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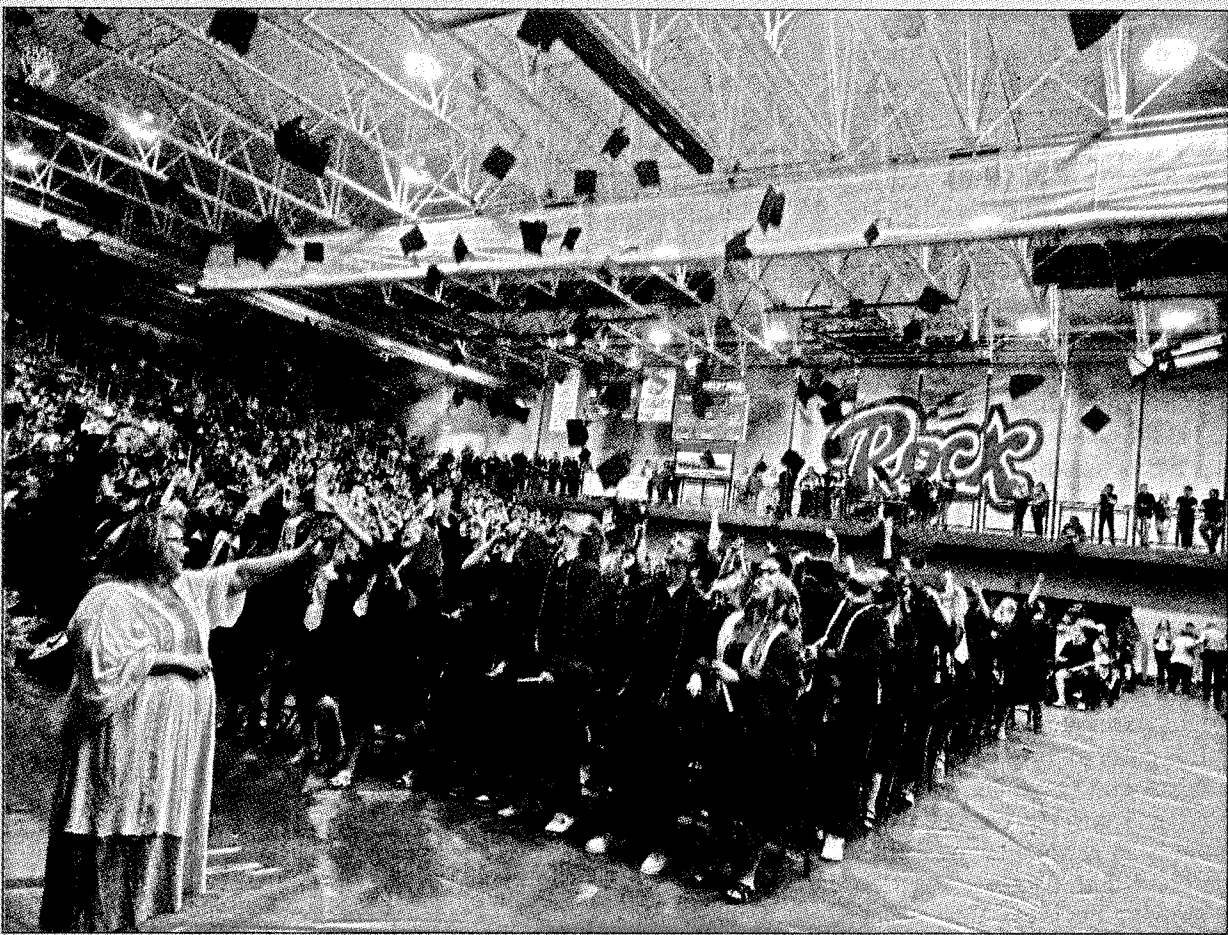
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Up, up and away



Over 200 high school seniors tossed their hats into the air when it was announced they had graduated from Rockcastle County High School last Thursday evening. The event was moved inside due to weather conditions but officials say the 52nd annual graduation ceremony went off without a hitch and all 203 graduating seniors celebrated their accomplishment.

Trump dominates for third time in Rockcastle election

By: Mike French
Editor

Last Tuesday was Primary Election Day in Kentucky as voters traveled to the polls to cast their ballot for their favorite Presidential candidate and, in Rockcastle County, for the Fifth District Representative to Congress. However, about 87% of voters just stayed home.

Still, for the third consecutive presidential primary election, Donald

Trump dominated in Rockcastle County.

According to election officials, voter turnout across the state was just over 12%. But Rockcastle County voters beat the average with 13.3% of voters casting a ballot.

Officials agree that one reason for the low turnout is likely because the race was already decided before Kentucky's Primary Election was held.

(See "Elect" on A5)

Burned building on Main Street to be demolished soon

By: Mike French
Editor

Many have wondered what the fate of the commercial building on Main Street in Mount Vernon would be, after the eight alarm fire earlier this year.

City officials say the taxpayer is not responsible for clean-up of the property and the heirs of the property have expressed no interest in the fate of the building.

The building remains roped off and the burned and dilapidated state of the structure damages the appearance of Main Street, according to several officials including Lynn Tatum, Director of Vitalize Mount Vernon.

However, after an in-depth investigation into what can be done about the building, the City of Mount Vernon has worked through the R-Tech insurance provider to strike a deal to have the structure demolished.

According to City Administrator Jim Bowman, KACo, the R-Tech insurer, says the building must be torn down before repairs can be made to the R-Tech building. Hence, the company will pay that expense of about \$38,000, Bowman said.

"The insurance company selected the contractor and they will pay the city for the expense to tear the building down and then the city will pay the contractor," Bowman said.

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(See "Building" on A5)

New rescue device now part of local rescue team equipment

By: Mike French
Editor

Unless one works on a farm, they may have no idea of the many dangers involved in farming. According to several sources, farming can be among the more dangerous occupations in America and officials at the Brodhead and Western Rockcastle Fire Departments are staying prepared to help prevent farm fatalities.

A partnership between the two entities was formed after fire department officials noted the need for a grain bin rescue system in Rockcastle County. With the assistance of Kentucky Farm Bureau of Rockcastle County, funds were secured and the needed equipment has been purchased, according to Brodhead Assistant Chief Brian Bullock. And officials believe the Grain Bin rescue system will be very useful.

According to the National Agriculture Safety Institute, American farmers have experienced a 44% increase in grain bin accidents over the last four years. In fact, the Association of Farmers reports that as many as 250 farmers per year are killed after becoming trapped in a grain bin.

Of all farming accidents, machinery roll-over is the top killer and the leading cause of accidents. But those incidents are followed closely by machinery entanglement, faulty equipment, grain bin

entrapment and injuries from livestock. The reports say 33% of all farmers will experience a notable farm-related injury in their career with over 3% of those becoming permanently disabled due to a farm accident.

Apparently, according to the Association of Farmers, workers enter a grain bin while it is feeding grain to dislodge or help facilitate the flow of grain. However, the same report indicates that in an accident, the worker will become fully entrapped within four seconds and fully buried by grain within 20 seconds.

Reports list several reasons why a farmer would become trapped

but the biggest reason may be the grain, stuck to the sides of the structure, suddenly

breaking free and falling while the worker is inside the bin.

(See "rescue" on A5)

Over 200 grams of meth found after traffic stop

By: Mike French
Editor

On Sunday, May 12, a simple traffic stop for improper turn signal usage, evolved into a major methamphetamine bust, with potential federal involvement.

According to a uniform citation, Mount Vernon Police Department Officer Zachary King stopped a vehicle on Wilderness Road, in Mount Vernon for improper turn signal use. A

citation says upon questioning the driver, Jasper McCann, 40, of Lincoln County, who could not produce an insurance card or registration. The officer also could not verify the information, since the stop came in an area of the county with no internet service.

The citation says King began writing McCann a citation, for failure to produce an insurance card, having no insurance, improper use of a signal, no

registration and excessive window tint, when the Kentucky State Police arrived at the scene. Upon their arrival, a trooper led a drug-sniffing K-9 to the vehicle and the dog indicated the presence of illegal drugs at the driver's side front door.

A search was initiated and the citation says four handguns were located behind the driver's seat. A further search produced

(See "Meth" on A5)

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Memorial Day celebrated at courthouse

By: Mike French
Editor

American Legion Post 5908, and Rockcastle VFW sponsored the annual Rockcastle County Memorial Day Celebration Monday morning on the courthouse lawn as those attending honored those who have fallen in service to our country.

After opening with prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, Jim Bowman, Mount Vernon City Administrator, was introduced as the guest speaker by B.J. Thomason VFW Chaplain.

Bowman spoke of his own military background and the sacrifice of soldiers around the world. "I

am obligated to speak here today because of the freedom I enjoy. Other than accepting the Lord as my savior, there has been no greater impact on my life than my military experience.

Bowman pointed out that "Armed Forces Day" was established to honor those in the service, Veterans Day was established to honor those who have served and Memorial Day was established to honor those who never got out of the uniform."

Bowman said it is every American's duty to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. "There is no doubt that freedom (See "Celebrate" on A5)



Karen Adams, DAR Regent, sits with Mount Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman as VFW Chaplain B.J. Thomason announces Bowman as the guest speaker for the Memorial Day Service held on the courthouse lawn Monday.

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ramblings...
by: perlina m. anderkin

I've always enjoyed Memorial Day. It was ingrained in me as a child that it was probably the most important holiday observance of the year, by my mom and dad who hailed from Casey County.

It was the time that mom and dad got to go home for a day, renew old acquaintances, reminisce and meet up with what little family they had left there, after being gone for years.

I never lived there. Mom and Dad moved to Woodford County a year or so before I was born but come rain or shine, hell or high water, on Memorial Day we loaded up and headed out. Sometimes, for reasons known only to my mother, she would get up very early, cook breakfast, pack it up and we would leave. Then we would stop, I kid you not, about 10 miles from town in a churchyard with a picnic table and eat breakfast. I know, why didn't we just eat at home? I can recall asking the question a couple of times but the answer was one of those, eye roll, duh, things that made me think I was incredibly stupid for questioning the obvious so I quit asking.

Mom also always packed a picnic lunch which we would also eat in a churchyard, the one across from Caney Fork Cemetery where mom's parents and her brother, killed in WWII, were buried. Her family farm was located behind the church and we always had to drive through there also. For some reason, we had to visit at least three cemeteries, Whitehead, where mom and dad had buried their first daughter, who died at 18 months. and I cannot think of the name of the other one where dad's parents and other family were buried.

Notwithstanding the fact that I invariably

wound up getting car sick at some point, either going or coming, it was always wonderful to get home. Supper was always very minimal -- whatever was left in the picnic basket -- and mom usually had a pone of cornbread that we would eat crumbled in milk before heading straight to bed with another Memorial Day Marathon under our belt.

But, looking back, I realize we were there for the right reasons -- because we honored our ancestors and particularly my Uncle Noah who was killed early in WWII in Germany. He was part of a bridge demolition team and, after the charges were set, for some reason he didn't make it off the bridge in time.

Mom ordered a painted picture of him, in his Army uniform, from somewhere when I was still very small. But, I remember it because, when it came, I was holding it fascinated so, of course, I had to touch it and I actually caused the oils? whatever it was painted with, to smear around his face. To say Mom was none too pleased would be a major understatement--that's why I remember it so clearly--her "manifest" displeasure.

At least in those days we didn't have to contend with the awful disrespect for our flag which seems rampant today. At a Memorial Day Parade in Princeton, NJ this year, honoring fallen service members and veterans, hundreds of activists charged onto the road and sat down while shouting "Free Palestine" at the parade marchers. Onlookers of the parade said the sight of the American flags coming towards them, triggered the protest.

In a complete 180

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Aces Over
By: Mike French



Staying with the childhood theme for yet another week, let's compare a day in the life of a 60s child with today.

One of the things I have noticed most about the younger generation, different from my childhood, is the boredom of modern kids. They are always bored. I think "I'm bored" is the new "good morning" as the youth of today wake in the mornings. The big blow of air and stretched-out cry, "Iiii'm booooooreddd," seems to be a favorite phrase.

The difference is most definitely not that there is less to do now than there was in the 60s and 70s. In fact the opposite is true. There are at least a million more things to do now than there was then. The difference is not the lack of entertaining things to do. The difference is what it takes now to entertain youth today.

It is proof of the theory of relativity. Everything is relative. I guess a board game is an earth-shattering good time compared to mowing the lawn. But it isn't such a great time when it is compared to operating 20 gigabytes of data jammed into the mind at the speed of light on a cell phone. To my generation, anything was considered fun compared to hard work. To this generation, nothing is fun when compared to constant contact with every soul on the planet with super powers at your fingertips.

It's no wonder kids today are either tapping, pushing or sliding on the screen of a phone and it is easy to see why anything else, when compared to that, is considered boring. I remember well that us kids would leave the house with nothing in our hands. But before long we were in

the middle of a Cowboy and Indian war at Fort Lincoln. Our imaginations led us to places and created things we didn't have. A curved stick and a rubber band made our weapons and leaves and rocks made our forts.

One of my favorite memories involved following a stick down a stream all day. My cousin and I carved tiny boats out of sticks and tossed them into the nearby stream. We rolled up our pant legs, jumped into the water and followed them through rapids, over falls, along slow-moving waters and into pools of swarming great White Sharks (minnows). Our imaginations were not limited to 20 gigabytes.

So the next day, when there was "nothing to do," all we had to do was tap into our brains and the journey of a lifetime would begin.

On other days, there were our parents. Moms and Dads in those days didn't have a 20-gig babysitter. There were no video games and there was nothing to play it on if there were. Parents in those days spent time with their kids. Some do today, as well, but it feels to me like a much busier society and many parents spend more time looking for babysitters and buying things to keep their kids quiet than they do bonding with their children. I never heard the term "go play with your X-Box." When I asked a parent to play or work or help me practice something, they never hesitated. And all my friends were the same. That idea seems far-fetched now because parents are so busy, but in the 60s and 70s it was the norm.

Yes, there were exceptions, but typically par-

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



Decoration Day
Dear Journal,

Sitting here waiting on the bad storms that are forecast for later today made me remember a Memorial Day of long ago. Back then it was called Decoration Day. Without really realizing it, things have really changed over the years so much.

Most of my Mom's family are buried at the Freedom Cemetery. There are generations of them buried there. When I was growing up, our whole family would go to this cemetery to decorate the graves, have a good meal and visit with other family. Back then, this was a big event. Memorial Day was always held on May 30, whatever day it fell on. The Freedom Decoration Day was always held on the last Sunday of May. In more recent years, it was changed to the Monday after the last Sunday of May.

One year, when I was about three years old, still young enough to sit on my mother's lap, my Uncle Junior Norton took Mom and me to Decoration Day at Freedom Cemetery. Back then there was a bountiful potluck meal spread out on a long picnic table under

the shade of a grove of trees, maybe they were oak, I think. The church was still just white frame. It looked quite the picturesque little country church and graveyard. The lunch was held first along with visiting with other family. Then, we would go up to the graves to decorate. In those days there weren't any pots or the sides of the monuments and saddles had never been invented. People bought individual flowers for usually a dime each and made their own arrangements. Quite a few people brought fresh flowers from their own yards. The artificial flowers surely were artificial. They were made of a stiff plastic and there were only a limited variety of flowers to be had. I remember when silk flowers came out. What a stir their debut made. People went wild over them.

Anyway, on this particular Decoration Day Mom and I stayed in the car. The sky was turning darker by the minute and a breeze was getting stronger. I remember sitting on Mom's lap eating a fried chicken leg and banana pudding brought to me by Uncle Junior. He

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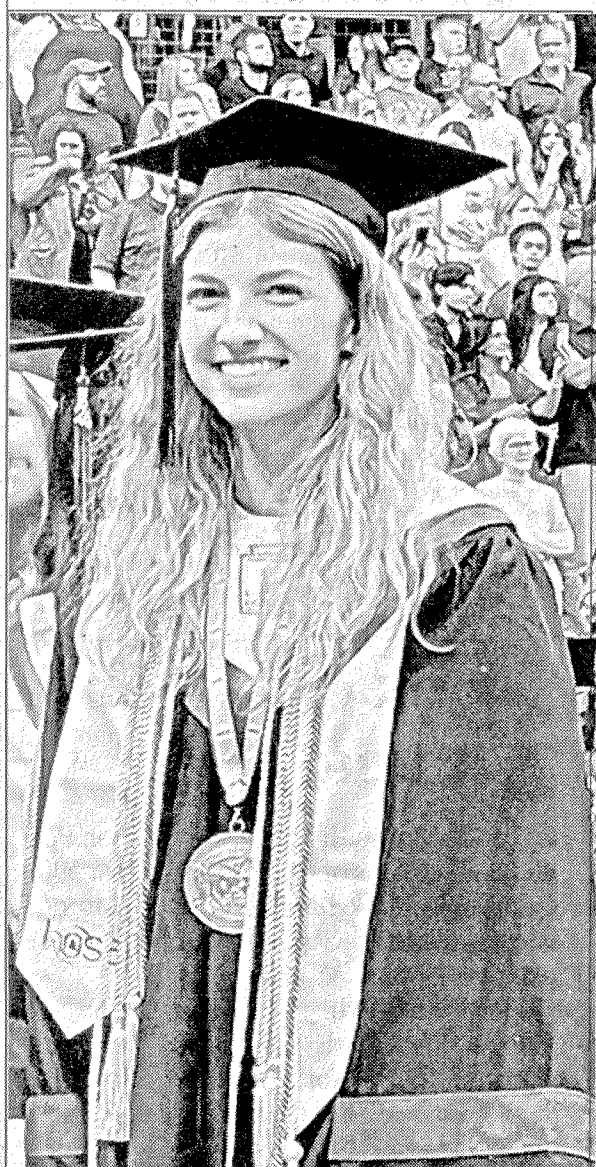
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Perfect attendance



Raychel Carpenter was recognized for 12 years Perfect Attendance during the RCHS fifty-second commencement ceremony last Thursday.

ramblings

(Continued from A2) switch of topics, it has been discovered that a \$50 million grant, from the Inflation Reduction Act (costing, according to estimates, American taxpayers anywhere from \$780 billion to \$1.2 trillion), was given to the "Climate Justice Alliance."

This organization's website shows a picture of the bulldozer (or Caterpillar wheel loader according to some) that went through the fence when Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7th. Also on their website, it advocates for decolonizing Palestine and has that same picture. They also support defunding the military and the police and other very radical initiatives that are anti-America and anti-semitic.

The Congresswoman that exposed this \$50 million grant by our government said this indicates clearly that this administration finances both sides of wars. The grant was part of the \$40 billion given to the Environmental Protection

Agency from the Inflation Reduction Act.

And, you can't make this stuff up, folks. A sitting-member of congress, Michigan Representative Rashida Tlaib was a speaker Sunday at the "People's Conference for Palestine," which was funded and is supported by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Communist-Terrorist Group which is headquartered in Damascus, Syria.

The group has been designated a foreign terrorist organization by the US, Japan, Canada and the European Union yet a US Congresswoman thought it would be alright to speak at a conference promoted by this group.

As a final item, a transgender woman won the Best Actress award at the Cannes Film Festival. Karla Sofia Gascon, a biological man, won for his/her/their role in Emilia Perez, a film described as a "transgender musical" taking another award that was created for a woman, not for a man playing a woman.

T.J.'s

(Continued from A2) brought Mom a plate, too. He stayed outside and visited as long as he could. Soon, there was a hard rain falling, driven by a very strong wind. The paper plates were blowing in all directions. They looked like Frisbees. Of course, Frisbees hadn't

been invented yet. either. People had to scatter, grabbing food and heading back to their cars with all they had brought. I assume the graves got decorated but don't remember. Yesterday reminded me of that Sunday afternoon so many years ago.

Aces

(Continued from A2) ents spent a lot of quality time with their children in those days. Personally, I think that fact explains a lot about how kids act anymore.

I talk negatively about phones and computers a lot but, honestly, I know how amazingly wonderful and convenient our phones are. I'm not blind. I use a device and look at a screen 90% of my waking hours. I understand the unlimited benefits and the truly amazing leap forward our phones and home computers represent. But I firmly believe that in the long run, they are doing more harm than good. Total dependency is ALWAYS dangerous.

Devices have become our masters and without them we would be lost. In the 70s, we had no masters except God. Because of devices, youth today are almost a different creature than they were 60 years ago. But there were no school shootings and being on welfare or being an unwed parent or expecting special treatment were not a source of pride.

We live a convenient life now. Quick and easy, with instant gratification. But, to me, using electronic devices is just like eating cake. It is really good while you are eating it. But if you eat enough of it, long enough, you just end up fat.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Bobo, the 2 year-old mixed breed male who is very friendly (left) and Jack, the 6 month-old mixed breed who is also friendly but a little shy. 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.

Rebekah Hurley inducted into Kappa Delta Pi

Congratulations to Rebekah Hurley of Mt Vernon on being inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, national education honor society.

Kappa Delta Pi, known as KDP, was founded on March 8, 1911, at the University of Illinois by Dr. William Bagley. KDP became incorporated on June 8, 1911. Other educational honor societies existed in 1911 but they did not welcome teachers who were women or people of color. KDP was founded to celebrate and embrace all teachers of excellence as

an inclusive organization. Annually, we celebrate March 8 as KDP's Founder's Day.

KDP has evolved over 100 years to become the largest national honor society in education, and you are proudly joined by 20,000+ peers and more than 600 chapters.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, June 3rd: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston.
Tuesday, June 4th: Maple Grove and Climax.

Kentucky Native Plant Fundraiser

There will be a Kentucky native plant sale fundraiser, Saturday, June 15th at Memorial Park in Berea (across from Acton Center, 214 Jefferson St.). Follow butterfly signs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. All plants raised from seeds collected from native plants. Sale supports nature projects. Call 859-985-0309 for any questions.

KPR Meeting is May 28th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, May 28th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Kentucky Public Retirees President Larry Totten will be the guest speaker. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

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

Weekly Grief Support Group

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

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

Wednesday-Air-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.

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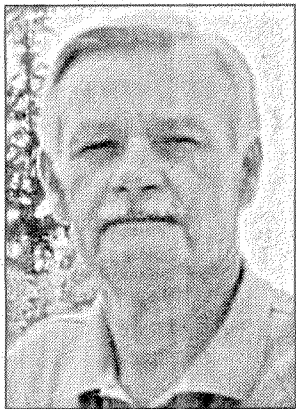


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Obituaries

Jim Durham

James E. "Jim" Durham, 67, of Berea, passed from this life and joined the Lord on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born January 25, 1957, the son of Larney and Bea Anglin Durham. He was a retired law enforcement officer for Madison and Rockcastle Counties having served for over 26 years. He was a member of Wildie Christian Church and a US Marine Corps Veteran. Besides his love for the Lord and his family, Jim loved Israel and the Jewish people. He was blessed to go to Israel and share the gospel of the Jewish Messiah Yeshua with the Jewish people.



He is survived by: his devoted wife, Joylyn Parsons Durham; his children, Jacqueline Durham, Jenifer Durham Filson and husband Josh, James Durham, and Heather Kelley; his grandchildren, Josiah Durham and Georgia Filson; two brothers, Michael Durham and wife Pam, and Dennis Durham and wife Theresa; two sisters, Larna Durham and Celia Cotton and husband Scott; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. He was blessed to have many great friends, including his closest friends, Whitney Maupin, Bill Eckler, and Billy Beavers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Larney and Bea Durham and his in-laws, Jack and Ione Parsons.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 25, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Matt Lunsford and Darren Allen with music provided by Mr. Bill Eckler. Entombment followed in Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Rick Bates, Blake Maupin, Mitch Maupin, Whitney Maupin, Christian Parsons, Nick Parsons, and Jackie Weaver. Honorary pallbearers were: Jacob Burdette, Jarrod Burdette, Darrell "Dickie" Collinsworth, Jack Lawless, Roy Martin, Jim Osborne, David Parsons, Jack Ryan Parsons, and William Taylor.

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

Patricia Hayes

Patricia Ann Hayes, 64, of Brodhead, died Friday, May 17, 2024 at her home. She was born in Hyden in Leslie County on April 30, 1960 to the late Sherman and Lucille Bray Smallwood. A retired nurse's aide, she grew up in Middletown, OH and was a 1978 graduate of Madison High School. She enjoyed arts and crafts, as well as working puzzles, sewing, and coloring, and attended Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church in Brodhead.



Everyone loved Patricia. She was loving and caring and often opened her home to children in foster care. She stayed with and cared for her mother during her last years. But most of all, she was a loving mother. She will be most remembered for how much she loved and spoiled her grandchildren. The youngest will tell you that "Memaw never says 'no' to anything we want to do, unless someone might get hurt".

She leaves in this world: her husband of almost 24 years, Charles Dennis Hayes; her children, Amelia "Amy" Brangers-Miller and husband Dale of Stamping Ground, Paul David Maggard of Brodhead, and Travis Wayne Maggard and wife Ashley of Franklin, OH; a step-son, Christopher Hayes of Perryville; seven grandchildren, Mary Katelyn Maggard, Matthew Brangers, Paul Bradley Maggard, Olivia Brangers, Kendall Maggard, Emilee Maggard, and Sophia Brangers; and one great grandchild, Lyndon Hardy. A brother, Clarence Wayne Smallwood of Florida also survives. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Bessie Ann Smallwood Rice.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Randal Adams, pastor of Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Matthew Hayes, Steve Hayes, Kendall Maggard, Travis Maggard, Kim Mason, and Dale Miller.

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Anna Gibson

Anna Marie Sellers Gibson, 78, of Mt. Vernon, was called home on Monday, May 27, 2024 at her home. She was born in Pulaski County on March 7, 1946, the daughter of the late Charlie and Lelia New Sellers of Sloans Valley. She was a member of Sloans' Valley Baptist Church. She enjoyed thrifting and spending time with her family and friends.



She is survived by: her daughters, Lelia Heath and husband Shawn, Evett Gibson, and Emily Cromer and husband Jason; a son-in-law, Mike Hayes; a brother, Bernie Sellers; six grandchildren, Kayla, Jessie, Melissa, Sarah, Brooklyn, and Jaxon; and four great grandchildren, Addy, Cayden, Liam, and Wyatt. Her good friend and neighbor, Ruth Owens, also survives. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Arnold Gibson; children, Donald and Sheila; and an infant grandson, Alexander.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at Alpine Park in Pulaski County. Burial will follow in Sloans Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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• Reunions •

Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion

The Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion will be held Saturday, June 15, 2024, noon till ?? at Roundstone Baptist Church.

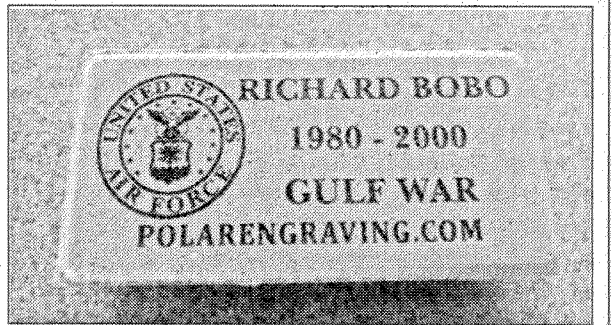
Please help us spread the word to all family members as to the date and location. Please bring a covered dish and join us.

Also, if you will provide us with a mailing address, e-mail address or phone number of any other relatives, we will gladly provide them a notification of this and future reunions. Jesse Thacker, 606-308-4308; Brenda Chappell, 606-256-5275; E-Mail, jwthacker10@gmail.com.

“Walk of Honor” Fundraiser

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

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



Things Which Destroy Peace

1. Contention. (Prov.26:21) As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to inflame strife. Note carefully the comparison: a contentious person is to strife what wood is to fire. Wood keeps fire burning, and contention keeps strife kindled.

2. Vengeance. We must live and associate with imperfect people just like ourselves. In the course of time, it is easy to feel that someone has wronged us. This maybe true, and it maybe no more than a figment of our imagination. Even though it is true, we should not seek punishment, but rather should leave it with the Lord to handle at the proper time in His own way. (Rom.12:19) Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance Is MINE, I WILL REPAY, saith the Lord.

3. A self-willed spirit. Trouble will come when a person is set on having his own way regardless of the wishes of others. If it must always be my way or else, this attitude will lead to strife. It is easy to see the wisdom of God in making this statement, that elders must not be selfwilled. (Tit.1:7) For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God: not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre.

4. Bitterness, wrath, and anger. (Eph.4:31) Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: These evil traits tend to break the peace of a family, church, or community; for they will break forth in word and deed and do injury. (Prov.29:22) An angry man stirreth up strife. He who is incapable of controlling himself is unable to handle critical situations, because he is unable to make good decisions. (Eph.4:26) Be ye angry and sin not; but let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

5. Foolish and ignorant questions. (2 Tim.2:23) But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. Questions which do not come from a trained habit of thinking are to be declined.

6. A desire for power and preeminence. This has led to conflicts of both minor and major proportions, from fisticuffs to world wars. It has led to struggle and strife in the church. Listen to John: (3 John verse 9) I wrote unto the church: Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. A church with a man like Diotrephes, is sure to have trouble, it is just a matter of time.

7. Corrupt speech. (Eph.4:29) Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Hasty words create strife; so, we are commanded: (Jas.1:19) Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

Thank you for reading this article. We have free Bible correspondence courses, articles to read and videos to watch, on our Facebook. (Remember God Loves You). We want to know what you think. Give us a call or e-mail us at the listing below.

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Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

Cemetery Notices

Briarfield Cemetery

Donations can 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.

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, payable to Tami Chapman (please note in memo line, for Roberts/Old Freedom Cemetery).

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.

Marethburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Marethburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Livesay Cemetery

Please send donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Livesay Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Sand Hill Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing of the Sand Hill Cemetery to Brady Hensley, 2683 Sand Hill Rd., Livingston, KY 40445. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Saylor Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of the Saylor Cemetery can be sent to: Saylor Cemetery Fund, c/o Susan Daugherty, 5237 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 or to Patty Isaacs, 104 Arrowhead Dr., Berea, Ky. 40403.

Please make checks payable to: Saylor Cemetery Fund.

For any questions, call 859-200-9230.

Maret Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of the cemetery can be mailed to: Sandra Dailey Ramsey, 245 Sunset Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Three Links

Cemetery

Donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Three Links Phillips Cemetery may be sent to Joyce Phillips, 3967 Three Links Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Maple Grove

Cemetery

Donations are being taken for upkeep of the Maple Grove Cemetery. Donations can be given to: Joy Hampton, Darla Reams, Penny Cameron and Vicky Ruggles.

There will be a money drop box at the cemetery or you may go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit to the cemetery's account or call Penny Cameron at 758-4476.

High Dry Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of High Dry Cemetery can be sent to High Dry Cemetery Fund, c/o Coy Cromer, 1058 Rank Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Please make checks payable to HDCE.

Signal office closed
on Wednesdays

Taps played on Main Street this Memorial Day

If you were in Downtown Mount Vernon at 3:00 PM on Memorial Day you would have seen and heard Brett Owens a resident of Mount Vernon, Kentucky and a member of the Troopers Legacy Drum and Bugle Corps from Casper, Wyoming participate in Taps Across America. Brett played Taps outside Triangle Park to memorialize those who have served our country.

Taps is a bugle call sounded to signal "lights out" at the end of a military day. It is also used during patriotic memorial ceremonies and military funerals. Taps consists of 24 notes Arranged by General Daniel Butterfield that produce a haunting melody that leads the listener to rest

easily. It's use dates back to as early as 1860. Although it was not officially adopted by the United States Army until 1874 it became a custom of both the Union and Confederate Armies during the Civil War.

Taps Across American is intended to Honor, Reflect and Remember those who served our country. On Memorial Day, Americans remember those who have died in military service to the United States. THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE is an annual event that asks all citizens, wherever they are at 3:00 p.m. local time, to pause for a duration of one minute in silent tribute to the men and women who have honorably served in uni-

form and to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

The time 3 p.m. was chosen because it is the time when most Americans are enjoying time off from work for the national holiday. The Moment was first proclaimed in May 2000 for Memorial Day that year, and was put in law by the United States Congress in December 2000.

TAPS ACROSS AMERICA is an all-inclusive patriotic event that honors our nation's veterans each year on Memorial Day. It provides an opportunity for all musicians of any age or ability the honor of sounding live Taps in recognition of the sacrifice of those veterans that have passed in service to

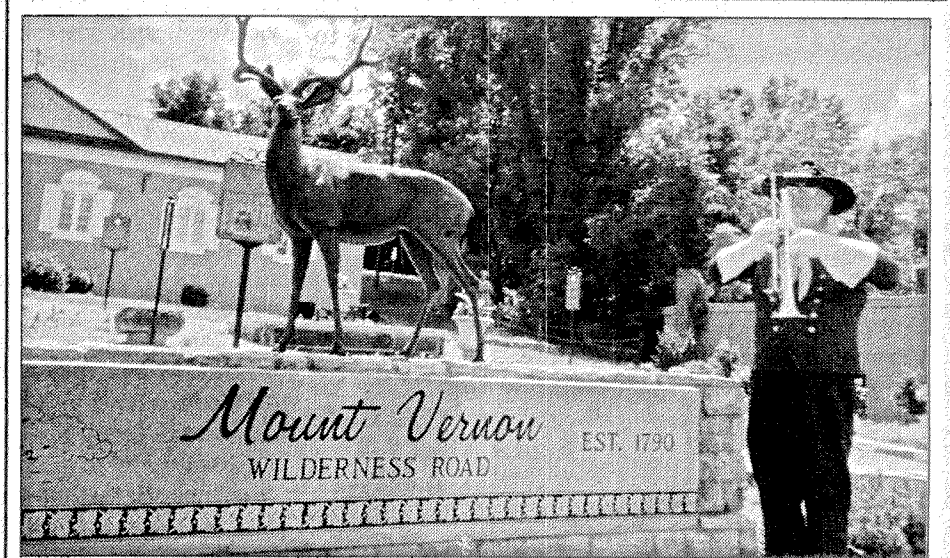
their country.

TAPS ACROSS AMERICA originally began in 2015 by retired Air Force bugler Jari Villanueva and took off nationally in 2020 during the pandemic when pic-

nics, parades, and other celebrations were cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

The response was overwhelming: More than 10,000 musicians joined in a nationwide

salute to remember fallen service members. TAPS ACROSS AMERICA brings the country together, offering everyone an opportunity to Honor, Reflect and Remember in the true spirit of Memorial Day.



Brett Owens played Taps at the Mount Vernon History Garden.

Celebrate

(Continued from front) is not free," he said.

"Freedom is not something we can pass to our children through our bloodline," he said. "It is something we must fight for to provide it to future generations."

Bowman asked all present to leave the ceremony with the knowledge that the freedom they are enjoying today, was earned by the blood

of those who never got out of their uniform.

After Bowman's heart warming speech, guests stood to read the names of every Rockcastle County veterans who never made it home.

The VFW is also seeking donations, through a Walk of Honor program. Anyone may purchase a brick paver for the walkway by contacting Richard Bobo at 606-308-2271.



City Administrator Jim Bowman spoke during the Rockcastle Memorial Day celebration.

Elect

(Continued from front) Donald Trump and Joseph Biden already had enough assigned delegates to clinch their spot in the November 5th General Elections well before Kentuckians went to the polls. However, Trump picked up another 46 delegates, after he dominated the Kentucky elections on the Republican side and President Joe Biden dominated the Democrat side. Five Kentucky delegates went to "uncommitted" in Kentucky's primary.

State wide, there are 3,490,967 registered voters and 443,547 of those cast a ballot last Tuesday. While Biden received 131,440 votes, Trump received 214,932. Biden received 71% of the Democrat vote while Trump received 84% of the Republican vote. In Kentucky, 48% of registered voters are Democrat and 42% are Republican.

Republican Congressman Hal Rogers received 39,423 votes throughout the state and 1,289 came

from Rockcastle County.

In Rockcastle County, there are 12,451 registered voters. Of those, 1,660 cast a ballot last Tuesday. County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen said there were 1,547 Republican votes cast and 113 Democrat votes. Some votes were cast early but on Election Day, 1,288 republican votes were cast while 82 Democrats cast a ballot. Only 2% of voters who cast their ballot this election, did so before Election Day, Allen said.

In Rockcastle County, Trump was the top vote getter with 1,413 votes, which is 97% of the Republican vote, over his nearest competitor, Nikki Haley, who received only 41 votes. However, Biden's nearest competitor was "uncommitted" which received 15 votes to Biden's 78.

The General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5th and will include the race for President, State Representative, Congressman and several local elections.

Building

(Continued from front) Lamb Construction, of Conway, has been retained to handle the demolition, according to Bowman, and work is expected to begin soon.

"There is always some paperwork that has to be done and we are working on it now," he said. "We are glad things are happening because we had hoped the building would

be gone before Bittersweet and other events on Main Street."

What will happen to the space, after demolition, is apparently still up for debate. "As far as we know right now, it will just be an empty, clean lot," Bowman said. "But at least it (the demolition) should happen pretty soon and will look so much better."

Rescue

(Continued from front) "This device will help us remove farmers trapped in an engulfment of grain," said Bullock. "It allows us to place a barrier wall around them and use the auger to remove the grain around them,

freeing the victim."

Rescue workers utilize many other tools during such a rescue, including ropes, ventilation fans and power tools, but this device makes such rescues possible.

Bullock and Chief John Dyehouse will be

teaching state rescue classes using the device. "We had the ability to teach such classes before but this device creates a new level of life saving and we can make a difference across the entire state," Bullock said.

This is the only known

grain bin rescue system in the county and, along with Brodhead's other specialized training and equipment, this device helps bring the department into a widely-recognized premier rescue department, according to officials.



Members of the Brodhead and Western Rockcastle Fire Department and Kentucky Farm Bureau stand with the new grain bin rescue device. Shown from left are Marlene Lawson, Tommy Mink, Randall Thacker, Terry Lawson, James Ballinger, Barry Carol, Mark Dyehouse, John Dyehouse, Garry Hurst, Roy Reynolds, J.J. Clark, Makenzie Clark, John Lawson, Carla Parsons, Doug Brock, Brenda Parsons and John King.

Nancy Hale named 2024 Tony Turner Leader of the Year

Nancy Hale has been named the 2024 Tony Turner Leader of the Year by the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation. Hale was presented the award during a dinner and ceremony at the 36th Annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference held on April 23 and 24th in Corbin.

"I appreciate the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation for presenting me with this award and for all the family and friends who interrupted their busy schedules to be with me

tonight," said Hale. Hale was selected for this prestigious award for years leading Operation Hale's journey with Operation UNITE, which began in 2003 when she was appointed its president and CEO. Under her stewardship, UNITE evolved into a multi-faceted initiative, tackling drug trafficking, providing treatment resources, and fostering community education. Hale's approach is holistic. She understands that eradicating drug abuse requires more than just enforcement; it demands compassion and understanding. Thus, UNITE operates on a three-pronged strategy: law enforcement, treatment, and education. Through partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, they target drug traffickers, dismantling their networks while ensuring those struggling with addiction receive the help they need.

However, Hale's vision extends beyond immediate intervention. She believes in empowering communities to break the cycle of addiction. UNITE's educational programs reach schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods, fostering awareness and prevention. By engaging with youth, they instill resilience and equip them with tools to resist substance abuse. Moreover, Hale advocates for policy reforms to address the root causes of addiction. She lobbies for increased access to treatment, supports harm reduction strategies, and champions initiatives to combat poverty and unemployment, factors exacerbating drug abuse. Hale's impact reverberates far beyond Appalachia. Her innovative strategies have garnered national recognition, inspiring similar initiatives nationwide. She serves as a consultant and advisor, shar-

ing her expertise in combating substance abuse on a broader scale.

The Foundation established the Tony Turner Award after the untimely death of Tony Turner, a media personality and broadcaster with WYMT. Turner's commitment to the region and his unflinching belief in its people led to the creation of an award in his name given when an individual demonstrated those attributes.

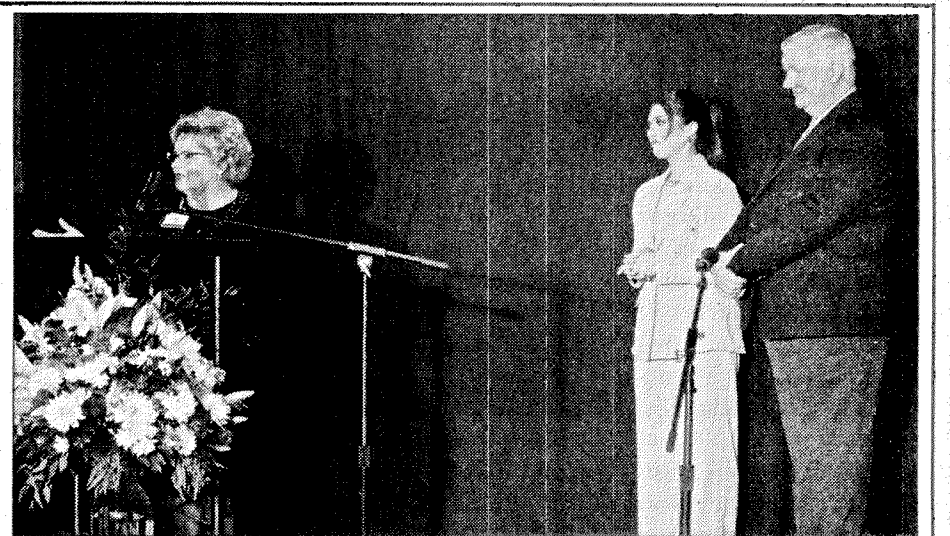
The 2024 Leadership Awards were also presented to Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers for Public Individual and Marion and Terry Forcht for Private Individuals. The Culture/Arts Award went to muralist Lacy Hale, while the Media/Technology Award went to photographer Malcolm Wilson. Hunter Combs was awarded the 2024 Youth Leadership Award, and Wayne Riley received the Carolyn Sundry Award.

Meth

(Continued from front) 206.6 grams (nearly half a pound) of methamphetamine.

McCann was arrested and the charges of trafficking in methamphetamine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon were added to the traffic violations.

According to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, the two passengers, Teddi Day and Jack McCormick, were also arrested and charged with the drug charges.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Christy Lynn Brumett, 62, East Bernstadt, disabled and Paul Edward Brumett, 65, East Bernstadt, school custodian. 5/10/24

Bonnie Jean Matthews, 44, Mt. Vernon, self-employed and Justin Bo Lykins, 46, Mt. Vernon, self-employed. 5/10/24

Ashley Jan Knuckles, 35, Barbourville, receptionist, and Charlie Anderson Griffin, 37, Mt. Vernon, construction. 5/10/24

Candace Elizabeth Hope Mahaffey, 20, Berea, Rockcastle County Schools and Christian Halek Payne, 19, Mt. Vernon, patient access representative. 5/16/24

Ashley Lynn Newland, 27, Mt. Vernon, nurse and Noah James Earwood, 28, Mt. Vernon, chef. 5/17/24

Emma Grace Price, 19, Brodhead, dental assistant and Matthew Frank Maples, 33, Brodhead, CDL driver. 5/17/24

Destiny Renee Peters, 24, Mt. Vernon, PSR and Jarod Clay Robinson, 25, Mt. Vernon, masonry. 5/18/24

Kaitlyn Emily Smith, 22, Mt. Vernon, administrative assistant and Isaac Hunter Stratton, 24, Mt. Vernon, Renfro Valley, PT Tech. 5/20/24

Deeds Recorded

Sandra C. Cromer, property in Rockcastle County, to Allison Guinn. No tax

DGS Development, Ltd, property on Shady Grove Farms, to John A. and Stephanie L. Haley. Tax \$32.50

Robert E. and Julie B. Phillips, James Payne property in Rockcastle County, to Matson Douglas and Megan Diane Henderson. Tax \$289

Jesse Allen and Rachel Wright, property on Old Brush Creek Rd., to Patricia Lee Glandon. Tax \$157

William Lee and Mary Ellen Gadd, property on Brodhead-Conway Road, to James Isaacs. Tax \$30

Charles DeBorde, property in Rockcastle County, to Paula DeBorde. No tax

Charles DeBorde and Paula DeBorde, property in Rockcastle County, to Charles DeBorde. No tax

Linda and George Taylor, property in Rockcastle County, to Matthew Stanton Crutcher. Tax \$100

Jackie D. and Larry Lunsford, property on Copper Creek Road, to Chrystal and William Rice. No tax

James Edward and Eula Jayne Jones, property in Rockcastle County, to Dreen Crispino Parsley. Tax \$51

Tanner and Rachel Perkins, property in McCall Knob Subdivision, to Christopher and Dalis Idis. Tax \$334

Robert Payne and Samantha Howard, property on Sand Springs Road, to Robert Payne. No tax

Sue H. Ford Rentals, LLC, property on Williams St., to We Store It,

LLC. Tax \$61
Roland E. and Linda S. Tankersley, property in Rockcastle County, to Horse Lick Farm, LLC. Tax \$500

Nancy Maupin and Donnie Northern, property on Friendship Road, to Michaela Dawn and Peyton Bowman.

John and Connie Hamm and Jim and Bonnie Neeley, property in Sunny Side Estates, to Glean Tipton. Tax \$20

Laura and John Kidwell, property in Rockcastle County, to Laura Mobley. No tax

Joyce and James R. Hazlewood, Donald Keith and Karen Sowder and Betty Burdette, property on Trinity Lane, to Betty L. Burdette. Tax \$37

Gene Isaacs, property on McClure Road, to Mark and Patricia Isaacs. No tax

District Civil Suits

District Civil Suits
Wilshire Consumer Credit v. Freddy Robinson, \$2,366 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Ricky Healy, \$861 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Joseph Gates, \$1,878 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Jason Proctor, \$1,164 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. James Copenhaver, \$4,252 plus claimed due.

Denali Capital, LLC v. James Carpenter, \$2,084 plus claimed due. C-00093

Circuit Civil Suits

American Car Mart, Inc., v. Donnie R. Barnett, Jr., \$8,928 plus claimed due.

Cabinet for Families and Children v. Darren Joe Bennett, complaint for child support and medical support.

Onemain Financial Group, LLC v. Makayla O. Singleton, \$9,816 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Nikki Houk, complaint for child support and medical support.

Sheila Jean Means v. Robert Ryan Means, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Discover Bank v. Ronnie Reppert, \$8,498 plus claimed due.

Kara Elizabeth Coomer v. Anthony Dylan Comer, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Velocity Investments, LLC v. Troy Clark, \$6,430 plus claimed due.

Harley-Davidson Credit Corp. v. Christopher Scott Barnes, complaint for possession of personal property. CI-00127

District Court

May 13-15, 2024

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Ren Louis Alvey: fines/fees due (\$793), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Cody Badgett: operat-

ing motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended up to 6 months/ADE authorized.

Marsha S. Banks: fines/fees due (\$188), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Brian Blann: careless driving, \$50 fine plus costs.

Curtis Broughton: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Donald Travis Brown: fines/fees due (\$25), bw issued for fta/one days in jail or payment in full.

Deanan Childress: public intoxication, 90 days in jail/costs merged.

Anthony P. Datillo: operating vehicle w/expired operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Miguel Delgado Rodriguez: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Gary Dewayne Dennis: fines/fees due (\$218), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Christopher Devine: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

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

Kristin T. Elam: operating motor vehicle under influence substance, possession controlled substance, 1st degree possessin of cS/Opiate, possession of marijuana, trafficking in controlled substance, license to be in possession, failure to owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, controlled substance prescription not in original container, bw issued for fta.

Aaron French: fines/fees due (\$823), bw issued for fta/18 days in jail or payment in full.

Joshua Clark Hamilton: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Randall Scott Hamm: fines/fees due (\$313), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full.

Joseph Shawn Holsing: fines/fees due (\$148), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Bruce S. Hoskins: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to wear seat belts, possess open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jessica Jane Johnson: fines/fees due (\$193), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Kennith B. Johnson: speeding, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

John H. Marcum: DUI, first offense, \$200 fine plus costs, \$25 service fee, license suspension up to six months, ADE authorized.

Sheila McClure: DUI, 1st offense, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months, ADE authorized.

Darwin McGuire: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for failure to appear, four days in jail or payment in full.

Hunter Jay Messer: no/

expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.

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

Terry Montjoy: fines/fees due (\$168), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Jeffrey Mullins: operating motor vehicle under influence of substances, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months/ADE authorized.

Brooke Shay Nicely: fines/fees due (\$379.25), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Nickie James Perry: disregard/fail to yield right of way, \$25 fine plus costs.

Amy Michele Philbeck: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended up to six months, ADE authorized.

Eric Christopher Philbeck: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$1,000 fine plus costs.

Anthony R. Powell: fines/fees due (\$193), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Anthony Gabriel: speeding and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.

Brandy Snowden: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

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

Daniel Jonathon Yeary: fines/fees due (\$400), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Allen Roberts: violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O., six months in jail/

probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Christine Edna Crabtree: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; No/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine plus costs.

Justin Ray Cruse: fraudulent use of a credit card, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Matthew Steven Rudoff, Richard Emory Brennan, Joshua Jay Davis, Villalobos Gallo, Wesley Trey Sweeten, Jose Alfredo Hernandez, license suspended for fta; Ricky Shawn Hoskins, Agustin G. Lopez, \$38 fine plus costs; Donna J. Jones, \$50 fine plus costs.

Demarcus Octavian Galashaw: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Pamela M. Deary: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Kaylar Goff-Thompson: contempt, 30 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition.

Joseph Earnest Hughes: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months, ADE authorized.

Joshua Nicholas Johnson: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, careless driving, no/expired registration plates - KY registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta.

William Berkley Lewis: speeding, \$40 fine; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security,

\$500 fine; Failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine.

Timothy Martin: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Clinton Dean McCown: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

John C. McCoy: no/expired registration plates - KY registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no motorcycle operators license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Michael E. McFerron: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months, ADE authorized.

Logan Prewitt: disregarding signals from officers directing traffic, \$25 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; rear license not illuminated, \$25 fine plus costs.

Nathan S. Renner: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; no motorcycle operators license, \$50 fine plus costs.

Phillip Andrew Spoonamore: operating motor vehicle under influence of substances, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months/ADE authorized.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of **Evans Ln (CR-1217)**.

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of **Evans Ln (CR-1217)**.

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:

To End County Maintenance at 328 ft. on **Evans Ln (CR-1217)**.

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

Does the portion of **Evans Ln (CR-1217)** proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: June 11, 2024

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

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

This the 15th day of May, 2024

/s/ Howell Holbrook

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of **Shady Grove Rd (CR-1225)**.

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of **Shady Grove Rd (CR-1225)**.

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:

To End County Maintenance at 9,320 ft. onto **Shady Grove Rd (CR-1225)**.

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

Does the portion of **Shady Grove Rd (CR-1225)** proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: June 11, 2024

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

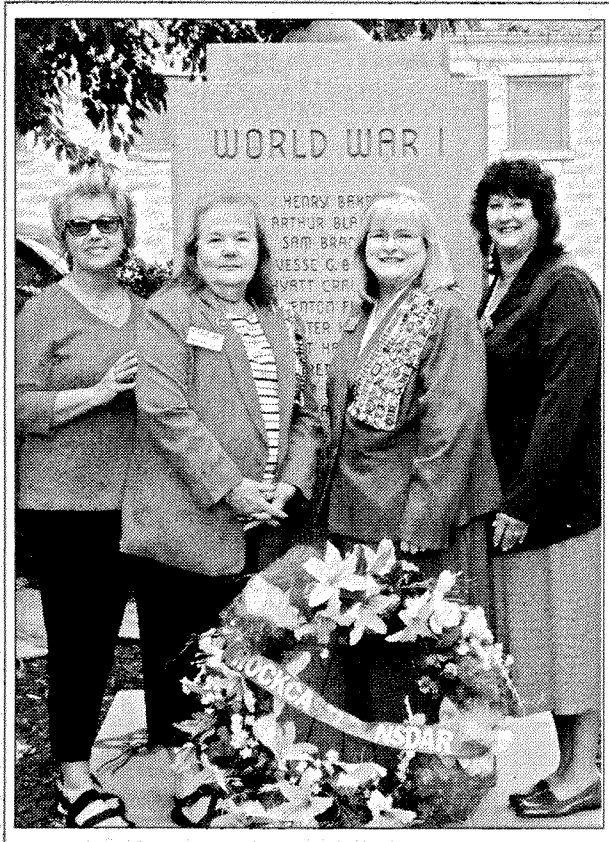
A copy of this Notice shall be posted at the Courthouse, in the vicinity of the roadway affected, and published two (2) times in the *Mount Vernon Signal*.

This the 15th day of May, 2024

/s/ Howell Holbrook

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

DAR places wreaths at local memorial sites



Photos submitted

Rockcastle Chapter DAR placed wreaths at the courthouse war memorial; at the monument of unknown soldiers at Elmwood Cemetery and one was also placed at Newcomb Cemetery where African American Civil War soldiers rest. The final wreath was placed at the grave of David M. Smith, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Shown above at each site are Brenda Lovell, Sharon Lovell, Debbie Brown and Karen Adams



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ACROSS

- 1) Archaeological find
- 6) Beaver's work
- 9) Is spellbinding
- 14) Courage or spunk
- 15) Tokyo, formerly
- 16) Divide the deck again
- 17) Lyric poem
- 18) "Have some"
- 19) Animator Tex
- 20) Large sailing ships
- 23) Drone, e.g.
- 24) Boy
- 25) Became gradually smaller
- 27) Ambling
- 32) "___ No. 1!"
- 33) Ashes holder
- 34) Oscar category
- 36) TV genre
- 39) Folk singer Redbone
- 41) Great balls of fire
- 43) Make asymmetrical
- 44) Let down
- 46) Trades
- 48) In-flight info, for short
- 49) Cause serious injury to
- 51) Dangerous long-tailed fish

- 53) Heavy hydrogen, e.g.
- 56) Affectionate utterance
- 57) Well-used pencil
- 58) Discharge of lightning
- 64) "All My Children" vixen
- 66) Took charge
- 67) Young snakelike fish
- 68) Another archaeological find
- 69) Gay Nineties, for one
- 70) Superman Christopher
- 71) Milk-Bone biscuit, e.g.
- 72) "Rob ___" (Sir Walter Scott novel)
- 73) Wander off

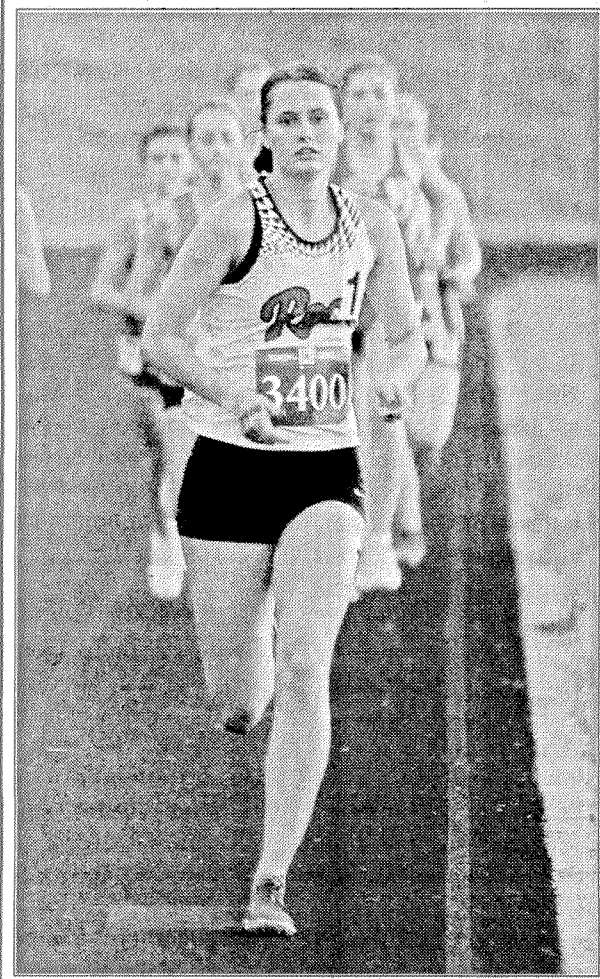
DOWN

- 1) Old World duck
- Arizona Indian
- Impulse transmitter
- Enigma
- They play music for parties
- Consider to be
- Sandler of Hollywood
- Bach composition
- Comprehended
- Gun, as an engine
- Arctic ship
- Blender button

- 13) Penned up the pigs
- 21) "Bye"
- 22) Cold and wet
- 26) Blows it
- 27) Ponder (with "over")
- 28) Popular cookie
- 29) Leisure-time winter vehicle
- 30) Some party treats
- 31) Chews like a chipmunk
- 35) "Dang!"
- 37) Intro to physics?
- 38) "Off with you!"
- 40) Tidy
- 42) Paprika, e.g.
- 45) It's read to a misbehaving child
- 47) Makers of dins at inns
- 50) Dash abbr.
- 52) Fancy drinking glass
- 53) Dead to the world
- 54) More likely
- 55) Calculus pioneer
- 59) Infamous fiddling emperor
- 60) "Saving Private Ryan" re-enactment
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- 63) Deuce topper
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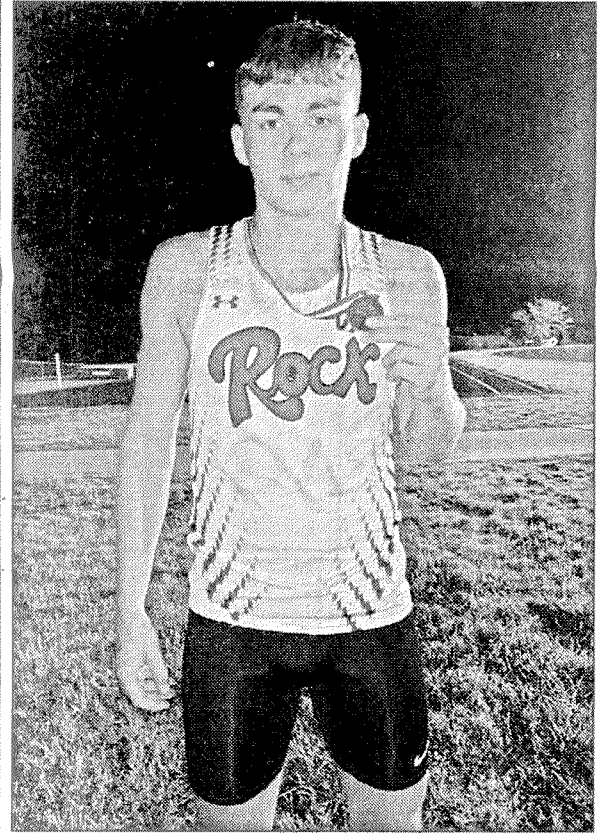
SPORTS

Region Champ



Senior Lexi Dotson won the Class 2A Region 5 in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:21.99. Dotson will now compete in the state tournament this Friday.

Region Champ



Senior Trent Wilson is the Class 2A Region 5 winner in the 200 Meter Dash with a new PR time of 22.85. Wilson also finished second in the 400 Meter Dash with a new school record time of 50.74. Wilson will now compete in the state tournament Friday in both events.

• State Qualifiers •

200 Meter Dash

Trent Wilson
Carter Powell

400 Meter Dash

Trent Wilson
Carter Powell

800 Meter Run

Lexi Dotson

4x200 Relay

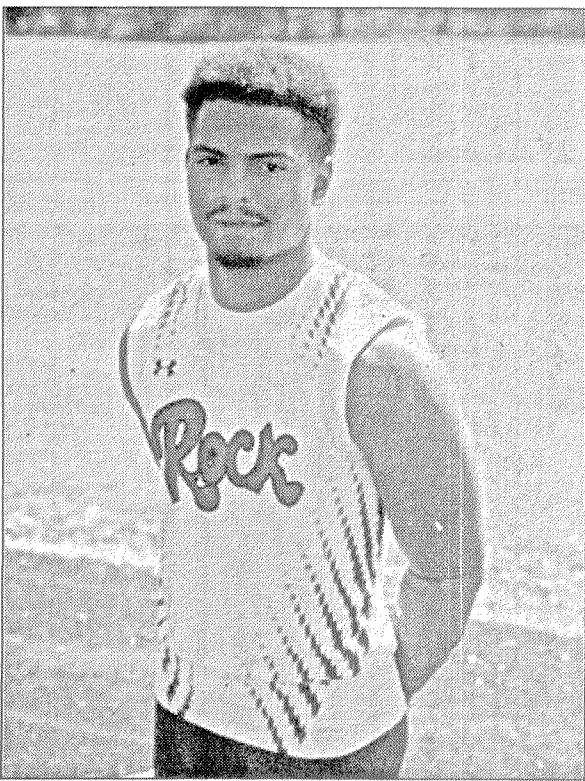
Isaiah Jackson
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Caleb Moore
Trent Wilson

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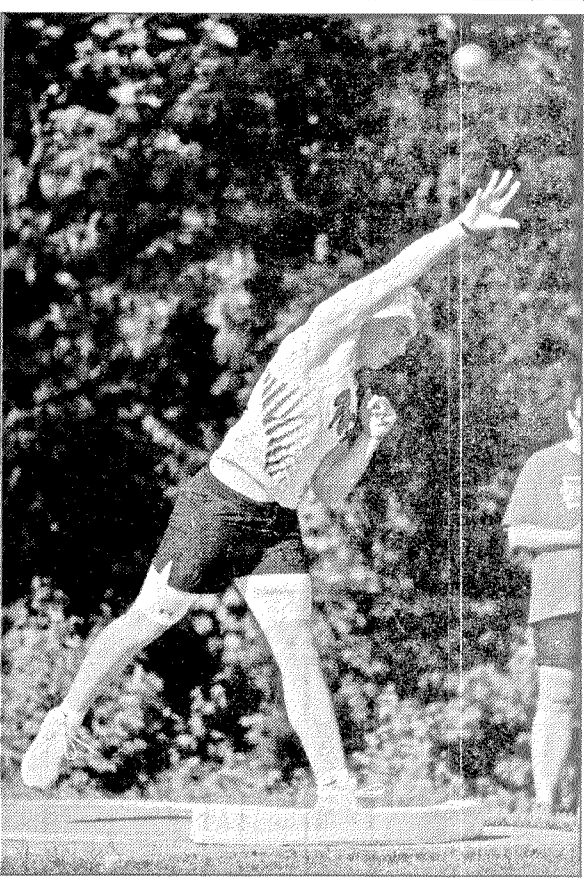
Trinity Childress

Region Champs

The 4x200 Meter Relay team of Caleb Moore, Isaiah Jackson, Carter Powell and Trent Wilson won the Class 2A Region 5 last week with a new school record time of 1:31.32. The team now competes in the KHSAA Class 2A State Track Meet Friday at the University of Kentucky.



Isaiah Jackson took fifth place in the region in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 11.63. Jackson's 2024 season PR came on March 29th with a time of 11.40.



Dillan Bullock finished 13th in the region in shot-put with a distance of 35-06.00. Bullock finished eighth in the region in discus with a distance of 103-08.00.

Qualify for state in five events

RCHS Track does well at regions

RCHS Track took part in the Class 2A Region 5 tournament last week at Mercer County and brought home three regional championships.

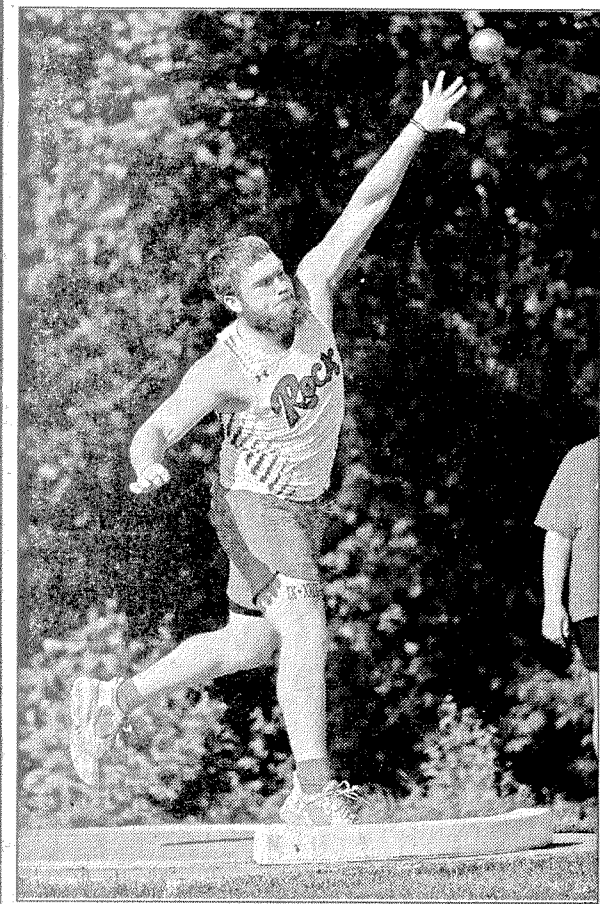
Senior Lexi Dotson won the region in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:21.0.

Senior Trent Wilson took first place in the region with a new PR time of 22.85 in the 200 Meter Dash.

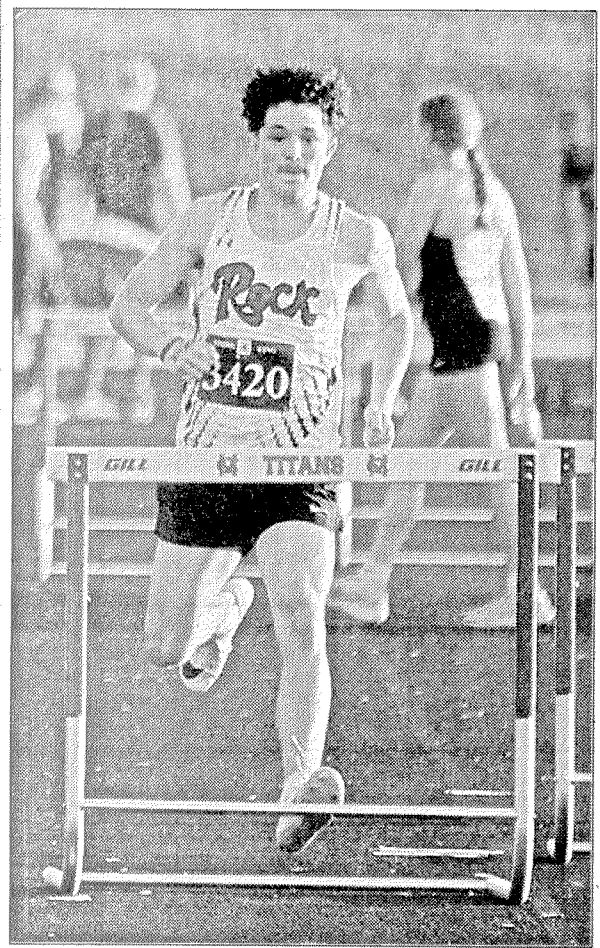
Also qualifying for state in the 200 Meter Dash was Carter Powell with a time of 23.07.

Wilson set a new school record in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 50.74 and a second place finish. Powell finished fourth with a time of 52.11. Both will now advance to state with their respective finishes.

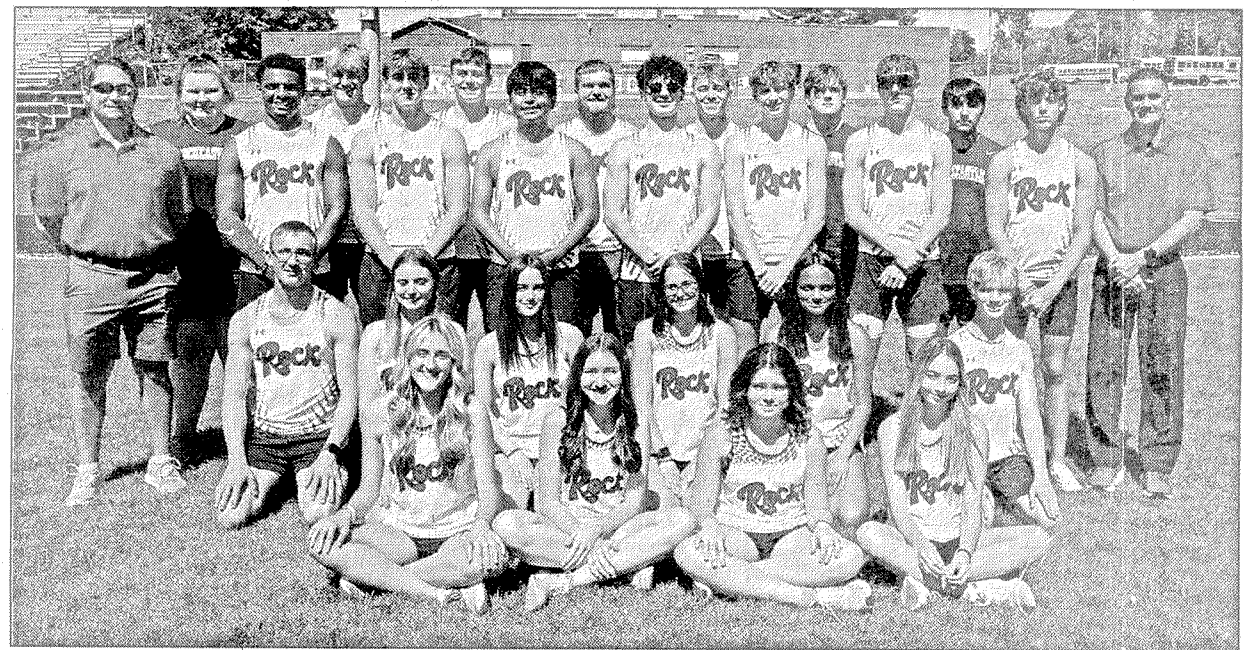
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Jai Denny finished 11th in the region in shot-put with a new PR of 36-04.00. Denny also finished 11th in discus with a throw of 97-01.00.



Senior Harper McCool competed in the 110 Meter Hurdles placing sixth, 300 Meter Hurdles placing ninth and the high jump placing eighth in the Class 2A Region 5 tournament held last week.



Members of the RCHS 2024 Track Team are shown above, front row from left: Destiny Bullen, Jayce Ramey, Addison Gilbert and Nevaeh Miller. Second row from left: Carter Powell, Trinity Childress, Chloe Wilson, Alexis Dotson, Rachael Patel and Gabe Clouse. Back row from left: Coach Izak McQueary, Lacie Laws, Isaiah Jackson, Creed Gabbard, Conner Wright, Trent Wilson, Brandon Valle, Jai Denny, Harper McCool, Dillan Bullock, Shadan Denny, Michael Camel, Ethan Weaver, Maddix Johnson, Chris Tomlinson and coach Jeff Tipton. Photo by Jamie Cornelius Photography.



Seniors Ella Bussell and Makayla Coffey were named to the 47th District All Season Softball Team last week for the Rockets.



Seniors Skyler Durham and Noah Phillips were named to the 47th District All Season Baseball Team last week for the Rockets.

“Track”
(Cont. from pg. 8)

The 4x200 meter relay team of Isaiah Jackson, Carter Powell, Caleb Moore and Trent Wilson brought home a region championship and a new school record with a time of 1:31.32.

The boys are fighting for a spot on the podium heading into the state tournament with the fourth best time in the state currently.

The final state qualifier was Trinity Childress with a fifth place finish in the Discus with a throw of 88-11.00.

Lacie Laws also competed and finished 18th in the region with a throw of 49-08.00.

Childress finished eighth in the region in shot-put with a distance of 23-07.00 and Laws finished 13th with a throw of 22-10.00.

Isaiah Jackson brought home a fifth place finish in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 11.63.

Harper McCool finished sixth in the region in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a time of 23.76. McCool placed ninth in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 46.70. McCool took part in the

high jump and brought home an eighth place finish with a jump of 5-02.00.

Dillan Bullock finished eighth in the Discus portion with a throw of 103-06.00 and Jai Denny placed 11th with a throw of 97-01.00.

Denny also placed 11th in the Shot-Put event with a PR of 36-04.00. Bullock finished 13th with a throw of 35-06.00.

Gabe Clouse competed in the 800 Meter Run and 1600 Meter Run and brought home 12th place region finishes in both. Clouse ran the 800 in 2:20.01 and the 1600 in 5:28.26.

Chloe Wilson competed in the Long Jump event and finished 11th with a jump of 12-08.50. Nevaeh Miller finished 16th with a jump of 11-09.00.

Hannah King placed 12th for the Rockets in the 1600 Meter run finishing in 7:22.98.

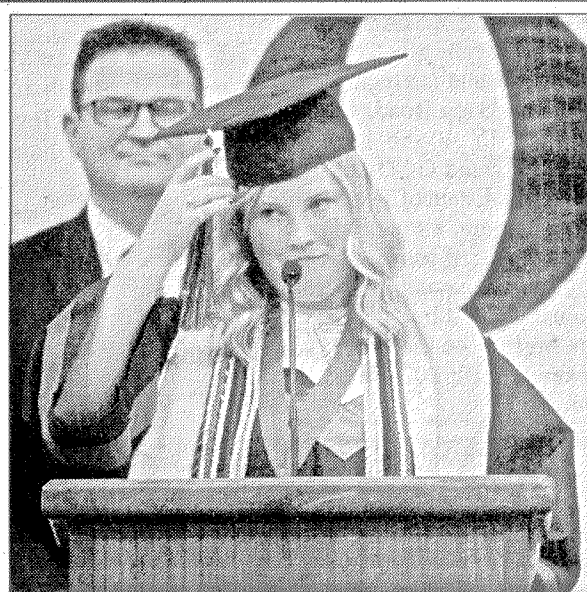
Rachael Patel took 20th place in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 16.98. Patel also took 19th in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 36.08.

Nevaeh Miller took 16th place in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 32.97.

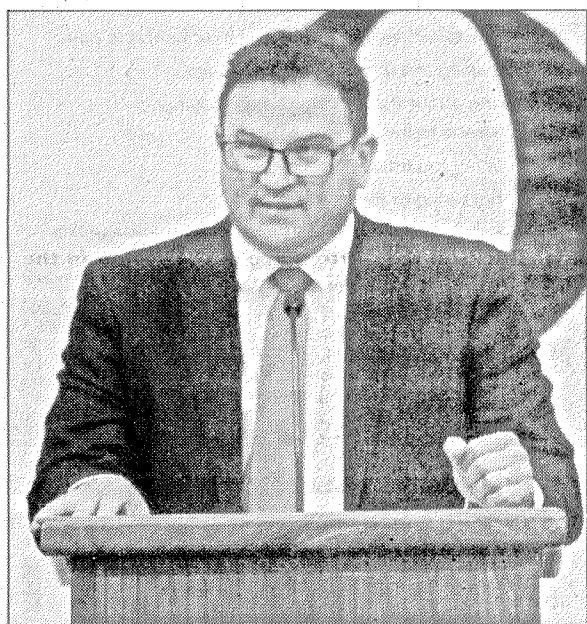
**Scenes from the
2024 RCHS Graduation**



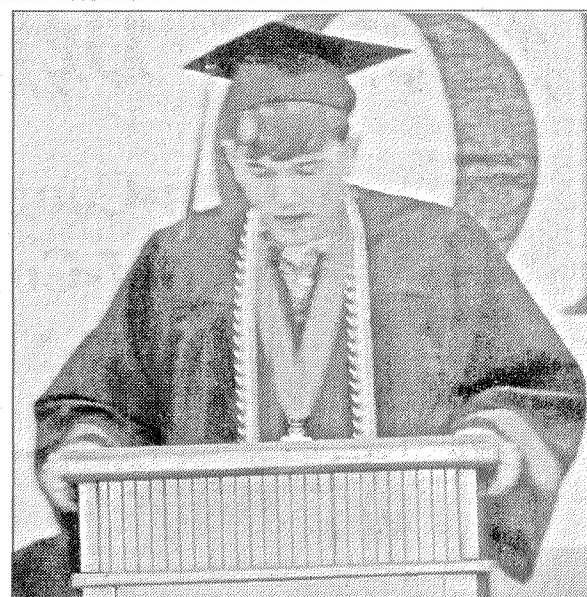
Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger presented diplomas to the 52nd Class of RCHS. Pictured receiving his diploma is Jeremiah Mikeworth.



Callie Bengel, Senior Representative of the Student Council, held the honor of leading the Changing of Tassels.



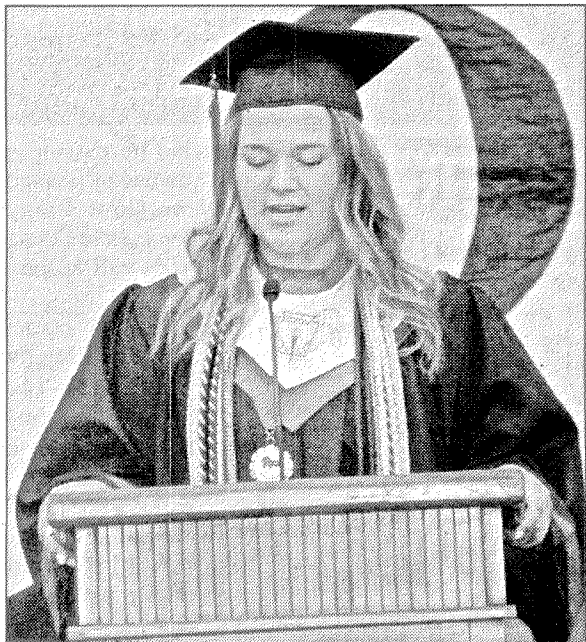
RCHS Principal J.D. Bussell delivered Special Recognitions during the 2024 Commencement.



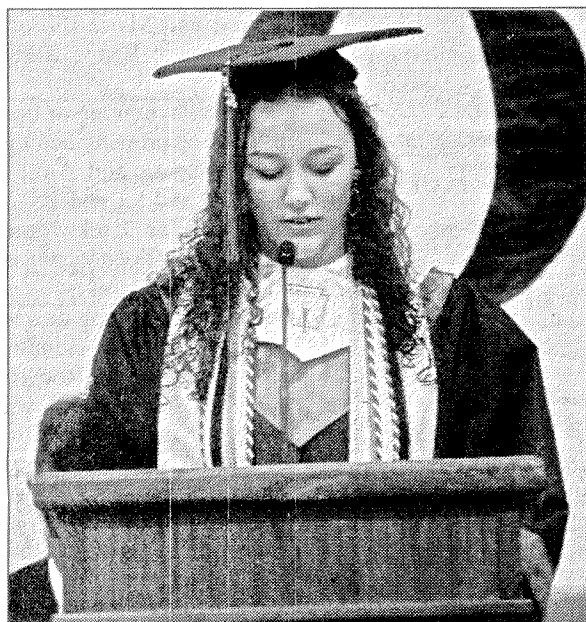
Senior Landon Reppert, FCA Leadership Team, led those in attendance of the 2024 Graduation with prayer.



Tammy Camel was the recipient of the Spirit of The Rock Award at this year's graduation ceremony. Presenting the award was senior Ella Bussell.



Ella Bussell, Senior Representative of the Student Council, gave the Senior Address during the 2024 Commencement at RCHS.



Kaliee Collins, Senior Representative of the Student Council, gave opening remarks at the Rockcastle County High School Commencement.

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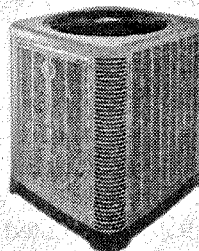
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baseball and softball, spe-
cifically Little League.

The concept of Little League began as an idea from Carl Stotz, a man from Williamsport, Pennsylvania. According to the website, little league.org. In 1938, Stotz "gathered several of the neighborhood children and experimented with different types of equipment and different field dimensions during the summer." A year later Stotz and his wife, Grayce, took the idea even further. The Stotz and their friends came up with the name Little League. "On June 6, 1939, in the very first Little League game ever played, Lundy Lumber defeated Lycoming Dairy, 23-8." In later years, the love of the game spread as other Little League programs sprung up."

"Little League International has become the world's largest organized youth sports program..." Little League creates opportunities for boys and

girls alike and gives children from all over the opportunity to play ball!

In June 1959, Rockcastle County joined in with the love of the game, creating their own Little League Program. In an article titled, "Mayor Pitches First Ball in League Games" published in the Thursday, June 11, 1959 issue, the first game for the Little League went to the Brodhead Dodgers, the results of a forfeit from the Mt. Vernon Braves. 9-0. "Lary Travis, playground director, said 'five members of the Braves team were present. An official game requires eight players. However, an exhibition game was played using a pick-up team.' The Dodgers defeated the pick-up team 13-1. Dodger pitcher Greg Ennis, and catcher Larry Kidwell knocked the only two home runs of the game."

The Little League game was a part of the opening of a new playground in Rockcastle County. Rockcastle Countians were excited about the prospect of opportunities for citizens. "Mt. Vernon Mayor Carl Brown officially opened the playground when he threw out the first ball, Monday afternoon in the Pony League Yankees versus Indians contest." Pony leagues were baseball and softball teams. It was a transition league for 13 and 14-year-old players designed for kids who

aged out of Little League baseball. In that first Pony League game, the Yankees defeated the Indians 16-0. The Signal reported that "Gary Coffey, Yankee pitcher, struck out 7 players. Robert Taylor was the catcher. Wayne Norton pitched for the Indians and Gary Noe caught.

A large part of the community came out to support these young players. The Signal reported that a total of 550 participants and fans were in attendance. The article goes on to report team rosters.

Brodhead Little League Dodgers: Stevie Benge, Gregory Ennis, Jerry Bradley, Eddie Ray Owens, Ronnie Bray, Stephen Owens, Prescott Wise, Ralph Mosley, Mike Lewis, Larry Kidwell, Robert Hopkins, Kenneth Parsons, Doug Bradley, Paul Cox, John Hopkins, and manager Tom Payne.

Pony League Brodhead Tigers: Bobby Singleton, Bobby McKinney, Billy Kurick, Mark Mckinney, Eddie McClure, Russell Wilson, Johnny Newland, Johnny Hamm, Danny Price, Phillip Owens, Denny Bingham, Ricky Collett, Ronnie Bradley, Finley Hendrickson, Leon Singleton, Rodney Dean Burcell, Mike Davis, and Johnny Burke.

Unfortunately, other rosters were not listed.

A second article was published the following week, June 18, 1959. The second article reported that playground attendance was increasing. "A total of some 1450 were at the playground during the first week, from June 8 to June 13, 1959.

The "Playground" located on the grounds of the Mt. Vernon City Schools, was something to behold in 1959. "Creosoted light poles have been erected around the ball

diamond...These poles support 20 electric lights of 1,500 watts each." The idea for the playground originated sometime around 1955-1956. Upon the opening the location provided for a number of sports: softball, baseball, volleyball, croquet, and

horseshoes were played at the Recreational facility.

Now, some 65 years later, Rockcastle Countians still show up at the ballpark. The Playground may be gone, but it was replaced with fields at the Brodhead Fairgrounds. Many of us

Rockcastle Countians have spent some time on a Little League team. I played Little League Ball back in the early 1970s and today many of my grandchildren play. I say buy me some peanuts and Crackerjacks and let's play ball!

Agricultural News

By: Lindsey New, FSA Director

Soybean Request for
Referendum to Begin
May 2024

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct the Soybean Request for Referendum May 6 through May 31, 2024, in county Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

The Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act requires USDA to conduct a Request for Referendum every five years to determine if producers want to vote on continuation of the Soybean Checkoff Program. The last Request for Referendum was conducted in 2019.

Individual producers and other producer entities may request a referendum at the county FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. Producers who do not participate in FSA programs may request a referendum through the county FSA office where they own or rent land.

To be eligible to participate, producers must certify and provide documentation that they produced soybeans and paid an assessment(s) on their soybeans during the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. Producers may obtain Form LP-51-1, Soybean Promotion and Re-

search Order Request for Referendum, by postal mail, fax or in person from their FSA county office. The form will be available on the United Soybean Board page of the AMS website, from May 6, 2024, to May 31, 2024.

Completed forms and supporting documentation must be returned to the appropriate county FSA office by fax or in person no later than close of business May 31, 2024. Mailed forms must be postmarked by midnight May 31, 2024, and received in the county FSA office by close of business, June 7, 2024.

USDA will conduct a referendum if a least 10 percent of the nation's 413,358 soybean producers support a referendum. Not more than one-fifth of the producers who support having a referendum can be from any one state.

Notice of the opportunity to request a referendum was published in the Federal Register Feb. 2, 2024.

The soybean checkoff program is administered by a 77-member producer board and is designed to expand uses of soybeans and soybean products in domestic and foreign markets. The national program is financed by a mandatory assessment of one-half of 1 percent of the net mar-

ket price of soybeans.

More information about the board is available on the United Soybean Board page and on the board's website, unitedsoybean.org. You may also contact Agricultural Marketing Specialist Jason Julian at (202) 731-2149 or Jason.Julian@usda.gov; or Jeana Harbison at (202) 527-3398 or Jeana.M.Harbison@usda.gov.

Committee Meeting Date: June 5th 2024 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 5.250%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct= 5.500%

Limited Resource Loans= 5.00%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%

Emergency Loans= 3.750%

Farm Storage Loans= 3 yrs. =4.625%, 5 yrs. =4.375%, 7 yrs. =4.375% 10 yrs. =4.375%, 12 yrs. = 4.500%

Commodity Loans= 6.125%

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

Welcome to Our Team

Introducing Crystal Brown, APRN

"I see myself as a patient advocate"

Rockcastle Regional is pleased to welcome Crystal Brown, APRN who has joined the provider team at Rockcastle Family Wellness as a board certified women's health nurse practitioner.

Brown earned her advanced practice registered nurse degree with a subspecialty in women's care from Emory University and has 23 years of experience in providing OB-GYN care to women in central Kentucky.

"I see myself as a patient advocate," said Brown. "My goal is to not dictate to my patients what they need, but instead empower them to make their own healthcare decisions by being fully-informed and confident in the information and quality of care they are receiving."

A native of Lincoln County, Brown currently resides in Waynesburg with her husband, Sammy. Together, they have two children, three granddaughters, and three grandsons.

To schedule an appointment with Crystal Brown, APRN, please call (606) 256-2961.



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