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## Advances to State Finals



The Rockcastle County High School boys golf team won its first KHSAA regional championship in school history on Tuesday, September 19th at the Region 10 Tournament. The Rockets shot a team score of 304 at Wasioto Winds State Park Course in Pineville to win the team title by 22 shots. Senior Jake Cromer shot a 1 under par 71 to win the individual regional championship, and 8th grader Conner Ford shot an even par 72 to finish runner-up. The golf team then competed in the KHSAA State First Round at Winchester Country Club on September 26th. The Rockets finished in the top three and advanced to the KHSAA State Championship Finals. Rockcastle is one of nine teams that will compete for a State Championship on October 6th and 7th at Bowling Green Country Club. Shown above are Region winning Rockets Golf Team from left: Coach John Ford, Dalton Deborde, Brody Hodges, Jake Cromer, Zeke Fain, Conner Ford, Coach Zach Gentry

## EMS workers nearly hit Tractor trailer hits fire truck at scene of local accident

By: Mike French  
Editor

It was a close call as local EMS workers, extracting a victim with the Jaws of Life, were nearly hit by an oncoming tractor trailer last week.

Most are aware of some of the dangers involved in firefighting but some may not be aware that each year, about seven American firefighters are struck and killed by passing vehicles while the firefighter is assisting at the scene of an accident, according to the First Responder Safety Organization.

Such a case nearly occurred in Rockcastle County last week when a fire truck, blocking firefighters who were extricating a victim from a vehicle, was struck by a passing tractor trailer, according to Brodhead Fire Department (BFD) officials.

As usual when rain falls, members of the Brodhead Fire Department were busy responding to two accidents, when they received another emergency call to assist with a third accident at Mount Vernon at Exit 59. BFD Rescue crew members arrived at the scene while first responders were extricating a victim of the accident with the Jaws of Life.

According to Brodhead Assistant

Chief Brian Bullock, BFD Engine 11 arrived at the scene and immediately assumed a protective position blocking the first responders on the ground from oncoming traffic as the firefighters are trained to do during TAM (Traffic Accident Management training.) "The weather was bad at the time," said Bullock. "Heavy rain, fog and road mist were present and the driver of a tractor trailer was unable to maintain

(See "Saved" on A5)

### Vote by Mail

The Online Absentee Portal is open September 23 through October 24, 2023 available for those who qualify to vote by mail. Visit website: govoteky.com

### Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9 at 6 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

### School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

### Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

### Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 in the third floor conference room at the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## High speed chase through Rockcastle

By: Mike French  
Editor

A dangerous high speed chase led Kentucky State Police Troopers through Rockcastle county on Tuesday, September 11.

The chase started north of Mount Vernon when police witnessed a Mercedes Benz traveling well in excess of speed limits on I-75 southbound.

According to the citation, Police arrested Hayli Phelps, 41 and Daven Devonte Allen, 31, both of Milwaukee, Wisconsin after the chase led through Rockcastle to Laurel County.

The citation says troopers chased the vehicle at high speed as the driver used the emergency lanes to pass traffic running from police. Phelps, the driver, took Exit 49 in Rockcastle

County but then crossed KY-909 back on to I-75. Police then backed away from the chase and deactivated emergency lights, the report said.

Phelps then exited at Exit 41 in London and

headed west on KY-80 where flat tires caused the vehicle to leave the roadway. The citation does not say how the tires became flat.

Once stopped, Allen

(See "Chase" on A5)

## Local Halloween plans complete

By: Mike French  
Editor

October has arrived as Rockcastle Countians prepare for the fall season and the Halloween holiday.

The ancient Celts believed that towards the end of each year (starting in November) the living and the dead overlapped

and that evil spirits roamed the face of the earth, according to the Smithsonian Magazine. In order to remain safe from the evil, spooky looking demons, people could dress in scary looking costumes and fool the demons into thinking they were one of them so that they would leave

them alone.

Such traditions held on for many years and eventually was observed in different forms centuries later but was eventually called All Hallows Eve which was the day before All Saint's Day. Over time the holiday had changed

(See "Plans" on A5)

## Fall Festivities about to fill Rockcastle streets

*Bittersweet  
Tractor Show  
Family Fun Day*

By: Mike French  
Editor

Don't forget this is the weekend of activity in both Brodhead and Mount Vernon as the highly anticipated 2023 Bittersweet Festival and the popular Southeast Kentucky Antique Tractor Show are both planned for this weekend.

### Bittersweet

The Bittersweet Festival on Main Street in Mount Vernon will begin with a car show on Thursday, October 5 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. and the festival itself will begin on Friday, October 6 at 4 p.m. with the live music of Donovan Howard, Tony Logue and The 184 and Tyler Booth.

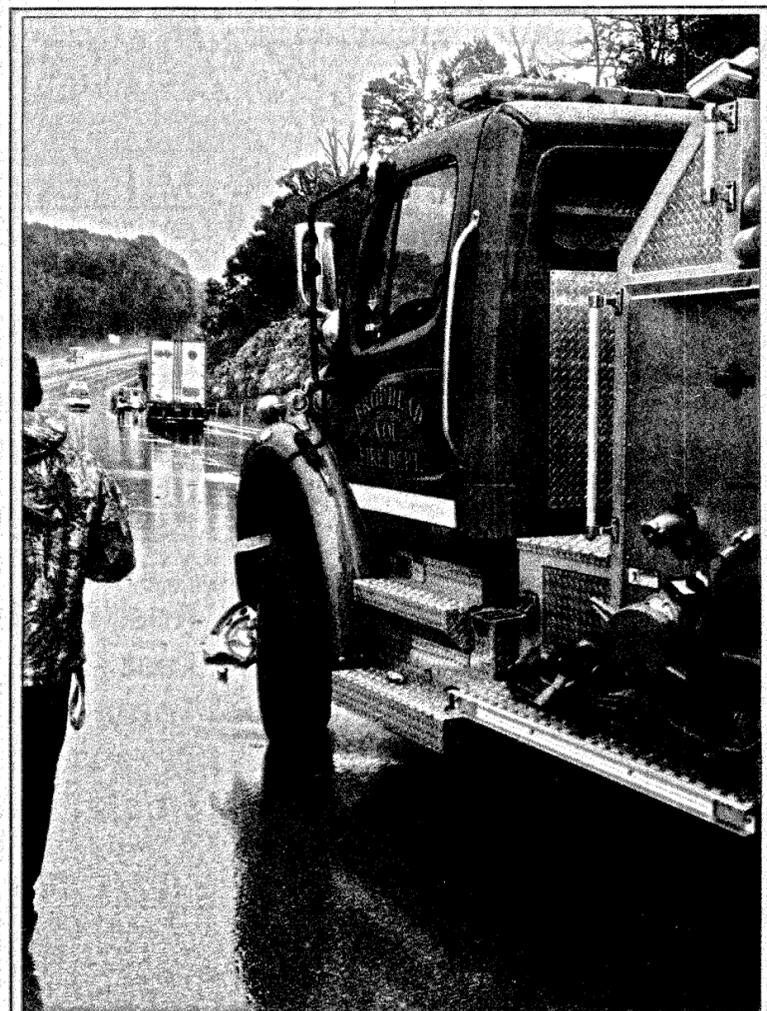
On Saturday, October 7 the live music will in-

clude Jaclyn Bullock, Rose Gold Windows, Lost Patience, Tone Control, Threaz Enuff and the Dooley Gang.

Among the many activities to enjoy during the festival, organizers have scheduled USWF Wrestling (Saturday 3-5), a rock climbing wall, a zip line, extreme trampoline, ice skating, inflatables, the Bittersweet Parade (Saturday at noon), vendors, arts and crafts, and much more.

The event, sponsored by the City of Mount Vernon, and the Mount Vernon-Rockcastle Tourist Commission, will include more activities than ever before and everyone is invited to attend the free event.

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Engine 11 potentially saved several local EMS workers when a tractor trailer struck the vehicle while blocking local EMS workers at an accident on I-75 last week.

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# Aces Over

By: Mike French



Before anyone can begin to understand the amount of national debt America currently has, we have to relate it to something. Here are some ways to think about it and try to grasp the truth.

If I gave you \$1,000 per day it would take almost three years to make you a million dollars. But it would take 2,800 years to give you one BILLION dollars. If I had been giving you \$1,000 every single day since Jesus walked the Earth, you still would not have one billion dollars today.

But get this, if I gave

you \$1,000 per day, every day, it would take 3 million years before you would make your first TRILLION dollars. Yes, 3 million years at \$1,000 every day.

Mars would have to be 4,440 times farther away to be ONE trillion miles away from Earth.

A trillion pennies would reach the moon and back. It is a number beyond our understanding. We can try to envision that number. It is so big we have nothing to relate it to. If you started counting right now, it would take almost 8,000

years to reach one trillion.

According to the Bible, if Adam and Eve started counting the moment God made them, they would still be counting and would still not have reached 1 trillion by now. That's how big the number is.

When one considers America is \$33 trillion in debt it becomes obvious that such a sum cannot be repaid.

The number is so big it is almost an imaginary number. No human can hold a trillion anything in their hands. No human can take a trillion steps in their life. Your heart would not beat a trillion times if you live to be over 400 years old. The number simply doesn't exist in our lives. Nothing we do can involve the number 1,000,000,000,000.

Nothing, that is, except watch our government spend our money. Then we can see it over and over again. About 33 times. Eight times just since Joe Biden has been in office.

So what is Biden's plan to help that situation? You guessed it. TAX YOU! With the country \$33 trillion in debt Joe has spent another \$80 billion to boost the IRS's ability to audit the middle class. He plans to raise over \$80 billion in additional revenues by

auditing you.

No one seems to care that this same government has been confirmed to have spent over \$247 billion in nothing but errors that were not repaid. That's right, money the government didn't really owe but just messed up and sent checks anyway. This is documented by the Office of Government Accountability.

Biden's administration spent \$28 million by accidentally ordering forest camo for soldiers to fight in the deserts of Afghanistan. The money was just lost and desert camo then ordered instead.

The same administration spent \$85 million to build housing projects in the Ukraine, that was never built. There were \$1.2 Million spent to study social behavior of monkeys and \$1.6 billion on new government cars though the federal government already owns 450,000 vehicles.

Yet with every new complaint he has against Republicans, his story is always the same. "Republicans are trying to end your social security!" In plain honest English that means "If Republicans don't give me exactly what I want for my next pet project, I will cut social security before any of these wasteful pro-

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# T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



## An Honorable Grave Marking

Dear Journal,

The long awaited day had finally arrived. The grave marker had come in and our chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were anxiously awaiting to mark the grave of an American revolutionary War Patriot. There are around fifty-four Patriots connected to Rockcastle County. The grave of Patriot William Buford is located in the Buford Hill Cemetery near Renfro Valley. William was a huge land owner here in the county after the war and I believe in Lincoln County, as well.

Our chapter met at the cemetery along with special guests from out of town as far away as Hazard. Former State Regent Carol Rogow from Richmond was on hand, as well. The day was beautiful; it was a clear, sunshiny day with a slight breeze blowing. The chapter and guests gathered in the shade of

some walnut trees that sheltered the cemetery. The program began with each lady who had a part speaking. Later, the honor guard and RCHS ROTC did their part of the program. There was a twenty-one gun salute and a posting of colors. Stanley played his guitar and sang two songs, one from the Civil War era and the other from the Revolutionary War era. It was fitting. William had a son and grandson from the War of 1812 and the Civil War, respectively buried to his right. We could find no living relatives of this Patriot, so the ladies from the various chapters who were gathered around his grave placed wreaths and laid live cut flowers as they bowed in his honor.

Following the cemetery portion, all were invited to a lovely reception held at the Baymont Inn. Hor d'oeuvres, and punch were served. All had a wonderful afternoon. We feel so honored to have had a portion of this service.

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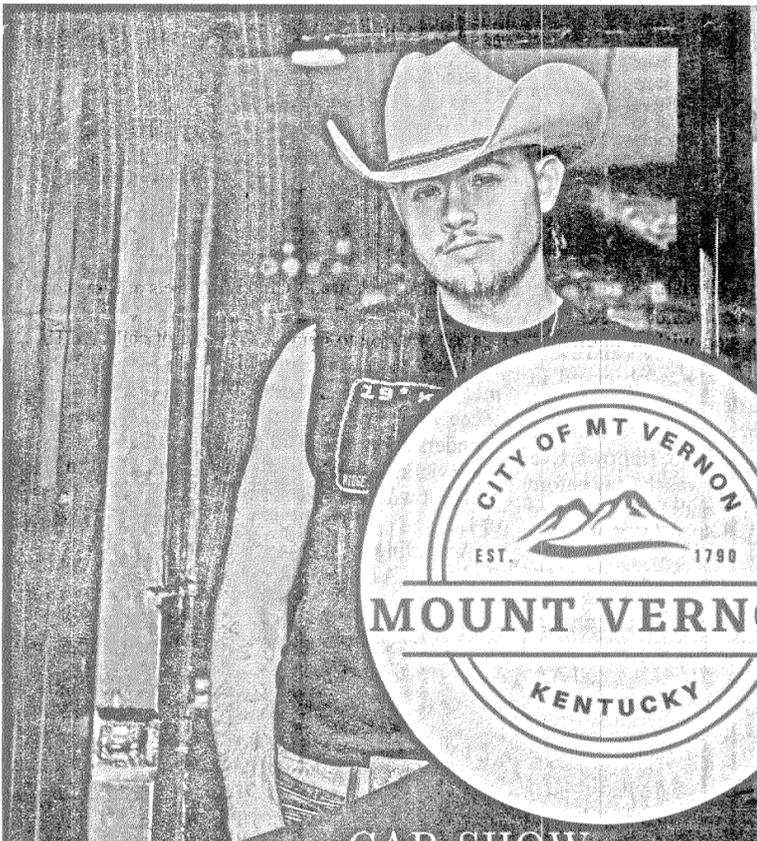
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# 2023 Bittersweet Festival

October 5, 6 & 7th (Main St)

**Thursday, October 5th**  
• Car Show 4:30-9:00PM

**Friday, October 6th**  
• Festival Begins 4:00-10:30PM

**Music on Friday**  
Donovan Howard Trio 5:00pm  
Tony Logue & The 184 6:00pm  
TYLER BOOTH 8:00pm

**Saturday, October 7th**  
• Parade 12:00PM

**Music on Saturday**  
Jaclyn Bullock 12:45-1:30pm  
Rose Gold Windows 1:30-2:15pm  
Lost Patience 2:30-3:30pm  
Tone Control 3:45-5:30pm  
Threaz Enuff 5:45-7:45pm  
Dooley Gang 8-10:00pm

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# Rockcastle Historical Haven

By: Markita Proctor

The Historical Haven hosted by the Rockcastle Historical Society and Museum

And so, it is October in Kentucky. A time when citizens sit around the fire sharing stories of haints and hollers, murders and mysteries. Rockcastle County has its own fair share of hair-raising tales of ghosts and unsolved mysteries of haunted places where death came to take away the innocent and the damned.

One such tale is that of Aunt Polly House in Renfro Valley, Kentucky. The house itself was built in the early 1800s and is considered to be one of the oldest houses in the county. It currently stands in Renfro Valley, but this is not its original location. An article published in a 2002 publication of "Log Homes Illustrated" titled "Aunt Polly's House" By Scott Trent Jr. describes the two-story cabin in detail and gives a brief history of the home and its inhabitants. The house was originally on a farm that now sits at the bottom of the man-made Lake Linville. The lake was built in 1968, and John Lair rescued the house and moved it to its current location in Renfro Valley. The house served as a souvenir shop for several years, but is currently closed with no plans for reopening.

The original family to inhabit the home is unknown, but the Hiatts were known to have owned a substantial plot of land on which the Aunt Polly house originally stood. William Peaslie Hiatt owned the plantation. It is believed that after the death of his first wife, Hiatt chose a random girl on the streets and proposed. A girl who was nearly 20 years his junior. Enter Mary "Polly" French. One can only assume that theirs was a marriage of convenience and not love at first sight... and so began the marriage of Polly and William. Now, this in and of itself is not too terribly shocking and probably

did not lead to the haunting of the Aunt Polly house. Some have speculated on the relationship. Polly was young, the marriage was sudden... did any of these things lead to her refusal to cross over, did a loveless marriage force her to walk among the living through these long years after her death?

There is a hint of mystery around both the Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt. Mr. William Peaslie Hiatt was a slaveholder. Again, not necessarily unheard of in Kentucky in the 1800s. There are no stories of how Mr. Hiatt treated his slaves, but there is a rumored disagreement between Hiatt and a friend, Jack Fish, and John Fee, the father of Berea College. In a book titled, Rockcastle County, Kentucky and Its People, there is a brief account of this dispute. Interestingly there are hits of some mystery. Hiatt and Fish and Fee were involved in a serious fight. Fee was a known abolitionist and Hiatt was a slaveholder. We can only assume that the fight resulted from a dispute over slavery. Interestingly, William Peaslie Hiatt's death was more than just a

little mysterious. He died on the very day he was to free his slaves. He was found hanging in the plantation storage barn. While the death certificate states suicide, there is reason to question whether or not Hiatt would take his own life. There are several accounts that suggest this death was under mysterious circumstances. Perhaps it is William Peaslie himself wandering the rooms of the Polly House.

After Willam Peaslie Hiatt's death, Polly remained and worked the plantation until her own death in 1898. She never remarried. Generations of Hiatt's lived and died in the house, after Polly and William. Eventually, it was abandoned until Lair rescued it in 1968. Over the years people have reported strange occurrences at the cabin. Footsteps creaked on the floorboards in the rooms above, yet no one was there. Workers and customers in the craft shop report to have seen objects move on their own accord. Others claim to have felt a shiver from cold spots even in the summer heat. Could this be the spirit of Old Man Hiatt calling from the grave that his death be investigated, is he begging the next generation to discover the mystery behind his death? Or Is it Mary "Polly" French grieving her loveless marriage to an older man? Is she walking among the living longing for the

love she never found?

Perhaps driving by the abandoned cabin on a dark and lonely night one might get a glimpse of Mr. or Mrs. Hiatt wandering the rooms, peering out the windows, pleading for some passersby to come in and solve the mystery of the haunting of one of the oldest houses in Rockcastle County.

## Aces

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gram and blame it on Republicans." His entire campaign would be focused on republicans cutting social security because he didn't get another bridge to nowhere. It is pretty easy to understand, he just thinks you are too stupid to see it.

According to reports from the office of Vital Statistics, Japan owns over a trillion of our debt while we owe China \$860 billion.

The numbers are staggering and beyond our comprehension. Average people in America don't understand what a Trillion is. And if you remember, Biden recently threatened to close our government down and steal from social security unless Republicans agreed to go even deeper in debt. They agreed. And now we will add even more to the \$233 million per day that he has given the Ukraine since he has been in office.

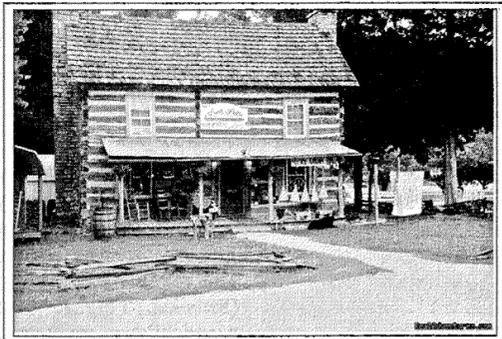
He has presided over the biggest inflation of my lifetime, caused the death of hundreds of thousands with his border policies, promoted, expanded and supported outright evil transgender infiltration of an otherwise Christian society, entered America into a hot war with a nuclear power, destroyed the coal industry, sold himself to China, weaponized the DOJ against his personal enemies, lied about his son's business dealings, lied about the COVID vaccine, lied about January 6, forced racism back into the 60s, killed soldiers with his Afghanistan withdrawal, and still wants to spend more of your great grandchildren's money.

Joe Biden is a blight on society, a curse on the nation and a dark force against liberty and freedom.

I said all this to say one thing. After all these documented facts, 36% of Americans still believe he is a great President and should be reelected.

That in itself tells us all we need to know about where America is headed.

And Republicans just gave him a blank check to spend all he wants in the next 45 days.



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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
Monday, October 9th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.  
Tuesday, October 10th: Green Hill, Fairview and Brindle Ridge.

### 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](http://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 now 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 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**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.

**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:** 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe** 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

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

# Obituaries

## Johnny Clarence Bengé

Johnny Clarence Bengé, 65, departed this life on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

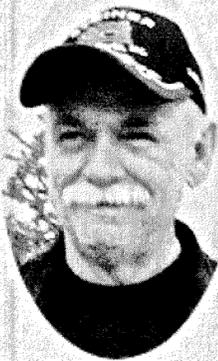
He was born on May 9, 1958, in Cincinnati, OH, a son of the late Jerry and Jewell Brock Bengé. He was of the Christian faith and accepted the Lord prior to his passing. Johnny was Fire Chief of Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department, a member of Southeastern Antique Tractor Club, and an avid John Deere collector. He loved farming. On May 16, 1992, he was united in marriage to Louise Proctor Graves, and they enjoyed thirty-three years together.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Louise Bengé of Brodhead; his mother, Jewell Bengé of Brodhead; his children, Denise Watson of Mt. Vernon, Billy Graves II (Daniella) of Somerset, and Josie Adams of Mt. Vernon; his grandchildren, Hayden Powell, Bailey Adams, Braxton Watson, Ellyannah Watson, and Trey Douglas Graves; his brother, James Tracy Bengé; a sister-in-law, Alecia Bengé, as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Jennifer Bishop Bengé; a daughter, Suzanne Michele Graves; grandchild, Conner Watson and brother, Troy Bengé, and son-in-law, Bruce Watson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 1, 2023 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial followed in Bethel Church of Christ Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)



## Bernice Lovell

Bernice Lovell, 81, died Friday September 29, 2023 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond after a long illness. She was born May 9, 1942 in Laurel



County, the daughter of the late Charlie and Hettie Brumley Smith. She was a retired sales associate, enjoyed gardening, flowers, arts and crafts, spending time with her grandchildren, traveling, cooking, going out to eat, and was a member of the Union Chapel Baptist Church.

Survivors are: four sons; Richard Allen Lovell, David Wayne Lovell and (Amy), Daniel Lee Lovell, and Wendell Ford Lovell and (Tiffany); four daughters, Brenda Faye Oberson and (Martin), Charlotte Bradley, Teresa Lynn Cunagin and (Charlie) and Sharon Kay Cunagin and (Mike); two brothers, Carl and Larry Smith; three sisters, Burnett Wombles, Verna Hauser, and Lois Holder; 29 grandchildren; 51 great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Floyd Thomas Lovell; two sons; two brothers; one grandchild; and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Eaton and Bro. James Hayes officiating. Burial was in Lovell Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jimmy Gay, Chad Cunagin, James Hayes, Charles Cunagin, David Lovell Jr., and Dustin Lovell.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)

## Pat Faulkner

Pat Faulkner, 85, of Knoxville, TN, died peacefully Saturday, September 30, 2023 at her home. She was born in Madison, WI on April 12, 1938, the daughter

of Russell and Lois Robbins. She was an avid bowler and an accomplished Bridge player. She was also passionate for her flower gardens. She had been a worldwide traveler and lived overseas for 30 years.

Pat leaves behind a loving family, including: her beloved friend, George Conner; her children, Allen West (Rita), Larry West (Odile), and Jeff West (Jo Ann); her grandchildren, Robert West, Melissa Wiczynski, Joshua West, Rita Abigail West, and Michelle West; and her great grandchildren, Shaye, Kaylee, and Mackenzie Wiczynski. She is also survived by Roscoe and Jahmal Lynn. Pat also leaves behind her precious dog, Missy Missy. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Ray Faulkner in 2005.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 1 p.m. at the graveside in Sand Hill Cemetery by Bro. Luther Allen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to: Young-Williams Animal Center of Knoxville at [www.young-williams.org](http://www.young-williams.org), or to your favorite charity.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Senior Helpers and Covenant Health Hospice for their excellent care, tenderness, and compassion.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.



## Gladous Hazlett

Gladous Hazlett, 73, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Chandler Medical Center in Lexington.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 5 from 6-9 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and Friday October 6 from 11 a.m. until funeral begins at 1 p.m. with Bro. Tony Shelton officiating. Burial will follow in Saylor Family Cemetery at Cartersville.

## William Gale

William Alexander Gale, Jr., 63, of Brodhead, died Friday, September 22, 2023 at his home. He was born in Dearborn, MI on July 19, 1960, the son of William



Alexander, Sr. and Jeanette Raczkowski Gale. He had been a concrete worker.

He is survived by: a brother, James Gale of Garden City, MI; and two sisters, Sheryl Pigion of Dearborn Heights, MI, and Karen Anderson of Livonia, MI. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

The family chose cremation with no services.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## Phillip DeBorde

Phillip Jackson DeBorde, 76, of Eubank, died Saturday, September 23, 2023 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. He was born in

London on May 26, 1947, the son of Jack and Evelyn Cummins DeBorde. He had been a facility security officer for the Kentucky

State Police and was of the Christian faith. He was a graduate of Versailles High School and a US Air Force and National Guard Veteran.

He is survived by: his wife, Linda Cromer DeBorde; a son, Michael DeBorde and wife Amy of Springboro, OH; two daughters, Melinda DeBorde-Owsley and husband Dwayne of Versailles, and Traci Graves Singleton and husband Chris of Eubank; and a sister, Gwen Carter and husband Jerry of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are: seven grandchildren, Logan DeBorde, Joshua Ward and wife Brandi, Jordyn Ward, Jaimie Whitaker, Morgan Singleton, Mason Singleton, and Madison Singleton; and four great grandchildren, Kamden, Luke, Allie, and Kenlee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Evelyn DeBorde.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jacob Pelston, pastor of Pilot Baptist Church of Eubank. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Michael DeBorde, Ben Klingensmith, Chris Singleton, Mason Singleton, Joshua Ward, and Carl Williams.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## James Colin Taulbee

We are sad to announce that James Colin Taulbee, 80, of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky has passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Lexington on September 23, 2023.

James was preceded in death by: his wife, Patty Ferguson Taulbee; his parents, John and Lucy Sizemore Taulbee; three sisters, Imogene Wilson, Vermell Bowen Banks and Nancy Adams Simpson; four brothers, Voris Taulbee, Leonard Taulbee, Tommy Taulbee, and Johnny Taulbee, one son, Jamie Taulbee and his dog, Cooper.

James is survived by: one son, Steven Taulbee; one daughter, Melody Taulbee; one stepdaughter, Stacie (Randall) Thacker, and one stepson, Joseph (Rebekah) Ferguson, a host of grandchildren, step grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

James grew up in Letcher County and entered the US Army in 1965 after high school graduation from Whitesburg High School. In the Army,

James received training in Combat engineering. James did two tours of duty in VietNam with the 18th Engineering Battalion, a combat support group where he earned a Bronze Star and the VietNam Campaign-ServiceAwards. In 22 years of military service, James did a total of four overseas tours of duty as a Staff Sergeant with the 18th and 20th Engineering Battalions. After retiring from the Army, James held various store managements jobs in Texas and Virginia before moving to Mt. Vernon. James lived there 18 years until his death. In Mt. Vernon, James was a member of Scaffold Cane Baptist Church. He loved to watch westerns, read, listen to gospel music, visit the Smoky Mountains, tinker with cars, and smoke cigars. James has made a lot of good memories in his lifetime with friends and family. He will be missed by those who knew him, until that day when we meet again.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, one of James' favorite charities.

Funeral services were held September 30, 2023 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Chris Cobb officiating. Burial followed in the Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)



## Carlos Ray Caldwell

Mr. Carlos Ray Caldwell, 56 of Brodhead, departed this life on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Chandler Medical Center in Lexington.

Carlos was born on October 11, 1966 in Hamilton, Ohio, a son of the late Carl and Fern Weaver Caldwell. He had been Water Supervisor for the City of Brodhead, was a member of Brodhead Christian Church and found great joy in NASCAR, Ohio State Football and his 1973 Nova. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother and friend to many.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Beverly McClure Caldwell of Brodhead; his daughter, Mahala Caldwell of Irvine; stepson, Logan McClure of Brodhead; his brother, Gary Lee (Doris) Caldwell of Brodhead; his sister, Carol Harris of Brodhead; his mother and father-in-law, Sheary and Charlie Mink of Brodhead; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 4, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with funeral services following at 2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Tracy Valentine officiating. Burial will follow in the Providence Cemetery.

Donation in Carlos's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)



## Suicide Warning Signs for Adults

Be a Lifeline



Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased, and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org), or reach out to a mental health professional.

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# SPORTS

## Rockets hand Bell County first loss, 40-38

David may have slain Goliath with a smooth stone, but it was a Rock as in the Rockcastle County Rockets that took down Dudley Hilton and the Bell County Bobcats 40-38 on Friday night on Log Mountain.

An electric crowd was treated to a game filled with big plays, hard tackles, outstanding coaching and a true team effort as the Rockets (5-1) moved to 2-0 in Class 3A District 7 play and jumped into the frontrunner's seat for the top seed in the district with their first win on Log Mountain since Nov. 18, 2005.

The name that everyone was synonymously saying would be the biggest factor in the outcome was Bell County's star running back Daniel Thomas, but it was the duo of Tucker Warren and Caleb Moore that turned the most heads throughout the game.

Warren, a senior in his first year with Rockcastle, was 15-for-21 through the air for 253 yards and three touchdowns and added another 151 yards and three addi-

tional touchdowns on 20 carries.

Moore was constantly able to run his routes with precision and got open time and time again connecting with Warren six times for 141 yards including touchdown receptions of 29 and 68 yards. Moore's 141 receiving yards are a single-game personal best in his three years as a Rockcastle varsity starter.

"Tucker and Caleb had a great game," said senior Christian Larkey who was hampered by a nagging knee injury and was limited to just two receptions 15 yards and one carry for four more yards. "Tonight, we had a bunch of injuries...really our only two veteran players on offense that were 100 percent were Tucker and Caleb and they just stepped up. Tucker ran great. Caleb ran great. Anthony Goodin and Carter Powell our running backs ran great. We just gave it to them."

Rockcastle put the Bobcats on their heels when Blake Mullins re-

covered a beautifully placed onside kick by Benjamin Brenda to start the game before Warren got the scoring started with a 23-yard touchdown run on a fourth and three just 2:11 into the contest.

Thomas would score on a one-yard run for Bell at the 4:13 mark of the first quarter and converted the two-point run for an 8-7 lead for the Bobcats (6-1).

One play prior to the touchdown, however, freshman linebacker Hunter Pingleton sent a message to the Bobcats that the Rocket defensive unit were going to hit hard when Thomas attempted to jump the line to score but Pingleton caught the talented running back in the air, spun him around and slammed him to the turf in a move that WWE superstar John Cena would have been proud of.

It didn't take Rockcastle long to respond and cutting Bell County's only lead of the game into a short-lived lead when Warren scrambled to his left and placed a beautifully thrown ball right on the money and in the hands of Moore as he was crossing into the endzone for the score and a 13-8 Rock lead.

The first of three big defensive stops came early in the second quarter when Goodin shot through the Bell County blockers and quickly gobbled up Thomas for a massive loss on fourth down to give possession back to the Rockets.

A short time later, Warren connected with Larkey over the middle for a 15-yard strike to extend the Rockcastle lead to 19-8 with 9:22 before the half.

Thomas used his excellent running abilities to elude the Rockets on the next play from scrimmage to score from 61-yards out just 12 seconds later to make it 19-16 in favor of Rockcastle, which would eventually be the halftime score thanks to another stop on fourth down in the second quarter by Goodin.

An onslaught of touchdowns in the first three combined possessions would see Rockcastle's lead swell to 33-24 with 9:12 left in the third quarter.

The Rockets got the second half scoring starter on a 25-yard run by Warren as he made numerous Bobcats miss their prey with bulldozing hits and shifty footwork on his way into the endzone.

Less than a minute later, Thomas scored his third touchdown of the game on a 48-yard run to cut the Bobcats' deficit to 26-24, but on the very next play, Warren found a streaking Moore deep down the sideline and Moore would not be caught.

The 68-yard scoring pass from Warren to Moore put Rockcastle up 33-24 and showed that

the Rockets were also capable of scoring from long distances on the first play of the drive, which took just 0:11 off the clock.

Thomas then led Bell County down the field on a methodical ground-and-pound drive before punching it in from three-yards out for his fifth touchdown on the game to cut his team's deficit down to 33-30 pending the two-point conversion attempt, which was stuffed by the right side of the defensive line for Rockcastle with Jaydon Bowles leading the way on the tackle.

Neither team could muster any additional points until late in the fourth quarter when Rockcastle turned in a long drive when it needed to the most. The Rockets would convert six first downs on the drive including Warren's one-yard touchdown run with 4:14 left in the game.

Thomas willed the Bobcats down the field for his sixth and final touchdown of the night with 1:10 left, but Rockcastle recovered the Bell County onside attempt and two kneel downs by Warren would eventually see the clock

run out and pandemonium ensued both on the Rock sideline and in the bleachers.

It was a true team effort with numerous players stepping up in big situations that helped the Rockets tame the Bobcats.

"We got guys everywhere that can do everything," said Moore a few moments after the game. "We got receivers that can do everything and run routes really good and really fast. Our quarterback is really good. He can run the ball. We are just all around good everywhere including the offensive line and everywhere."

"We just bent but didn't break," added Larkey when asked about playing against arguably the best running back in the state regardless of class. "That's all it was tonight. He is going to get his and he got his tonight, but we let him just get what we could allow him to get."

"We had a bunch of big fourth down stops. It was just a huge game for us. Our linebackers played great. Our defensive line really stepped up tonight getting down there and though there making him not have any

room to cut. He's a great back so he's going to get his way into the endzone. We just let him up enough where we came out with the win."

Isaiah Jackson was having one of the best games of his young career before going down with a leg injury. The sophomore receiver/defensive back had two carries for 23 yards to go along with two catches for 25 yards, but it was his play on defense and special teams that shined the brightest as he was second on the team with 11 tackles (five solo and six assisted) with one tackle for loss.

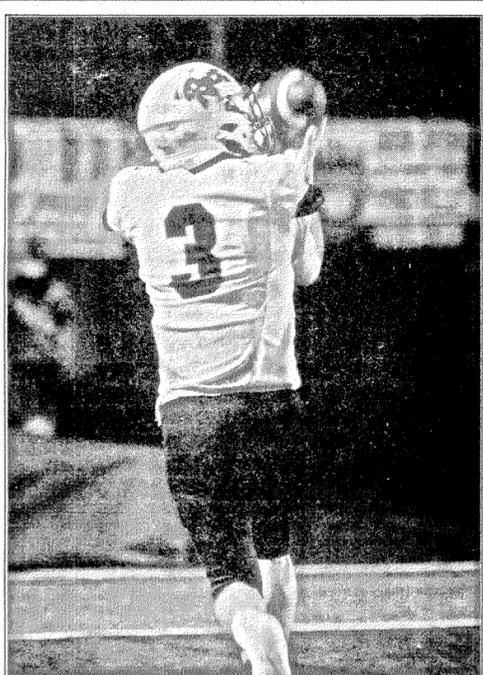
It was Pingleton who once again led the Rocket defense in tackles this time with a single-game best 14 tackles including eight solos and six assisted with one tackle for loss.

Larkey had nine solo tackles despite his injured knee while Goodin tallied seven solo tackles including three tackles for loss.

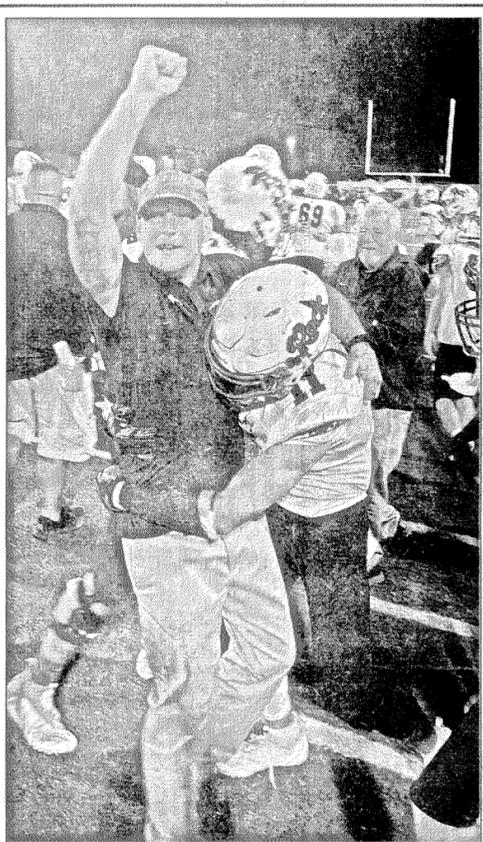
Powell was in on five tackles with one going for a loss while Jaydon Bowles and Warren collected four tackles each.

Jayne Bowles added

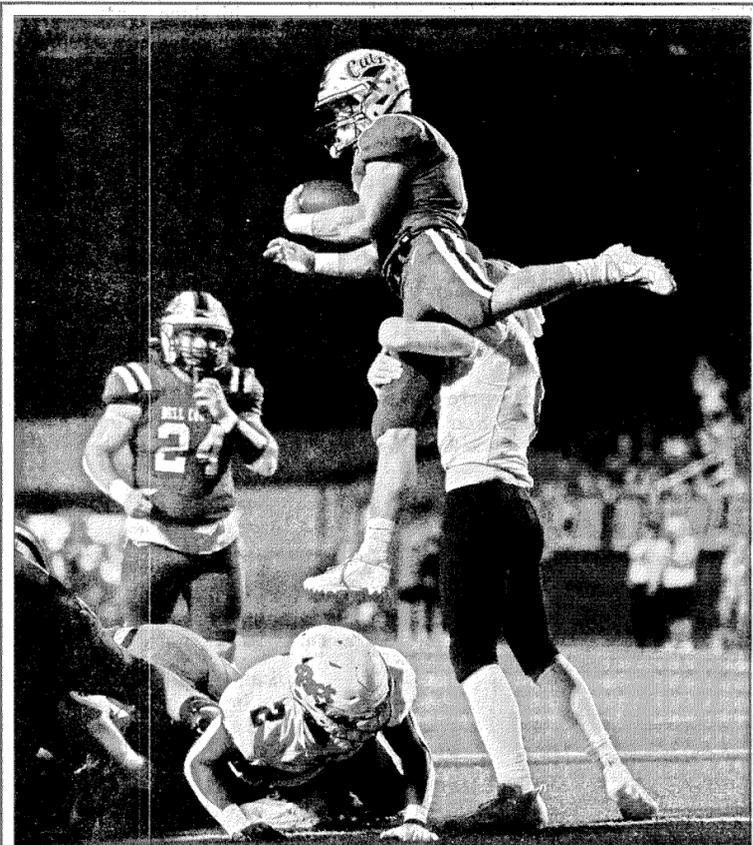
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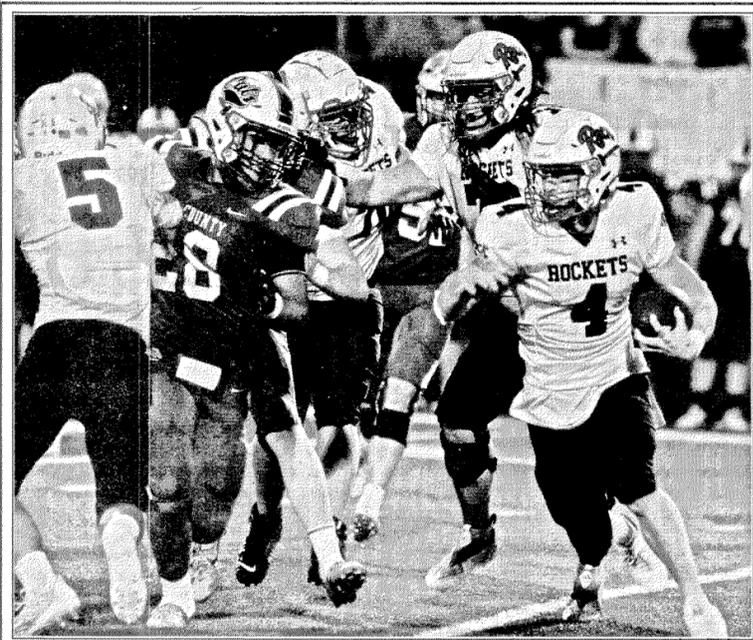
Shown above is one of Caleb Moore's two touchdown receptions in the Rockets' win over Bell County Friday night. Moore had six receptions for 141 yards.



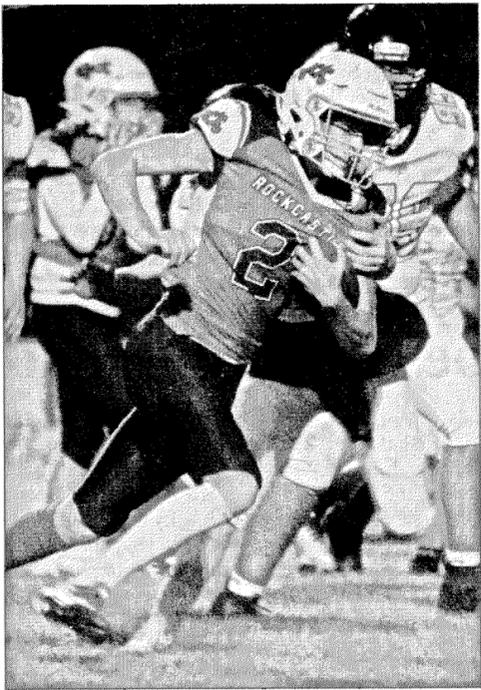
Three generations of football captured in one picture as Rocket head coach Chris Larkey celebrates with his son, Christian, after the Rockets defeated Bell County on the road Friday night, 40-38. In the background is legendary RCHS coach Tom Larkey.



Hunter Pingleton makes a big stop at the goal line during the Rockets' 40-38 win over district foe Bell County Friday night. Pingleton had 14 tackles on the night, eight solo and six assists. Photo by Ovie Canady



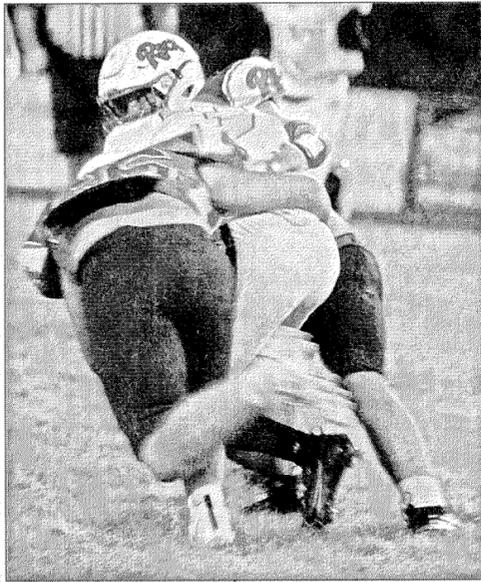
Quarterback Tucker Warren looks for running room in the Rockets' win over Bell County. Warren was 15 of 21 passing for 253 yards and three touchdowns. He also had 20 rush attempts for 151 yards and three touchdowns.



Jacob Camel picks up yardage in the eighth grade's 32-6 win over Clay County on eighth grade night.



Eighth grade quarterback Camden Larkey hands off to Brayden Thacker during the Rockets' win over Clay County. The eighth grade will host the conference championship game this Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m.



Jasper Rogers and Jeffrey Ingram bring down a Tiger during the eighth grade's 32-6 win over Clay County.



Josiah Rodriguez makes a tackle during the seventh grade's win over Clay County during eighth grade night at RCMS.

### Mail-in ballots are tracked by Clerk and Post office

If anyone wonders how to know if your mail-in ballot was counted, Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford-Allen said voters may track their ballot at govoteky.com. Allen said the ballot is tracked throughout the voting process and will show its progress each step of the way. Once the vote is registered, the website will show that it has been counted.

In the event of a mail problem and the ballot does not appear on the website, the first ballot will be cancelled and a new one sent immediately, she said.

The first ballot received by the Clerk's office will be used and all others discarded.

All mail-in ballots are also tracked at the post office, Allen said.

### "Rockets"

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three tackles, Braedon Campbell, Colin Hamilton and Moore added two tackles each to go along with one each from Jai Denny, Dylan Burke and Creed Gabbard.

Other offensive statistics include Goodin pouncing his way to 22 yards on the ground courtesy of three carries with an additional 31 yards on three receptions, Powell with three yards on two rushes and one reception for seven yards and Cameron Smith with one catch for yards.

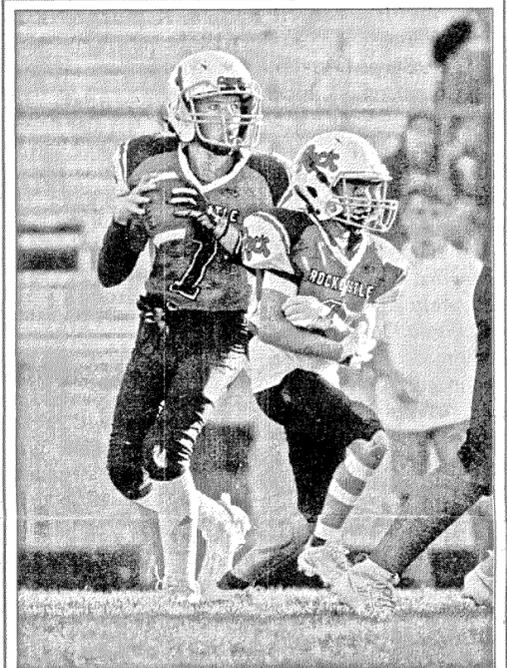
Brenda extended his lead for most extra points kicked in Class 3A when he converted on four of his five attempts despite having a nagging back injury of his own.

It was a true team effort with the players outplaying, the coaches outcoaching and the fans outcheering their hated rivals to make that 90-plus minute drive back to Mount Vernon all the more pleasurable.

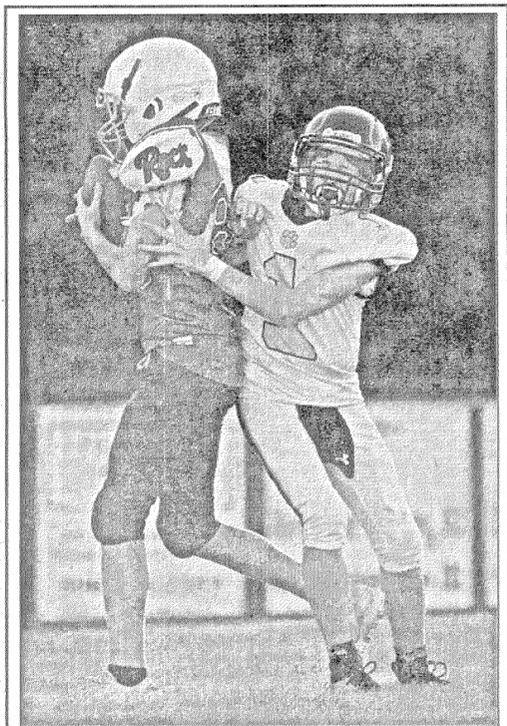
Rockcastle will get a much needed week off to help heal some injuries and regroup with three games left in the regular season.

A home game against winless McCreary Central is next on the schedule for Rockcastle. Kick-off for the Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 13 will be at 7:30 p.m.

**Signal office will be closed Thursday and Friday**



Seventh grade quarterback A.J. Martin drops back for a pass in the Rockets' win over Clay County.



Dylan Bradley makes a catch in the seventh grade's win over Clay County.



Eyan Bussell scores a two point conversion in the seventh grade Rockets' win over Clay County.

## Suicide Warning Signs for Youth

Be a Lifeline



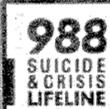
It's time to take action if you notice these signs in family or friends:

1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
3. Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
4. Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:

- Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations.
- Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
- Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context.
- Recent increased agitation or irritability.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org, or reach out to a mental health professional.



# Kentucky State Police in Operation SafeDRIVE

Kentucky State Police (KSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement will participate in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Operation SafeDRIVE (Distracted/Reckless/Impaired Visibility Enforcement) from October 3-5. This enforcement campaign targets unsafe driving behavior that often leads to crashes involving passenger cars and commercial vehicles. It complements national efforts to educate all drivers on safely sharing roads with large trucks.

The national SafeDRIVE initiative cracks down on dangerous interstate driving behaviors such as aggressive driving, speeding, tailgating, failing to wear a seat belt, distracted driving, and driving under the influence. During this effort, KSP Commercial Vehicle Inspectors will open scale facilities, ensuring commercial drivers follow safety regulations, including hours of service compliance, commercial driver license compliance, medical certification, and commercial motor vehicle credentialing.

Officer Stevie Douglas, East Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Spokesperson, says Operation SafeDRIVE can significantly impact highway safety.

It is important to our officers that everyone travels safely on our roadways, said Douglas. Operation SafeDRIVE is an opportunity for us to ensure drivers follow the rules of the road and offer tips to keep drivers protected.

KSP encourages all

motorists to take the following advice while driving on the roads:

- Stay out of blind spots: Large trucks and buses have big blind spots on all four sides.
- Pass safely: Make sure you can see the truck driver in their side mirror.

Use your turn signals, and don't linger in the blind spot. Make sure you can see the CMV vehicle in your rearview mirror before pulling in front.

- Don't cut off large vehicles: It takes a large truck traveling at highway speeds the length of

two football fields to stop.

- Don't tailgate: Tailgating a commercial vehicle puts you in a blind spot.

Operation SafeDRIVE coordinates with a national campaign run by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal

Motor Carrier Safety Administration called Our Roads, Our Safety, which educates all motorists on how to share the road safely.

The mission of KSP is to promote public safety through service, integrity

and professionalism using partnerships to prevent, reduce and deter crime and the fear of crime, enhance highway safety through education and enforcement, safeguard property and protect individual rights

## Cut-off period for EQIP will be November 3rd

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky is encouraging landowners, farmers and producers to visit their local NRCS office now to receive information and apply for conservation technical assistance and possible funding opportunities.

The application process for NRCS's conservation programs is continuous, but funding selections for specific programs are made throughout the year. For the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Kentucky NRCS has announced that applications for assistance received by November 3, 2023, will be evaluated and considered for funding.

New for Fiscal Year 2024, Kentucky NRCS will be utilizing ACT NOW to process conservation applications in eight fund accounts to deliver a conservation product to EQIP applicants faster. New and existing applications received prior to October 3, 2023, thru November 3, 2023, which meet program eligibility requirements and the minimum ranking score threshold in one of the ACT NOW fund accounts identified below will be selected for immediate funding until designated funds are depleted. Selections will be made weekly be-

ginning October 3, 2023. Any applicants competing in one of the ACT NOW accounts who do not meet the minimum ranking score threshold will be evaluated for funding with all other applications after the March 8, 2024, ranking deadline as funds allow.

Urban High Tunnel Initiative - Minimum ranking threshold = 30

Fayette County Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative - Minimum ranking threshold = 30

Conservation Planning Activities - Minimum ranking threshold = 40

Organic Initiative - Minimum ranking threshold = 20

Limited Resource Producer - Minimum ranking threshold = 20

Socially Disadvantaged Producer - Minimum ranking threshold = 20

SEKESH - Minimum ranking threshold = 30

Wildlife - Minimum ranking threshold = 20

Season Extension Production Initiative Minimum ranking threshold = 50

EQIP is a conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices. Persons

engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for this program. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm or ranch

lands.

In Fiscal Year 2023, NRCS in Kentucky provided over \$28 million in EQIP financial assistance to assist private land users to address natural resource issues on their land.

For more information

about EQIP or the other programs offered by NRCS, everyone should visit us on the web at [www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov) or contact your local NRCS service center at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.



# Take Action

**What is the Safe Haven Law?**

KRS 405.075 states that a newborn infant can legally be placed in a device designed to permit a parent to anonymously surrender their baby with the intent for an emergency medical services provider to remove the newborn take custody.



**Safe Haven  
Baby Boxes**

- There are currently 136 SHBB
- 16 of those boxes are located in KY
- The first baby was placed in a KY SHBB on 2/10/2023, less than 2 mths after installation

The nearest Safe Haven Box to Mt. Vernon, KY is in Mt. Washington, 97 miles away.

For more information, or to make a donation contact  
**Makaela Brooke Abney**  
[makaela.abney@rockcastle.kyschools.us](mailto:makaela.abney@rockcastle.kyschools.us)



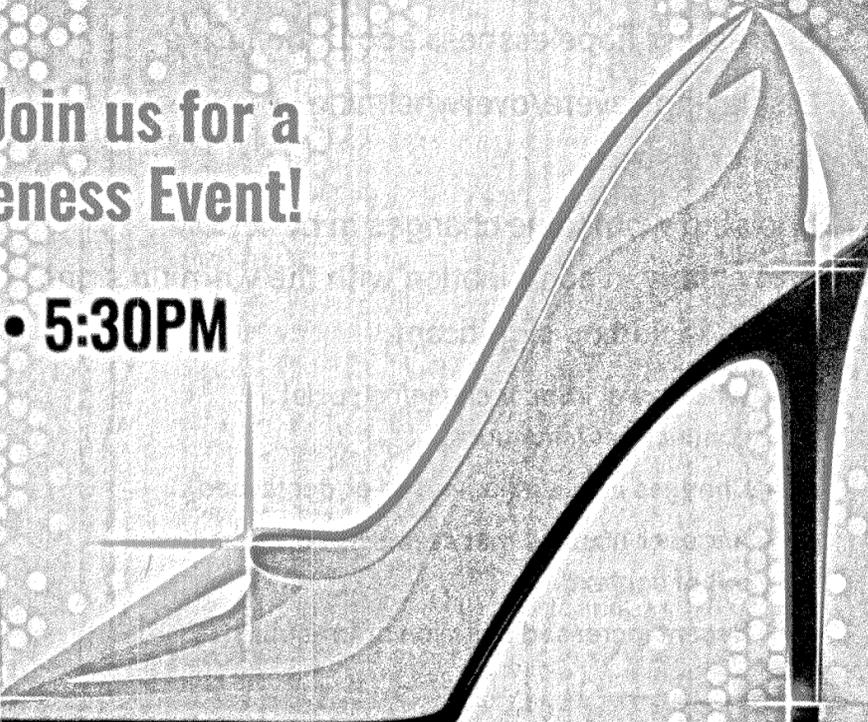


# Ladies NIGHT Out

**Calling All Barbies: Join us for a Breast Cancer Awareness Event!**

**Thursday, October 19 • 5:30PM**  
**Rockcastle Farmer's Market**  
**180 Richmond St. • Mt. Vernon KY**

**Special Guest Speaker:**  
**Dr. Justin Williams**  
 Rockcastle Hematology & Oncology Clinic



*Featuring: Free Meal • Health Education • Free Gift • Door Prizes • Pumpkin Silent Auction*



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by Monday, October 16**

## Local officials attend mental health Town Hall

By: Mike French  
Editor

The event was held in London but Rockcastle County was well represented as County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, along with Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Stacy Thomason, may have finally brought changeable attention to a long standing Rockcastle County problem.

The Kentucky Judicial Mental Health Commission held one of nine Town Hall meetings conducted by Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Debra Hembree-Lambert, in London last week to discuss the countless needs for mental illness awareness in the judicial system.

The event was held to give citizens and county officials the ability to address the commission about needs within the judicial system by those with mental health issues. Many officials from many counties attended the event, including Kentucky State Senator Brandon Storm.

According to several who spoke at the event, there are drug rehabilitation facilities and other outlets to deal with drug addiction but very few outlets to help those with mental issues. "You can't

shake a stick without hitting a drug rehab center," said one local citizen. "But there are virtually no mental health facilities to place those in need." Another citizen said "Once an inmate has served their time, if they are not on drugs or in active suicide (Actively threatening suicide) there is no help for those who need mental health attention."

Many citizens stood at the microphone to express their own experience, needs and gaps they have faced while going through the judicial system. Lambert asked that those citizens speaking of personal experience not be identified by the press to aid in their freedom to speak openly. Citizens addressed the many gaps within the system that ignore those with mental health issues and even some elected officials, of other counties, stood to admit their participation in meth trafficking while in office, demonstrating that it can happen to anyone, and describing their battles out of the lifestyle.

Along with Rowe and Thomason, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrooke Jr., and Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin, along with Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger, were

in attendance at the event.

Some of the citizens suggested to the Judge and the rest of the panel that more mental health intervention is needed inside Kentucky's school districts. "I lost my son to suicide," said one guest. "I believe we need a commission or something inside every school to address these issues and

hold events where people can come in and talk to all the kids and give the kids a chance to talk and ask questions about suicide."

Ballinger addressed some of the proactive changes she and the Rockcastle County School board have made recently in just that direction. "We have begun working with counselors

and interventionists and we invite speakers and give every child access to them," she said. "Among other steps, we also provide 30 to 45 minutes each week on just that subject and we use the whole school setting to approach the issue. We are trying to be very proactive on mental health issues in Rockcastle County."

Lambert, along with Jennifer Van Ort-Hazzard, Wesley Duke and Koleen Slusher, answered questions and led the town hall event that nearly filled the Town Hall Center on Main Street in London. Visitors continued to discuss situations when they, or a loved one, faced mental health issues after

(See "Town" on B3)

**"The jail doesn't want to be a landing strip. We want to be a bridge,"**

## MVFD Classic firetruck still answering emergency calls

By: Mike French  
Editor

Some Mount Vernon residents may have felt as though they had stepped back in time last week when the Mount Vernon Fire Department answered an emergency call and was first on the scene in their 1937 Ford Howe Pumper truck.

According to officials at the department, the old truck is sometimes test driven to make sure the batteries are charged and to keep parts properly lubricated.

Through unusual timing, while out test driving the old truck last week, a call to 911 indicated residents had noticed the smell of gas in the area of West Main Street in Mount Vernon. About the time the call reached the department, firefighter Keaton McClure was

testing the old truck and was nearby when he decided to answer the call since that was the closest truck.

Residents typically come outside their home to see what is burning when a fire truck arrives, according to local firefighters. But last week, those residents likely came outside to see the old truck in action. Once on the scene, it was determined that a leaking propane gas tank outside the Scott Building, was the source of the odor.

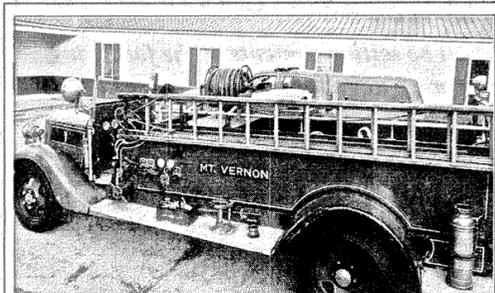
Of course, the much more modern tanker 602 and its crews also responded to the call, instantly providing backup to those already on the scene. The leak was sealed and the truck returned to the station and was parked back in its place.

Though the old truck is still operational, the department does not place water in the tank due to some rust inside. And though it may not include many of the new high-tech advancements of newer fire trucks, officials say some of the "old-timers" in the department, still enjoy taking the classic out on the road.

The truck was the first ever firetruck purchased

for Mount Vernon. It was among the newest, most high-tech, advanced fire truck available at the time and it was bought new in 1937 with all its attachments.

If you ever have an emergency and call 911 you may see an old, classic fire truck pull up to your home, you will know you didn't step back to 1937. That's just the MVFD getting there the quickest way possible.



The 1937 Howe Ford Pumper Truck.

# HEALTHY JOE EXPO 2023

Calling All  
Rockcastle County Men

**Men's Health Fair**  
Tuesday, October 10  
Marcella's Farm to Fork

The twelfth annual Healthy Joe Expo will be held Tuesday, October 10, 6-8 p.m. at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant.

This year's speaker will be Dr. David Bullock, board certified family medicine physician at Rockcastle Family Wellness, and will be presenting on the topic of lung health.

Various health screenings will be available and vouchers will also be given for free cholesterol screenings and blood glucose tests.

For those wanting to go ahead and take care of the blood glucose test before dinner, come on out between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. in Marcella's parking lot and visit Rockcastle Regional's Mobile Health Clinic to get screened for diabetes and pre-diabetes.

In addition to these valuable health screenings, the event will also feature health education booths, a free meal, and door prizes.

Space is limited, so those planning to attend should reserve their place by contacting Chelsea Dillingham at (606) 256-7767 or e-mail at [c.dillingham@rhcc.org](mailto:c.dillingham@rhcc.org) by Friday, October 6.

**Guest Speaker:**



Dr. David Bullock

**Event Features:**

- Health education
- Vouchers for cholesterol and PSA screening
- Free meal
- Door prizes

Space is limited. Please call (606) 256-7767 to reserve your place.

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# DAR marks grave of Revolutionary War patriot, William Buford

The Rockcastle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution marked the grave and had a dedication ceremony in honor of Revolutionary War patriot, William Buford on Sunday, September 24, 2023. KSDAR chapters and members of the community were in attendance to honor

and pay tribute to William's memory and his service to this country. Buford was born circa 1745 in Culpepper Co. VA and died circa 1823 in Rockcastle Co. KY (The information on both marker and headstone is incorrect as William was making

deeds and paying taxes up until 1823). He lived in Bedford Co. VA at the time of the war. His military service is under review, but he is credited with his civil service of being a juror and grand juror during the war.

He married Mary Welsh in Bedford Co. VA and had at least six children. In 1788, William and his family came to Kentucky and settled in Lincoln County near the present town of Lancaster. In 1797, William who owned 1,000 acres there, urged the new commissioners of Garrard County (founded in 1796) to use his land at the Wallace Crossroads under the condition that he would donate 57 1/4 acres of land for the "Public Square" to be used for a courthouse and provide water for the court and those attending it during his lifetime. His proposal was accepted, and a contract was filed. He also donated the land for the First Presbyterian Church to be built in Lancaster. William first appears in Rockcastle County tax lists in 1811 owning over 200 acres. He also owned large parcels of land in Scott, Shelby, and Caldwell counties (totaling over 5,000 acres). It is estimated that William died around 1823 in Rockcastle County and is buried in the Buford Hill Cemetery.

The DAR service was presided over by Chapter Regent, Karen Adams, Vice Regent,

Kathy Bobo and Registrar, Debra Brown. The service began with the invocation given by Kathy Bobo, followed by the posting of the colors by the Rockcastle Co. High School JROTC Color Guard. Regent Adams led the pledge of allegiance followed by the introduction of guest Honorary State Regent Carol Rogow and representatives of KSDAR chapters. Chapter Registrar, Debra Brown read the biography and service of the patriot. Dedication and unveiling of the marker were performed by chapter members Jean Gentry, Kathleen Stevens, Debra Brown, and Kathy Bobo.

Representatives of the Rockcastle, Lexington, Mountain Trail, and Boonesborough DAR Chapters paid tribute by laying a wreath. Regent Adams placed a bouquet of red roses on the patriot's grave in honor of his service. A musical tribute of "Wayfaring Stranger" was then performed by Stanley Cook on the guitar.

The service concluded with the Veterans Honor Guard of Rockcastle County performing an interment ceremony for departed veterans followed by gun salute and playing of taps. A final musical tribute of "I will arise and go to Jesus" was performed by Mr. Cook.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Baymont Inn. Special recognition is given to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Adams; Mr. & Mrs. Rick Bobo; Debra Brown; Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Cook; Kathleen Stevens; Jean Gentry; Sharon Lovell; RCHS Cadets Kelsey Coy; Emaleigh Bowman; Jaden Melton; Harley Woods; Serinity Henson; JROTC instructor Scott Carrier; Veterans Honor Guard, Don Gabbard; BJ Thomason; Larry Baker and First Baptist Church for participating in this very moving tribute to one of the county's American Revolutionary War patriots.

## Brodhead meeting changed to 6 p.m.

Members of the Brodhead City Commission have voted unanimously to change the time of the regular monthly meeting from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The meetings will continue to be on the Second Monday of each month but in order to make the meeting more convenient for the citizen of Brodhead, the commission voted last month to hold the meeting one hour earlier each month.

Everyone is invited to attend the City Commission meetings held at City Hall each month. Commissioners and City Clerk Becky Bussell also wish to remind all citi-

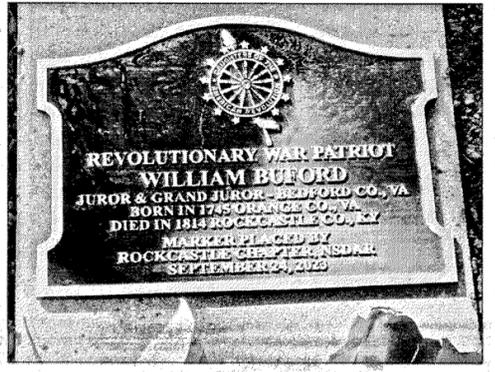
zens who wish to use the Brodhead City Park for events, to contact City Hall to make a reservation. Officials say the park is open for all citizens and unless a reservation is made in advance, the city cannot guarantee the space will be available. Anyone wishing to schedule an event at the park should call 606-758-8635 to reserve the area.

Officials also wish to remind citizens that the city will be sending property owner's tax bills to the owners this year. If tax bills are paid through escrow, the property owner will be responsible for the getting the bill to the lending company.



Marker for William Buford

Pictured with the marker for William Buford are KSDAR members: Pam Brewer, Anita Reddy, Amelia Wisner, Carol Rogow, Karen Adams, Kathy Bobo, Debra Brown, Kathleen Stevens, Sharon Lovell and Jean Gentry.



## Rocket Storage

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- "Joy of Cooking" author Rombauer
- Stay on the same topic too long
- Caspian Sea feeder
- Goat-legged deity
- Some math measurements
- "Don't worry"
- Words with prayers
- Leaders of the band?
- Wise guy's delivery
- Inquire
- Cholesterol-rich egg parts
- "Family Guy" creator MacFarlane
- Jungle creature
- Eagle haven
- "I don't care"
- Gumption
- Opposite of horizontal
- Nautical direction
- Writer Asimov
- Hidden means of support?
- Grassland
- Notions department?
- Lady of Troy
- What to leave when going all-out?
- Brownish photograph tint
- gin fizz
- Pew area
- Meeting for lovers
- Have a disposition
- Acorn, for one

### DOWN

- Circular religious receptacles
- Appetite stimulus
- Sprayer in self-defense
- "That's all, folks!" voice
- "Weather permitting" and others
- Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"
- Misplay, as a grounder
- Arctic attire
- Didn't pass the bar?
- Disney's first name
- Hard yellow cheese
- Change in Roma, once
- Trace the shape of
- Where many things are "made"
- "Friends" friend
- In (working in harmony)
- A la (pie choice)
- Cocoon dweller
- Interstate hauler
- Clapton of rock
- Louise of "Gilligan's Island"
- Foot part
- L in "The King and I"
- Holiday tune
- It could be a lot
- Shoreline indentation
- Bill that wasn't redesigned
- Back of the boat
- One kind of tide
- Whale type
- Unwrinkle
- Like the best advice
- Make swell
- Moo pork
- Aquatic birds
- Arm bones
- "Superman" actor Christopher
- Halted
- "Meet Me Louis" (film)
- Person of action
- To see at a distance
- "The Adventures of Milo and "
- Christmas season
- Persona grata
- "Cheers" star Danson

### Star Trek

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- TRANSPORTER
- SPOCK
- FERENGI
- KIRK
- ROMULAN
- VOYAGER
- CAPTAIN
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# Mamaw's Kitchen

Regina Poynter Hoskins

**CORNED BEEF HASH**  
2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil  
8 baby Yukon gold potatoes, washed and diced  
1/2 medium yellow onion, diced  
1/2 bell pepper (any color), diced  
1 clove garlic, finely minced  
4 ounces fully cooked corned beef, diced

Salt and pepper, to taste  
Heat a cast-iron (or non-stick skillet) over medium heat and add oil to the pan. Add the potatoes, onions, and peppers. Cook for 15 to 30 minutes until veggies are tender, stirring frequently. Add salt and pepper, garlic, and corned beef. Stirring occasionally, heat for another 5 to 10 minutes. If desired, crack four eggs over the top and try to put an egg over each serving. Cover pan. With heat on medium, cook until eggs are desired doneness.

**MARY'S DREAM CHICKEN**  
5 chicken breasts, skinless, boneless  
1/4 cup butter  
1 package Italian salad dressing mix  
1 can golden mushroom soup  
1/2 cup white wine  
1/2 of an 8 ounce tub of cream cheese with chives and onions

Place chicken in crock pot. In medium saucepan, melt butter. Stir in dry Italian dressing mix, mushroom soup, white

wine, and cream cheese. Mix until cream cheese is melted. Pour mixture over chicken. Cover and cook on low for 4 to 5 hours. Serve with angel hair pasta.

**CABBAGE CASSEROLE**  
1 small head green cabbage  
1 medium Vidalia onion, chopped  
8 tablespoons butter salt and pepper  
1 can (10-ounce) condensed cream of chicken  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
**TOPPING**  
3 tablespoons melted butter  
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
1 sleeve Ritz crackers (about 30), coarsely crushed

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease a 2-quart casserole dish.

Coarsely chop the cabbage. Melt butter in a large nonstick pan. Add cabbage and onion and cook 8 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently, or until it is partially cooked down. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer cabbage mixture to prepared baking dish. In a small bowl, stir together soup and mayonnaise. Spread mixture over cabbage. In a bowl, stir together melted butter, cheese, and cracker crumbs. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake for 30 minutes or until topping is browned.

## "Town"

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committing a crime according to Lambert, and had no place to turn to find help expect jail. "These people are committing crimes out of desperation and then spending 10 hours in a fully lit jail cell with no medications, no sleep and no help. And then they are just let go because they aren't addicted to drugs," said one guest.

Rowe stood to express a concern to Lambert, and the other judges, that he had been trying to find an answer to a problem for many years. "When we have a mental illness issue, we are told we are not allowed to use a facility 45 minutes away but instead must use one in eastern Kentucky which is over an hour and a half, one way," he said. "This is a major burden on our deputy's time and the use of tax dollars. Not to mention, this person who has had a mental health breakdown and is having the worst day of their life, is now stuck in the back of a cruiser for well over an hour and a half and Rockcastle is without that deputy for three hours. We have tried for years and no one will tell us why we can't just take them to Lexington. This is unfair to our deputies, our tax payers and our friends and neighbors who really need help as soon as possible."

Duke then spoke up and said he would take the issue to Lexington the following day and find out the reasons or

work to change that rule.

Other speakers stood to express their concern about how to handle mental health criminals. "We have some in jail right now who have completed their sentence and they are on suicide watch. What now? If they aren't addicted to drugs, we have no one to hand them off too that will take over. The jail doesn't want to be a landing strip. We want to be a bridge," he said.

Lambert eventually called an end to the session saying there is never enough time to discuss all the issues in one meeting. However more are planned and surveys are available for those with questions or concerns on the subject.

Lambert said in a phone call the following day that she believes in the movement to address mental issues. "This movement for mental health awareness is much bigger than any of us," she said. "We need to work to stamp down the stigma involved with suicide a little at a time and work to increase awareness about the needs involved with mental health issues in all three branches of government. These Town Halls can teach us so much about the gaps in the current system and how we need to address such issues and fill those gaps in service."

Anyone needing more information should contact the Kentucky Judicial Commission

## Request for Proposals

Mt. Vernon - Rockcastle County Tourism Commission is requesting proposals for renting the historic John Lair House, located in Renfro Valley, Kentucky.

Proposals should indicate what type of business you plan to have, experience, and how you will manage the business.

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## A Quest For Happiness

Solomon sought happiness in every source of worldly pleasure. (Eccl.2:3) I sought in my heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting my heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life. His conclusions have been recorded so that man may know what will and will not give happiness.

Searched for happiness in wisdom. (1Kgs.3:12) Behold, I have done according to thy words; lo, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any rise like unto thee.

His wisdom was able to solve difficult problems, but was not able to satisfy. (Eccl.1:18) For in much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

Searched for happiness in the realm of literature. Wrote 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 psalms. Conclusion. (Eccl.12:12) And futher, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Looked for happiness in riches. Exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches ( 1Kgs.10:23). Forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots twelve thousand horsemen (1Kgs.4:26) A table dressed with the very best of foods. (1Kgs.4:22,23)

Conclusion: "wealth is hard to acquire; gives no real pleasure and soon vanishes".

Looked for happiness in worldly pleasures (Eccl.2:1) I said in my heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and behold, this also is vanity.

Looked for happiness in power. Was the ruler of a mighty nation, but all was vanity and vexation of the spirit.

The whole thing summed up (Eccl.12:13) Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

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

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**Notice is hereby given that Earl H. Johns,** 681 Old Brodhead Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Verla Marcelene Johns, Deceased, on the 25th day of September 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Earl H. Johns or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before March 25, 2024 at 11 a.m. 33x3

**Notice is hereby given that Ramona Powell,** 861 Barnett Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of James Price, deceased, on the 27th day of September 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ramona Powell or to Hon. William Leger, PO

Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before March 27, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 34x3

**PUBLIC NOTICE: I, William A. Leger,** an attorney in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association, have been appointed Warning Order Attorney for STEPHANIE PRATER. As such, I am tasked with notifying her of the filing of a petition against her in Rockcastle Circuit Court Case #23-AD-00016; I request that person named above, or any person with knowledge about the whereabouts or existence of the above named individual, contact me on or before the 10th of October, 2023. I am required to report my findings as to the existence and whereabouts of the individual identified herein and any defense they may have to the petition. I can be reached by mail at P.O. BOX 1250, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 or by telephone at (606) 256-2728.

**PUBLIC NOTICE: I, William A. Leger,** an attorney in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association, have been appointed Warning Order Attorney for AARON TIBBETS. As such, I am tasked with notifying him of the filing of a petition against him in Rockcastle Circuit Court Case #23-

CI-00101; I request that person named above, or any person with knowledge about the whereabouts or existence of the above named individual, contact me on or before the 10th of October, 2023. I am required to report my findings as to the existence and whereabouts of the individual identified herein and any defense they may have to the petition. I can be reached by mail at P.O. BOX 1250, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 or by telephone at (606) 256-2728.

**Yard Sales**

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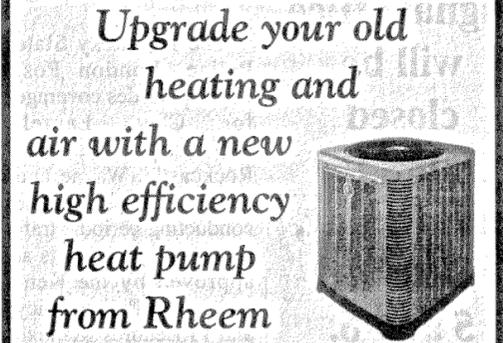
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# Forest fire hazard season is now underway

With the start of Kentucky's fall forest fire hazard season this Sunday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service encourages visitors to take care to recreate responsibly and reduce their risk of starting a wildfire.

"Leaves and other dead plant debris are easy fuel for wildfires. Even with a bit of rain or fog in the morning, our warm, breezy days dry those smaller fuels out quickly and can give you a false sense of security when setting up a campfire or burning debris at home," said Amy McClave, acting Daniel Boone National Forest Fire Management Officer. "It's important that Forest visitors and residents of our neighboring communities take precautions to ensure

that fires, whether from campfires or debris burning, are completely extinguished before leaving them unattended."

Abandoned or escaped campfires are one of the most common causes of wildfire activity on the Daniel Boone National Forest. To prevent a campfire from causing an accidental forest fire, the Forest Service recommends:

- Building campfires in existing fire pits or in clear spaces at least 15 feet away from branches or shrubs.

- Avoiding campfires in windy conditions where embers can easily be carried to nearby fuels.

- Never leaving a campfire unattended or letting it grow out of control.

- Ensuring a campfire is completely extinguished before leaving by covering it with water, stirring the ashes around and dousing it again. If the ashes still feel warm to the back of a hand, repeat the process until they are cold.

Visitors are encouraged to report abandoned or uncontrolled campfires to local law enforcement. Suspicious acts of arson should be directed to the nearest Kentucky State Police post or the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON.

"More than 99% of Kentucky forest fires are caused by human activity," said McClave. "From now through the end of fire season on December 15, we ask our visitors to help us keep the Forest and our neighboring communities safe by following burn restrictions, properly extinguishing campfires and avoiding activities that may create a spark."

Kentucky's fall fire season runs October 1 to December 15. During this

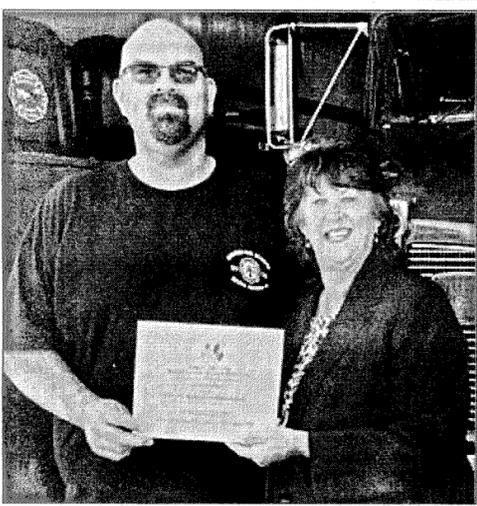
time, state law prohibits burning in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland on state or private lands from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Local officials may also issue burn bans that further restrict burning within the county.

Campfires on the National Forest are permitted unless a ban is issued by the Forest Supervisor.

For more information on Kentucky Forest Fire Hazard Season and burn restrictions, visit the Kentucky Department of For-

estry website at <https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry>

To learn more about the Daniel Boone National Forest, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf> or find them on social media @DanielBooneNF



Rockcastle DAR Debbie Brown presents a flag certificate to the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department for properly displaying the US Flag. Chief Mullins accepted the certificate on behalf of the station. If you know of a business, organization or individual who properly displays the US Flag, please contact Rockcastle DAR at [Rockcastledar@gmail.com](mailto:Rockcastledar@gmail.com).

**The Mount Vernon Signal office will be closed Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6.**

## Lions helping



Mt Vernon Lions club members Judith Smith and Sandy Dowell delivered food collected by members to Grateful Breads. The Lions are always serving the community in various ways buying glasses for qualified needs, keeping upkeep on a small cemetery in Mt Vernon, Christmas Shop with a Lion for children, yearly scholarship for RCHS senior, supporting other local needs. Thank you for community support.

## Traffic safety checkpoints

The Kentucky State Police, London Post which provides coverage for Clay, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne and Whitley counties, will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints at approved by the Kentucky State Police Policy and Procedures Manual. These checkpoints will be

conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Special attention will be paid to occupant protection (seatbelt adherence). Sobriety, insurance and registration violations.

The Kentucky State Police utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists

using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

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