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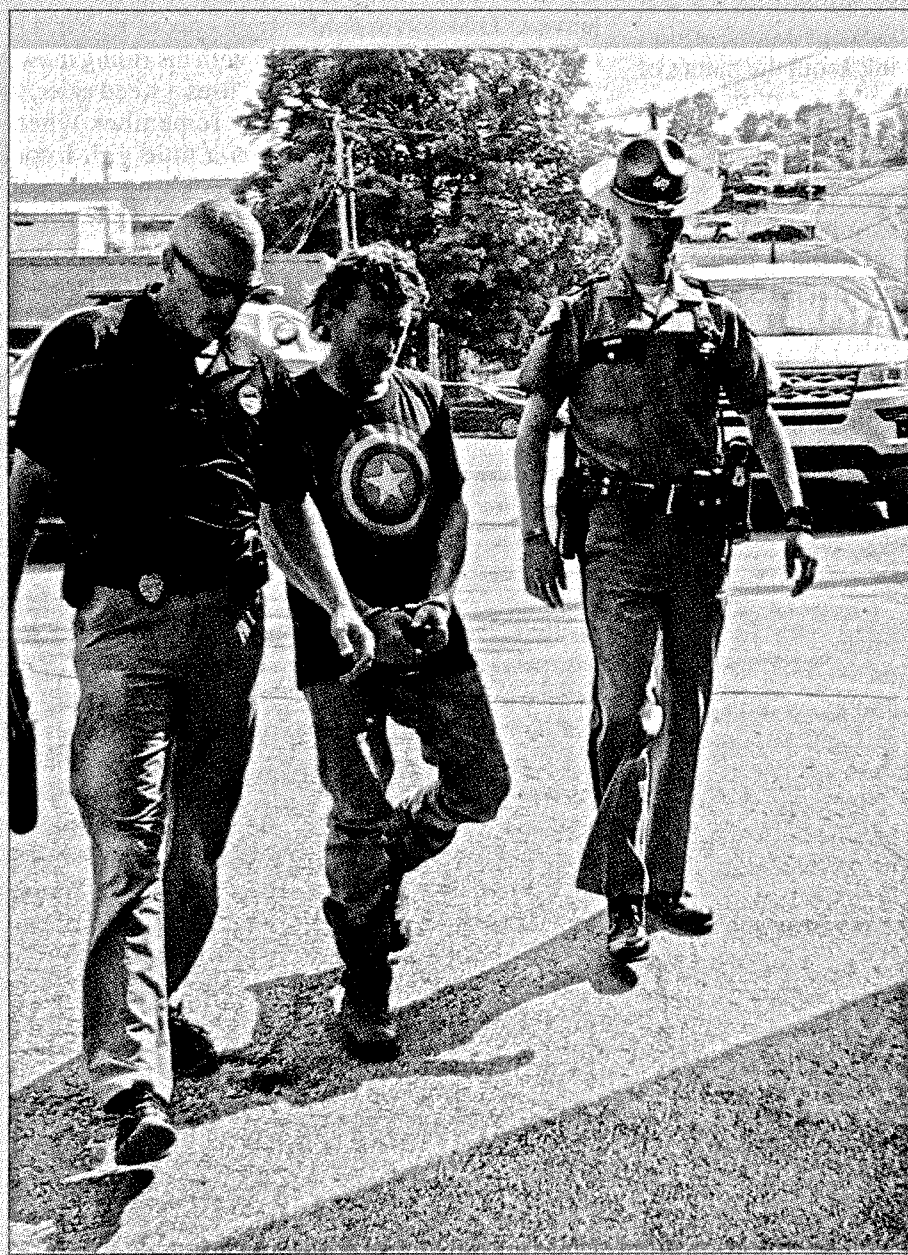
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Murder suspect arrested



Detective Ryan Loudermilk and Trooper Zach Loudermilk lead Clayton D. Cox, 49, of Mount Vernon into the Rockcastle County Detention Center Monday. Cox is accused of the murder of Joshua Dooley, 43, of Mount Vernon. A few moments later, Kentucky State Police also led Terry Burke, 54, of Livingston, into the center charged with murder. The two Rockcastle murders occurred within days and are apparently unrelated.

Two murders in two days

Two Rockcastle men charged in two murders

By: Mike French
Editor

On Monday, Kentucky State Police arrested Clayton D. Cox, 49, of Mount Vernon on a charge of murder and tampering with physical evidence. About 10 minutes later, KSP arrested Terry Burke, 54, of Livingston on a charge of murder in a separate case. Both murders occurred in Rockcastle County within two days and appear to be unrelated.

Monday morning police sent a press release saying they had been notified by Rockcastle 911 of a welfare check on Goochland Cave Road. Upon arrival, officers located Joshua L. Dooley, 43, of Mount Vernon who was deceased from an apparent gunshot wound.

Dooley's body was transported to the state medical examiner's office for an autopsy and police began a search for Cox. The release says Cox was a suspect in the murder and warned citizens to

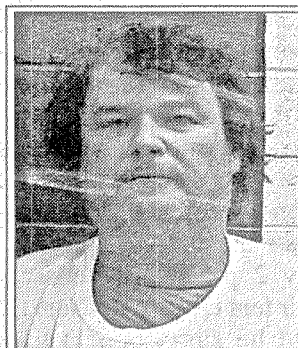
avoid approaching Cox, who was believed to be armed and dangerous.

Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk began the investigation and located Cox by Monday afternoon at around 3 o'clock. By 4 p.m., Cox was being placed in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with murder and tampering with evidence.

According to the uniform citation, Detective Loudermilk's investigation revealed information that led him to suspect Cox and, in a later interview, Cox admitted to going to the victim's house and firing a handgun into the home.

Cox was arrested later on Monday and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was

(See "Murder" on A5)



Terry Burke

Council approves water rate increases to begin next month

By: Mike French
Editor

Water rates are expected to rise for customers of the Mount Vernon Water District soon.

For several years, the City of Mount Vernon has

discussed raising the cost of water for customers, say several officials, but now the time has

come. According to City Clerk Crystal Rush, the city has not raised water rates since 2012 though the cost of operating the water system has increased over that same

time period.

But when it became clear that the city would have to install a new water basin, that will cost over \$3 million, in order to eliminate the bad taste and odor in the local water system, the topic of rate increases became front and center among the city council.

City officials say the city does not intend to make a profit from the water system but, "can't afford to lose money either," according to City Administrator Jim

(See "Water" on A5)

"I don't think people understand how small the increases are going to be."

Gertha Mink

Mixture of deadly drugs

Grey Death found in Rockcastle

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Kentucky State Police and the Mount Vernon Police Department took 254 grams

(over half a pound) of "Grey Death" off the streets Monday, April 22 after the arrest of Ryan Jerel Toney, 35, of Atlanta, Ga.

"Grey Death" is the common term, or slang, for a Fentanyl-based mixture of illegal drugs that have caused massive overdoses throughout the country in the past several years, according to the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

The slang name is ap-

parently used since the cocktail of strong opioids such as heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, fentanyl and other drugs are crushed and mixed together to resemble concrete powder, according to the American Addiction Center (AAC).

(See "Grey" on A5)

Now legal in Kentucky County to consider allowing medical cannabis facilities

By: Mike French
Editor

Medical Marijuana will be legal in the State of Kentucky, beginning January 1, 2025 thanks to Governor Andy Beshear

who signed the law in 2023. But recent amendments to the law, signed by Beshear, have cities and counties scrambling to adopt their own ordi-

(See "Legal" on A5)

Council member expresses several issues of concern

Bales discusses Main Street fire

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held a special called meeting last Thursday since the regular meeting had been postponed.

After the approval of minutes and the financial report, the council discussed an ordinance in-

creasing the rates for water. (See related story.)

The council also approved a car wash and yard sale in the city parking lot to be held by members of the Livingston Baptist Church.

Mount Vernon resident Rachelle Riddle also suggested the council begin

(See "City" on A5)

Cleaning up Main Street



City workers and Mount Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman spent some of the weekend and Monday cleaning up the area around the recent Main Street eight-alarm fire. The city had considered placing a fence around the site to protect the public during Main Street events, but Bowman said with the area cleaned, no fence may be needed and the area will look better during local events. Shown above, Bowman and several city workers spent several hours removing the fallen brick and burned debris from the sidewalk area in front of the destroyed building. At the same time, Public Works Supervisor Frank Baker and other work crews were seen on ladders decorating Main Street for the Cinco de Mayo event planned for this weekend.

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ramblings...
by: perlina m. anderkin

Do you remember when Joe Biden was campaigning and promising that taxes would not be raised on anyone making less than \$400,000 per year?

Well, I do and he is fixing to break that promise big time. The tax cuts, put into effect during President Trump's tenure in office, and amounting to \$1.9 trillion, are set to expire in 2025 and Biden has made it clear that they will be allowed to.

This will mean an increase in income taxes for anyone with no children of \$253 per year; \$1,474 for a family making \$52,000 a year with two children and \$1,707 for anyone making \$75,000 a year with no children.

Columbia University in New York City has absolutely lost control of the Anti-Israel protestors that have occupied their campus for several days now. Columbia gave them an ultimatum Monday that they must vacate the encampment by 2 p.m., along with their tent city, or they would be suspended. This was ignored completely and, in fact, the protest grew in numbers.

It is obvious that the protestors have no respect or fear of Columbia administrators and intend to do as they please.

The ultimatum was ridiculous since the threat of suspension would have to be carried out with administrators walking through the crowd to ID the students in order to suspend them. Everyone involved knew for certain that wasn't going to happen.

I believe in free speech absolutely, but there is a big difference between free speech and hate speech which was shown when the leader of the Columbia protest said publicly that **all Zionists (which includes all Jews) do not deserve to live.**

The latest I know about the protest at Columbia is that Columbia officials gave protestors a 48-hour extension to vacate the property but instead, they took over Hamilton Hall, windows have been broken out, the Palestinian flag has been raised along with an Intifada banner. Protestors are locked inside, with three janitors taken hostage, and university officials still not taking any direct action to stop the damage or to take back their property.

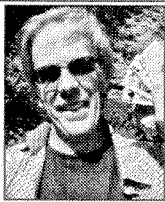
At **UCLA** Jewish students were denied entry into campus buildings, but George Washington University went one better. There, a "Final Solution" petition was circulated and signed, according to the *New York Post*, calling for the extermination of the Jewish People.

In Texas, the protests at several universities have been handled much differently with protestors being ordered to leave and, when they didn't, they were arrested and charged. Police also cleared out the anti-Israel encampment at Yale.

But, at **UCLA**, things are still going strong and the school cancelled their

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Aces Over
By: Mike French



Well, it was a decent idea I suppose. On paper it really should have worked.

In 1992, the first ever self-checkout service was installed at a supermarket in Florida. It seemed to work and the idea started to catch on. But the nation took notice the most when WalMart installed them in all of their 4,500 locations in America.

That had to cost a lot. From my own personal research, about four machines cost a business slightly over \$125,000, so some stores must have spent close to half a million dollars per store, including wiring and installation and software.

That is a lot of money for an experiment.

Anyway, several media outlets are reporting that the experiment has failed and large chains are slowly and systematically taking the devices out and putting cashiers at checkouts back in business. Each week we hear of more stores that are doing away with the self checkout systems and some suggest that eventually, they will all be gone.

As for myself, I think it was a bad idea from the beginning. I know it sounded really good on a financial report and a business model presentation. I'm sure the idea was vetted in detail before it was implemented and it must have looked like a goose that would lay the golden eggs. I bet Power Points were massive from those who would make dollars from the change to self-checkout.

What they forgot to factor in was human nature. Theft is rampant. Some people are pure thieves! The press releases I have seen on the issue all make a feeble attempt to sugar coat it. They suggest the decision to start removing the devices is due to a "small amount" of theft and "accidental" missed scannings and general discontent from customers. I call "bull" on that one.

I am betting they were getting robbed blind.

People were taking the bar code off of \$2 items and placing them on \$40 steaks, and "accidentally" missing one out of every four items they were supposed to scan.

Billionaires in penthouses who made the decision to spend millions and millions on the self checkout lanes, didn't think about the nature of a large part of the population. They didn't consider "thuggery."

We live in a nation where people are so serious about avoiding the consequences of their own choices, that they will even murder their own children. A nation of people like that is not going to hesitate to steal \$20 from a billionaire.

A lot of people I talked with about it, felt rather taken advantage of. I have heard several people say that they didn't sign on as a cashier and they didn't feel it was their responsibility to be a cashier.

Personally, I found it quite handy when I had one or two items. But more than that and there was ALWAYS an issue. If I had more than two things, there was rarely a time that I didn't have to hit the button and wait for a human to come over to fix it. And when that happened, I got the impression they thought I was trying to steal something. They started watching me like a

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



Mowing Season.

Dear Journal,

Well, the mowing season is now upon us. It only seems like a couple of months ago since Stanley was mulching the leaves with the mower. He has discovered mulching instead of raking the leaves. That job would take us days and that was with me helping.

It will be only May this upcoming week and he has already mowed the yard twice

in trying to stay ahead of the grass. I believe somebody came by and fertilized our yard last winter while we were asleep. Stanley has been mowing with a used John Deere mower for the past two or three years and just loves the way it drives and trims. It has been a workhorse but it is getting on its last legs. Stanley has decided that it is time to get a brand new mower and he is planning to get a John Deere. I went mower shopping with him last week. We went to Lowes first. I was amazed at the prices of new mowers Most riding mowers started out about \$2,000 to \$2,500 on up to around \$4,000 and over for some of those big deluxe zero turn models.

Good heavens, I thought to myself. I can remember when you could get a pretty good used car for that kind of money. It hasn't been that long ago.

Stanley did buy a push mower. It was an electric model. It is for smaller, tight spaces he can't get to with his riding mower. He uses a weed eater, too

I remember when I was a little girl, I could be listening when my older brother, Don, would be push mowing our yard. That was back when there were no riding mowers. I always thought that the hum of that old mower was so soothing and comforting. I loved the smell of the freshly mown grass, too. All I had to do was shut my eyes for just a few minutes and I would be asleep. We have Alexa devices in most of the rooms of the house. The one in the bedroom has various sounds that can be played to induce sleep. Believe it or not, there are lawn mower and airplane engines as selections. I've used both of them. I usually stick with thunderstorm, rain on tin roof and music box, however.

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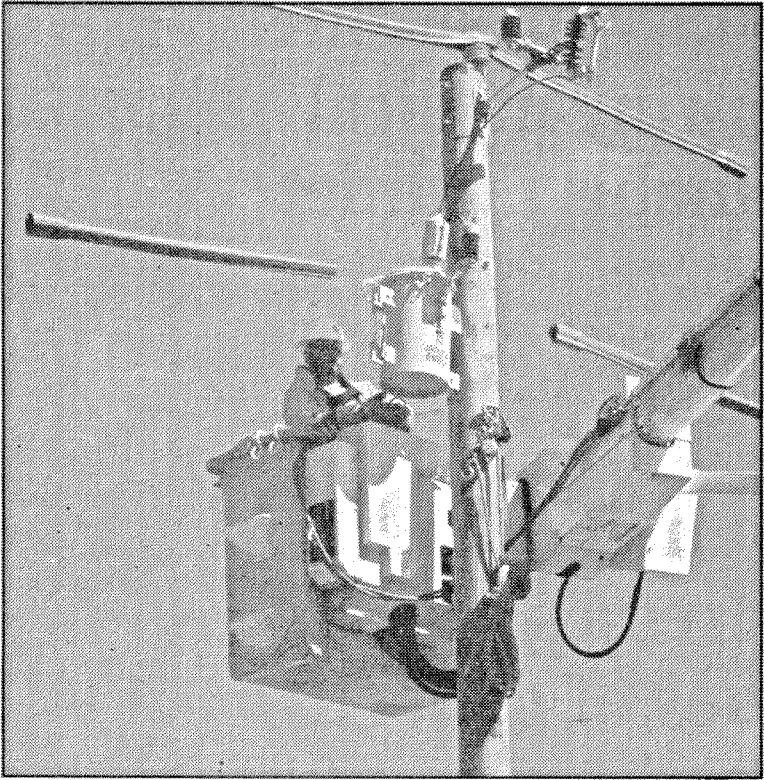
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graduation ceremony, an event usually attended by 65,000 people. Also, this college graduating class of 2024, is the same class that was denied a high school graduation ceremony because of Covid.

I believe in peaceful protests absolutely but I do not believe in Jewish students (or any race) being targeted with hate speech, being spat upon and denied entry into buildings to attend classes which they have

paid, through the nose, to attend. It sort of feeling a little Hitlerish to me and I wonder if this behavior will continue through the summer up to the election in an attempt to derail Trump's candidacy. If so, it's backfiring big time with Trump leading significantly in all the polls. Even the CNN poll has Trump leading Biden 42 to 38 and a national poll gives Trump's Presidency a 55% success rating and Biden a 61% failure rating.

It seems a great many Americans realize

that the persecution of Trump that is being carried out by Democrat minions of Biden, has no basis in unlawful conduct at all. His approval numbers have only increased with the four indictments and 91 made-up charges.

These sham trials will forever be a stain on our nation or a way of life one, as we descend further into third world status.

Texas and Florida are defying the federal government's action on the amendments to Title IX which grants transgender boys/men access to girls' restrooms, locker rooms and dorm rooms and everything that Title IX granted women so they would have equal opportunity with males. The amendments stopped short of mandating that transboys/men could compete in girls'/women's sports but it seems as if that's just a matter of time.

However, Texas and Florida, the only two I know of so far, have already let the federal government know that they will not go along with the amendment changes. So, where are you Kentucky legislature? Are there not enough fathers of daughters there to want to protect them from the destruction of women's sports? Even if there's not, shame on any member of the legislature if you do not take action to stop this takeover of girls'/women's sports by boys/men who could not make it competing against their own gender.

Tyson Foods is up to its eyeballs in controversy. Between its promise to hire illegal workers to its plans to introduce "insect protein" into its food products, consumers should beware!

And, remember, that Tyson produces food products under other brands: Hillshire Farms, Jimmy Dean, BallPark, Sara Lee and Bryan, just to name a few.

Personally, the Sara Lee inclusion grieves me the most. I love their pies but didn't need to be eating them anyway...

And, speaking of encampments, this past Monday night more than a hundred illegal migrants invaded Seattle's Central District and took over Powell Barnett Park, a popular play area for kids and dogs. There are now more than 30 tents set up on a grassy area and wooden pallets are scattered everywhere.

Group leaders say they won't leave until more money is provided for better living conditions. Sound a little bit like extortion to you??

And how do Democrats tell you they're going to cheat in Novem-

ber without telling you they're going to cheat? Well, you put Senator David Calucci, a former New York Democrat State Senator, on Fox to tell people that "this is a new time where a President can get reelected with negative numbers." Of course Biden can. All he has to do is have Democrat Acolytes stuffing drop boxes with fraudulent ballots, voting dead people and illegal immigrants, changing vote totals on Dominion voting machines and double counting Biden votes and then getting courts to refuse to hear charges of election fraud.

Buckle up folks, it's a long way to November and it's going to be a bumpy ride with the future of our Republic riding on the outcome...

Aces

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prison guard watches Charles Manson.

When you consider America's general attitude, that the world owes me something, and the exorbitant price of groceries and household items, and the new political environment that protects criminals and punishes honesty and hard work, there really wasn't much chance that "trusting shoppers" was going to work as the new standard.

You may as well leave the keys in the cars at Ford dealerships. Don't worry, if the car is gone in the morning, they will start sending in payments next month. Right!

And why do they have those people that check your receipts at the door? I thought they were trusting people?

The new self-check system actually takes longer for the customer. Not only does every item still have to be scanned and bagged by untrained people, but then you also have to be inspected at the exit to make sure you didn't steal something.

It wasn't a very customer-friendly idea and in my opinion, someone didn't face real-world possibilities when they implemented the process.

Anyway, if the trend keeps growing, I guess self checkouts will be gone in a few years and we can get back to chatting with the nice, friendly cashiers who are so happy to be there.

Actually I have a better solution. Let's all start shopping local like we used to. In my opinion, if you know the owner of the store or at least one of the managers, or even an employee, that's where we need to shop. It still may be a franchise, but most of

your dollars circulate in your hometown. You will never get that dollar back if it is all sent to New York. But if Fred gets

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Tuesday, May 7th: Maple Grove and Climax.

RGHS Greenhouse Open

The Rockcastle County High School Greenhouse is open Tuesday through Friday each week from 3 to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 10th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Closed Thursday, April 25th for the FFA Banquet.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Brodhead Community Center.

Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

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

Weekly Grief Support Group

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

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

The Rockcastle County Historical Society & Museum meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at RTEC garage/training room.

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

May 18, 2024 Rockcastle County FREE TRASH DROP-OFF DAY

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a

Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day

This event will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at the

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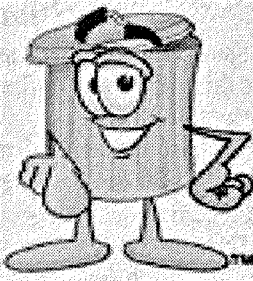
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Identification and signature at
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We will NOT accept any tires, liquids, paint, brush, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

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Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

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The following items may be recycled:

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

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

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

Brodhead (behind City Hall)

Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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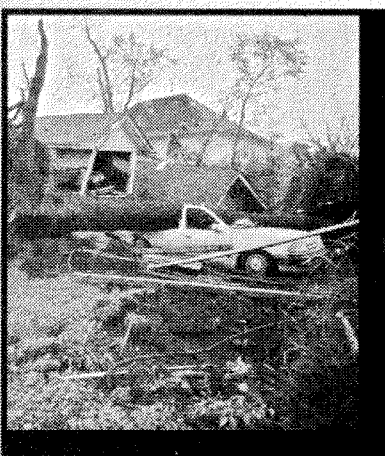
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Obituaries

Michael Hansel

Michael Lewis Hansel, 74, of Somerset and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, April 25, 2024 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born in Danville on April 29, 1949, the son of Dempsey Elmer and Juanita Bustle Hansel. A 1967 graduate of Mt. Vernon High School, he was a retired sales manager for Hanson Aggregates and was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by: his wife, Judy Coffey Hansel; a son, Michael Patrick Hansel and wife Teresa of Somerset; his granddaughter, Rae Lynn Hansel; and a brother, Timothy Hansel and wife Jackie of Georgetown. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dempsey Elmer and Juanita Hansel.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Ron Shaw and Ronny Lee McClure. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Johnny Evans, Jerry Reynolds, Roger Reynolds, Butch Robbins, Neal Vance, and Henry Vanzant.

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Bible Salvation

There is salvation that is taught by man and then there is Bible salvation, taught in the word of God, there are thousands upon thousands of people who cannot tell you but one Bible verse that is related to salvation, except for John:3-16 For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have ever lasting life. The reason a person should not perish is because anyone who truly believes that Jesus Christ is the son of God, are going to obey all the scriptures, that are related to and about salvation; Heb:5-9 He became the author of eternal salvation unto all of them, that obey Him.

1. Many are in the churches where they are at because of mom and dad, or friends or they just fell in love, with the programs the church had to offer, folks this is not Bible faith. Rom:10-17 Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Heb:11-6 Without faith it is impossible to please God.

2. We must believe the word of God; this was part of the great commission our Lord commanded. Mark:16-15-16 Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. But he that believeth not shall be condemned. Jesus said John:8-24 For if ye believe not that I am He you will die in yours.

3. Then the Bible tells us we must repent; in Luke:13-3 I tell you Nay except you repent ye shall all likewise perish. Repentance comes from a change of heart which results in a change of direction, we turn from evil and do good. Folks it is turn from sin or be lost forever.

4. We must confess the Jesus Christ is the Son of God; Matt:10-32-33 Whosoever therefore shall confess before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Acts:8-36 We see this practice of confessing the name of Christ, in the Eunuchs obedience to the word of God.

5. Baptism is a command also we find in the word of God also and it is one that also must be obeyed, without this final step in salvation, we remain undone as far as salvation and forgiveness of our sins. Acts:2-38 the Bible reads: Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

These are the steps that are outlined in the Bible, that man must do in order to be saved, by the blood of Jesus Christ, these are Bible acts that man must do, to obtain Bible salvation. Is your salvation Bible salvation? Many folks today they love the man but not the Bible plan when it comes to salvation.

Thank you for reading, if you would like to study this subject, we would love to hear from you. Please gives a call or you can e-mail me. God Bless the faithful in Christ Jesus.

We Have a (Gospel Meeting) starting this week, "With Brother Zac Evans" Wednesday-Friday at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday at 6:00 P.M. (606-224-1480 Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ)

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Michael Jason Lee Cromer

Michael Jason Lee Cromer, 41, of Brodhead, died Friday, April 25, 2024, at his residence in Brodhead. He was born November 7, 1982, in Somerset, the son of Michael and Sandra (Smith)Cromer. He found great joy in fishing, working on anything that needed fixed, drawing and spending time with family and friends.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Jessica Cromer (Childress); his daughter, Kaleigh Cromer; step-daughter, Faith Mills; step-son, Jordan Nicely; one sister, Allison Michelle Guinn; his parents, Michael Cromer and Sandra Cromer (Smith); as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Marvin E Owens Chapel with Bro. Jason Medley officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

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

Cemetery Notices

Briarfield Cemetery

Taking donations for the upkeep of the cemetery, Friday - Sunday, May 24th - 26th. Donations can also be given or mailed to: Tim Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460; Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 656 Maple Grove Rd., Orlando, KY 40460. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

On Sunday, May 26th at 2 p.m., we will be having a potluck dinner. Please bring a covered dish, drinks and a chair. Thank you for all your support.

Maple Grove Cemetery

Board meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 28th at 2 p.m. Everyone invited to attend.

Roberts/Old

Freedom Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of the Roberts/Old Freedom Cemetery are being accepted.

Please send to Tami Chapman, 220 E. 24th St., Covington, KY 41014.

Donations can also be dropped off at Community trust Bank in Mt. Vernon for deposit in the cemetery's account (please note in memo line, For Tami Chapman, ROF).

Your support is appreciated.

Laswell Cemetery

Donations for the mowing and upkeep of Laswell Cemetery may be sent to Mary Ruth Owens, 1120 W. Main St., Apt. 701, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Johnetta Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of and mowing of the cemetery should be sent and made payable to Johnetta Cemetery at 5777 Three Links Rd., McKee, KY 40447. Each donation is very much appreciated. See our Facebook page: Johnetta Cemetery.

Christy Bartlett

Christy Michelle Nicley Bartlett, 51, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Mt. Vernon on July 21, 1972, the daughter of Ronald and Betty Sue Dowell Nicley. A 1990 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, she had been an employee of Wal-Mart for 17 years, as well as for Shell Oil Company and the Suture Company, and was of the Baptist Faith.



She is survived by: her husband, Jason Bartlett; her daughters, Kayla Knuckles and Johnathan Weaver, and Cassidy Ramsey, both of Mt. Vernon, and Taylor Bartlett and Donovan Bishop of Brodhead; her grandchildren, Lucas Vanhooose and Major Vanhooose; her sister, Rhonda Cromer of Berea; a niece and nephew, Kendra Williams and Matthew Williams; and her best friends, Melissa Hahn and Tina Durham. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ronald and Betty Nicley.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 26, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marcus Reppert, pastor of Blue Springs Church of Christ. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Doug Asher, John Bartlett, Travis Bartlett, Donavon Bishop, Jon Weaver, and Matt Williams. Honorary pallbearers were: Bear Gray, David Morris, and Jordan Weaver.

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

What Does It Mean To Be "Spiritually Blind"?

Spiritual blindness is being unable to see the truth of God through Jesus. We are all born into a state of blindness because of our sin.

Spiritual blindness refers to a condition where an individual is unable to perceive God or understand His divine message.

Spiritual blindness is a profound state of not recognizing God's truth, rejecting Christ, and remaining in darkness.

We read in 2 Corinthians 4:4, who is responsible for spiritual blindness, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Some examples of spiritual blindness would be:

1. Lack of Sight: To be spiritually blind means not seeing Christ, not seeing God.
2. Unbelief and Rejection: Spiritual blindness is experienced by those who do not believe in God, Jesus Christ, and His Word.
3. Inability to Understand: Spiritually blind individuals cannot accept the teachings of Christ or recognize His authority in their lives.
4. Foolishness: The truth of God's Word sounds foolish to them, and they are described as "fools" because of their rejection.

Spiritual blindness is a dangerous thing to our salvation, but we can overcome the blindness and see the Light of God by recognizing its existence, prayer and meditation, engage with spiritual teachings, being humble, desiring for the light of God.

I ask the Lord today for all that are spiritually blind that the Lord will help open their blinded eyes as Elisha did for his servant back in

II Kings 6:16-17 as it reads,

"Oh Lord, please open his eyes that he may see."

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On May 17, 2024 at 6 p.m. we will be joining at 211, Industrial Drive, Mount Vernon, to pray over each and every soul that will enter this facility, in the name of Jesus.

Psalms 107:28, "Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and he bringeth them out of their distress."

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Title IX changes may affect local school policy

By: Mike French
Editor

In complicated and intricate detail, the Joe Biden Administration and the United States Department of Education have released new changes to the rules in the Title IX document of the Civil Rights Act. Implemented in 1972 by President Richard Nixon, and altered slightly under President Donald Trump's administration, the Title IX provision of the Civil Rights Act was established to protect all students from discrimination based on sex in all educational programs, according to

USCourts.gov. However officials announced last week that some changes have been made to the rules involved. According to the US Department of Education, the rules now further protect the LGBTQ community, including students K-12, from any form of sexual discrimination in all 50 states. While experts are combing through the pages of Title IX to determine how changes will affect Kentucky schools, some are concerned that transgender boys will be allowed into girl's

locker rooms and restrooms. According to PBS, the changes stop short of forcing schools to allow transgender men to join women's sport teams but the idea is still on the table and may be readdressed soon. Superintendents and school board members across the state are scrambling to discover exactly how the changes in Title IX will affect local school systems, according to several Kentucky-based websites. "We are awaiting guidance from the Kentucky Department of Education about how this will im-

pact local board policy, or if it will impact us at all," said Rockcastle County School Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger. School Board Chairman Angela Stallsworth Mink agreed that the issue will have to be studied in detail. "The truth is, until we get more information and possible guidance from the Kentucky Department of Education, we will not know if we need to construct new policies or change any existing one," said Mink. "I am confident that we will do everything that we can do to be fair and unbiased for all our students and staff. I believe

in treating everyone with integrity and kindness and that is what we will do." Some national news outlets say the changes will force teachers and students to use identity pronouns (selected by transgender students) or face sexual harassment charges.. According to the Women's Sports Foundation, Title IX "gives women athletes the right to equal opportunity in sports in education institutions that receive federal funds, from elementary schools to universities." But, according to several news sources in-

cluding PBS, the recent changes include the LGBTQ community in those rules. Some information available on several websites suggest any student who claims to be of a different gender than their birth gender, must be recognized by students, faculty and staff, if the school receives any federal funding. Local school officials say they will release more information concerning Title IX when it has been determined, how the changes will affect local school policy if there is any affect at all from the many changes.

Murder

(Continued from front) charged with murder and tampering with evidence. Cox's bond was set at \$750,000 cash. On the same day, a caller told police that Benjamin Jones had been shot by Terry Burke, 52, of Livingston. The caller said Jones was lying on Sand Hill Road. Upon arrival at the scene, Kentucky State Police Detective Aaron Peace found Rockcastle Sheriff's Detective Sam Brock and State Trooper Adam Hensley on the scene. Upon investigation, Detective Peace discovered Joshua Little had made the 911 call, from his nearby home where he and Burke were together. He told detectives that he witnessed Burke walking towards Sand Hill Road where Jones had stopped his car. He later heard four shots. A complaint warrant says that Little stated that "Burke admitted that he shot Benji Jones." The complaint says. Burke then "took several beers (from the Little home) and left." Burke was arrested Monday evening around 4:00 and transported to the Rockcastle Detention Center where he was charged with murder. Burke's bond was set at \$750,000 cash. The investigation is ongoing by Detective Peace. He was assisted by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, Rockcastle EMS and the Rockcastle Coroner.

Water

(Continued from front) Bowman. "It is not being good stewards of our tax revenue to run a system that loses money." After several months of discussion and calculation, the council and administration decided to raise the water rates enough to cover the rising costs of providing water, as well as the cost to pay the city's portion of the cost of construction of the basin. Luckily, much of the new water basin is being paid for through grants. But the portion the city has to pay will be reimbursed through the increase in water rates. The Mount Vernon City Council held the first reading of the rate increase ordinance during a special meeting last Thursday evening at city hall. According to city officials, the rate increases are minor. "I don't think people understand how small the increases are going to be," said council member Gertha Mink. "It really isn't bad at all."

According to City Clerk Crystal Rush, the rate increases are minor and will not cause hardships on any customer. For example, according to the rate increase ordinance, residential customer's water rate will increase 92 cents per 1,000 gallons from \$3.77 to \$4.69. For the next 32,000 gallons the rate will increase from \$3.73 to \$4.64 or 91 cents per thousand gallons. For anything over 40,000 gallons, the rate will increase from \$3.65 to \$4.54 or 89 cents. Customers should understand that businesses, apartments and users who have larger meter sizes will also see increases but at slightly larger rates. The largest 6-inch meter users will see an increase from \$5.28 to \$6.57 per thousand gallons for a difference of \$1.29 per thousand gallons for 8,000 gallons or less, and from \$5.10 to \$6.34 for each 1,000 gallons over 40,000. Wholesale users will also see increases. The City of Brodhead, the Western Rockcastle Water Association and the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association will see an increase from \$2.93 to 3.40 per thousand gallons. Tapping fees for new construction or additional meters will now increase to \$1,223 for residential meters, \$2,174 for 1-inch meters, \$4,022 for 2-inch meters and will be charged actual cost for meters over two inches. An increase will also apply to new customer deposits. For details of the cost on every meter size and gallon-usage, see the city's ordinance in this week's issue of the Signal.

Grey

(Continued from front) An AAC press release says the drug is a mixture of which ever illegal drugs a dealer happens to have on hand at the time. "No two batches are exactly the same," the release says. Because of this standard, the user never knows exactly what he or she is taking and therefore can't know how much to ingest safely. According to the uniform citation last week, this particular "block of grey death" included fentanyl, heroin and meth and was found in a coat pocket in the back seat of the vehicle Toney was driving when arrested on I-75 in Rockcastle County. The NLM says it may take as many as ten doses of Narcan to halt the effects of grey death after

an overdose. According to the citation, police smelled marijuana after Toney was stopped for crossing the white lines several times on I-75. Police say they smelled marijuana when walking up to the vehicle and when Toney was asked if there were illegal drugs in the vehicle, the driver said there was marijuana located in the dash. Police then executed a probable cause search, locating the grey death in the coat pocket. The street drug may be made from as many as eight different strong illegal drugs and often kills with one usage. Overdose symptoms may include massive stomach pains, vomiting, and the eating away of nasal passages or the stomach lining. Officials say the drug can be crushed into a powder and snorted, melted and injected or pressed into pill form and swallowed. The drug has made national news for the past three years and has been responsible for countless deaths. According to officials at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital, the effects of the drug is "frequently seen in our emergency department." Toney was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance and careless driving. Toney's bond was set at \$20,000 cash or \$40,000 property.

Legal

(Continued from front) nances or resolutions related to the field of Medical Cannabis and how the issue will be dealt with in Rockcastle County. According to the TeamKentucky website, the use of Marijuana, outside the Medical Cannabis program, is still against the law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. However, some local officials and national organizations are concerned that legalizing Cannabis in any form may lead to problems for a county and the cities within it. "One thing we have enough of in our county is drugs," said Magistrate Mike McGuire. "We don't need more." While some other magistrates vocally agreed, Magistrate Shane Thacker said "When one is in pain, it (Medical Cannabis) makes a real difference." Now that the governor has signed the amendments, that will allow the cultivation, processing, production, dispensary and creation of safety compliance facilities for medical cannabis this year, cities and counties have been allowed several options moving forward.

According to the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo,) local government bodies now have four options to deal with Medical Cannabis within their borders. At a special called meeting last Thursday, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. presented a packet of information to the magistrates to be studied so that the court can discuss and decide which of the options best fit Rockcastle County. "I have studied the law in detail and have over 100 pages of information about the changes in the law," he said. "Take this information and be thinking about it so that the court can address the issue at the next regular meeting." The packets were filled with information from KACo and the senate bills involved. "It is a lot to consider," Holbrook said. "If you wish, we will get together the night before the regular meeting and hold a workshop to go through every page and every detail. We need to be fully versed on this subject before we act." The four options vary greatly in how a county may deal with the new laws. First, "the county may take no action of any kind. The Medical Cannabis business would be allowed to operate in that county or city as early as this year once it is licensed by the state," said a KACo press release. Second, "pass an ordinance to prohibit Cannabis operations." Third, "pass a resolution to put the matter of Cannabis operations (inside your county) to a public vote" in the next regular election. Fourth, "place restrictions and/or collect fees (taxes) related to Cannabis businesses operating within that county or city." According to the bill, if a county prohibits Cannabis operations, a city within that county may still choose to allow such businesses. Several magistrates, and Sheriff Shannon Franklin, spoke out against the use of Marijuana. "As the sheriff, I have never spoken with a single addict of any kind that did not start with marijuana," he said. Apparently, the new law specifically deals with Medical Cannabis and does not change any laws related to the use of marijuana. However a search for information about the difference in Marijuana and Cannabis, provides very different answers, depending upon the political agenda of the site. Many websites say there are no differences. Many others say the differences are very important.

Holbrook asked County Attorney Jeremy Rowe to investigate the issue and bring his recommendation to the court. Rowe said he would begin his research of the legalities involved immediately. The subject is expected to be addressed in detail by the fiscal court during the May 13 workshop or the May 14 regular meeting or both. According to the amendments signed recently, businesses that cultivate and/or process Cannabis can begin operations this year in order to have product ready for shipment by January 1, 2025. City (Continued from front) gested the council begin live streaming each meeting. City Administrator Jim Bowman said he would look into legalities and costs involved. Council member Shelly Raines Lewis also presented some concerns to the council. Lewis spoke for nearly 30 minutes about several concerns involving city employees. "I tried to do this in private and talked to you guys several times but nothing changes," she said. "I have no choice but to bring it out in public." Lewis expressed concern about employee moral and discussed alleged arguments and harassment among some workers. Lewis said employees should not hesitate to come to her if supervisors are not resolving their concerns and due to whistleblower laws, employees should not fear retribution. Lewis also expressed concerns over a problem with employee W-2 forms. "I brought this up three months ago and several other times but the problem remains," she said. Another of Lewis's concerns was how the newly purchased mini-excavator is not being utilized to its potential. Lewis also discussed an apparent lack of city employee uniforms. "It can be dangerous," she said, "for employees to work on residential property with no visible identification." According to Bowman, the city contract with the uniform company was costing the city about \$4,000 per month for uniforms and door mats. However, Bowman said not all employees were taking advantage of the service prompting the city to reduce the contract to a \$400 per month program.. Lewis also expressed her concern over a raise the council voted to provide in July of 2022. Lewis said two employees still have not received that raise. "We need to

consider back pay and the retirement that would have been paid in," she said. Lewis reiterated that she "did not intend to talk about these things in public," but had not received the results she was looking for through private conversations. The following day, City Administrator Jim Bowman said the staff, department heads and city employees were working towards resolving each of the issues Lewis discussed. The council also heard the All American Club report which showed 40 bags of trash picked up by club volunteers in April. The Mount Vernon Police Department reported the busiest month of 2024 with 564 calls for service in March. Of those calls, 33 involved vehicle accidents and there were 29 arrests made by the department. Also in March there were 22 drug charges, 20 traffic violations and 18 warrants served. Mount Vernon Fire Chief Adam Bales provided the department's March report. The report did not include the eight alarm fire on Main Street that destroyed the historic building and threatened the city block because Adams discussed the issue at the meeting. In that single event, Bales said his department used over 290,000 gallons of water and including the other departments involved, officials say they expect well over 300,000 gallons was used. "I am proud of our guys and the way all the departments worked together," he said. "The R-Tech building suffered some minor damage but mostly water damage. At least that can be fixed. I think they are glad we were able to save their building," he said. Bales also addressed the program with the Red Cross that allows the local department to install smoke detectors in any home in Rockcastle County. "We addressed the potential liability issues and I think the Red Cross will supply all the detectors we need. All people have to do is ask, and we will come and install detectors in the proper locations," Bales said. The monthly report shows 49 runs and 6,100 gallons of water utilized in March. Of those runs, one was a structure fire and 12 involved vehicle accidents or fires. There were also eight woods fires, 3 illegal burns, 11 coroner assists four mutual aids given. Having no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Vicki Lynn Powell, 60, Sand Gap, retired and Michael Joe McFerron, 61, Orlando, self-employed 4/19/24
Lillie Mae Foster, 23, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Aaron Matthew Smith, 25, Mt. Vernon, contractor. 4/20/24
Melissa Ann Lear, 53, Brodhead, retired and Glenn Alpha Smith, 51, Mt. Vernon, factory. 4/20/24
Stormy Dawn Mullins, 37, Orlando, peer support specialist and Cody Lee Mullins, 34, Orlando, quality inspector. 4/25/24

Signal office closed on Wednesdays

Circuit Civil Suits

Christopher Jones v. Heather Jones, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Katie C. Belville, \$14,426 plus claimed due.
Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Gregory K. Bettsworth, complaint for child support.
Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Jason Hoblit, \$6,468 plus claimed due. CI-00105

District Civil Suits

Vicki Cox v. Nancy Edwards, et al, forcible detainer complaint.
Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Robin

Kendrick, \$415 plus claimed due.
Denali Capital, LLC v. Carla Robinson, \$2,720 plus claimed due.
Denali Capital, LLC v. Connie McClure, \$1,628 plus claimed due.
Denali Capital, LLC v. Laura Hundley, \$792 plus claimed due.

District Court

April 22-24, 2024
Hon. Benjamin R. Hardy
Maranda Beatrice Baker: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.
Speeding: Caryn Nicole Belcher, \$20 plus costs; Jacob R. Cothron, \$48 fine plus costs; Leonard Casey Ray Miller, \$50 fine plus costs; Jarod R. Stogsdill, \$32 fine plus costs; Johnnie Lee Finley, Ephrem Misgina Abreham, Amanda K. Archer, Laura Sue Murphy, Brya Rachelle Wright, license suspended for fta; Dartagnan Manzano, agreed order entered;
Linda Elise Rogers: following another vehicle too closely, paid.
Sabrina Neeley: contempt, 12 days in jail/credit time served; receiving stolen property, 180 days/probated 24 months on condition/costs waived.
Mykhaylo Boychuk: failure to wear seat belts, paid.
Robert Gregory Brown: no/expired registration plates, failure to register transfer of motor

vehicle, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, no motor-cycle operators license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
Rhonda L. Durham: DUI, sentencing order entered.
Gary E. Frazier: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, failure to or improper signal, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, license suspended for fta.
Christian Ray Irven: speeding, careless driving, failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
Samuel A. Jones: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, paid.
Joshua Michael Kahl: speeding, careless driving, improper lane usage/vehicles keep to right except to pass, failure to or improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, agreed order signed.
James M. Miller: fines/fees due (\$223), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
Jeffrey Tyler Sweeney: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, bw issued for fta.
Ashley Nicole Teeters: theft by unlawful taking, 180 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/costs waived.
Randall Wilson: operating motor vehicle under influence of substance and possession controlled substance, bw issued for fta.

David Howard: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.
Phillip Lee McLemore: DUI, sentencing order entered.
Justin Davis Strunk: no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.
Taylor N. Strunk: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Miguel Valerio Rabanales Velazquez: no operators/moped license, \$50 fine plus costs; fail-

ure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus reasonable restitution; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.
Dmytro Bodnaruk: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg., Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.
William Edward Redburn III: driving motor vehicle texting, Viol. 392 Fed Safety Reg (two counts), license suspended for fta.
Devon H. Shelton: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
Jonathan Houk: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., three days/each charge/credit time served/concurrent.

Great Salt Petre Cave Open House in May

By: Mike French Editor
Once again it is time for local residents and travelers from around the country to visit Great Saltpetre Cave in Rockcastle County.
The Open House weekend is planned for May 18 and 19, 2024.
Once each year, the Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve is open to the public so anyone can stop by for a tour. This year's event will be Saturday and Sunday May 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and reservations are not required.
The event this year will include free guided

tours, a soup bean and cornbread supper, food concessions, operated by the Livingston Fire Department, a souvenir stand and friendly conversation under the shelter.
Organizers say admission to the event is free but donations will be accepted to assist with the preservation and upkeep of the cave.
Pets and horses are not allowed in the cave and visitors are asked to avoid flip flops.
For directions to the preserve and more detailed information, visit the Great Saltpetre Cave Facebook page.

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 - 52) Country film (with "The")?
 - 60) the crack of dawn
 - 61) A nose that shows
 - 62) R&B legend Redding
 - 64) Odometer unit
 - 65) Lodge (motel chain)
 - 66) Place where one asks to be hit
 - 67) Person of equal rank
 - 68) Hall (New Jersey campus)
 - 69) White-crested duck

Baseball Teams

B	W	M	H	S	R	E	G	N	A	R	C	T	T
R	H	N	L	S	R	T	B	I	C	R	A	M	G
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- CARDINALS
INDIANS
MARLINS
DODGERS
WHITESOX
BLUEJAYS
REDS
PIRATES
CUBS
NATIONALS
RANGERS
PADRES
TWINS
MARINERS
PHILLIES
ORIOLES
GIANTS
BRAVES
ANGELS
ATHLETICS

- DOWN
- 1) It's said the law has a long one
 - 2) Tidy
 - 3) Deep pizza
 - 4) Hospital staff member
 - 5) "The Unfinished Symphony" composer
 - 6) Consequently
 - 7) Aligns crosshairs
 - 8) Counselor to Capt. Picard
 - 9) Leaped
 - 10) He sheds light for Santa
 - 11) Moises or Felipe of the diamond
 - 12) Moving vehicles?
 - 13) "Bus Stop" playwright
 - 21) "Interview with the Vampire" author
 - 22) Slangy greeting
 - 25) "No gain, no gain"
 - 26) Rudner or Moreno
 - 27) Funk of Funk & Wagnalls
 - 28) Europe's second-largest lake
 - 29) Rock's Tears for
 - 30) Piece of Lamb or Bacon?
 - 31) Musical speed
 - 35) Boxing promoter Bob
 - 36) Wine's partner
 - 39) "Ralphie-boy" utterer
 - 42) "Gunsmoke" deputy
 - 43) "La Vie en Rose" singer Edith
 - 45) "Laverne & Shirley" character Babish
 - 48) Many hospital workers
 - 49) "The Edge" (Bill Murray film)
 - 52) "Things that go in the night"
 - 53) Ron Howard role of old
 - 54) School in New Haven
 - 55) Twice from thrice
 - 56) Like some points
 - 57) Lead singer of U2
 - 58) Gossiped-about pair
 - 59) Row of waiters
 - 63) Female pig

Convention



Mrs. Jerri Lynn Smith and Mrs. Theresa Davis recently attended the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association state convention in Louisville. The Rockcastle Retired Teachers Association was recognized at the morning session for achieving Silver Status for the 2023 year. This is based on their volunteerism throughout the year in community activities and support of the backpack food program in the Rockcastle County Schools. All retired teachers are invited to join us at our local meetings. The next meeting will be June 19th at 11:30am at Limestone Grille

Farmers' Market 2024 set to begin

The highly anticipated opening day of the Rockcastle Farmers' Market is coming soon.

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. you will find an incredible selection of locally grown produce, baked goods and

artisan products.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to support local farmers and bring home some of the freshest items you can find. The Farmers' Market is located at 180 Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.

• Church News •

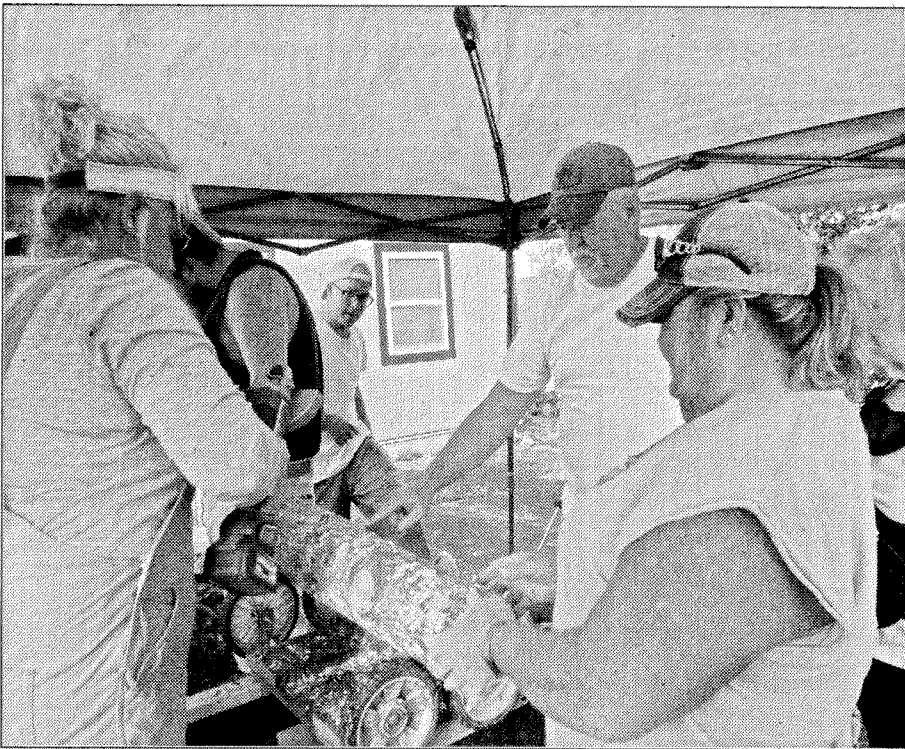
Let the Bible Speak
Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett

Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox TV

Church Yard Sale

Saturday, May 4th, 8 a.m. to ? Maple Grove Baptist Church Youth Ministry. Donations accepted Message for drop off or pick up. All sales support our youth missions programs. Maple Grove Baptist Church, Pastor Jerry Owens, 1148 Big Cave Road, Orlando, KY 40460

Garden Club



About 25 ROCKCASTLE GARDEN CLUB members recently attended a special and fun hands-on workshop to learn about seeding logs with various mushroom types. Shown in the foreground above are from left: Julie Asher, Glen VanWinkle and Carol Sigmon. Ron Owens and Jonny Wells were presenters of the information and techniques with much hands-on help from Ron's grandsons Stryker and Baxter and his son-in-law James Galloway.

• BID NOTICE •

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for a 150 KW Diesel Generator, equipped with a 4s12x alternator operating at 120/208 volts rated for 154 kw/193kva. Output amperage 534. Bid packets may be picked up at the County Judge's office, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY.

Bids can be mailed to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, PO Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Please mark envelopes "Generator - Sealed Bid". Bids are to be received no later than 12 noon on May 14th, 2024. Bids will be opened at the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court meeting at 4 p.m. on May 14th, 2024.

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest vendor or the bid that meets the specifications of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Questions regarding the bid should be addressed to County Judge's Office at 606-256-2856.

Rocket Storage

will be selling contents of the following storage units on Saturday, May 24th

Crawford St. • 9:00 a.m.

Unit #s 2, 4, 54, 55, 59, 63

Hwy. 150 • 9:15 a.m.

Unit # 12

The Friday Night Gospel Singing Proudly Presents!

Finley Murphy
Finley Murphy and friends...

Free Admission
May 3rd at 6pm
9174 Livingston Ky 40445

Benefit Singing

For the family of the late

Robert Mitchell Hayes

Livingston Holiness church
Saturday May 4th, 2024 at 6pm.

STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION?

Toll-free Treatment Help Line
1-866-90-UNITE

Take control of your life
TODAY!

INSPECTION PERIOD

FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rockcastle County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 6 through May 20, 2024. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll,

This is the January 1, 2024 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2024 will be due about October 1, 2024.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator on the third floor of the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. Appointments are preferred, but not required.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value is required.

More information is available on-line at www.revenue.ky.gov and will be posted at the entrance to the PVA's office, located at 205 East Main Street, 3rd Floor, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, 40456.

Any tax payer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals. The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one workday following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.540(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what is believed to be the fair cash value of the property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Kathy Robinson

Property Valuation Administrator - Rockcastle County

Cinco de Mayo

MAY 03, 2024

FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING, & KID'S ACTIVITIES

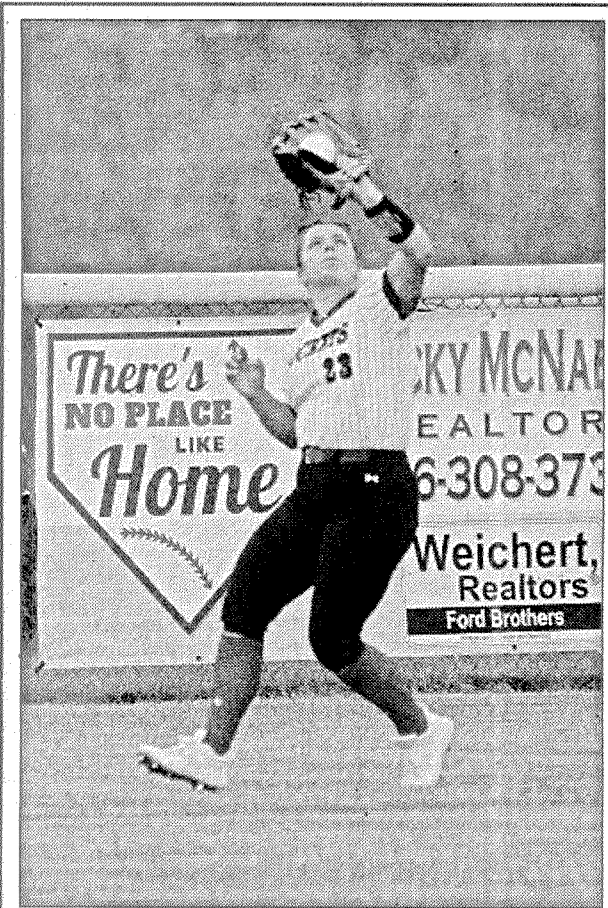
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

MAIN STREET IN MT. VERNON, KY

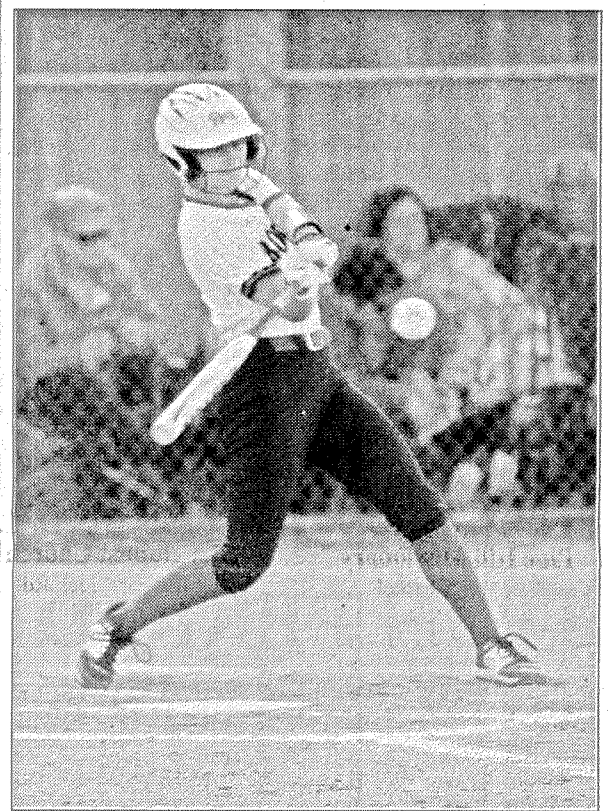
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Mount Vernon - Rockcastle County Tourism
Rockcastle Arts Association

www.rockcastletourism.com

SPORTS



Ella Bussell gets an out during the Lady Rockets' 9-7 loss to Casey County last week. Bussell went 2 for 3 with a walk and two RBI.



Ella McKinney goes for a hit during the Lady Rockets' 9-7 loss to Casey County last week.



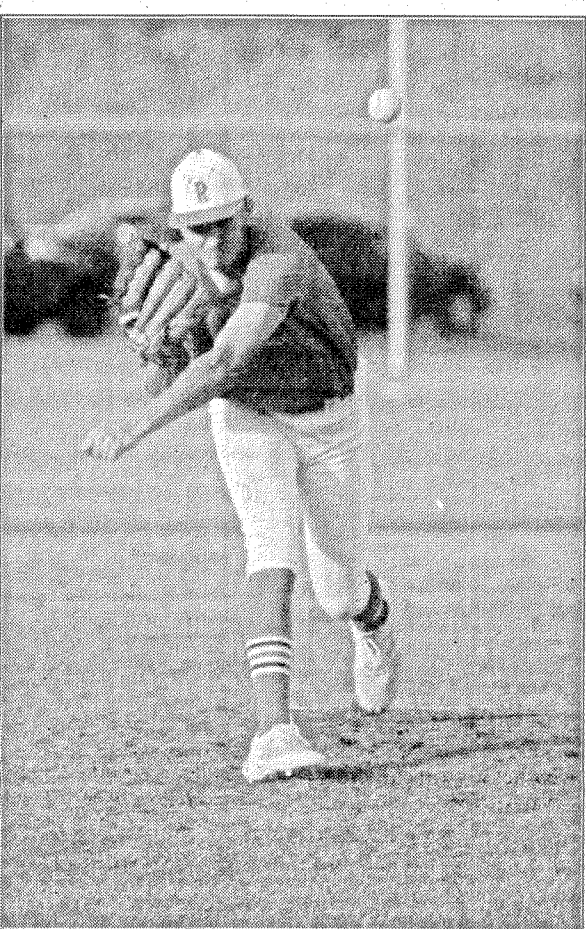
Kelsey Maupin brings the ball in during the Lady Rockets' 9-7 loss to Casey County last week.



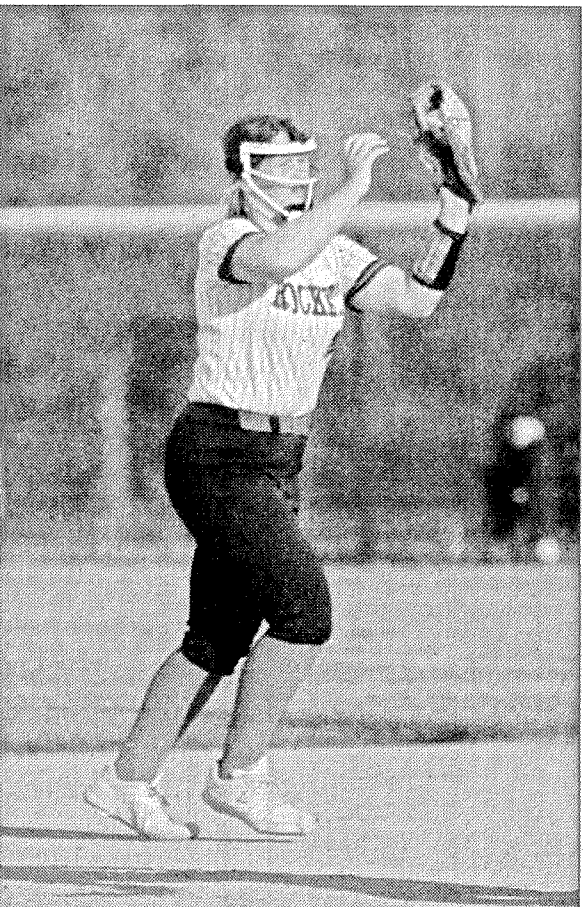
Kailee Collins takes a high pitch during the Lady Rockets' 9-7 loss to Casey County last week.



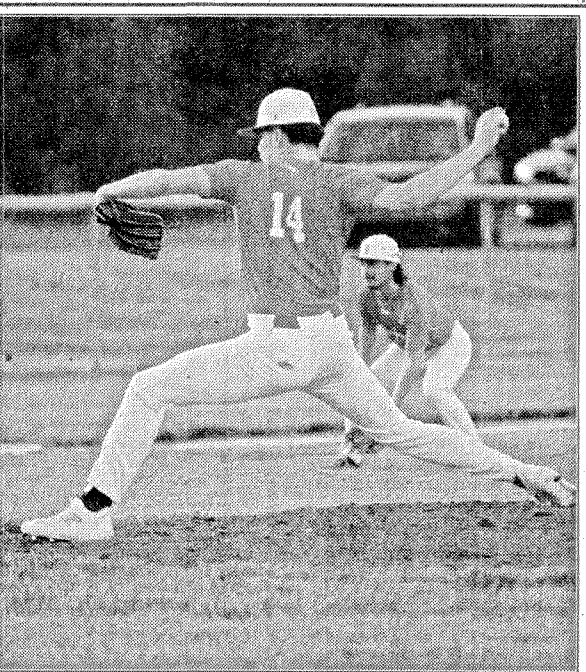
RCBS senior Trent Wilson is shown above signing his letter-of-intent to continue his basketball and academic career at Berea College. He is shown with his mother, Liza Lewis and other family members as well as Rocket head coach Andrew Cash and other members of the coaching staff.



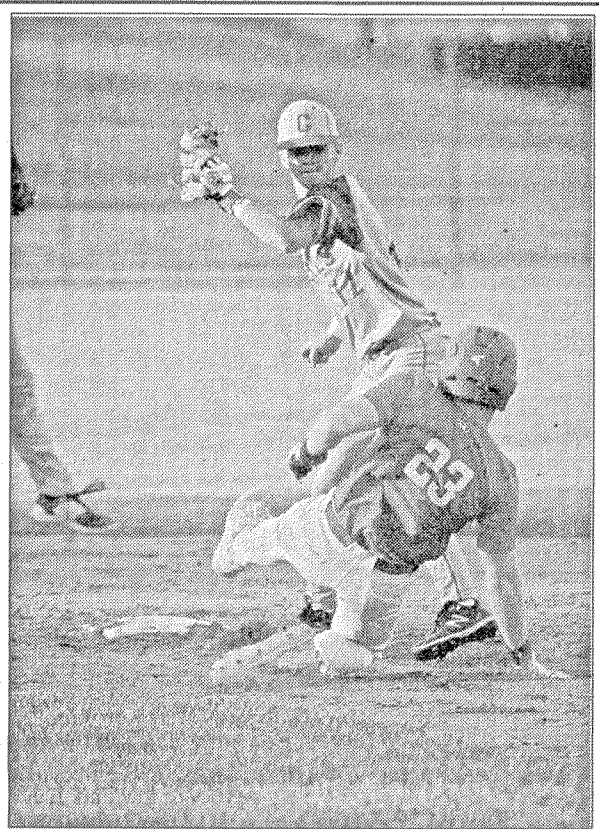
Skyler Durham took the mound for the Rockets in their 7-6 win over Casey County last week.



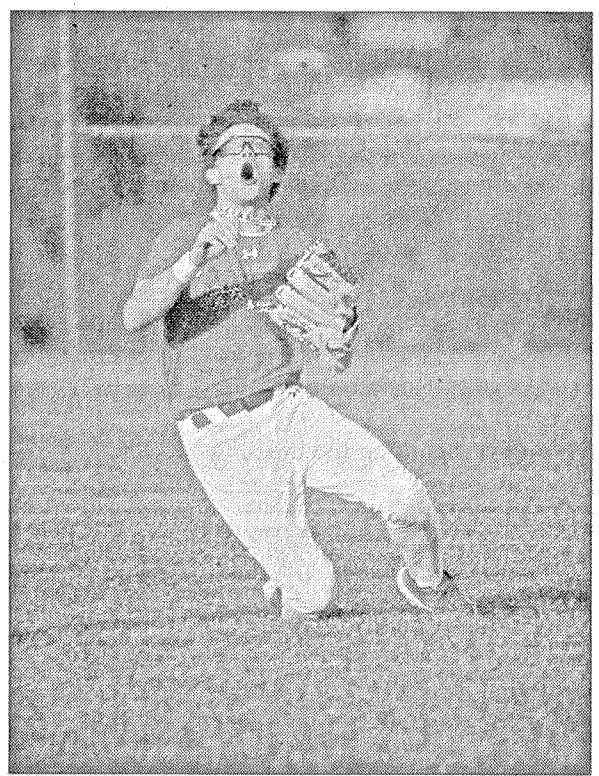
Lauren Hensley makes a play at second during the Lady Rockets' 9-7 loss to Casey County last week. Hensley had a two-run homer in the game.



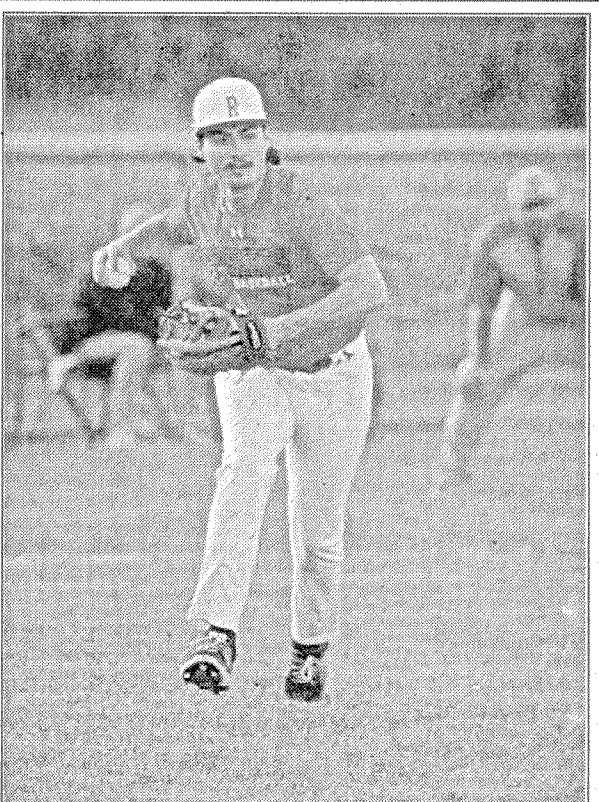
Maddox Parsons picked up the win in the Rockets' 7-6 win over Casey County last week.



Hunter Pingleton slides into second during the Rockets' 7-6 win over Casey County last week. Pingleton was 2 for 3 with an RBI in the win.



Connor Winstead hustles after a ball in right field during the Rockets' 7-6 win over Casey County last week. The Rockets picked up a 12-1 victory over Cumberland County Saturday in Wayne County.



Lance Coffey makes a play from third during the Rockets' 7-6 win over Casey County last week. The Rockets defeated the Rebels 6-3 the day before.

Church Directory

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

Berea Gospel Tabernacle
231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Monday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Gregory Isaacs
Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Live services on
www.biblebaptist.org
and Facebook®
Pastor: Bro. Alan Dodson
Blue Springs Church of Christ
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services:

Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Marcus Reppert
Phillip Permenter
Eric Bullock
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAS & GAS
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor
Brush Creek Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor
Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249

(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Mink, Pastor
Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Jason Medley, Pastor
606-308-4543

Central Baptist Church
86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
"Central Time" Radio
Broadcast
WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m.
WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m.
Transportation and Nursery
provided for all services
Home of Well of Pure Water
Radio - 93.3 FM
Mark Eaton, Pastor
Church of Christ at Chestnut Ridge
2 miles south of Mt. Vernon
Turn left off US Hwy 25
Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Bro. Ova Baker
Bro. Dale McNew
Bro. Philip Scott
Church of Christ on Fairground Hill
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Different speaker each Sunday
Clear Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Climax Christian Church
Hwy. 1912
308-2806 • 256-4138 • 256-5977
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Climax Holiness Church
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at 7
Community Worship Church of God
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor
Worship Service
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
www.cwchurchofgod.com

Conway Missionary Baptist
116 Meadow Lark Lane
Berea, KY 40403
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007

Cove Branch United Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

1st Saturday of month singing 6 p.m.
John Vanwinkle, Pastor
Crab Orchard Pentecostal
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
606-355-7595

Creskide Baptist Church
2261 Copper Creek Rd.
Sunday morning breakfast: 9:30
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor Bro. Jack Stallsworth
CrossPoint Church of God
211 Industrial Park Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY
Sunday 2 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Matt Griggs
859-582-2553

Crossroads Assembly of God
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Cupps Chapel Holiness
Copper Creek Rd.,
Brodhead
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter
Fairground Hill Community Holiness
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAs and GAS 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
606-256-3722
email: fellowshipp@fvmc.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor
First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922

Dennis Wilder, Pastor
Mikey Howard, Assoc. Pastor
website: www.fbcmky.org
email: fbcmtnvernon@kynfbcm.org
Every Sunday:
Sunday School/Growth Groups 10 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
WRVK 1460AM at 11 am
LiveStream at fbcmky.org
Wednesdays: AWANA 6-8pm
Student Worship at 6 pm

First Christian Church
West Main St. Mt. Vernon
606-256-2876
Bro. Richie Smith, Pastor
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon
Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Everyone Welcome
Pastor: James Blanton
Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst
859-200-6331

Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)
Brodhead, Ky.
Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
New Heart Baptist Church
1505 Coin Rd. • Somerset
Pastor: Rick Lawson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 pm
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.
New Heights Church
316 Mini Mall Dr.
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)
Berea, Ky.
www.newheightschurchky.com
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.
Higher Praise Ministries
4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Chris Davidson, Pastor
Sunday 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777

Life Church
1225 West Main St. • Mt. Vernon
Chad Lainhart, Pastor
Sunday 3 p.m.
Thursday 7 pm
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.
Tim Hampton, Pastor
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Little Country Church
Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop
onto Jarber Rd.
Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Livingston Baptist Church
Pastor: Josh Hasty
606-392-3809
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Livingston Christian Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709

Living Word Community Church
"About our Father's Business"
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Joe Russell, Jr., Pastor
606-308-4312

Macedonia Baptist Church
6567 Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor
Maple Grove Baptist
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Mareburg Baptist Church
2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Bro. Tony Smith, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
(all ages)
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6 p.m.
www.mareburgbaptist.org
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

Mt. Vernon Church of God
1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
859-986-1317

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
606-308-3293
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

Worship & Children's Church
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Midweek Gathering for all ages; prayer & Bible study, youth worship, and Children in Action
New Hope Baptist
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.
Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor
Northside Baptist
777 Faith Mountain Rd.
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577

Kenny Allen, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9
Wednesday
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.
Time Warner Cable
Tues., Thurs., Sun.
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Ottawa Baptist Church
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Pastor: Bro. John McPherson
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Service 7 p.m.
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
525 Williams St.
(across from MVES)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
606-256-4170
Mass Times:
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.
Father Alfredo Basulto, Pastor
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
Tom Darst, Maintenance
Philadelphia United Baptist
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
606-308-5368

Pine Hill Holiness
5394 S. Wilderness Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Thursday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.
Children's Church 7 pm Thurs.
Pastor Ashley Noe
Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
859-986-1579
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting
monthly every
2nd Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m.

Pleasant Run Missionary
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
1st Sunday in Month Church at 2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care
Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor
Poplar Grove Baptist
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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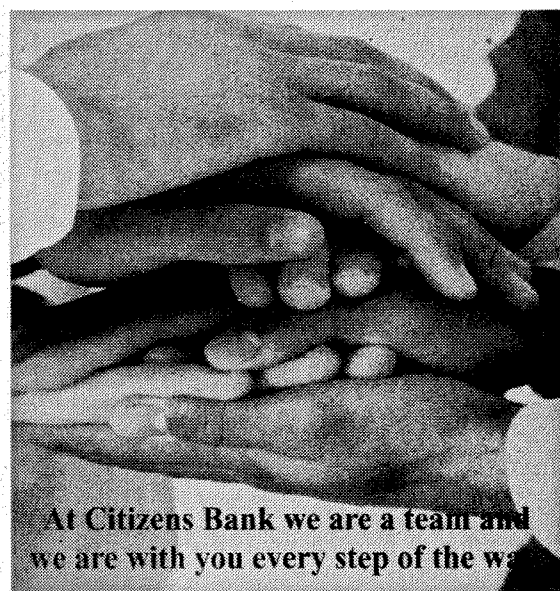
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988 SUICIDE LIFELINE

Notice is hereby given that Susan Culton, 208 Mountain Crest, Irvine, KY 40336 and Anthony Culton, 1000 Winston Rd., Irvine, KY 40336 has been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of David Culton, deceased, on the 22nd day of April 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Susan Culton and Anthony Culton or Hon. William A. Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before October 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. 10x3

Notice is hereby given that Brett McNinch, 1775 W. Main Street, New Lebanon, OH 45342 has been appointed (with will) Administrator of the Estate of Linda Brown, deceased, on the 10th day of April, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Brett McNinch or to John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 on or before October 10, 2024. 9x3

Notice is hereby given that Lisa J. Noe, 200 Chapel Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Freddie Dale Noe, Jr., deceased, on the 10th day of April 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lisa J. Noe or to the Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before October 14, 2024 at 11 a.m. 9x3

Notice is hereby given that J. Grant Burdette and Katherine Grace Burdette, 32 Clark St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 have been appointed Co-Guardians of the Estate of James Lincoln

Burdette, a minor, on the 24th day of April, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said J. Grant Burdette and Katherine Grace Burdette on or before October 28, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Mary Gabbard, 1625 White Rock Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Rosamond E. Howard, deceased, on the 24th day of April 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Mary Gabbard or Hon. William C. Smallwood, 908 W. 5th St., Ste. 105, London, KY 40741 on or before October 28, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Rhonda Jean Nottingham, P.O. Box 1648, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Guardian of the Estate of Adriaana Monroe Nottingham, a minor, on the 22nd day of April 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rhonda Jean Nottingham or to the Hon. Keith Allen McLamb, 209 East Mount Vernon Street, Somerset, KY 42564 on or before October 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. 11x2

Notice is hereby given that Granville Owen Taylor, 342 Waller Ave., Lexington, KY 40504 has been appointed Executor with will of the Estate of Jesse Aaron Taylor on the 30th day of April, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Granville Owen Taylor on or before October 30, 2024. 11x3

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Yard Sale: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 2, 3 and 4. 21 Rolling Hills Road, Mt. Vernon

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Two Family Yard Sale: Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3rd, 8 a.m. to ? On right, just before you get to Hill Top Market, from Mt. Vernon, on U.S. 25 South.

Yard Sale: May 2, 3 and 4th, across from Farm Bureau. Two car seats, like new, little girl's clothes, men's and women's clothes, toys, flowers and headstone pieces.

Yard Sale: Friday, May 3rd, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1936

Willaila Road (Rt. 70). Many brand name, like new clothes - especially hard to find plus sizes, jewelry, toys and more. Rain date: Friday, May 10th.

Estate Garage Sale: 135 Lilac Circle (off Chestnut Grove Rd), Mt. Vernon. Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Housewares, linens, tools, watch parts, odds and ends too numerous to mention.

Church Yard Sale: Saturday, May 4th, 8 a.m. to ? Maple Grove Baptist Church Youth Ministry. All sales support our youth missions programs. Donations accepted, message for drop off or pick up. Maple Grove Baptist Church, Pastor Jerry Owens, 1148 Big Cave Road, Orlando.

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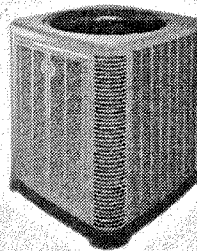
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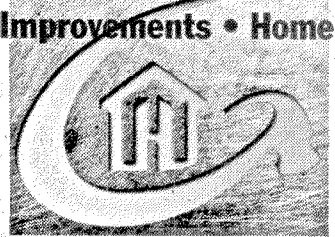
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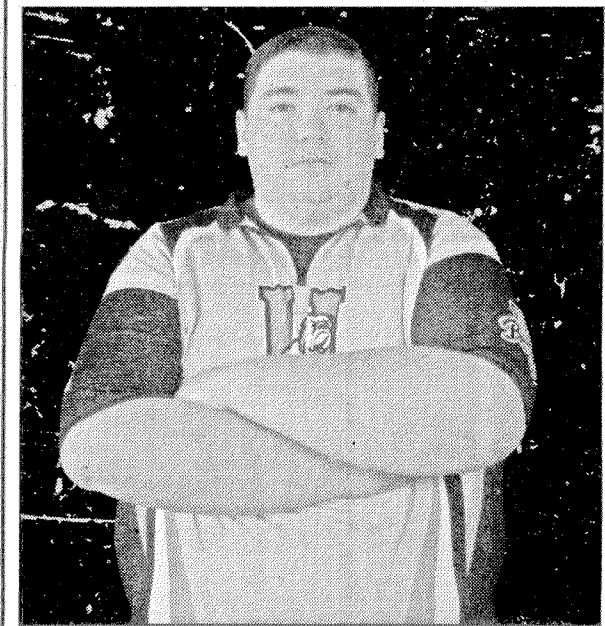
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Coffey named
Archer of the Year



RCHS graduate and Union Bulldog Kyle Coffey was recently named the Mid-South Conference Men's Archer of the Year. Coffey was also named to the All-MSC First-Team for barebow.

Charter Team Champions
announced by Mid-South

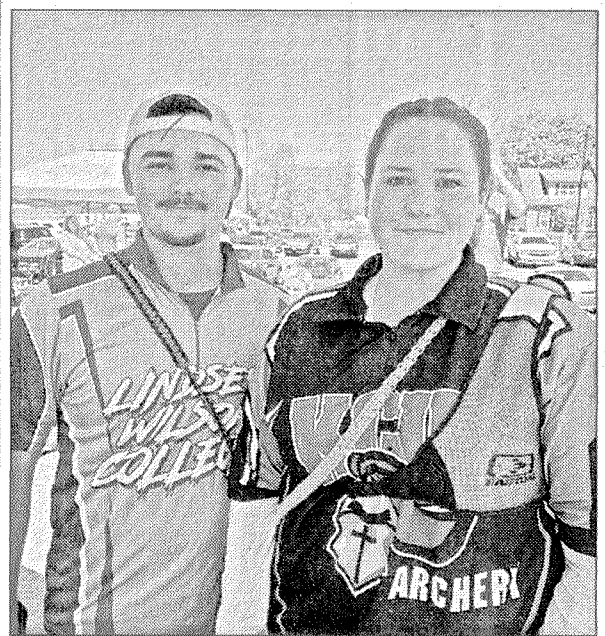
The Mid-South Conference announced the Archery Champions of Character Team and Rockcastle was represented well. The 2024 Mid-South Conference Archery Champions of Character team has been released, conference officials announced Tuesday, April 22.

The MSC recognizes a Champions of Character Team for each championship sport. The student-athletes that are honored on the Champions of Character Team were nominated by their coaches based on their leadership on campus and in the community while demonstrating the five core character values of the NAIA.

The Champions of Character program helps

participants find the balance by keeping five core character values - integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and servant leadership - at the heart of the athletics experience. Students learn to understand how the values play out in both practice and competition.

Among those honored with the recognition were RCHS alumni and former archers, Lara Renner and T. J. Ramsey. Lara is an elementary and learning and behavior disorders double major. Sheila currently shoots in the female olympic recurve division for Kentucky Christian University and T. J. Is a middle school math and science major. He shoots in the male bow hunter division for Lindsey Wilson.



T.J. Ramsey and Lara Renner

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Belle, the 2 year-old Blue Heeler, left, who is very friendly but also a little shy, and Henry, the 2 year-old Beagle who is also very friendly. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

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Dr. James S. Chism
Scholarship Gathering

The Livingston Community Lions Club will be hosting the second annual Dr. James S. Chism Memorial Scholarship Gathering again this year at the Farmer's Market on Richmond Street. The event will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday night May 3, 2024.

All are invited to join the Rockcastle community as we remember our dear friend, "Doc" Chism. Please bring a potluck item or items and a new or very gently used item for auction. Last year we were able to give a very generous scholarship to a young lady from RCHS who

plans to attend Auburn University after Eastern and plans to return to practice veterinary medicine here in the county. This was made possible with the generosity and loving support of her fellow Rockcastle Countians. Please come out and support your community in this most worthwhile cause. Any who would like to provide some informal entertainment are welcome to perform. T-shirts will also be sold this year noting the commemoration of the Memorial Scholarship Gathering. Hope to see you there.

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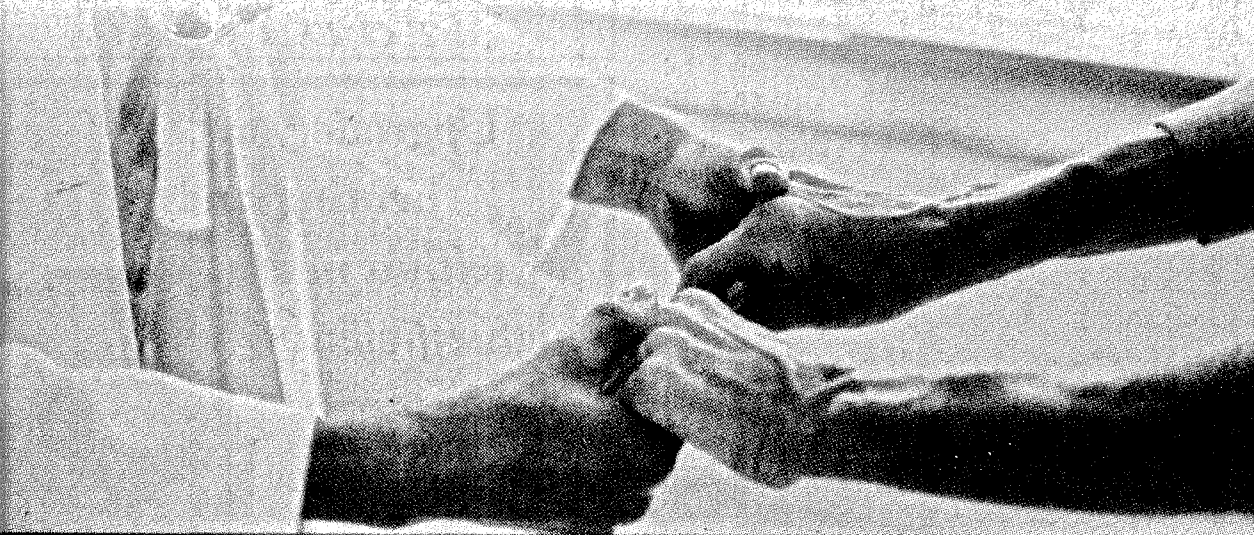
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