboree cast in the 1980's. He was an active member of his church Emmanuel Baptist where he sang in the choir.

Other than his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters, Jimmy, Tommy, Frankie, and Jack Hayes, Cynthia Rose, and Bessie Parsons.

Steve is survived by: two sons, Andrew Hayes and his wife Patty of Berea, and Luke Hayes and his wife Jennifer of Mount Vernon; four grandchildren, Aubrey, Ally, Evan, and Eli Hayes; one brother, Bob Hayes and his wife Carol of Nicholasville; three sisters, Eva Hubble and her husband Kirby of Berea, Sue Cole of the Villages, FL, and Chrissy Collier of Berea; and a host of nieces, nephews and in-laws.

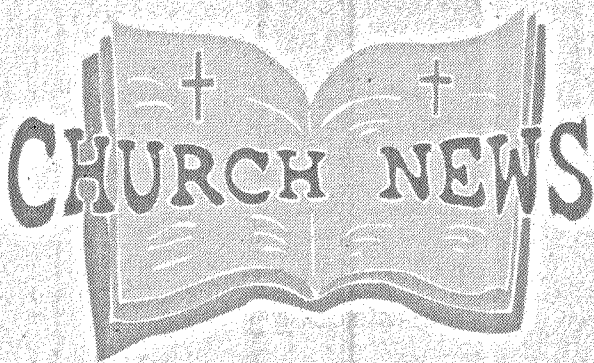
The family would like to extend a special thanks to Steve's church family for all the support shown to him during his battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 25, 2024 at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Joey Kays officiating. Burial was in Pilot Knob Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Roger Rucker, Chris Parsons, Shannon Hayes, Kirby Hubble, Billy Joe Hackworth, and Greg Cox. Honorary pallbearers were: Aubrey, Ally, Evan, and Eli Hayes.

David C. Taylor

David C. Taylor, 55, of Bee Lick, died Monday, March 25th at UK Medical Center. Arrangements entrusted to Marvin E. Owens and are incomplete at this time.



Let the Bible Speak

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

Easter Service and Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Service and Egg Hunt on Sunday morning, March 31st at Creekside Baptist Church, beginning at 11 a.m.

The Church is located at 2261 Copper Creek Road.

Pastor Jack Stallworth and congregation invite everyone.

Two Night Meeting

Crab Orchard Pentecostal will be having two night meeting with Brother Brian Smith beginning Monday April 1st and 2nd at 7 p.m. Brother and Sister Webb and congregation invites all!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will be hosting an open meeting on:

Date: April 9, 2024

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Rockcastle County Courthouse, 3rd Floor

Address: 205 E Main St, Mt Vernon, KY 40456

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss Rockcastle County Fiscal Court applying for Land and Water Conservation Funding (LWCF) to make modifications to Brodhead Ball Field. Modifications include adding a new 200 ft. baseball/softball field, two bleachers, two dugouts, lighting arrangements, fencing, fill dirt, topsoil, gravel, and a gate for the parking lot.

The public is invited to review and voice their opinion on the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project can also submit written comments to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, P.O. Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 by April 16, 2024.

Patricia Mae Boone

Patricia Mae Boone (nee Kolodzik) died March 26, 2024. She retired from Loveland Schools after 18 years as a Bus Driver.

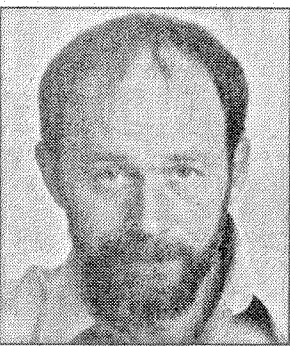


Beloved wife of Eddie Boone for 56 years. Loving daughter of the late William and Carrie Kolodzik. Dear sister of William Kolodzik, the late Robert Kolodzik, and the late Ruth Wood. Cherished Aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Hodapp Funeral Home, 8815 Cincinnati Columbus Rd., West Chester, OH 45069, on Monday, April 1, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home the following day, Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Crown Hill Memorial Park.

Freddie Dale Noe, Jr.

Freddie Dale Noe, Jr., 62, died Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at his home in Mount Vernon. He was born in Berea on May 17, 1961, to the late Freddie Dale, Sr. and Lorene Baker Noe of Mount Vernon.



Dale's love for the outdoors, specifically plants and exploring Caves, led him to a degree in biology from Berea College. He worked for many years as a botanist with the Kentucky State Department of Transportation in Frankfort. Most recently he was employed by Hardee's in Mount Vernon.

Survivors include one son, Mason Sage Noe, of Berea, and former spouse Lisa Noe.

In accordance with Dale's wishes he is to be cremated. There will be a private time of remembrance.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in Berea entrusted with arrangements.

Card of Thanks

Donovan Mullins

I would like to thank everyone for the love and kindness shown during the loss of my son, Donovan Mullins.

Thanks for all the texts, messages, calls, food and contributions I have received to help with funeral expenses.

Thanks to Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Pam Martin and Loving Arms of First Baptist Church for the delicious food.

Again, thank you all so much,
Karen Noe

The Crucifixion of Christ

Have you ever realized what Christ did for each one of us when he died on that cruel cross? Crucifixion is a death sentence, a nailing or tying of the hands and feet to a wooden beam and being left to hang there until death by exhaustion or asphyxiation.

Crucifixion was an execution, it was also a humiliation by making the condemned as vulnerable as possible.

Jesus obtained sufferings way before he hung on the cross. We read this in Matthew 26:67-75, Then did they spit his face and buffeted him in (to beat him with their fist) and others smote him with the palms of their hands, meaning they struck him sharply, especially with the hand) Can you imagine the pain he endured?

Not only did he suffer pain, but endured extreme humiliation, Matt 27:26-31 tells us, released he Barabbas unto them: And when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers and the governor took Jesus into the common hall and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him and put on him a scarlet robe and when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and reed in his right hand"; and they bowed the knee before him and mocked him saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him and took the reed and smote him on his head. And after they mocked him they took the robe off him and put his own raiment on him and led him away to crucify him.

The Bible describes Jesus' final hours on the cross.

1 God draws a supernatural darkness (separation of the father)

2 Jesus speaks four times, his last words

1) In agony "My God, why hast thou forsaken me? Matt 27:46

2) To those standing by knowing all things were now accomplished, that the scripture would be fulfilled. "I thirst!" John 19:28

3) to a breathlessly waiting world, a cry of victory: "It is finished." John 19:30

4) Having completed the awful task "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" Luke 23:46.

So when we sin, we need to take it seriously because it tells us in Hebrews 6:4-6 how when we do sin, we crucify the son of God all over again, it reads, it is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God, and the powers of the coming age, and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

Jesus died that cruel death so that we could have eternal life.

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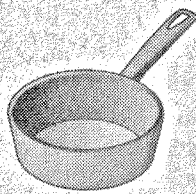
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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



COFFEE TOFFEE POUND CAKE

Jessie and Amy both request this cake whenever they know I am coming to visit. I can't say that I blame them as it is one of my favorites also. Personally, I like it better without the Kahlua. Good either way.

1 box (8 ounce) Neufchatel or cream cheese, softened
2/3 cup powdered sugar
1 and 1/2 teaspoon instant espresso coffee powder
1 teaspoon vanilla
8 ounces whipped topping, thawed
5 bars (1.4 ounces each) English toffee candy, crushed

1 frozen (16 ounce) pound cake, thawed
1/3 cup Kahlua, if desired
2 tablespoons cocoa powder

In a bowl, beat Neufchatel or cream cheese with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Beat in powdered sugar, espresso powder, and vanilla until smooth. Fold cream cheese mixture into whipped topping. Stir in crushed candy. Remove thawed pound cake from container. Slice pound cake lengthwise into 3 equal slices. Place bottom third onto serving platter. Brush with Kahlua if desired. Spread a third of cream cheese mixture over bottom layer. Repeat with remaining layers, ending with cake. Cover with plastic wrap. Let chill in refrigerator for 5 to 24

hours. Remove plastic; sprinkle with cocoa powder.

OLD FASHION BUTTERSCOTCH PIE

This recipe came from my Poynter cousin, Janice James Tillet. She is as exceptional cook as was her mother and her grandmother before her.

2 cups brown sugar
6 tablespoons cream
6 tablespoons butter
4 egg yolks
2 cups milk
3 tablespoons corn starch
1 pie shell (9 inch), baked

In skillet or heavy pan melt butter, cream, and sugar together. Mix egg yolks, milk, and corn starch and add to mixture. Cook over medium heat until thickened. Pour into baked pie shell and top with meringue.

MERINGUE

4 egg whites
6 tablespoons sugar

Beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually beat sugar into mixture until forms stiff glossy peaks. Spread on top of pie and bake at 350 for about 12 minutes or until browned

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The Sayings of Satan

We can profit from a study of words spoken by Satan. That is why they are recorded.

Sayings spoken to Eve. (Gen.3:1) Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? He knew what God had said. This was one of his wives. (Eph.6:11) Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Next, he said. (Gen.3:4) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. He contradicted God's word. It was almost the same, (but it was not), "the devil is a liar." (Jon.8:44) For the first time, the doctrine of the impossibility of apostasy was preached- in other words: "Go on and eat, you can not fall."

Sayings relative to Job. (Job 1:9) Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Satan thought every man has a price. He thought bankruptcy would cause Job to deny God. Bankruptcy does affect some peoples religion. Serving God out of ulterior motives is no service at all. Some serve for reasons which are political, or business, etc. He who serves God for such wages will quit when Satan raises the pay. Satan was wrong about Job. (Job 1:22) In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly. How would we react if the same things happened to us?

Sayings spoken to Jesus. (Matt.4:3) If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. The devil's "if" struck at the faith of Christ. This temptation was distrust. It appealed to the present appetite, to the impulse of the moment. Next Satan said, (Matt.4:6) "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING THEE: AND IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR THEE UP, LEST AT ANY TIME THOU DASH THY FOOT AGAINST A STONE. This shows Satans head is full of scriptures and that his heart is empty of it. Satan offers certain things in return for service to him. Many sell out to him. Jesus said. (Matt.16:26) What shall a man give in exchange for his soul? "Is our soul still the Lords"?

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube channel Kentucky. Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ Mt Vernon Ky. The church assembles for worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. We offer free Bible correspondence course. If you would like to contact someone from the church you can either call or text this number 606-224-1480.

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will continue to prioritize the safety and security of our school community and are thankful for the unwavering commitment of our law enforcement, first responders and school staff to keep our students safe."

Kentucky State Police investigators swept the building for a potential bomb and deemed the building safe for occupancy shortly after the swatting event began, according to school officials.

Swatting has become a trending offense across the nation as state representatives and members of Congress have also experienced swatting.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe says the "swatter" faces several charges and once found, will face as much as 10 years in prison. "There are multiple crimes involved, including terroristic threatening in the first degree and falsely reporting and incident. And I can tell you, when we find the swatter, we would prosecute to the fullest extent of the law."

Sheriff Shannon Franklin took part in the evacuation and the search for any device.

Franklin said he, too, was pleased with those involved with the effort. "It was an outstanding effort and cooperation among all the first responders and we can't say enough about how well the faculty, staff and students, as well as parents and the community, responded to the situation."

Franklin also issued a warning to the caller of the threat. "As for the person who made the call, if you read this, be advised...stay out of this county. We will protect our children and our community with every weapon and resource available."

No bombs or other threatening devices were found at any of the schools involved in the four recent swatting events.

Boards

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jobs. "Most everything we do at RCIDA, focuses on property development and job creation," he said. "We sell our workforce and our community to the rest of the world." Craig said the RCDB focuses much more on local design and creating a more attractive and developed community to better entice and retain those who, RCIDA helps bring to the community.

The RCIDA provides detailed financial reports along with detailed information concerning the previous month's activities, goals and plans at each fiscal court meeting. The monthly RCIDA report includes financial statements, accomplishments over the past month and a report from the executive director.

The six-member board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse.

The five-member Rockcastle County Development Board meets on the third Thursday of each month with Treasurer Tatum and sometimes special guests. This board also provides periodic reports to the court but is more focused on local development or improvements in each city

and the county. "The development board focuses more on beautification projects and other ideas in each town and in the county," said Holbrook. "Each board serves a similar but different approach to creating a better county."

The court provides \$1,000 per month in program support to the RCIDA Board and each month pays an expense report from the RCDB. Typically those expenses are slightly over \$1,000 per month.

Craig and Holbrook agreed that though both boards have similar goals, they have different functions. "Among other things, RCIDA brings people to our county through new jobs. The RCDB helps keep them here with a brighter, more enticing county," said Holbrook.

City

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Administrator Jim Bowman, City Clerk Crystal Rush and Mayor's Assistant Nicole Roberts, put together a Model Investment Policy for the City of Mount Vernon.

"After we discussed buying the CD with the Microfoodery fund money, Nicole, Crystal and I contacted the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) about investment policies," said Bowman.

The recent discussion involved monies the city has been paid back by Microfoodery. The city must pay off the loan with the funds but has voted to wait to pay off the loan until an early pay off penalty has expired. The council recently voted to leave the funds in a local bank. The issue was brought up at more than one council meeting causing Rush, Bowman and Roberts to contact KLC to inquire about standard policies for such subjects.

"This is a standard model investment policy the KLC provided and all of us and Bobby (City Attorney Bobby Amburgey) looked over the model and couldn't find anything that needed to be changed," said Bowman. "We haven't had an investment policy in place and this will help us to make such decisions in the future."

The policy addresses objectives, prudence, types of institutions, authorized investments, performance evaluations, reporting and disclosures.

The council approved the policy for the city. The council has expressed their plans to pay off the loan as soon as the early pay off penalty is lifted in 2026. However, Bowman pointed out that once the early pay-off penalty is lifted, the city will then have to discuss whether or not actually pay off the loan. "When the time comes, we are going to have to consider the fact that we are drawing more interest on the money that is in the CD than the interest we are charged by the lender," he said. "The city is making money by not paying it off yet. We will have to discuss if we actually want to stop earning the interest and pay off the loan in full or keep drawing more interest than we are paying on the loan," he said. "But we will deal with that when the time comes."

The council also heard department reports from the All American Club listing 23 bags of trash

picked up.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department report showed two structure fires and 24 incidents involving vehicles in February. The report also showed six coroner assists and several mutual aids. The department made 50 runs in February using 18,000 gallons of water.

The police department reports showed 497 calls for service in February with 27 total arrests and 23 traffic violations.

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

Ring

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turing strong family connections and passing down values of perseverance and unity is a testament to her enduring spirit.

At the heart of Ruby's story is her enduring love story with Dallas Brock, her husband of 59 years. Together, they have weathered life's challenges and celebrated its joys, standing by each other through thick and thin. Their enduring partnership serves as a beacon of love and companionship, inspiring those around them with their unwavering devotion.

The rediscovery of Ruby's class ring symbolizes more than just a lost item; it represents a journey of remembrance, reflection, and gratitude. As she holds the ring in her hands once again, memories of her high school days flood back, reminding her of the hard work and dedication that led her to that momentous graduation day.

For Ruby, the return of her class ring is a reminder of the milestones she has achieved and the legacy she continues to build through her family and relationships. It serves as a tangible link to her past, connecting her to a time of youthful dreams and aspirations that have shaped the woman she is today.

As Ruby looks at her class ring, now back where it belongs, she is filled with a sense of nostalgia and gratitude. The journey of losing and rediscovering this precious memento has brought her full circle, reaffirming the importance of education, family, and enduring love in her life's narrative.

Water

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Local officials dealt with the problem for many years by trying new combinations of chemical filtration and carbon infusion as well as many other treatments that were expected to help. Several engineers and many water plant experts were brought to Mount Vernon to assess the issue and countless combinations of filtration and processes were attempted for many decades. None of them worked.

When Josh Bray was appointed as City Administrator in Mount Vernon, he made the project one of his signature goals and relentlessly attacked the issues with the local water system. "This has been a problem all my life and it must be fixed," he said in 2018.

It wasn't until the administration of Bray, under former Mayor Mike Bryant, that the actual cause of the bad taste and

odor was discovered by environmental engineers.

It was determined that a rare algae, that only blooms during a short season, was causing the bad taste and odor. Once the cause was discovered, several water experts and engineers were once again called to address the problem.

Eventually, a solution was found but it would require a new water basin and a change in the filtration process. The idea involved very technical details, but a system was designed to finally remove the bad taste and odor from Mount Vernon's Water system.

Bids for the project were accepted and the low bid of slightly over \$1 million was expected to cover the cost. Local officials began a campaign and was able to raise the funds through grants and low-interest loans.

However, a series of unpredictable circumstances, including the unannounced retirement of Frankfort officials involved in the approval process and the involvement of the Corps of Engineers, among other twists and turns, stalled the project...for over three years.

By the time the officials involved had fully approved the project, inflation from the new federal administration had set in and Mount Vernon officials had to rebid the project. Local officials expected an 80-90% increase but when the bids were received, they were about 300% higher. The low bidder, Sensabaugh Design and Development, was over \$3 million.

Because of the unexpected amount of the increase, city officials began scrambling once again to raise funding for the project. However, raising the extra funds took more time than allowed. Bids for such projects are only good for 90 days, according to Bowman. So, by the time the funds were raised to meet the new bid amount, Sensabaugh said their bid would no longer apply due to inflation once again.

Sensabaugh owners did agreed to extend their bid until February 5, but it wasn't until late March that the extra funds were raised for the new project. By the time the funds were approved, through increased grant amounts and loans, Sensanbaugh officials had begun other projects and could not hold their bid longer, according to Bowman. "When the low bidder bailed out, we called the second lowest bidder (Smith Contractors) and offered them the contract," he said.

However, the bid from Smith also had to be raised. "Smith kept their own bid the same but some of the subcontractors could not," Bowman said. "Some of the subcontractor's bids had to rise slightly." All of the increased bids combined added an additional \$42,646 bringing the total bid to \$3,292,021.

When all was said and done, last Thursday night at the council meeting, the new, and apparently final, budget was set at \$4,082,000.

The total construction cost of the project is budgeted at \$3,292,021 along with a required contingency fund set at \$261,423. Design, construction management and observation, planning and administration at \$366,156. Legal counsel, bond counsel and interim financing is budgeted at \$87,400 and the Corp of Engineers Review fee is

\$75,000. All of the extra-neous construction expenses, added to the construction bid, brought the total for the project to \$4,082,000.

The funding will come though an ARC grant of \$915,000, a Kentucky Flood Control Matching Grant of \$250,000, a USACE Pride 531 grant of \$750,000, a Rural Development Grant of \$1,303,000 and a Rural Development loan of \$864,000.

"The great news is that we only have to borrow \$864,000, which is less than we thought we would have to borrow when all this started," said Bowman. "The best news of all is that the customers of Mount Vernon Water are going to get rid of that bad taste and odor once and for all. It has been a gen-

eration of work and planning. But it is about to finally happen."

The city plans a water rate increase to pay back the \$864,000 loan.

According to the bid by Smith Contractors, the company would not be able to mobilize to the site for 90 days once they are told to begin the project, but would be submitting purchase orders, and issuing subcontracts during that time. The company also requests 365 days to complete the project after it has begun.

"We have a few more things we have to do before we give the go-ahead," said Bowman. "There are some legal things that must be done first but we are finally close, and we are moving forward every day."

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

RTL-FKY, 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,
Rockcastle County **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.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2024 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Richard “Rick” Bobo is this year’s DAR Medal of Honor recipient

The DAR Medal of Honor is the most prestigious honor awarded by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and is given to an adult man or woman who is a United States citizen by birth and has shown extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service, and patriotism. The recipient must have made unusual and lasting contributions to our American heritage by truly giving of himself to his community, state, country,

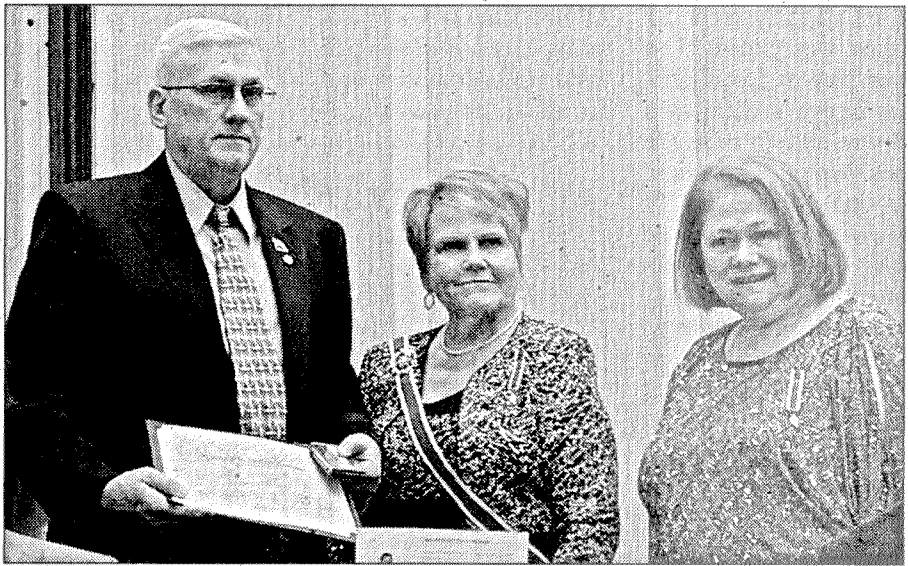
and fellow man. This year’s recipient is Mr. Richard “Rick” Dwayne Bobo. He is an Air Force Veteran who has served his country honorably and continues today to serve his fellow servicemen and his community with the same pride and commitment as his time in service. He has continued serving his fellow veterans through leadership, fellowship and guidance and his love for his community is apparent to all. Since his retirement,

Mr. Bobo has kept himself busy serving his community. He has been a longtime member of the Lions Club and the American Legion where he served as Commander and participates in numerous charitable projects in the community. He has devoted countless hours into the development of the local veterans park and its upkeep and spearheads the county’s annual Memorial Day program. He has been instrumental in the renovation of his church using not only his

security background in developing a security team for the church but also putting his wood-working and painting skills to use.

There are many qualities that Mr. Bobo processes but the ones that are most notable are his love for his country, love for fellow veterans, love for his community and his love of God. He gives of himself completely without the expectation of payment or recognition. He serves with his heart and his hands wherever he can make a difference. He exemplifies DAR’s motto of God, Home and Country.

Kentucky State Regent, Mrs. Linda Conrad and KY State Americanism Chair, Janet Cobb presented Mr. Bobo with his award at the KSDAR 127th State Conference on March 23, 2024 in Lexington, KY, with DAR members, family and fellow veterans present to congratulate him and thank him for his service. Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR is proud to have sponsored Mr. Bobo for this prestigious award.



Richard “Rick” Bobo is this year’s DAR Medal of Honor recipient. Pictured from left: Richard Bobo, KSDAR State Regent Linda Conrad and Americanism State Chair, Janet Cobb.



Rockcastle HOSA recently competed in Louisville at the Kentucky HOSA State Competition. Fourteen students were in attendance, each student competed in either an individual or team event. Many students also had the opportunity to tour the University of Louisville’s school of Dentistry or the school of Nursing. Students participated in community service events, explored different careers and colleges at the healthcare expo, and also visited health force one, a state of the art healthcare training simulator. Thank you for your support of these amazing students. Pictured are front row seated: Danica Wallin, Caitlyn Kirby, and Mary Jackson. Second row: Callie Thacker, Kenzie Owens, Abby Hopkins, Ashleigh Abney and Katielynn Smithern. Back row: Carleigh Philbeck, Abby Deleon, Levi Lovell, Madison York, Aubree Clark, Jennifer Durham (HOSA Advisor) and Raychel Carpenter.

Agricultural News

By: Lindsey New, FSA Director

Ask the Expert: A Q&A on Farm Storage Facility Loans

In this Ask the Expert, Toni Williams answers questions about how Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFLs) provide low-interest financing to help producers build or upgrade commodity storage facilities. Toni is the Agricultural Program Manager for FSFLs at the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Toni has worked for FSA for more than 32 years and is responsible for providing national policy and guidance for Farm Storage Facility Loans.

What are Farm Storage Facility Loans?

Farm Storage Facility Loans provide low-interest financing for eligible producers to build or upgrade facilities to store commodities.

The FSFL program was created in May 2000 to address an existing grain shortage. Historically, FSFLs benefited grain farmers, but a change in the 2008 Farm Bill extended the program to fruit and vegetable producers for cold storage. An additional change extended the program to washing and packing sheds, where fresh produce is washed, sorted, graded, labeled, boxed up, and stored before it heads to market. Since May 2000, FSA has made more than 40,000 loans for on-farm storage.

Eligible facility types include grain bins, hay barns, bulk tanks, and facilities for cold storage. Drying and handling and

storage equipment including storage and handling trucks are also eligible. Eligible facilities and equipment may be new or used, permanently affixed or portable.

To read the full blog visit farmers.gov/blog/ask-the-expert-qa-on-farm-storage-facility-loans-with-toni-williams.

Committee Meeting Date:

April 3rd 2024 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 4.875%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 5.250%

Limited Resource Loans = 5.00%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.500%

Emergency Loans = 3.750%

Farm Storage Loans = 3 yrs. = 4.250% 5 yrs. = 4.125%

7 yrs. = 4.125% 10 yrs. = 4.125%

12 yrs. = 4.250%

Commodity Loans = 5.875%

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

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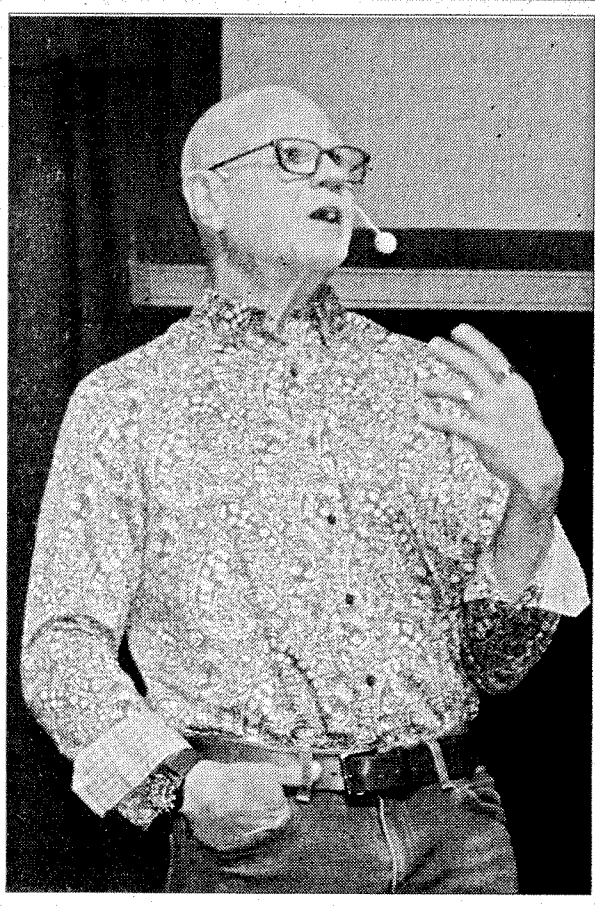
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UNITE Community Celebration held at RCHS



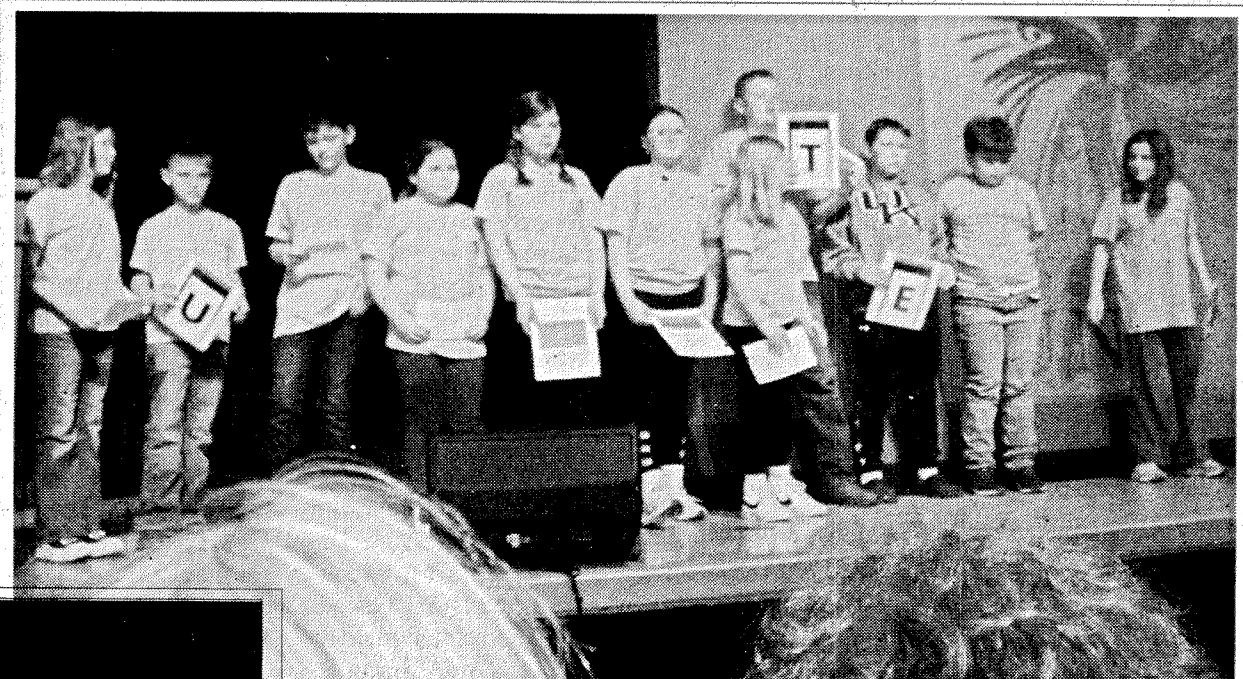
Jim Morris (*The Rookie*) spoke at the UNITE Community Celebration last week. Morris told stories of his life helping in the effort to prevent substance abuse.

A full house attended the UNITE Community Celebration held last Thursday at the Rockcastle County High School. Keynote speaker Jim Morris (*The Rookie*) spoke to the large crowd of students, faculty and parents about UNITE's collaborative efforts to prevent substance abuse and to facilitate recovery.

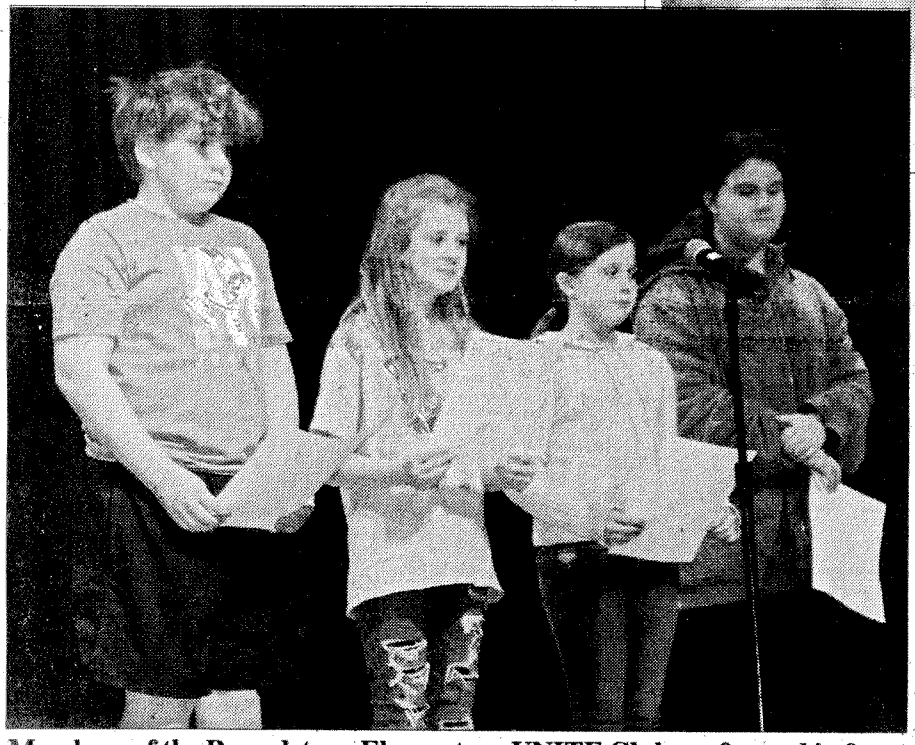
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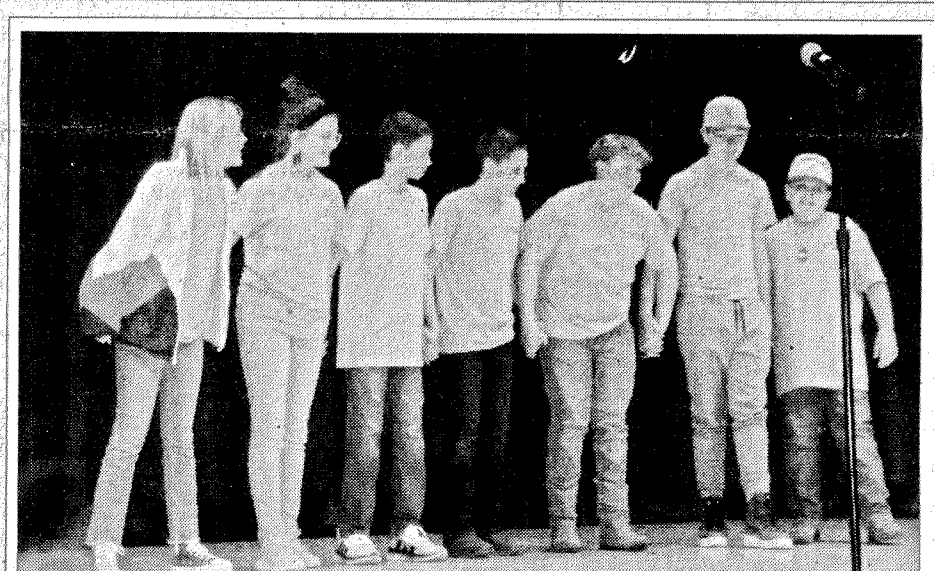
The RCMS UNITE Club enacted a moving message in the UNITE effort of substance prevention.



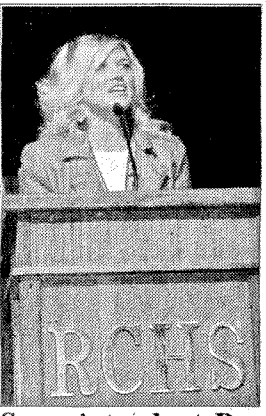
Shown above, members of the Mount Vernon Elementary UNITE Club performed at the UNITE Community Celebration last week.



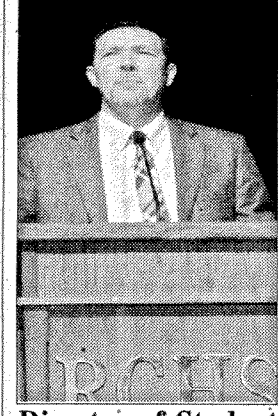
Members of the Roundstone Elementary UNITE Club performed in front of the crowd as part of their effort to help facilitate recovery which is the goal of UNITE.



Members of the Brodhead UNITE Club performed at the UNITE Community Celebration last week.



Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger spoke at the UNITE event.



Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert spoke at the event.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Bruno (left) the 2 year-old male Pit Bull that is very friendly, and Sassy, the one year-old female Treeing Walker that is also very friendly and energetic. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

Together, we will fight.

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A large photograph of a woman and a young child sitting together outdoors, looking at something in the child's hands.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Kia Rachen Goff v. Hunter Matthew Goff, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Citibank v. William T. Robbins, \$6,025 plus claimed due.

Citibank v. David Haynes, \$5,496 plus claimed due.

Shelter Mutual Ins. Co. v. Shauna Faye Baker, \$7,187 plus claimed due.

America's Car Mart, Inc. v. Andrew L. Lovell, \$9,080 plus claimed due.

Christian Coffey v. Angelina Weaver, petition for custody and parenting time.

Citibank One v. Amber C. Kemp, \$11,452 plus claimed due. CI-00078

Marriage Licenses

Courtney Ann Rowe, 20, Mt. Vernon, factory and Holden Wayne Abrams, 224, Mt. Vernon, factory. 3/15/24

Katherine Christine Tuttle, 38, Brodhead, Dollar General and Armando Romero-Pacheco 41, Brodhead, self-employed. 3/15/24

Regina Mae Mullins, 61, Mt. Vernon, disabled and Michael Wayne Friend, 55, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 3/20/24

Connie Marie McClure, 62, Brodhead, Health Care and Jesse Bryan Gentry, 60, Eubank, truck driver. 3/22/24

District Civil Suits

Eagle Financial Services, Inc. v. Roy Sparkman, \$4,598 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Casey Miller, \$1,533 plus claimed due.

Citibank One v. Robert M. Canfield, \$2,876 plus claimed due.

Citibank v. Cody Wallin, \$3,904 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. John M. Harding, \$4,873 plus claimed due.

Republic Finance LLC v. Jody Cobb, \$3,341 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Peggy Dennison, \$1,372 plus claimed due.

Laurel Financial Co. v. Brittney Thrush, \$1,706 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Heather Begley, \$1,231 plus claimed due.

Laurel Financial Co. v. Jessica R. Berry, \$1,669 plus claimed due. C-00065

Deeds Recorded

Steven and Angela Miller, property on Cove Branch Road, to Cove Branch United Baptist Church. Tax 50c

Reecie Himes Chasteen, property in Rockcastle County, to Roy Gene Todd, Billie Todd, Tracy T. Blevins and Eddie Todd. Tax \$1

Frank Himes, property

in Rockcastle County, to Hazel Smith, Roy Gene Todd, Billie Todd, Tracy T. Blevins and Eddie Todd. Tax \$1.50

Scott and Michelle Wilson, property in Brindle Ridge Section, to Mitch and Kelly Steeves. Tax \$480

Eric and Aimee King, property in Purcell Family Trust Property Plat, to Tawyna Lynn Bullock. Tax \$35

Jeffrey P. Bishop, property in Rockcastle County, to Jack D. Bradley and Kayla Allen. Tax \$25

C. Douglas and Judy M. Brock, property in Rockcastle County, to Whitney Abriana Daugherty. Tax \$20

Jody Cobb, property on Anglin Falls Road, to Keaton Lopez. No tax

Charles L. and Judith Sherrow, property in Brodhead, to Matthew L. Sherrow. No tax

Darren A. Ballard, property in Rockcastle County, to Karen Utrecht. Tax \$2

Judy Mitchell, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Lance Whetman. Tax \$6

Roy Adams, property on Level Green Road, to Mark and Deanna Carpenter. Tax \$50

Lesley Burns, Executrix, property in Chestnut Hills Subdv., to Ronald R. Deaver and Bhana J. Mira. Tax \$100

Rodeway Inn By Choice Hotels International, property on Richmond St., to Akshardham 2 LLC. Tax \$550

DGS Development Ltd., Lot 10 of Shady Grove Farms, to Thomas

Shepard. Tax \$1

Deborah Wilson, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael E. Vick. Tax \$3

Joseph C. McClure and Heather McClure, property on Scaffold Cane Road, to Joseph C. McClure. No tax

Ronnie and Donna S. Mink, property on Fish St., to Rio Home Solutions, LLC. Tax \$20

Savannah and Isaac McClure, property in Rockcastle County, to Curtis and Amber McClure. Tax \$225

Ronald Greg Carpenter, property on Smith St., to Fred Hampton III and Rachael Hampton. Tax \$25

District Court

March 18-20, 2024

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Marsha S. Banks: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Amanda L. Barnes: facilitation TICS, bench warrant (bw) issued.

Speeding: Nancy Bautista-Vazquez, \$50 fine plus costs; Harley Dale Gayhart, Blake Robert Nagel, \$50 fine plus costs; Alexander Michael Gregory, \$20 fine plus costs; Jaxon William Brown, David Odell Poore, Caryn Nicole Belcher, Morgan J. Bryant, license suspended for failure to appear (fta).

Feguens Laine: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Cody Monk: no, opera-

tors/moped license, failure to produce insurance card,, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, license suspended for failure to appear;

Donald Travis Brown: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Mark Allen Gardner: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, 4200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended to six months.

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

Brian Dwayne Angel: theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief, 180 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs/consecutive.

Gabriel Blevins: violation of ?Kentucky EPO/DVP, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Michael A. Dewey: reckless driving, failure to or improper signal, improper/no windshield, license suspended for fta.

Stephen Hacker: no/ expired registration plates-receipts, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/ revoked operators license, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Joshua Calob Kale Lamb: illegal take/pursue deer/wildturkey, \$25 fine plus costs.

Andrew McCloskey: no/ expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license lto be in possession, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., license suspended for fta.

Mary Ann Mills: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months plus ADE.

Sara Myers: theft by deception, bw issued for fta.

Edward Kinuthia Ndungu: speeding and improper use of left lane/ overtaking vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Jessica Nunnally: assault, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition.

Anthony R. Powell: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine plus costs.

Scottie D. Renner: no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; no/ expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs.

Marco Antnio Rivera, Jr: no brake lights, \$25 fine; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; possession of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs.

Michael G. Wood: Speeding and failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

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- Some former tadpoles
- Borders
- Small unit of measure
- Corr. (vigorously)
- Fill the tank
- Small grimace or pout
- Extremely casual footwear
- Becky bovine
- Ceremonies
- Makes a drink last
- Brown alternative
- Turkish honorific
- What "no news" is
- Stink
- Some fraternity letters
- Bury in a vase, e.g.
- Local knowledge
- Preparing to be laid up
- Neither under nor over par
- Bo-o-ring
- Chicken part
- Closer to black
- Tree-climber's helper
- out a living
- Slave
- Slope apparatus
- Concerning flora
- Try a different knot
- Quaint accommodations
- Creator of many quotations, apparently
- Units of Iranian currency
- "The Ten Commandments," for one
- Cowpoke's charge
- They wear pinstripes at home
- Poorly thought-out

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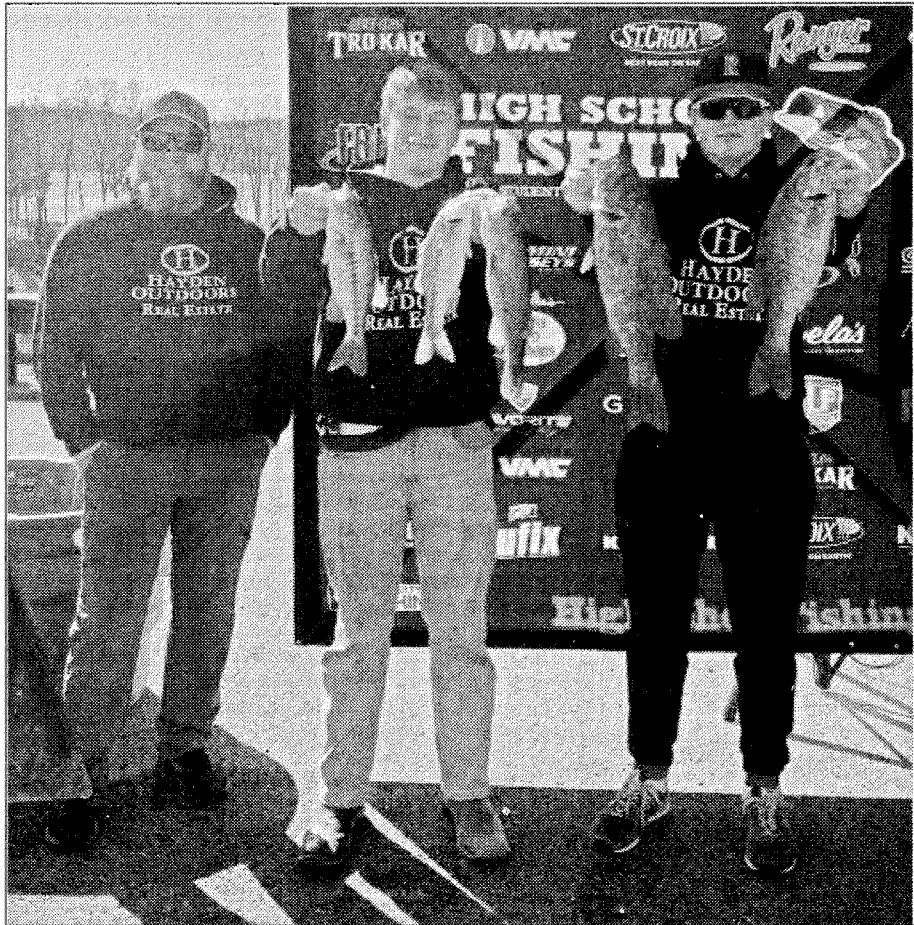
- Draws away from shore
- Worrisome guitar part?
- Threat to a sand castle
- Saddle (cowboy's woc)
- "Long, Long"
- Load thud
- "Miracle on Ice" losing team
- Dutch flower
- Treats maliciously
- Forms a jury
- December doorstep number
- Canine crossbreeds
- "just one of the guys"
- Beginning
- Kick without a tee
- First commercial video game
- Went (turned bad)
- Pitched in, and got a hand
- Pear-shaped fruit
- One who inquires
- What hungry wolves do
- Burns' partner
- Up the without a paddle
- Stretch of shrubbery
- Hold to a .000 batting average
- Old-fashioned pen holder
- Emotionally unresponsive
- Board, as for a voyage
- Great flair
- Became waterless
- Knee-to-ankle bone
- Send somewhere else
- "Stand by Me" singer King
- Strong smell
- apple juice
- Spanish snack
- Tut's fertility goddess
- Make an impression?
- Word from a real Scrooge
- Tundra wanderer
- Brying beast

St Patrick's Day!

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ENYA
GUINNESS
OSCAR WILDE
DANA
WILD ROVER
BOOK OF KELLS
LIMERICK
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SPORTS



Larkey and Kidwell finishes 15th in National Qualifier

Christian Larkey and Parker Kidwell finished 15th out of 203 boats in the National Qualifier held at Lake Cumberland last weekend weighing in close to 11 lbs. with five fish. They are shown with their boat captain, Billy Hackworth.

Hot Rod sign-ups set for April 6th

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

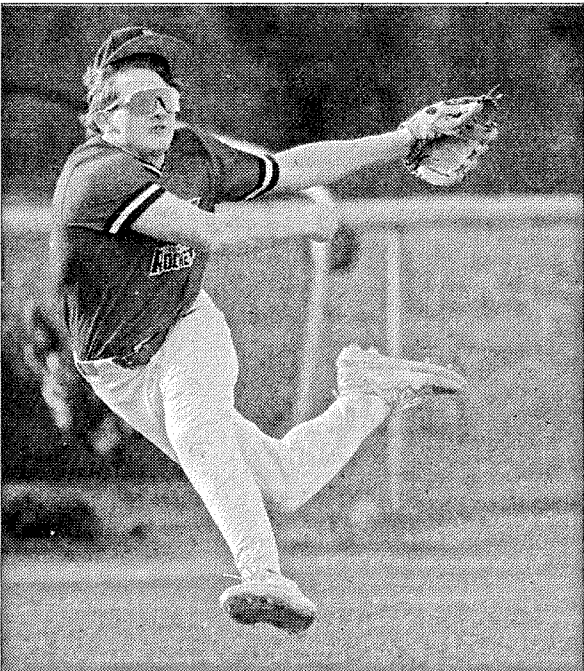
The cost for the 2024 season will be \$40 which includes a hat and t-shirt. Parent's shirts are also available for order.

Hot Rods T-Ball teaches the fundamentals and lessons that will help each child throughout their life.

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

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

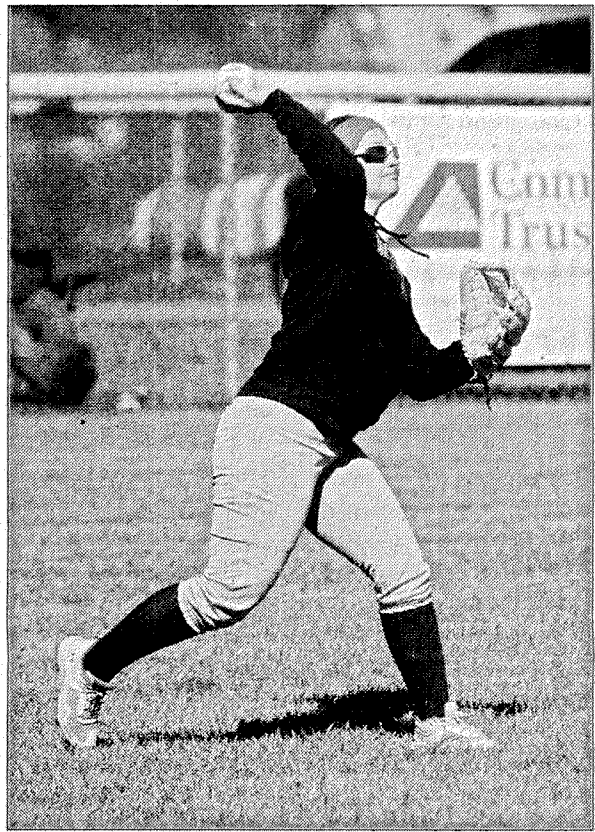
Anyone with questions concerning Hot Rods T-Ball should contact one of the coaching staff. They are; Head Coach Doug Proctor, 606-308-5319, Assistant Coach Jason Proctor, 606-308-5717, Assistant Coach Travis Powell, Assistant Coach Perry Mason, Jr., 606-308-5450 and Assistant Coach Chris Benge, 606-308-1892.



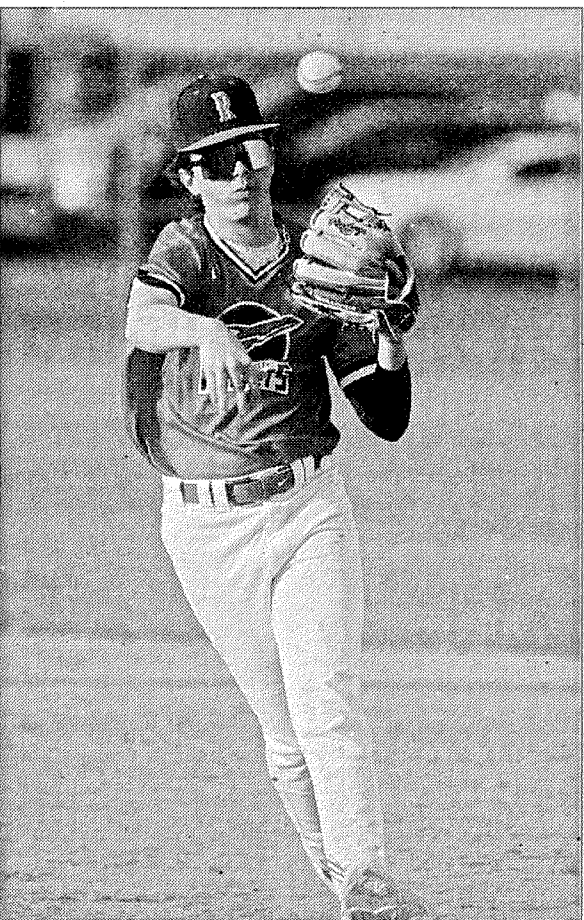
Hunter Pingleton makes a play during the Rockets loss to Garrard County Monday night.



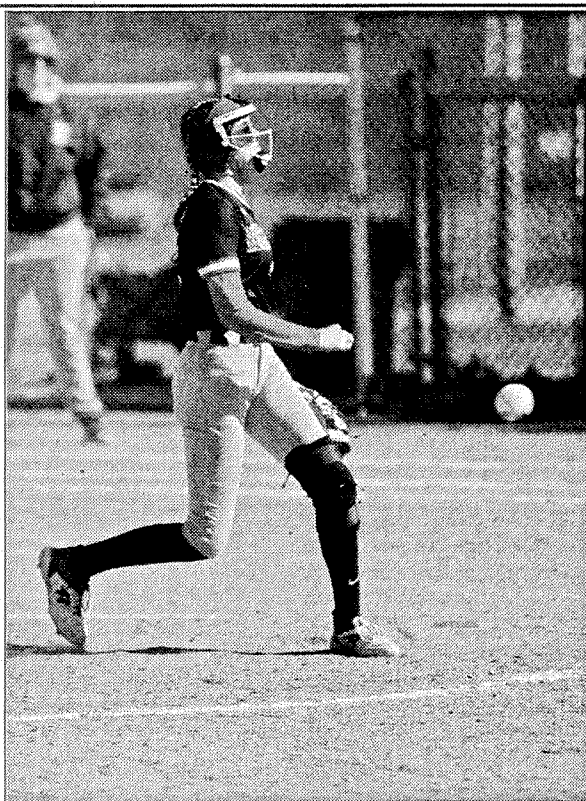
Skyler Durham gave up only one earned run in the Rockets 10-1 loss to Garrard Monday night.



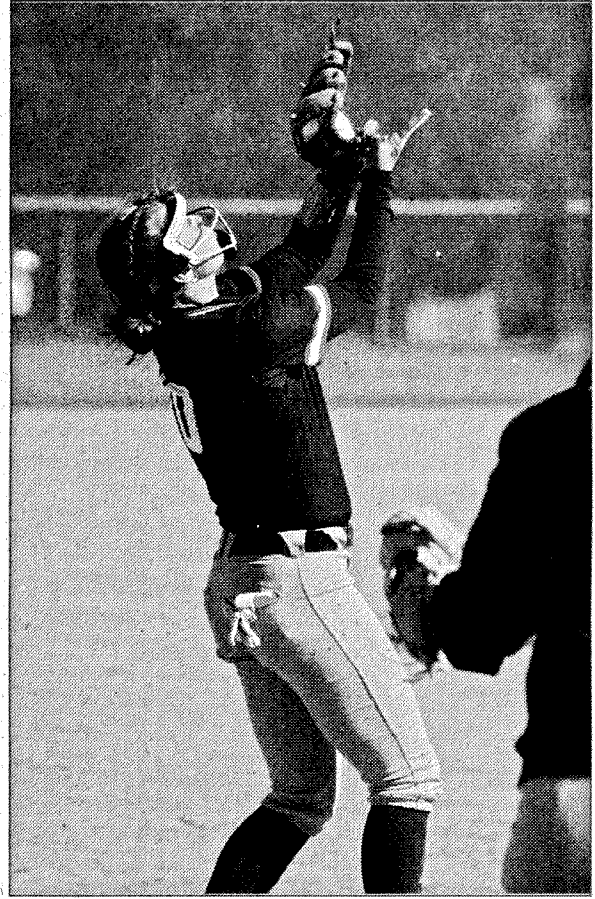
Kylee Fletcher makes a throw from left field during Rocket action Saturday against Marion County. Fletcher went one for three at the plate with two runs scored, a walk and hit by pitch.



Second baseman Zeke Fain gets a putout during the Rockets loss to Garrard County Monday night.



Sydney Holcomb came in in relief during the Rockets' loss to Marion County Saturday. The Rockets defeated Estill County 5-4 earlier in the day.



Adysinne Lovell makes a catch during Saturday's game with Marion. Lovell had two RBI, a run scored and a walk in the loss.



Carson Carrera carried the behind the plate duties during the Rockets loss to Garrard County

Makayla Coffey looks back a pitch during the Lady Rockets' game with Marion County Saturday. Coffey had three hits including two doubles, four RBI and scored two runs in the loss. The Rockets host Mercer County this Thursday at 6 p.m. and travel to Pigeon Forge week of Spring Break for games in the Cal Ripken Experience.



Several local fires may be due to ignoring restrictions

By: Mike French
Editor

Once again, some are ignoring the restrictions that come with Fire Hazard Season. Others may attempt to follow most of the burn restriction times but ignore other restric-

tions, according to several local first responders.

Officials say the restrictions imposed during fire hazzard season are much less strict than a burn ban, but still must be followed to the letter to

avoid citations and possible major damage by allowing a fire to become out of control.

In recent weeks local fire departments have been called to several out of control woods fires, some of which may have

been started through illegal burning. In fact, last week, woods fires were so prevalent that members of the Brodhead Fire Department received a request to respond to a woods fire at Country Side Circle while they

were working at a woods fire on North Wilderness Road. Fortunately, the department had trucks available to assist on both woods fire events.

There was also an illegal burn reported in Livingston, after first responders found a couch burning beside Main Street last Friday.

Most Rockcastle County fire departments have had to respond to a woods fire scenario over the past few weeks. Officials announced last month that some departments are planning to is-

sue citations to those who do not obey the fire hazzard season restriction.

Fire Hazard season started on February 15 and lasts until April 13. During this time periopd, no one may start a fire outdoors between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and all fires must be at least 150 feet from any woodlands or brush.

For more details or more general information about outdoor burning restrictions, visit the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet on the web..

April is National Donate Life Month

Circuit Clerks honor lifesaving gift of organ, eye and tissue donation

Each April, Kentucky's Circuit Clerks work alongside Donate Life Kentucky to celebrate National Donate Life Month (NDLM), an observance focusing attention on the national need for organ, eye and tissue donation to save and heal lives through the miracle of transplantation.

National Donate Life Month is about the importance of registering your decision to be a donor, honoring deceased and living donors, and celebrating the lives they saved. It is the generosity of donors and donor families that makes saving lives through transplantation possible.

Donate Life is the national brand for the cause

of donation uniting 100,000 patients waiting for transplant, the donor families who say yes in their time of grief, and the more than 170 million Americans who have registered their decision to be a donor.

Over 2 million people in Kentucky have registered, largely thanks to the work of the Circuit Clerks since 1992.

"We invite the community to join us this April in supporting this vital cause and making a difference in the lives of those waiting for lifesaving transplants. In Kentucky, over 1000 children and adults are in need of a lifesaving organ transplant. We can all register to give hope to those waiting," shares Eliza

York-Hansel, Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk.

Ways to participate in National Donate Life Month 2024:

- Give hope and help save lives by registering your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor at your local Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Regional Office, on RegisterMe.org or in your iPhone Health App.

- Share the Donate Life message by educating others about how their generosity can help save and heal lives.

- Learn more about living donation as another way to help those waiting for a second chance at life.

Join key celebrations throughout April to support the Donate Life cause online and in your community:

- Donate Life Living Donor Day, April 3, 2024 Celebrate the lifesaving generosity of living donors and learn more about living donation.

- Blue & Green Spirit Week, April 6-12, 2024 The week leading up to National Donate Life Blue & Green Day has themed days focused on appreciation, outreach and education – download the full week calendar.

- National Wear Blue & Green Day, April 12, 2024 On Donate Life Blue & Green Day, everyone is invited to show their blue & green colors in support of the Donate Life message and mission – and join the National Donate Life Blue & Green Day Photo Contest!

- National Pediatric Transplant Week, April 21-27, 2024 The last full week of National Donate Life Month is dedicated to kids. National Pediatric Transplant Week (NPTW) focuses on ending the pediatric transplant waiting list.

"The 2024 National

Local man arrested after attempting to break into office

By: Mike French
Editor

A warrant for the arrest of Aaron Douglas (Dougie) Medley, was issued on Tuesday, March 12th.

According to the complaint warrant, Medley attempted to break into the Livingston Manor Apartments Laundry/Office area at about 4 a.m. on March 10.

The warrant says Detective Sam Brock spoke with management of the complex who showed him security video of a man attempting to enter the locked space with a pry bar. The warrant says the manager knew Medley and recognized him on the video. The warrant

also claims management of the property had previously informed Medley that he was not allowed on the property.

According to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Medley is being held on a \$5,000 cash or property bond.

Rowe said Medley was already on probation for cultivating marijuana. Rowe has filed a motion to revoke the probation and said Medley has been arrested on that revocation.

Rowe says that at the revocation hearing, he will ask the judge that Medley serve a minimum of a one year in the local detention center.

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Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm
State Senator
Week 12 of the 2024

Spring has arrived here in the Bluegrass State, and we find ourselves in the final stages of the 2024 Regular Session. With only a few legislative days remaining and sine die on the horizon, the Kentucky General Assembly remains fully committed to the important work of shaping the future of our commonwealth.

At the forefront of our legislative efforts are ongoing budget deliberations, where we meticulously allocate resources for the upcoming two-year biennial budget. This process demands careful consideration and thorough debate to ensure that every dollar is utilized wisely and responsibly for the betterment of all Kentuckians. Simultaneously, we are taking advantage of the extended daylight hours by wrapping up final committee hearings and floor activity and pushing forward essential bills addressing various issues.

The following measures were approved in the Senate this week and will still have time to be approved by the state House of Representatives before the veto period:

First, Senate Bill (SB) 344 is a bill I introduced and sponsored. It introduces measures to oversee the sale and advertising of vapor products in Kentucky by mandating the creation of a directory listing approved vapor product manufacturers and products and requiring annual certification for compliance. Provisions include advertising restrictions to prevent the use of certain terms and depictions appealing to minors with fines for violations and seizure of non-compliant products. Additionally, the bill establishes a dedicated enforcement fund, funded by fees, penalties, and enforcement actions, to support monitoring and regulatory efforts.

Senate Joint Resolution 58 served as our annual resolution designating roadways, highways and bridges in honor of Kentuckians who are no longer with us. A provision of the bills is one I supported as Senate Transportation Committee vice chair, designating the Christopher Hubbard Memorial Bridge on Kentucky Highway 192 in Laurel County over the CSX railroad at mile point 21.030. Among various other sections of the resolution, SJR 59 designates a section of Kentucky Highway 293 within the city limits of Princeton as the Chief Deputy Jody Wayne Cash Memorial Highway. Tragically killed in the line of duty on May 16, 2022, Cash is remembered for his selfless dedication and servant's heart. The resolution aims to honor his memory and others worthy by commemorating their contributions by naming the designated highways throughout the commonwealth.

SB 101 expands the definition of agritourism to allow the public to view and participate in activities where animals are used to provide entertainment.

SB 239, known as the Health Care Rights Protection Act, aims to safeguard the conscience rights of medical practitioners, health care institutions, and payers by

granting them the right to refuse participation in or payment for health care services that contradict their sincerely held beliefs. While upholding federal laws on emergency care and sexual assault, this provision shields individuals from legal repercussions and discrimination. However, they must still fulfill their obligations to perform other medical duties.

I am honored to say the AERO Act, SB 127, and my SB 29 were approved by the state House of Representatives on Friday. That means the bills were delivered to the Governor for consideration where he can either sign them into law, veto them, or allow them to become law without his signature.

The AERO Act proposes the creation of a fund aimed at bolstering education pertinent to Kentucky's \$20 billion aviation industry, which sustains almost 100,000 jobs. The legislation appropriately encourages industry stakeholders to contribute private funds to this educational initiative. As we navigate the budgetary decisions ahead, I will champion prudent investments that foster industry growth, recognizing regional airports as vital indicators of economic vitality within our communities.

SB 29 is a bill I collaborated with various organizations on, including the Kentucky Farm Bureau, Safelite, the Kentucky Justice Association, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and the Insurance Institute of Kentucky to ensure comprehensive support. The bill tackles crucial insurance policy, motor vehicle repair, and underinsured motorist issues. It safeguards insured individuals by forbidding the transfer of insurance policy rights for windshield repairs, mandates transparent communication in repair processes, and addresses safety concerns arising from complex vehicle technologies by requiring shops to advise on the necessity of taking vehicles with advanced driver assistance systems to certified dealerships or specialists for calibration or recalibration.

Like my two Senate bills approved by the Senate, the following House bills were also delivered to the Governor's desk:

HB 22 seeks to eliminate the unnecessary burdensome task of requiring a physician to oversee the automated external defibrillators (AED) program for any entity that requires an AED.

HB 30 establishes the Kentucky Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Suicide Prevention Program.

HB 86 expands interment eligibility in Kentucky state veterans' cemeteries to include eligible National Guard and Reserve service members and their families.

HB 88 relates to unlawful trade practices and aims to strengthen consumer protections, enhance transparency in financial transactions, and improve regulatory oversight in the financial and real estate sectors.

HB 159 establishes that health care providers are immune from criminal liability for harm arising from a health services-related act or omission other than gross negligence or wanton, will-

ful, malicious, or intentional misconduct.

HB 274 seeks to permit pharmacists to administer vaccines to children 5 years of age or older under prescriber-approved protocols with the consent of a parent or guardian.

HB 280 pertains to delivery services and delineates insurance coverage for delivery network companies, specifying when these policies are activated while drivers are on the job.

HB 478 seeks to authorize the Energy and Environment Cabinet to allow

the expansion of construction or demolition waste sites from one to two acres, contingent upon compliance with existing permit requirements and meeting additional conditions, including posting a \$10,000 bond for the expanded area's compliance assurance.

HB 492 defines "qualified local government" and requires employees with access to federal tax information to undergo criminal background checks by both the Kentucky State Police and the FBI. The fee for these

checks is limited to processing costs, and the Kentucky State Police can establish necessary regulations.

HB 581 aims to prohibit local governments from using zoning processes or measures that unfairly hinder retail filling stations from locating in areas where similar businesses operate. It ensures that retail filling stations are treated equitably compared to electric vehicle charging stations and other businesses in zoning processes and measures.

Thank you for your

continued trust and support as we work in Frankfort on your behalf.

Find more on these bills online at [Legislature.ky.gov](https://legislature.ky.gov) and visit KYSenateRepublicans.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.

• Office of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County •

Pursuant to KY statute KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2022 Sheriff Property Tax Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter will be published by Auditor of Public Accounts on March 28, 2024 in the *Mount Vernon Signal*, shown below.

A copy of the complete audit report, including statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use.

Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

/s/ Shannon Franklin,
Sheriff of Rockcastle County



ALLISON BALL
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Shannon Franklin, Rockcastle County Sheriff
Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Rockcastle County Sheriff's Settlement - 2022 Taxes for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 of the Rockcastle County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Rockcastle County Sheriff, for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for Sheriffs' Tax Settlements*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Rockcastle County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Rockcastle County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Rockcastle County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report February 6, 2024, on our consideration of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report finding:

2022-001 The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office Does Not Have Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts And Disbursements

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball
Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

February 6, 2024

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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606-392-8654

Property For Sale
30 Acre Stand of Timber. Sawmill nearby. Call 606-594-8990. 33xntf

Posted

Absolutely no trespassing, for any reason on property belonging to Ernest Alcorn off Hwy. 461 bypass at 23 Jarber Rd. and 257 Reverend Green Loop. Violators will be prosecuted. 4x3

Posted: No trespassing on property of Gary "Juicy" McGuire, located at 1344 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Violators will be prosecuted. 2x5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notices

Notice of Sale: The contents of storage units 5 and 39 will be auctioned off Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 10 a.m. at Maple Street Storage, 51 Maple Street, Brodhead, Ky. Contents must be moved within 24 hours. 6x2

Notice is hereby given that Shannon Hasty, 357 North Upper River Road, Livingston, Ky. 40445 and Connie Kincer, 7637 Sand Springs Road, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Jearl E. Hasty, deceased, on the 15th day of March 2024. Any person having claims against said estates shall present them, according to law, to the said Shannon Hasty and Connie Kincer or Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, P/O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before September 16, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Timothy Wade McGuire, 3319 Quail Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 and Tammy McGuire, P.O. Bx 1552, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Gary Wade McGuire, deceased, on the 8th day of March 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Timothy Wade McGuire and Tammy McGuire or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40476 on or before September 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 4x3

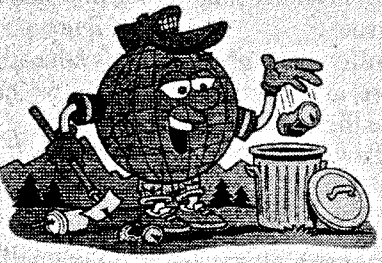
Notice is hereby given that Michael Carpenter, 180 Elm Street, Crab Orchard, KY 40419 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Shirley Carpenter, deceased, on the 25th day

of March 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Michael Carpenter or Hon. William A. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 25th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Kathie Sue Rhodes, 193 Gabbard Road, Berea, KY 40403 and Brad James Griffin, 1060 Willis Branch Road, Richmond, KY 40475

have been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Kenneth Griffin, deceased, on the 25th day of March, 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Kathy Sue Rhodes and Brad James Griffin, or Hon. Heidi Weatherly, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 25, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Classified Deadline is 4 p.m. Monday

Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations

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

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

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

Keep The Rock Clean!

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

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

POSITION AVAILABLE

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. (DBCAA) is looking for a **Weatherization Crew Laborer** to join our team!

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:

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- Seal under homes, in attics and walls, install some doors and windows occasionally
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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Max Phelps
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 arrange-

ment in a portion of your property that you'd like to begin this woodsy 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.

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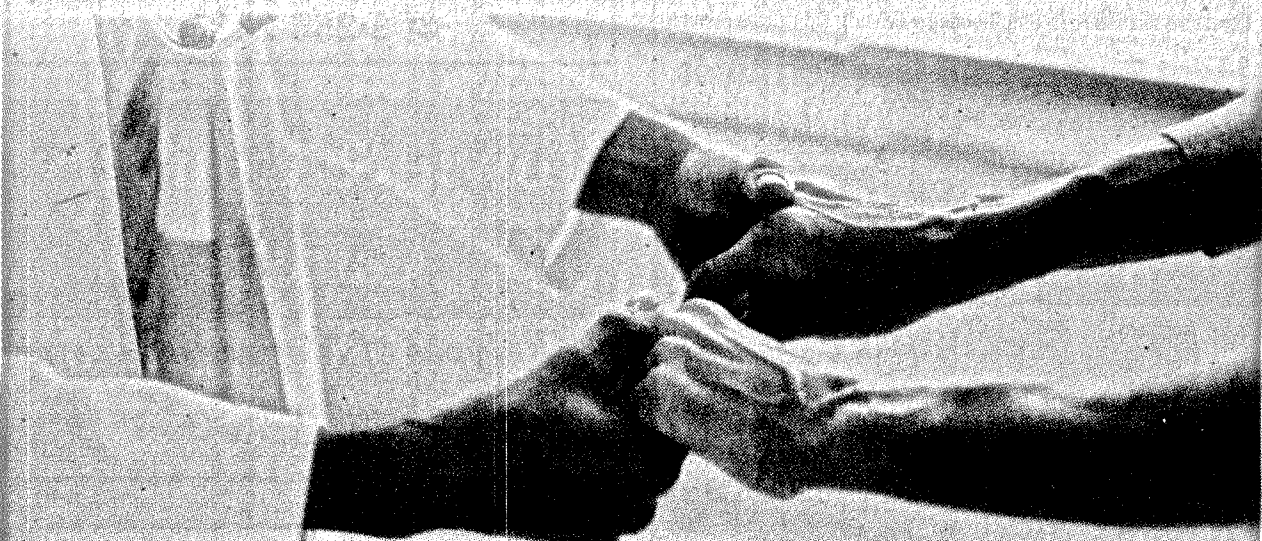
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