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Bittersweet Festival fills Main Street with entertainment

**By: Mike French
Editor**
It started on Thursday evening with the annual Cruise In car show and ended Saturday evening after countless events and attractions had bro-

ken down their tents. Organizers say the 2024 Bitter Sweet Festival was once again a success but this year was considered to be even bigger and better than usual. With more events and ac-

tivities as well as more visitors, officials agree the 2024 festival was among the biggest and best yet. "I think our festival has gone exceptionally well," said Mayor Tim Roberts.

"There were a few other big events going on this weekend that took some of the crowd away but I think many of them came after the other

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Officials say the 2024 Bittersweet Festival saw one of the biggest crowds in its history. The event also included more booths and attractions than ever before. Live music filled the air as countless activities were happening along Mount Vernon's Main Street and according to Mayor Tim Roberts, the parade was also the longest in history. (See more photos inside)

City of Livingston prohibits medical cannabis facilities

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Members of the Livingston City Commission held their regular monthly meeting last Friday with a short agenda.

First on the list was the unanimous vote to prohibit any business in the city limits of Livingston that would manufacture, produce or sell medical cannabis.

The issue has been a detailed topic of concern for all cities in the county as well as the fiscal court. The fiscal court has voted to prohibit such facilities in the county as well. The Mount Vernon City Council voted in a special called meeting to place the issue on the ballot and officials with the city of Brodhead say they expect to allow such facilities in the city limits of Brodhead but has not yet held the official vote at press time.

"There will be no legal pot dispensary, nor sale of marijuana, in the

city of Livingston," said Mayor Sandi Singleton. "Our town cannot support that kind of business. We already fight hard to keep it out of our town and we don't need another way for it to get in here."

In other action, the commissioners agreed to double down on the city's ordinance dealing with uncut weeds and grass along the city's roadways.

Singleton said since the resignation of the city's police chief, some areas have begun to become more neglected. "We don't currently have a Brodhead Police officer, but our streets are indeed patrolled by both the Kentucky State Police and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department," she said. In fact, officials say the streets of Livingston are likely patrolled more often now than it has been in some time.

"We also have

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All county schools fare well

Brodhead test scores place BES as top Kentucky school

**By: Mike French
Editor**
"It is official. Brodhead Elementary School has been named the top elementary school in the state in some categories and the number two school overall," said Rockcastle County School Board Chairman Angela Mink. "The principal's goal was to reach the top 100 out of over 700 schools. They reached number two."

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has named Brodhead Elementary School as the best elementary school in

the state of Kentucky in writing and social studies assessments. The school also received second best elementary school over all in the state. And, according to Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger, all other Rockcastle schools are not far behind when it comes to progress. According to the test results, Rockcastle County High School scored extremely high as well.

"Everyone including custodians, bus drivers, teachers, staff, the board, and more have shown exemplary dedication," said Ballinger. "Everyone of

them deserve credit along side our students."

Last May, students in schools across the state took part in the state and federally required KDE Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA). Results

of the 2022/23 school year assessments were released last week.

Results were recorded using colors as a progress scale with red being listed as a very low score, orange listed as low, yellow

listed as medium, green listed as high and blue listed as very high. Brodhead was one of the few schools to receive a blue rating as an overall score and blue in every content area being scored.

Organizers of the test say the goal of the test is to measure Kentucky student proficiency and progress in all areas of education, including critical thinking and problem-

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Voters may vote at any voting location

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Sample ballots were released last week showing Rockcastle County voters what to expect when they cast their vote for their favorite candidates in November's General Election.

This year there are five locations where Rockcastle County residents may cast their ballot. Each of the five locations will include every precinct, allowing every voter to go to the most convenient location to vote, rather than any specific location. Any voter may vote at any of the five locations. Those locations are:

**Rockcastle County Courthouse,
Mount Vernon Elementary School,
Livingston Fire Department,
Brodhead Elementary School
Roundstone Elementary School.**

The Presidential race, the United States Representative in Congress in the fifth congressional district, the Kentucky State Senator in the 21st

senatorial district, the Kentucky State Representative in the 71st representative district, the Commonwealth Attorney

in the 28th judicial circuit and the Circuit Court Clerk races will appear on the ballots for every precinct.

City of Brodhead passes annex ordinances and approves project bids

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Members of the Brodhead City Commission held their second and final reading of two ordinances annexing right of way property along Main Street and along US-150 last week during a special called meeting. Both ordinances and full property descriptions were published in last week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal*.

Angel Tree taking applications from Rockcastle this month

Saturday, October 13 and Friday, October 25, the Salvation Army will be taking applications for the 2024 Christmas Angel Tree from Rockcastle County residents. Children from birth to 12 years of age on Christmas Day are eligible and the event is available for all families in need.

Salvation Army officials say organizers will verify

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The East, West, North and South Mount Vernon Precinct ballots will include the race for Mount

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Grateful Threadz closing its doors

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Officials with the Christian Appalachian Project's *Grateful Threadz* of Mount Vernon have announced the business will close their doors permanently.

The program has offered lightly used clothing and other items at greatly reduced prices in order to provide needed items to families who had financial difficulties affording quality clothing. According to a press release last week, CAP has operated thrift stores to ensure that community members had access to high quality used

clothing and household goods. Grateful Threadz was CAP's last thrift store organizers say. "In the past few years, inexpensive clothing and household goods have become more widely available in the county," the release says. "CAP leadership have identified additional needs where CAP can be more effective in continuing to serve families in Appalachia."

The release also says basic needs like food and a warm, safe, and dry home "are what the folks in Eastern Kentucky are having the most trouble affording."

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

You'll be happy to hear that this will be a short column since I had been dealing with the creepy crud now for almost two weeks. It's been one of those situations where you feel so bad you're afraid you're going to die then you feel so bad, you're afraid you're not.

Anyway, got up Tuesday morning and it was the first morning that I felt like I might make it to the next day and decided that I had to say something about the horrible fate that has befallen several southern states, particularly North Carolina, or I would literally explode.

This has been one of the most traumatic things, for me, that I have had to endure thus far and I can't even imagine the trauma, despair and horror of those who are being directly affected.

And now, information from those knowledgeable about our government's weather modification programs--yes, programs (since at least the 40's)--has begun to come out and all of a sudden it makes more sense why a hurricane, coming ashore in Florida suddenly veered north, with an eastward path and more powerful than it was when it came ashore.

The devastation, particularly in Western North Carolina, is unbelievable and several communities will evidently not survive the devastation. Chimney Rock has already reportedly been bulldozed -- with some on Twitter (X) saying they didn't bother recovering bodies from the area first.

I don't personally know that is true but from some of the actions I have seen from this regime, it is certainly not beyond the realm of possibility.

I do know that the eyewitness accounts of the uncaring actions of FEMA workers.

The \$750 promised ev-

everyone by VP Harris has turned out to be hard to access with mostly denials of applications thus far but FEMA officials say not to be discouraged, apply again.

People are naturally upset that our government recently gave **Lebanon \$157 million**, a country controlled by the terrorist organization Hezbollah, and the over \$1 billion already given to Ukraine (\$8 billion just recently) and for which there has never been an audit process of its use put in place.

But, Alejandro Mayorkas recently said that it's not true that FEMA spent \$1 billion in aid of illegal immigrants to this country, as those nasty Republicans are saying. This came from a different FEMA fund, he said. So, you understand, it doesn't mean that that money was ever available to help citizens of this country in dire need--it was always allocated to house, feed, provide medical care, monthly cash debit cards, free college, etc. to **ILLEGALS!!**

Amazingly enough, FEMA was able to allocate over \$100,000,000 for a harbor and an airport for a town, in Alaska, with no roads, connecting said airport and harbor to the town which only has 75 full-time residents. Along with the missing road, the harbor is also currently lacking electricity, running water and--boats!!

From the beginning there has been speculation that this entire event was staged to make sure the government could take control of the huge lithium and quartz deposits in North Carolina, that residents have been fighting. Lithium mines

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Wouldn't it be nice if young people could think ahead? I wish I had.

To all us old folks, wouldn't it be nice if we had known in 1965, what the world would be like in 2024?

Of course we would all have invested in internet ideas and Microsoft and we would have bet on Rich Strike in 2022 at the Kentucky Derby. But that's not what I mean. I am talking about all the things in life that we had in those days that we wish we still had today. Back then, things weren't as important to us young folks. But we wish we had them now.

The Bittersweet Festival had many such reminders for me about days gone by. More than one booth had hundreds of Hot Wheels. Those little toys bring back such childhood memories. Hot Wheels were like currency to us kids in our neighborhood. I remember having some that are now considered collector's items and they are actually worth a lot of money. Of course in those days we never thought of such things. I just played with them. In fact, I painted many of mine with a tiny, cheap brush. They would be worthless now. We just didn't care about such things.

Back in the day I also collected baseball cards. But they didn't mean anything except something to play with and some good bubble gum. I used a magic marker to draw a moustache on Pete Rose's card and used my Johnny Bench card in the spokes of my bicycle.

Even the car show touched a heart string. Most every car I had as a teen was in this car show last Thursday. They were so beautiful and cared for. I just used them to get from point A to point B. I was proud of my Trans Am and of my 1971 Chevelle. But I never dreamed they would someday be priceless collector's items.

My father bought a brand new 1955 Chevy Belair but he never dreamed it would someday be lusted after by millions of people.

Things were just different in those days. My parents used to drop by the school just to tell me something. They would bring me a key to the house if they weren't going to be home when school let out. They didn't

"check in" or go through security checks. They didn't even stop by the office. They just walked to my room and came on in. Everyone's parents did.

People had different attitudes. When a President was shot, we all cried. Our whole family was pure Republican and Kennedy was a Democrat. But when he was shot, it broke everyone's heart. If anyone on earth had said some of the stuff I see on social media about Trump's assassination attempt, they would have lost every friend they had.

It was a different world. We treated our stuff differently and we looked at things differently.

Cars in those days were "cool" but we had no idea they would practically stop making cool cars and start making rectangle boxes with wheels.

Things us kids owned in those days were used and played with. We didn't know those same items would later be sought-after collector items.

I inherited a chestnut dresser from my grandmother after she passed away. It was made from a tree that became functionally extinct in the 1950s. But grandpa had driven old, bent, number 16 nails into boards as

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Legendary Haunted Witch Tree of Old Louisville

Dear Journal,

As some may know, I've been reading about the Appalpatian culture of the region for several weeks. I was thinking that there may be some people interested in witches, ghosts and such especially with Halloween just around the corner.

I've heard a very interesting tale about a very mysterious tree that grows even today in Louisville. It is a maple tree that is described as being, huge, gnarly, and has twisted branches producing a sense of a foreboding danger and an overwhelming feeling of fright to those who get near to it. It grew prior to the Civil War at the corner of Park and 6th Streets and still remains there.

Along about the time of the Civil War or just prior, there was a group of ladies in Louisville who were well versed in the dark arts and known for general witchery. It was a small group of about six to eight of them and they would gather around that old maple tree on the darkest of nights with no moon light at all. People passing within hearing distance could hear the ladies speaking in words they couldn't understand, like they were conjuring demons and casting spells. The only light they had was

that of a candle. Local citizens who lived near the tree said that on these nights there would be a heavy thickness to the air and a feeling of dread producing a shiver down their backs.

Some of the citizens of Louisville decided to have a May Pole Celebration in 1889 and were going to cut down the witch tree, I assume to use for the May Pole. This disturbed the witches to no end and they begged them not to cut their tree. Finally the witches pronounced a curse on the whole town if they carried out their plans to cut down their tree. They said that a terrible darkness would settle over the town, a horrible howling wind would come and they would be avenged. Months passed and nothing happened and all thought that the city had escaped the curse of the witches. However, one day, March 27, 1890 the sky turned a shade of dark most had never seen and began to move in a way you would have thought that Satan himself was stirring in a cauldron. Soon the wind began to blow and it sounded like a thousand demons were released from Hell. In a short while the whole city of Louisville had been almost destroyed with entire homes blown away

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Thursday, October 17 - 3 p.m.

McKee District Office

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- One vote per membership
- Voting will be in-person and ballots submitted electronically
- Photo identification will be required
- Visit jacksonenergy.com for more information
- Must be present to win cash prizes

Pastor Appreciation...

Members of Union Chapel Pentecostal Church want to say just how much we appreciate our pastor, Walter Bowling and all he does and has done for our church. We have service on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Come be blessed. Church is located on 1505, 3 miles out of Brodhead.



Ramblings..

(Continued from A2) are notoriously detrimental to the environment and pose horrible working conditions.

The tiny town of Spruce Pine in North Carolina is home to virtually all of the world's supply of high-purity quartz, has literally been blown off the map by Helene and speculation is that the same fate that happened to Chimney Rock awaits Spruce Pine. Chimney Rock residents have said they were called to a meeting with the feds at which they were told that the town would be demolished and would then become the property of the federal government.

This could also explain FEMA's very slow reaction to getting support into the area to locate those cut off without food or water and injured in many cases. I'm not sure how they can explain trying, and succeeding in many cases, to run off volunteers on the scene with the means to go into the mountains and bring out those stranded there, by threatening them with arrest,

impounding the donated food and supplies "for inventory," blocking airport runways so that private helos and planes engaged in rescue work cannot take off and land, commandeering supplies already sent for relief--and that's another thing. If you want to donate money to the relief effort, don't send it to the Red Cross. Send it to a local church or Samaritan's Purse, organizations that FEMA or the Red Cross cannot confiscate it from.

I have a personal interest in all this with one child in Panama City, FL, another on a cruise ship in the Atlantic, and another in Cancun, Mexico. They are all safe, they assure me but, at this point, all I can do is pray they get home safely since I-4 and I-75 are reportedly just about parking lots.

And, guess what, my energy level has run out at about the same time that Paige's deadline has arrived. I hope by next week, some of these crises--that are being handled so "efficiently" by our government--have been resolved.

Happy Birthday



60 years ago, I was blessed with this precious baby sister. we love you to the moon and back, around Jupiter & Mars & all the stars.

T.J.'s

(Continued from A2) other buildings heavily damaged with several people hurt and killed..

At the height of the tornado, there was a particularly bright and loud clap of lightning and thunder. Some said that at that time, the witches shadowy, ghostly figures were seen playing merrily near where their tree had grown. That huge bolt of lightning reached down and struck the stump of the maple witch tree. The

stump caught on fire and all that was left of it was a few embers and a big crack in the middle.

In the weeks following that, a small sapling began to grow from the huge crack and it turned out that a huge, gnarly tree grew just as mighty as the first tree with a much more determination or vengeance so they say. Today people cautiously visit the witch tree bringing notes, little gifts, candles, or other things to the tree.

Aces

(Continued from A2) some kind of repair project. It was glued and screwed and nailed as if it were nothing.

It would have been almost priceless today but we had no idea.

I can't help but wonder what my grandchildren are tossing around as a toy and leaving out in the rain, that will

someday be an item they wish they had kept and took care of. Also what attitudes do people have today that will be considered dark, terrible thoughts some day?

The problem is, it seems unpredictable. Who would have thought the comic books I read and threw away would be sought-after items today? And I couldn't count the stamps we licked and mailed that are worth hundreds of dollars today.

Some of the metal cars I left out in the rain and watched rust away, are very valuable today.

Things in my life haven't changed a little. They have changed a LOT!

Wouldn't it be nice if you had some of the things now that you thought were every day junk in your youth?!!

Pastor Appreciation...

Sand Hill Baptist Church would like to express our appreciation for the 25 years of dedication of our Pastor, Bro. Tommy Miller and his wife, Sharon. We love you both so very much and thank you for everything you do. May God continue to bless you and bless our church.



Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, Oct. 14th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.
Tuesday, Oct. 15th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie, Green Hill, Fairview, Brindle Ridge.
Wednesday, Oct. 16th: Sr. Adult Day Health, Wayne Stewart Center.

Freedom From Smoking

Rockcastle Regional Hospital is offering free smoking cessation courses beginning October 23rd. For more information, call Kayla Abney at 606-256-7383.

Class of 2004 20th Year Reunion

The RCHS Class of 2004 will hold their 20th Year Reunion on **Saturday, October 12, 2024** at Limestone Bar & Grille from 7 to 10 p.m. Food and drinks will be available to purchase at the restaurant. For questions, text 606-308-4044.

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 attended Livingston High School, are asked to meet the last Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., for breakfast and conversation, at Marcella's.

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.

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 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. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or District Commander B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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

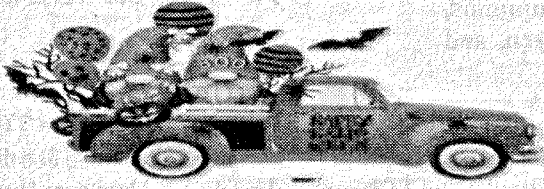
Wednesday-Air-All In Recovery-Mt. Vernon: 12 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY. Contact: 606-308-8900 for more info.

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.

MVES Trunk-or-Treat



Attention local businesses and churches... we are searching for participants for our second annual trunk-or-treat. What is Trunk-or-Treat? It is a trick-or-treating opportunity for our students to participate in during school and a treat of giving opportunity for our community churches and businesses. We invite you to join us by decorating the trunk of your car and passing out treats to our students during our storybook parade. Treats can be the traditional candy or healthier snack, such as pretzels or fruit roll-ups, pencils, stickers and any other treats you would like to give. Everyone wears their Halloween costumes (no masks or scary costumes) and have lots of fun. We would love for you to join in on the fun and make it a memorable day for our students.

If you are interested in participating please contact Sierra Williams at Mount Vernon Elementary School at 606-256-2953 or by email

sierra.williams@rockcastle.kyschools.us

1. Sign-up your business to be a part of our event.
2. Decorate your vehicle (usually with the trunk end facing the trick-or-treaters.)
3. Bring candy/goodies for 640 kids to hand out to the students.

Where: Mt. Vernon Elementary Bus Loop
When: Friday, October 31, 2024
Time: Set up begins at 12:00 p.m.
Trunk-or-Treat beings at 1:00 p.m.

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Obituaries

Farmer Waddle

Farmer Waddle, 93, of Livingston, died Monday, September 30, 2024 at Landmark of Lancaster Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. He was born in Livingston on December 12, 1930, the son of Bert and Rebecca Spivey Waddle. He was a retired construction worker and farmer and was of the Holiness Faith. He was a US Army Veteran and Purple Heart recipient of the Korean War.

He is survived by: a son, Farmer Waddle, Jr. and wife Melody of Indianapolis, IN; two daughters, Holly Pogany of Port Orange, FL, and Nina Jean Waddle and Ron Barnett of Livingston; a brother, Hardin Waddle of Frankfort; and two sisters, Annie Waddle of Frankfort and Maxine Smith of Lexington. Also surviving are: 13 grandchildren, Billy Ray Paige, Jr., Brian Paige, Patricia Paige, Jonathan Kirby, Jeremy Kirby, Jessica Shields, Reba Pogany, Blake Barnett, Chelsey Brook Barnett, Nathan Dakota Barnett, Laura Ashley Kidwell, Misty Dawn Tilghman, and Ethan Kirby; 21 great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice Waddle, and three daughters, Rosemary Paige, Debbie Kirby, and Sandra Bartel.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 3, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jim Miller. Burial with Military Honors followed in Morning View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Blake Barnett, Dakota Barnett, Rick Barnett, Ronnie Barnett, Ethan Kirby, Jeremy Kirby, and Jonathan Kirby.

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

Dr. Robert Finley Hendrickson, Jr.

Dr. Robert Finley Hendrickson, Jr., passed from this life to his eternal home in Heaven on September 28, 2024, after several years of declining health.

Left to cherish his memory are: his wife of 51 years, Brenda Whitlow Hendrickson; four sons, Robert Finley Hendrickson, III (Crystal), William Paul Hendrickson, Jeffrey Charles Hendrickson, and Philip Wayne Hendrickson; and two adored grandsons, Jeffrey Jeremiah Hendrickson and Abraham Eli Hendrickson.

Dr. Hendrickson was preceded in death by his father, Robert Finley Hendrickson, Sr., and his mother, Ruth Frith Hendrickson.

Finley grew up in Brodhead. He lived close to the school where both of his parents were teachers. He was "The Paperboy" from the time he was 11 years old. He bought his first car with his earnings from delivering newspapers.

He graduated from Brodhead High School and attended Eastern Kentucky University for his undergraduate degree in the Sciences. Then, in 1972, he received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Kentucky (UK).

Finley spent the next year in Roanoke, Virginia, for a rotating internship at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. There, he met Brenda where she was working as a recovery room nurse. After completing the internship and marrying Brenda, they moved back to Lexington, where he finished a residency in Family Practice at UK. He was part of the very first class at UK to complete a residency in family medicine. He attained life-long status as a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Hendrickson practiced family medicine in Danville for 45 years. Taking care of people and establishing lifelong relationships with them was his life's joy and his passion. He followed many patients from birth to adulthood and took care of many extended family members. "Doc" was known for having a "sixth sense" when it came to diagnosing and treating patients. There was never a day that he complained about the demands of his work.

His retirement was not a joyous occasion for him. Thus, four months after his retirement, he was offered an opportunity to start a new rural health clinic in Brodhead. It was a Divine gift for him. He so much enjoyed finishing his life's work in the place where he was raised. He practiced at Brodhead Family Care for three years and then fully retired.

His last few years were physically difficult for him but he and his family cherished each and every day. He particularly enjoyed car rides to his farm in Rockcastle County where he counted and recounted his cattle and checked out the land. He was also an avid fan of UK Athletics.

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, October 4, 2024 at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Danville Christian Academy.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the staff and providers at Ephraim McDowell Health, The Willows at Harrodsburg, and Heritage Hospice.

Through a very difficult time, our burdens and worries were alleviated by the care and concern of many for which we will be forever grateful.

For condolences and to share memories please visit www.stithcares.com

Lucille Frances Benge

Lucille Frances Genton Benge, 94, died Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born April 13, 1930, to the late Amie and Emma Jane (Griffin) Genton. She loved gardening, reading, studying the Bible, healthy living, studying history, and enjoyed each neighbor and loved reminiscing with each one.

Lucille was a quiet and gentle soul who loved the Lord, her family, friends, and her neighbors. She never forgot any person she ever met. She was a member of Central Church of Christ in Georgetown. She was an avid lover of history, having been influenced to her core by the events of the Great Depression and World War II. Lucille was a loving big sister to her siblings, having delayed her high school education for two years to stay home to care for her ailing mother. She returned to high school to graduate as Salutatorian with her sister, Wanda the Valedictorian, and her future husband, Virgil Benge. After completing high school, she worked as a circuit board solder/welder for the Baldwin Piano and Organ Co. in Cincinnati. Lucille and Virgil married in April of 1955 and set off to Virginia to finish Virgil's time in the Navy, with just their clothes and 22 pairs of shoes. After Virgil's honorable discharge from the Navy, their union was blessed with three children.

Survivors include: three children, son, Keith (Rita) Benge of Crab Orchard, and two daughters, Elaine (Billy) Cummins of Georgetown, and Dana Benge of Richmond; sister, Wanda Genton Thompson of Crab Orchard; two brothers, Herman (Ruby) Genton of Cincinnati and Rick (Patti) Genton of Bowling Green; four grandchildren, Melissa Benge (Josh) Rediford of Lexington, Derek (Amy) Benge of Georgetown, Dalton "Dot" Cummins (Devin) Wren of Lexington and Connor Cummins of Lexington; great grandchildren, Dylan Rediford, Lucas Rediford, Aubrey Benge, and Felix Wren; step grandchildren, Logan Curry, Caitlin Profitt, Abby Profitt, and Lily Profitt; step great grandchild, Novalee Profitt; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Lucille was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband, Virgil Louis Benge; a sister, Irene Genton Simpson; and a grandson, Brandon Cummins.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 16, 2024 at McKnight Funeral Home with Bro. Jim Hardy officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Derek Benge, Connor Cummins, Jeff Thompson, Billy Cummins, Devin Wren, and Josh Rediford.

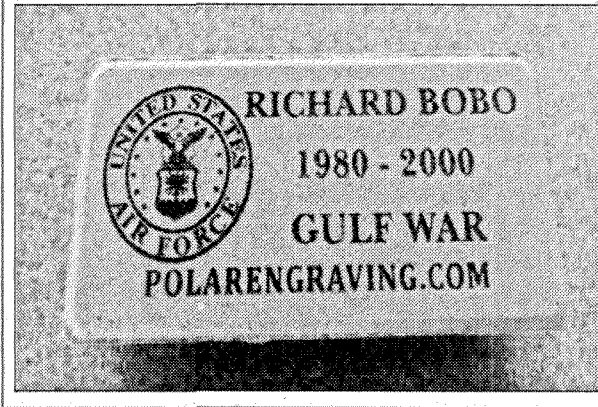
In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery Fund.

Call change of addresses asap to 606-256-2244 or email us at mvsignal@windstream.net

"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.



Jeff Nicely

Jeffery Layne Nicely, 63, of Mt. Vernon, husband of Gina Cornelius Nicely, died Sunday, October 6, 2024.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2024 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

We ask that you please respect the family's private visitation time prior to public visitation hours beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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

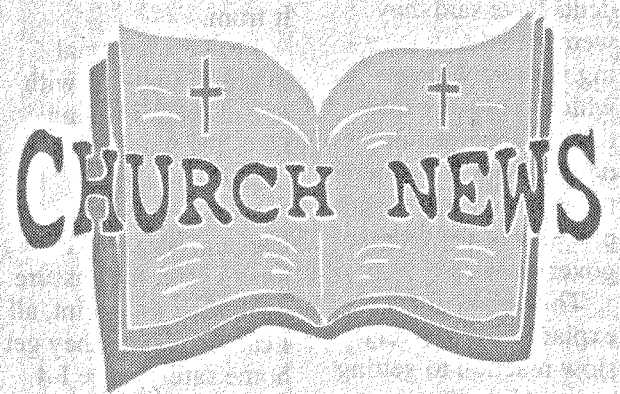
Barbara Sue Allen

A celebration of life will be held for Barbara Sue (Whitaker) Allen on Saturday, October 12th starting at 12:30 at the home of Ronnie and Lisa Hayes, 346 Brownie Branch Rd., Mt. Vernon.

Barb did not want a funeral. She wanted everyone to have a good time. She wanted everyone to bring a dish and talk about the good times that she had with them so friends, family, co-workers, all come join and celebrate the life of Barb Allen, my sister.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hayes, Terry Zapf and Liz Williams.



Let the Bible Speak

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

Homecoming

Homecoming Services at Cupps Chapel Holiness Church will be held Sunday, October 13th, at 12 p.m. Bro. Marlowe Napier of London will be preaching and the church will provide dinner after the service.

Pastors Travis Carpenter, Travis Philpot, and the congregation welcome everyone.

Signal office closed on Wednesdays

The Power of Prayer

As Christians we have access to God through Jesus Christ. Often, we fail to take full advantage of having friends in high places. Prayer is the most important thing we can do because it tells God that we are dependent upon him. This is important to God and humbling to us.

Unfortunately, many times God doesn't hear from us as often as he should. By this I mean we use God for a medicine cabinet, we call him when we have a health crisis or other problem in our lives. He is there for that, but he also wants us to communicate with him when he has answered prayers and when we have been blessed. He is God when we are standing on the mountain and when we are going through the valley.

There are assumptions one must make about prayer. God is real, God loves man. Man needs God and God hears prayer. But it says in John 9:3 now we know that God heareth not sinners, but if any man be a worshiper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. We must seek to worship God daily so that we not only pray for our needs but for the needs of others. things we have the blessing to ask for in prayer. First we ask for the forgiveness of sin. Luke 11:4 tells us, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation. Wisdom, James 1:5 if any of you lacks wisdom let him ask God, who gives generously without reproach, and it will be given him. The daily necessities of life, Matt 6:1 Give us this day our daily bread. God is the great physician and we can pray for him to heal the sick, give thanks for the cheerful things praise him in song as we read in James 5:13-14 is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray! Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praises. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. Protection and temptation against the devil is a must when we pray, Matt 26:41 says, watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak. The effectual working of the word of God.

II Thess 3:1-2 Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men.

Let us take advantage of the blessings of prayer.

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00
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Festival

(Continued from front) events were over."

The parade was one of the longest as youngsters filled their bags with candy. "I think this was the best parade I have seen," said Roberts. "We led the parade and when we got back to the starting point, the last float was just pulling out."

In charge of organizing the festival was Nicole Roberts and throughout the event she was visible taking care of issues up and down Main Street as Tourism Director Jessica Blankenship was ever present serving as Master of Ceremonies for the live music and delivering dignitaries from end to end in a golf cart.

City hall workers were also seen throughout the event, dealing with the City of Mount Vernon Booth and helping those with questions throughout the weekend.

This year's event included an axe throwing area along with bumper car rides. Inflatables were located in the center of town and some of the biggest names in gospel music could be heard from end to end on Main Street.

Many games and activities, including a skating rink were found along the street as craft vendors and food trucks kept shoppers entertained throughout the three-day event. Many booths also provided information for passers-by concerning the city, the tourism department, churches, organizations, clubs, groups and political party candidates.

Of course the annual Bittersweet Parade filled Main Street providing classic vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, motorcycles of all types, horses, and business floats. The Grand Marshall of the parade, former mayor Gary Cromer, tossed candy to the waiting crowd with current mayor Tim Roberts by his side. Cromer was the Mount Vernon Mayor when the Bittersweet Festival was started in 1990.

Officials and visitors seemed to agree that the 2024 festival provided evidence that the event is continuing to grow every year and plans are already underway for the 2025 event.

"It couldn't have gone better," said Roberts. "The weather was perfect, the crowd was huge, activities were everywhere you look., Everyone I have talked with has had a wonderful time and the music has been fantastic. I'm so proud of our city"

Test

(Continued from front) solving skills.

According to the testing, Roundstone Elementary School, Mount Vernon Elementary School and Rockcastle Middle School each scored in the high green area in all content.

RCHS scored in the blue area as an overall score and ranked 41st out of 255 high schools in Kentucky. RCHS scored in the blue rating in reading and math and green in science, social studies and writing.

According to assessment results, the percentage of students statewide who performed at proficient or distinguished levels maintained or rose in several areas, includ-

ing reading and mathematics, across all grade levels. The only area of concern statewide for organizers were in the area of science.

When compared along side the previous assessment results, the latest results show a 2% increase in kindergarten readiness of students entering school last fall and a 1% increase in grade 3 students scoring proficient or above in reading. The results also show a 1% increase in grade 8 proficiency in mathematics and a 1% increase in graduation rate across the state.

Officials say all Rockcastle County schools scored well above average in nearly all content areas and BES stood out with the highest scores in the state in some areas.

Angel

(Continued from front) eligibility by each applicant's income/expenditure ratio.

Applications will be taken for nine counties, including Rockcastle, at the Salvation Army, 1675 East Main Street, in Richmond. Applications will be taken from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on each day.

Those applying should bring a valid, state issued, photo ID with your current address, government issued ID for all household members, such as birth certificate, photo ID, passport, matricula consular identification and Medicaid cards for children. Applicants should also bring current food stamp award letter listing all family members

Applicants must also have proof of all household expenses such as a lease or mortgage, electric bill, gas bill, water bill, cable bill, internet bill, phone bill, car payment, car and health insurance bill, storage fees, rent-to-own statements, personal loan information and any other monthly expenses. Social Security Cards will not be accepted.

Applicants are also asked to bring a list, including children's clothing sizes and shoe sizes, as well as possible gift ideas for your child.

For more information, call 859-624-5826.

Cannabis

(Continued from front) constables who have agreed to help us with serving citations," she said. Commissioners agreed to begin immediately citing residents once again who do not keep the grass and weeds away from city streets. "We have provided sufficient warnings and it is time to get our streets cleaned up."

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 1 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Vote

(Continued from front) Vernon City Council with 11 candidates running for the six positions.

The North Brodhead City precinct will include the race for Brodhead City Commission. Only four candidates are running for the four seats on the commission.

The East and West Livingston City precincts will include the Livingston Mayoral race

and the Livingston City Commission race. Four candidates are running for the four seats on the commission in Livingston. Two candidates are on the ballot for Mayor of Livingston with one write-in candidate filed.

The North Brodhead City, North Brodhead, Brown and West Brodhead precincts will include the division 2 race for the Rockcastle County Board of Education.

The Climax and the Orlando precincts will in-

clude the race for division 4 of the school board.

The Conway, Roundstone, East Mount Vernon City and Wildie precincts will include division 5 in the school board race.

All precincts will also include Constitutional Amendment One which if passed, will prohibit those who are not legal American citizens from voting in American elections. The amendment would also continue to prohibit convicted felons from voting.

All precincts will also include Constitutional Amendment Two which if passed, would enable the General Assembly to provide financial support for the education costs of students outside the public school system.

East, West, North and South Mount Vernon city precincts will also include a question concerning medical cannabis inside the city limits of Mount Vernon. If passed, the sale of medical cannabis and the operation of other cannabis businesses would be allowed

by law in the City of Mount Vernon.

Closing

(Continued from front) We plan to reallocate our resources in those directions for Rockcastle and surrounding counties."

The release says the Grateful Bread Food Pantry, located in the same building on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon, will continue to operate with its normal business hours providing commodity boxes to families in the community.

Cruise-In brings huge crowd to open 2024 Bittersweet Festival

By: Mike French Editor

Kicking off the three-day Bittersweet Festival last Thursday was what some are calling the best annual Car Show/Cruise-In on record.

Main Street in Mount Vernon was closed as classic and unique cars and trucks rumbled into town and parked along the roadway as WRVK played nostalgic music all along Main Street.

Many vehicles entered the show that had not been seen in Rockcastle County car

shows previously and were state champion quality, according to organizers. "I think we may have had a few more cars in the past but I doubt we have ever had the quality that came to our city this year," said Mayor Tim Roberts.

Carlos McClure, former Rockcastle Jailer and owner of five of the cars in the Cruise-in event, agreed some of the vehicles were extraordinary. "This was about the best car show we have had as far as quality of the cars," he said. "This has

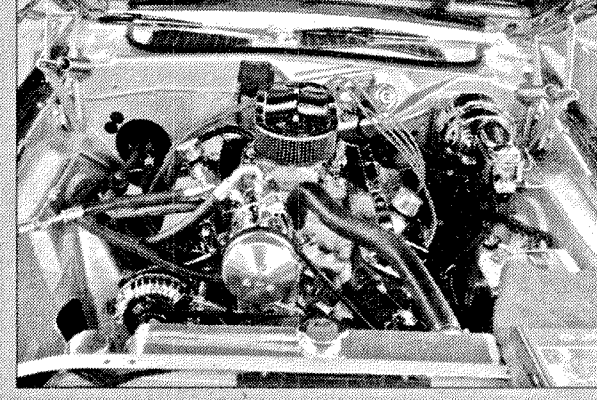
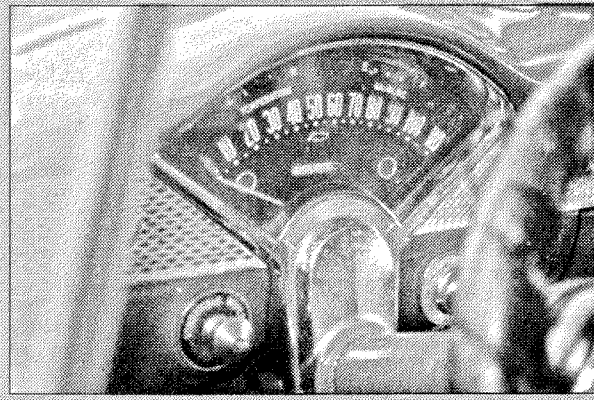
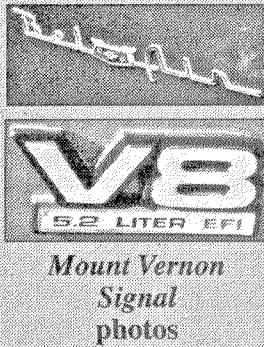
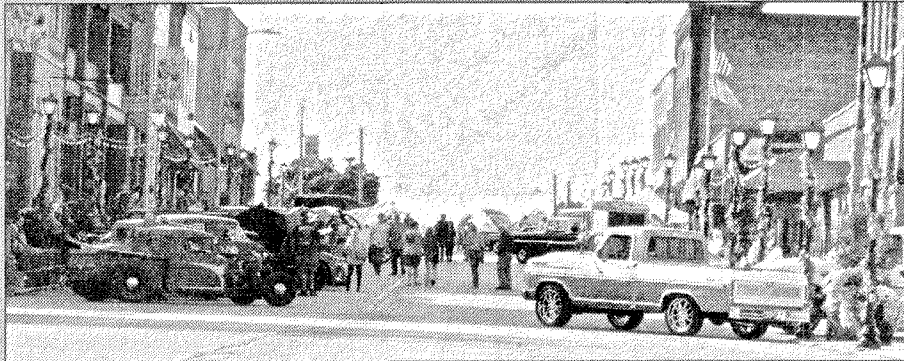
been very well organized."

Main Street was filled with visitors admiring the vehicles and enjoying the 50s style music surrounding the event.

Organizer Nicole Roberts, along with the City Hall staff and City Clerk Crystal Rush worked a booth in the center of town giving free car care products to passersby and the Lions Club spoke with countless visitors.

Dash plaques were given and judges chose

the top ten vehicles. The winners were: Jerry Gross with his 1972 Chevy pickup, Lonnie McGuire with his 2016 Chevy Camaro Super Sport, Earl Phillips with his 1966 Chevy Z10, Donnie Helton with his 1970 Chevelle, Johnny Baldwin with his 1970 Cuda, Clay Baldwin with his 1970 Challenger, Bristol McClure with her 1978 Trans Am, Joe Lepore with his 1931 Ford Model A pickup, Greg Cox with his 1955 Chevy Belair and Tim McGuire with his 1974 Jeep J20.



Annex

(Continued from front) According to Cash, the new meter attachment will allow water department workers to read every meter within Brodhead's water system without accessing the meter directly each month. Cash said instead of requiring two workers for several days each month physically reading each meter, the new system will electronically broadcast the meter reading to a device each month.

Also, Cash said the task can be completed in less than one day by a single worker. "This will save the expense of two men for several days each month and eliminate human error," Cash said.

Commissioners agreed the three projects will provide a safer, more efficient system for all water customers.

Bussell said none of the upgrades will cost the taxpayer. "All the funds for all three projects were completely provided through grants," she said.

Rockcastle Co. residents have been invited to participate in this event....

Garrard County Electronics Recycling Drop-off Day

Saturday, October 19 9:00 - 4:00

Soil and Water Conservation Office 166 Precision Court, Lancaster



Discarded electronics contain hazardous substances that can leach into soil and water sources, polluting ecosystems and posing risks to human health. Be conservation-minded and bring your items in for FREE recycling.

This event is open to all households and small businesses

Items that will be accepted

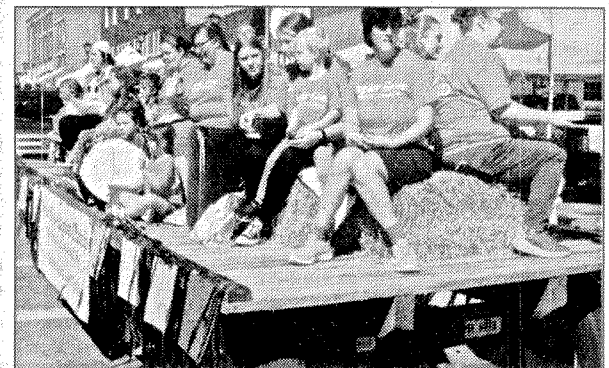
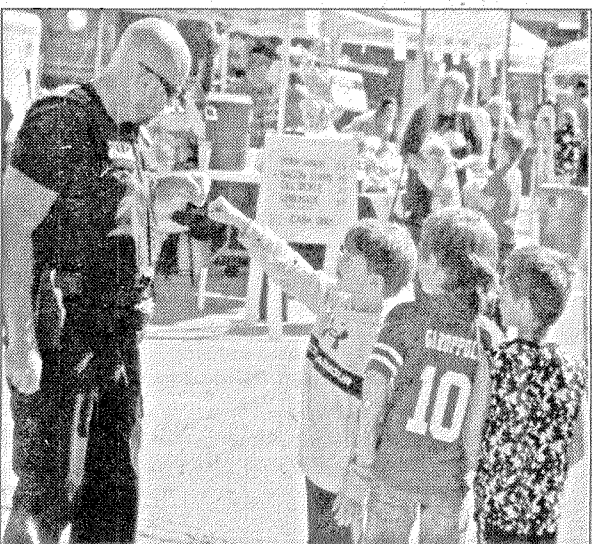
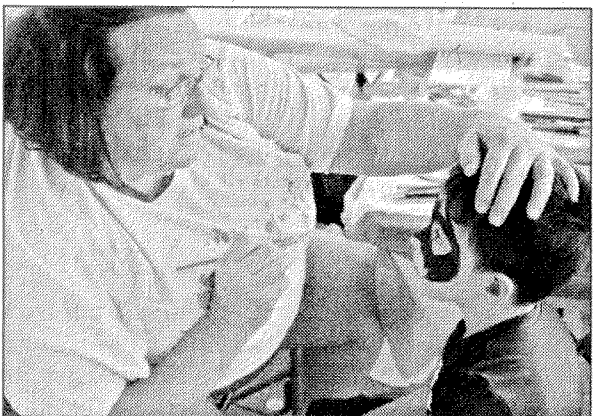
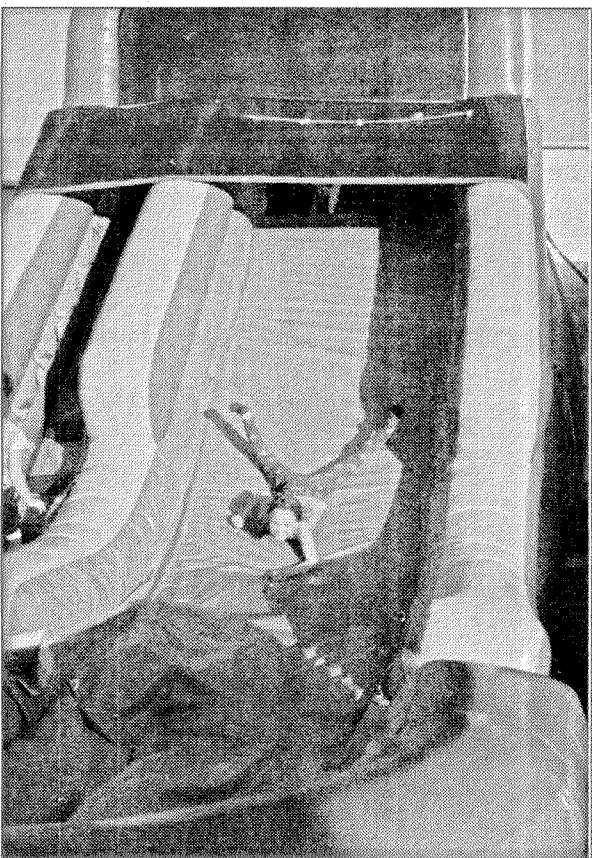
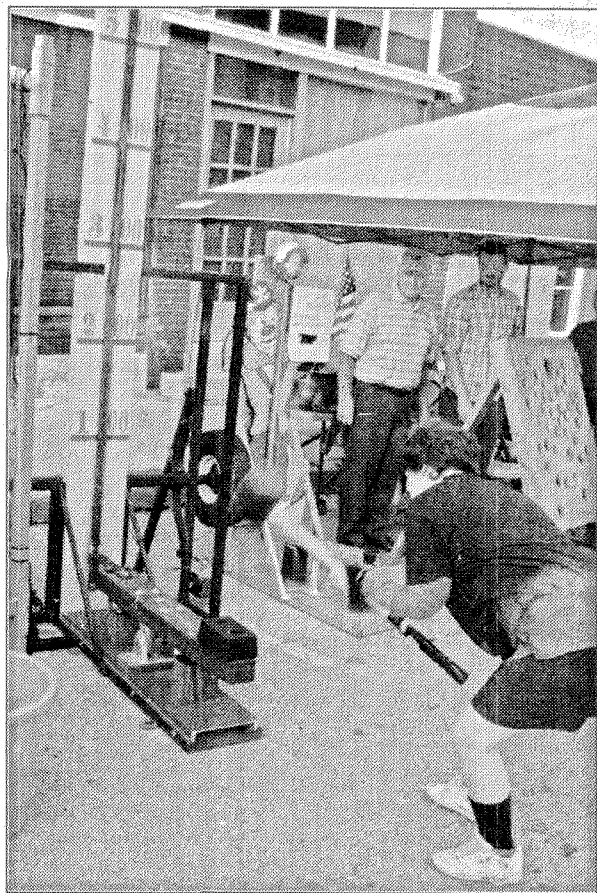
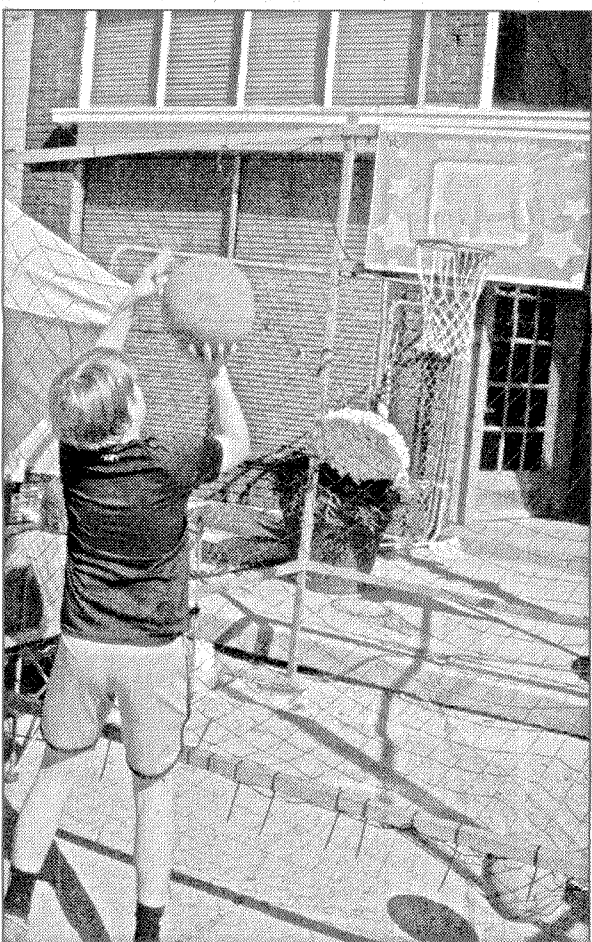
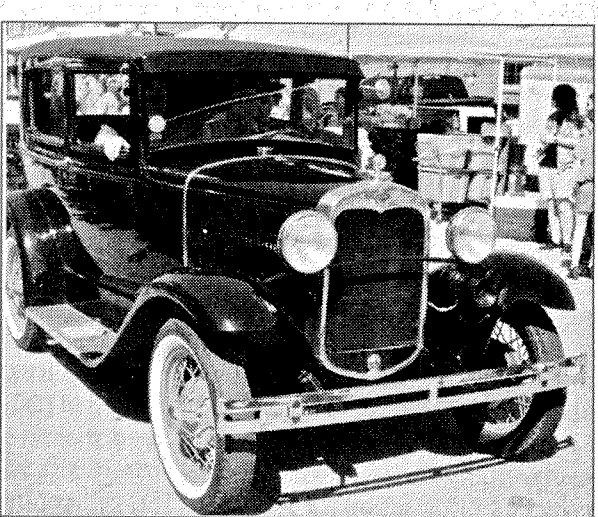
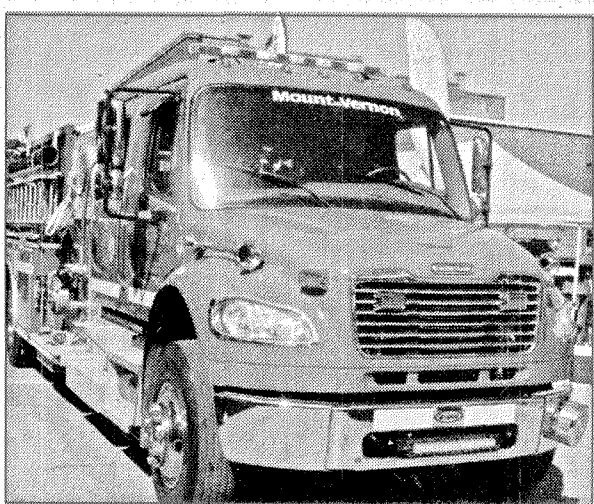
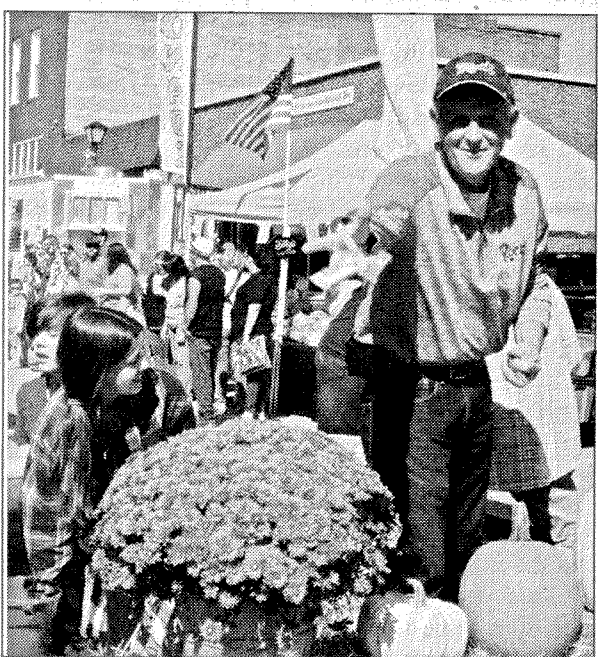
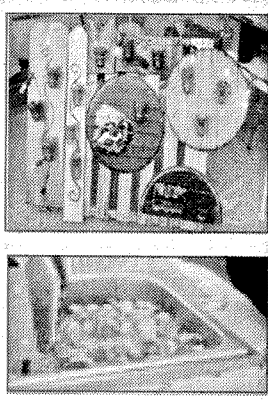
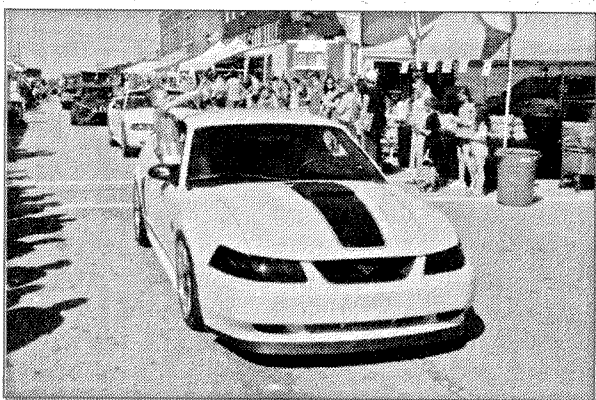
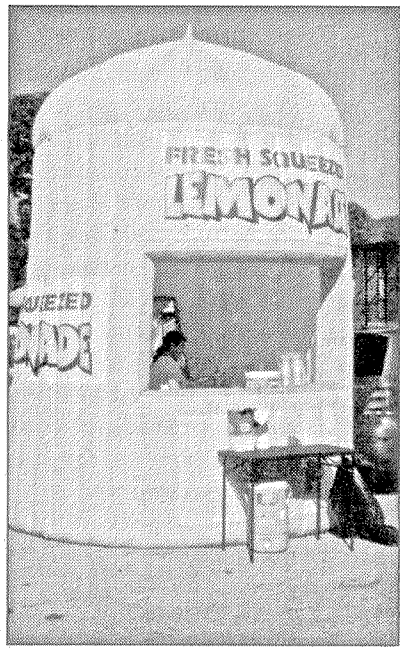
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- Small appliances, including microwaves ovens
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 - iPods, MP3 players
 - Stereos, speakers
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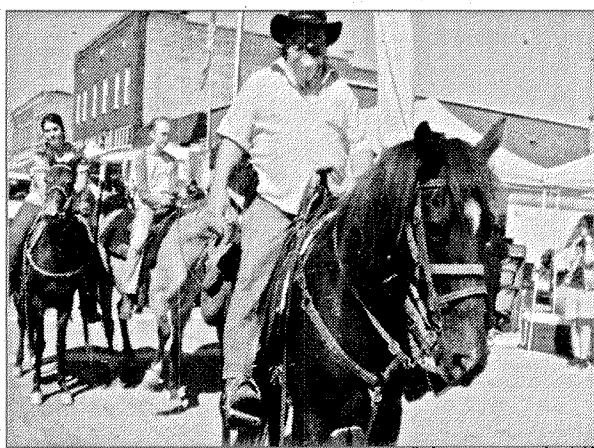
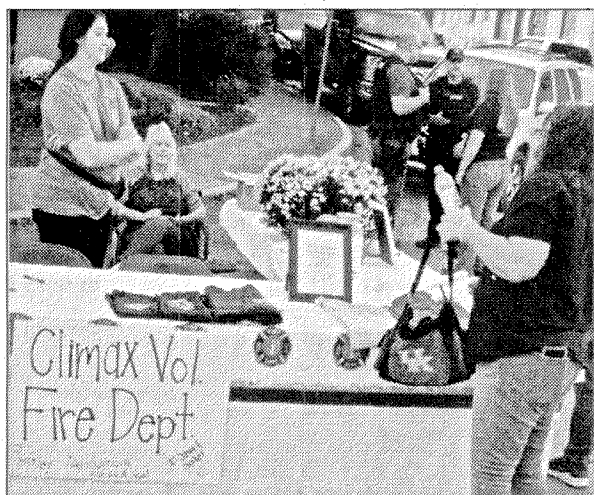
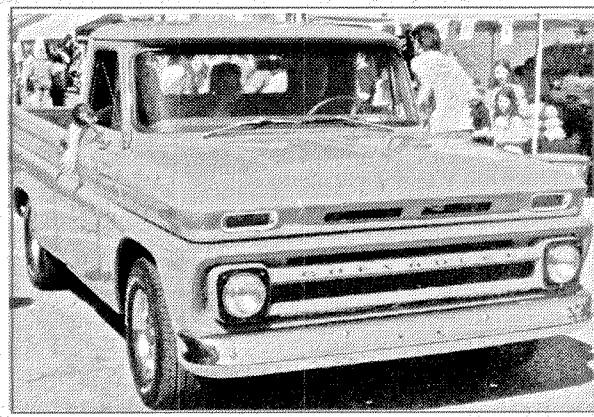
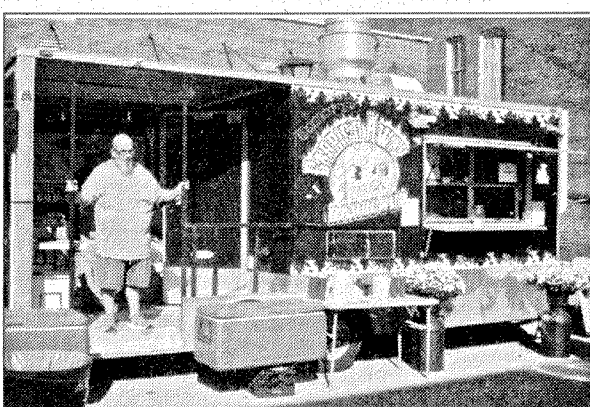
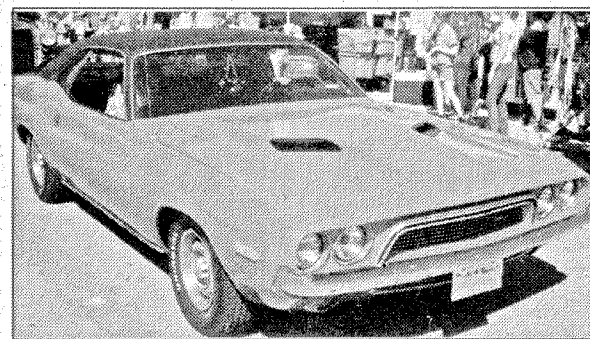
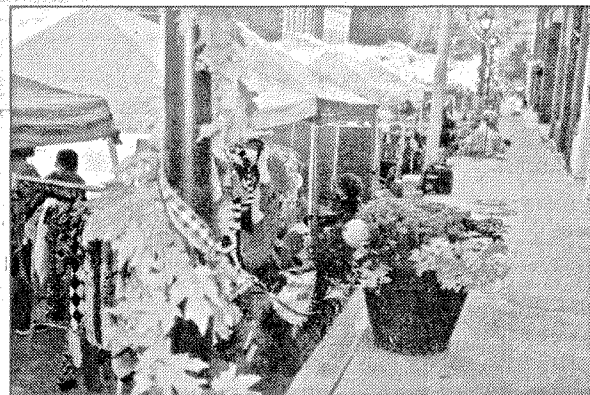
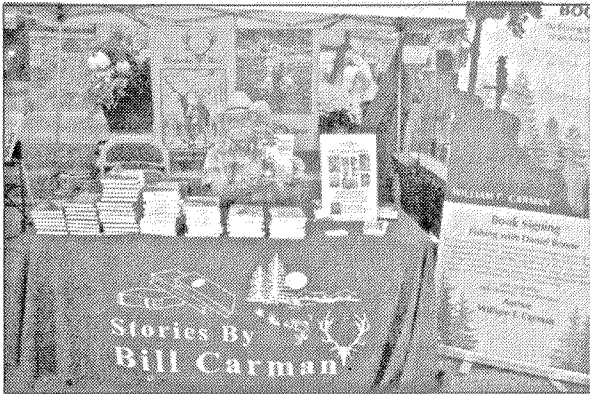
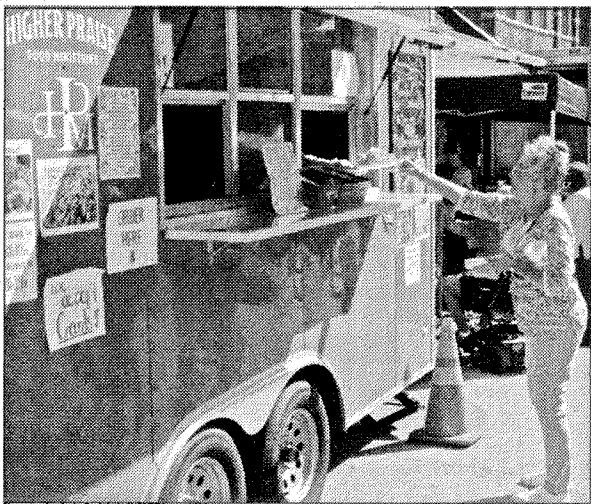
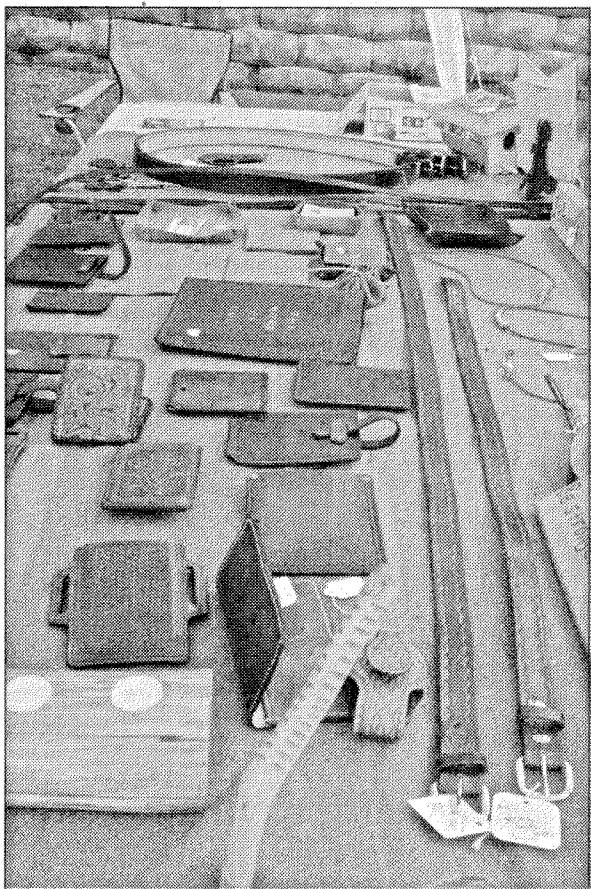
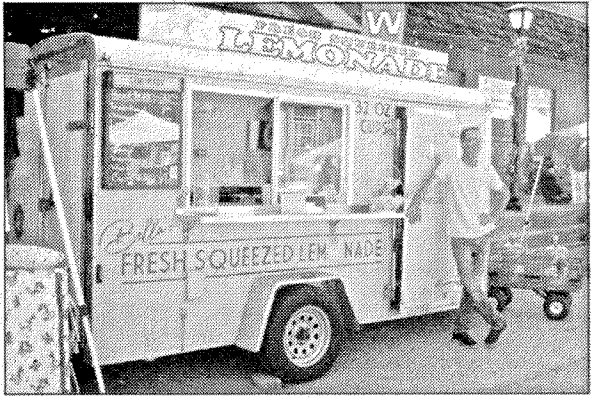
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- Large appliances (refrigerators, etc.)
- Lead-acid batteries, alkaline batteries
- Light bulbs: incandescent, fluorescent, LED

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2024 Bittersweet Festival



Bittersweet continued....



SPORTS

Rockets suffer first loss of season to Bell

An early first quarter field goal off the leg of Benjamin Brenda was all the points the Rockcastle County Rockets football team could muster in a 14-3 loss to arch nemesis Bell County.

With the loss, the Rockets (6-1 overall, 1-1 district) drop down to a potential second place finish at best in the district should they defeat McCreary Central and Knox Central in upcoming contests.

Bell County (6-1, 2-0) is in the driver's seat for the top seed in the district, which would guarantee the Bobcats at least home field advantage throughout the first two rounds of the KHSAA Class 3A playoffs.

Rockcastle won the coin toss prior to the game and elected to receive the opening kickoff to which the Rockets steadily marched down the field on a sustained drive against a stellar Bobcats defensive unit. After a few first downs here and there, the Rockets would have to settle for Brenda's field goal attempt from 40-yards

out to take the early 3-0 lead.

The play off the night defensively happened on Bell County's opening possession when Bell's Kaleb Miller worked himself through the Rockcastle defense and looked to be on his way into the endzone for a 68-yard touchdown run, but junior all-purpose athlete Isaiah Jackson quickly closed in a 10-yard gap and was able to punch the ball from behind forcing Miller to fumble the ball into the endzone.

Rockcastle's Carter Powell scooped up the ball and took the knee for the touchback.

The offense looked to put some separation on the scoreboard, but after riding the moment from the fumble recovery, the Rockcastle offense stalled out once it managed to get its second possession into the redzone after numerous chunk plays that ate up the majority of the clock in the first quarter.

Powell converted a strong run on second down into a first and goal from the five just prior to

the end of the first quarter.

Bell County's defensive squad clutched up and forced Rockcastle into a fourth and goal play to which the Rockets did go for it, but Jackson was stopped just short of the goal.

Rockcastle's defense helped stall out a tangible offense from the Bobcats the rest of the half and the score would remain at 3-0 at the half.

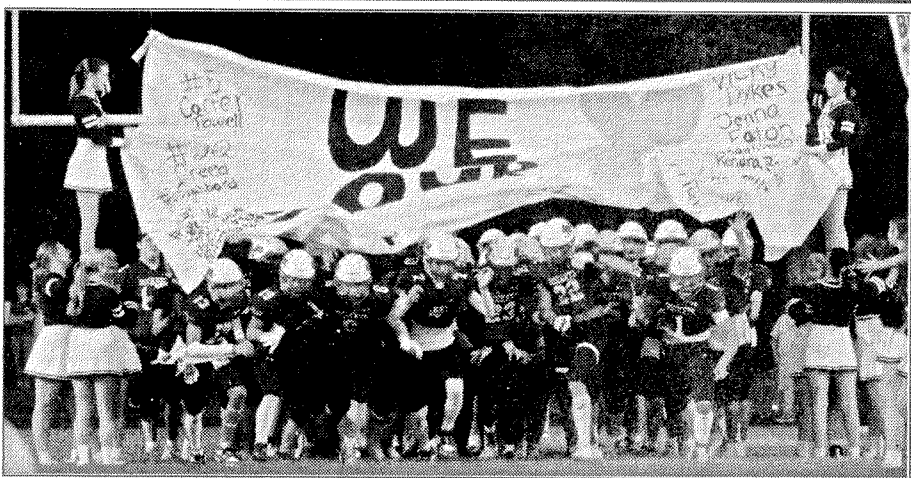
The second half, however, was all Bell County as 33-yard run on a quarterback keeper in the third quarter and a 20-yard pitch and catch for touchdown and the subsequent 2-point conversion would be all the scoring either team would have for the rest of the game for a 14-3 final score.

While the outcome may not have been what the Rockets had wanted, it was good to see so many people come back to Rocket Field for the final game at home on the natural grass that we have come to know and love since the first game back in the 1970s.

To see so many alumni come out to show support for the current group of Rockcastle football players and members of the band and cheerleading squads to come back as well should show that once a Rocket, always a Rocket.

Rockcastle County is on Fall Break this week and had scheduled a bye week into the schedule. A few nagging injuries will be rested during the week before the Rockets return to action on Friday, Oct. 18 when they hit the road for a trip to Stearns, Ky., for a district bout against McCreary Central.

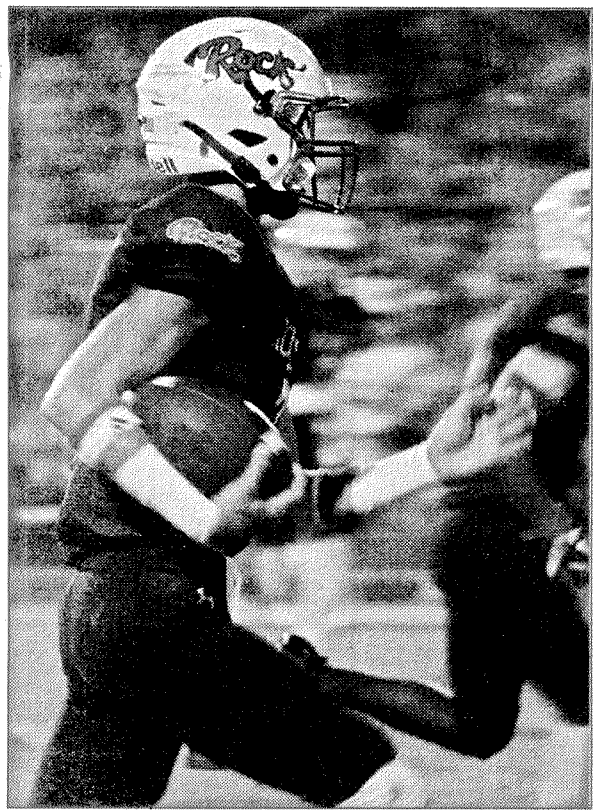
Kickoff between the Rockets and Raiders will be at 7:30 p.m. at McCreary Central newly turfed football facility.



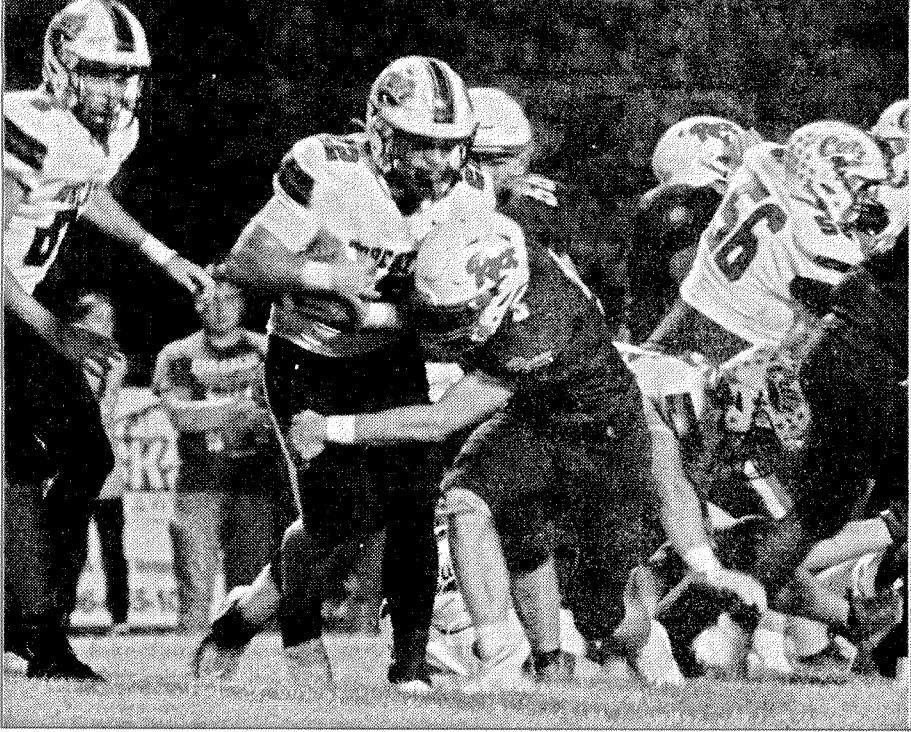
RCHS Cheerleaders hold the sign in the spirit line for the Rockets before their senior night game with Bell County. The Rockets lost to Bell County 14-3. Creed Gabbard was named Defensive MVP and Isaiah Jackson was named Offensive MVP.



Hunter Pingleton and Blake Mullins make a tackle during the Rockets' loss to Bell County Friday night. The Rockets have an open week this Friday and will travel to McCreary Central Friday, October 18th for a 7:30 start.



Quarterback Caden Lovell picks up yardage in the Rockets' loss to Bell County.



Carter Powell makes a stop during the Rockets' loss to Bell County Friday night.

Next Week....Seniors honored • RCMS Basketball • RCHS Soccer



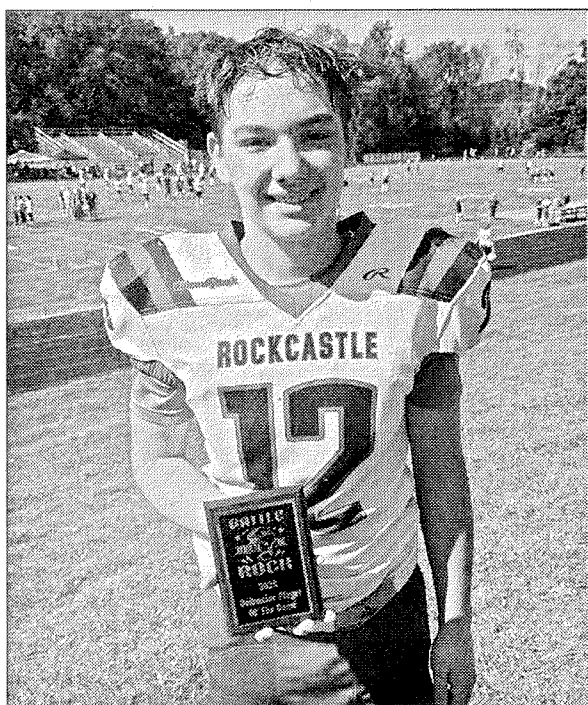
The RCMS 8th grade team with their championship trophy after defeating Southwestern Saturday at home in the Rock Hard Bowl.



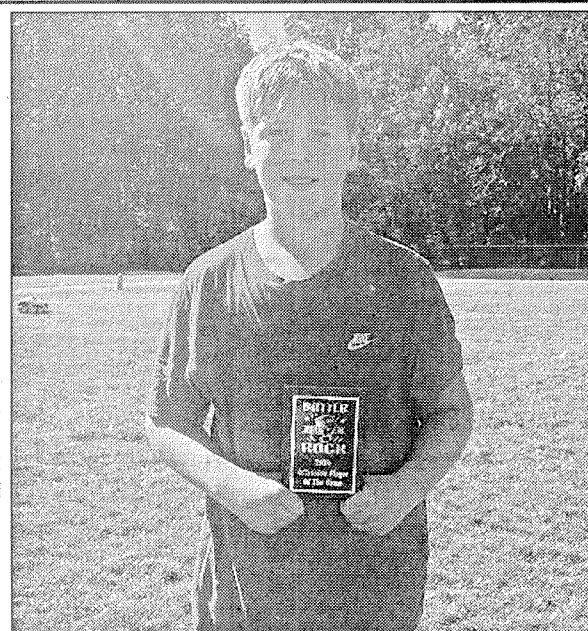
The RCMS 6th grade team with their championship trophy after defeating Southwestern Saturday at home in the Rock Hard Bowl.



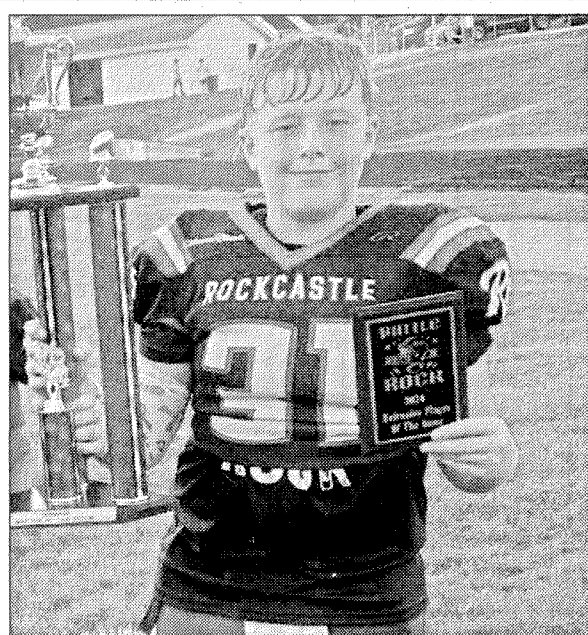
The Rockets' fifth grade squad with their championship trophy after their win over Estill County Saturday in the Rock Hard Bowl.



Nash Harper was named the sixth grade's offensive MVP in the Rockets' win over Southwestern.



Jasse Bugg was named the sixth grade's defensive MVP in the Rockets' win over Southwestern.



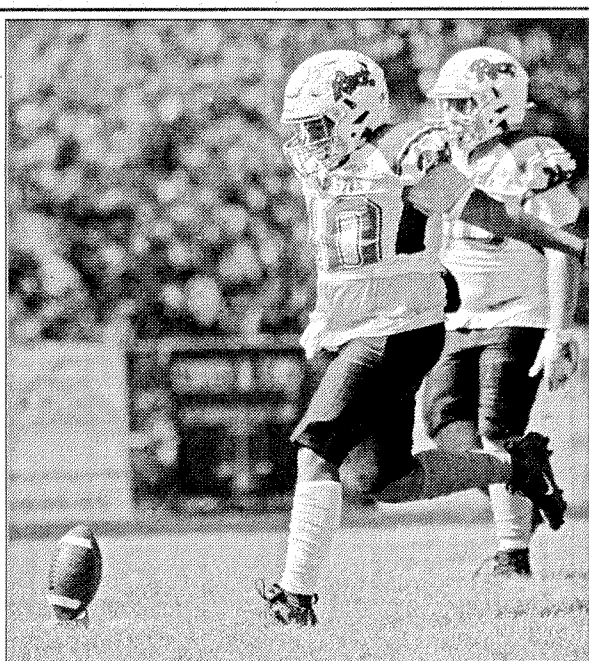
Jase Napier was named the fifth grade's defensive MVP in the Rockets' win over Southwestern.



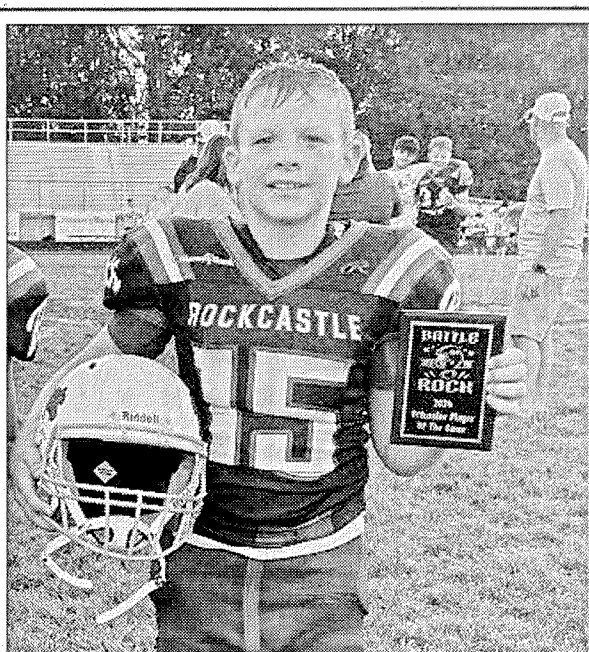
Dalton Bullen makes a great catch during the eighth grade's win over Southwestern Saturday in the Rock Hard Bowl. Bullen was named the defensive MVP in the win.



Gabe Ray picks up yards during the eighth grade's win over Southwestern Saturday in the Rock Hard Bowl. Ray was named offensive MVP in the win.



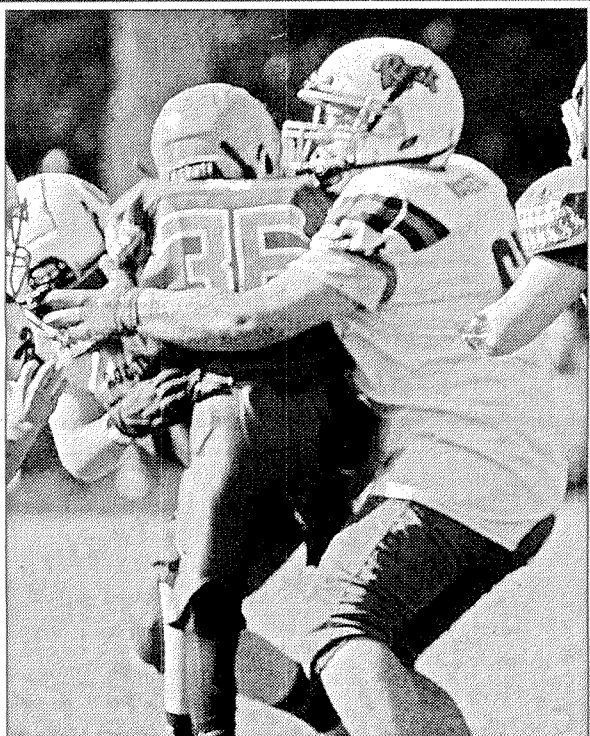
Josiah Rodriguez kicks off the football in the eighth grade's win over Southwestern Saturday.



Eli King was named the fifth grade's offensive MVP in the Rockets' win over Estill County Saturday.



Corey Shaffer runs the ball during the sixth grade's win over Southwestern Saturday in the Rock Hard Bowl. Also pictured in teammate Jase Napier.



Issac Thieke makes a tackle during the sixth grade's win over Southwestern Saturday in the Rock Hard Bowl.



DJ Martin prepares to make a hand-off during the sixth grade's win over Southwestern Saturday in the Rock Hard Bowl.

NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice that it is filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2024-00272 a request for an increase in the amount of its Qualified Infrastructure Program Rider ("QIP Rider"). The filing will be made no later than August 31, 2024 with a request for the new QIP Rider to be effective on January 1, 2025. The QIP Rider as of August 15, 2024 is 6.58%. The amount as of September 1, 2024 is expected to be 6.41% and calculations herein are based on that amount. The proposed increase is an addition of 1.84% for QIP 6 investments to be made during calendar year 2025 and a 3.04% balancing adjustment for the QIP 4 period of twelve-months ended June 30, 2024 for a cumulative proposed QIP Rider of 11.29%. The QIP Rider applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority, Sales for Resale, and Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant customers. The additional revenue to be requested in this QIP Rider filing is \$2,213,880. The balancing adjustment requested in this filing is \$3,666,335. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the QIP Rider applies is: Residential: 38; Commercial: 355; Industrial: 18,327; Other Public Authority: 1,294; Sales for Resale: 11,837; Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant: 0. The effect on the current average monthly bill for each customer class to which the increased fee applies is: Residential: \$1.98 (4.87%); Commercial: \$10.78 (4.87%); Industrial: \$432.28 (4.87%); Other Public Authority: \$39.87 (4.87%); Sales for Resale \$310.51 (4.87%); Public Fire Hydrant: \$2.63 (4.87%); Private Fire Service 6": \$4.24 (4.87%); and Private Fire Hydrant: \$4.13 (4.87%). Any person may examine this filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

Suicide Warning Signs for Youth

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.

988
SUICIDE
LIFELINE

MAMAW'S KITCHEN

Regina Hoskins

CRANBERRY APPLE
CASSEROLE

3 cups peeled and
chopped apples
2 cups whole cranberries
1 and 1/2 teaspoons
lemon juice
1 and 1/2 cups white
sugar
1 and 1/3 cup quick cook-
ing oats
1 cup chopped nuts
1/3 cups packed brown
sugar
1 stick butter, melted

Preheat oven to 325°. Spray 2-quart casserole dish with oil or non-stick spray. Layer apples and cranberries in prepared dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Cover with white sugar. Inseparate bowl, blend oats, nuts, and brown sugar. Stir in butter until crumbly. Pour crumb mixture over fruit. Bake for 1 and 1/2 hours. Serve warm.

CRANBERRY OR-
ANGE SAUCE

1/4 cup freshly squeezed
orange juice
Zest of 1 orange
3/4 cup water

1/2 cup sugar, or more, to
taste
1 bag (12 ounce) fresh
cranberries

In a medium sauce-
pan, combine orange
juice, orange zest, sugar,
water over medium heat.
Cook, stirring occasion-
ally, until the sugar has
dissolved. Stir in cranber-
ries and bring to a boil;
reduce heat and let sim-
mer until sauce has thick-
ened, about 15 minutes.
Let cool completely be-
fore serving.

CRANBERRY
SALAD

1 bag fresh or frozen
cranberries
2 medium oranges
1/2 to 3/4 cup white sugar

Wash and sort cran-
berries. Using a food
processor or chopper,
coarsely chop cranber-
ries. Peel one orange.
Chop both oranges—one
with the peeling and one
without. Add sugar to
taste and let sit for 10 to
15 minutes until sugar
dissolves.

CRANBERRY NUT

OATMEAL BREAD

2 and 1/2 cups all-pur-
pose flour
1 teaspoon baking pow-
der
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cin-
namon
1 cup old-fashioned
oatmeal
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup light brown sugar
1/3 cup canola oil
2 eggs
1/2 cup skim milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 package (12-ounce)
fresh cranberries,
chopped

2/3 cup chopped pecans
Preheat oven 350°. Coat 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pan with nonstick cook-
ing spray. In bowl, stir to-
gether flour, baking pow-
der, baking soda, cinna-
mon, and oatmeal. In
large bowl, mix honey,
brown sugar, oil, eggs,
milk, and vanilla. Stir in
flour mixture until moist-
ened. Stir in cranberries
and pecans. Pour batter
into prepared pan. Bake
40-45 minutes, or until
toothpick inserted in center

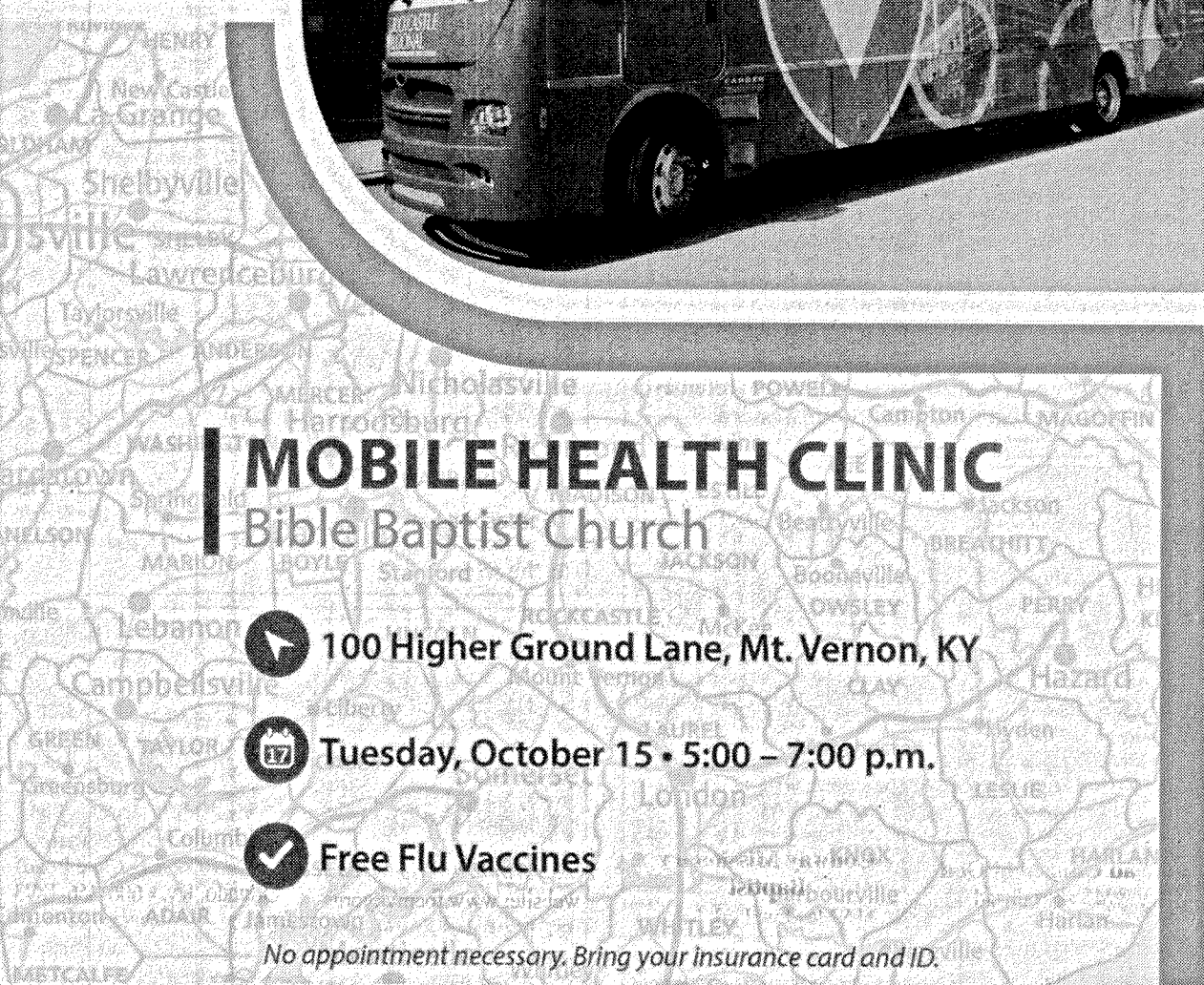
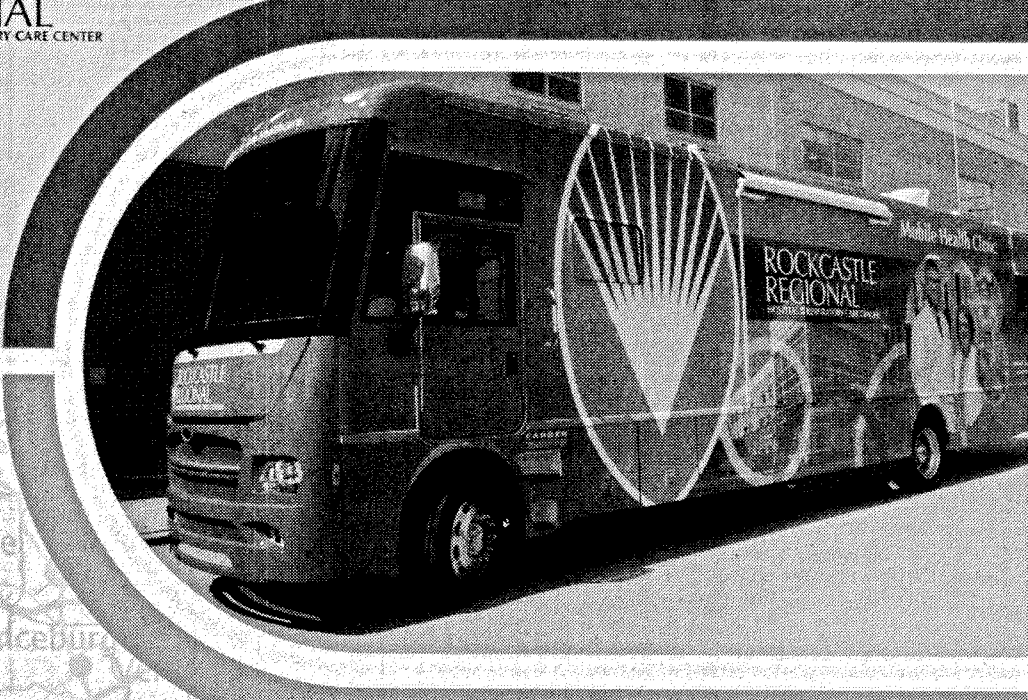

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- 32-card game
- Ancient Andean
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Pastor: Bill Davis
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Berea, KY
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Pastor: Bro. Gregory Isaacs
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Services:
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Phillip Permenter
Eric Bullock
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church

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Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study
5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAS & GAs
Mission Friends and
Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God

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

(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Mink, Pastor

Calloway Baptist Church

76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Jason Medley, Pastor
606-308-4543

Central Baptist Church

86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Bro. Dale McNew
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
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Sunday
Clear Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Climax Christian Church

Hwy. 1912
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Climax Holiness Church
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at 7
Community Worship
Church of God

Conway Missionary Baptist

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

Cove Branch United Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

1st Saturday of month singing

6 p.m.
John Vanwinkle, Pastor
Crab Orchard Pentecostal
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
606-355-7595

Creekside Baptist Church

2261 Copper Creek Rd.
Sunday morning breakfast: 9:30
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor Bro. Jack Stallworth

CrossPoint Church of God

211 Industrial Park Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY
Sunday 2 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Matt Griggs
859-582-2553

Crossroads Assembly of God

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

Cupps Chapel Holiness

Copper Creek Rd.,
Brodhead
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

Fairground Hill Community Holiness

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor
Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.

Fellowship at fvmc.org

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S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAS and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
606-256-3722

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Faith Chapel Pentecostal

S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor
First Baptist Church
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Dennis Wilder, Pastor

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WRVK 1460AM at 11 a.m.
LiveStream at fbcmvky.org
Wednesdays: AWANA 6-8pm
Student Worship at 6 pm

First Christian Church

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

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist

504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church

80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon
Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Everyone Welcome
Pastor: James Blanton

Freedom Baptist Church

Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
Meeting 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst
859-200-6331

Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church

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

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.
Higher Praise Ministries
4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.
Mt. Vernon

Chris Davidson, Pastor

Sunday 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777
Life Church
1225 West Main St. • Mt. Vernon

Chad Lainhart, Pastor

Sunday 3 p.m.
Thursday 7 pm
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.
Tim Hampton, Pastor
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer
7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Little Country Church

Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop
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Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livingston Baptist Church

Pastor: Josh Hasty
606-392-3809
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Livingston Christian Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal
Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Jim Miller, Pastor

606-256-1709
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Community Church
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Sunday School 11 a.m.

Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Macedonia Baptist Church

6567 Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor
Maple Grove Baptist
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873

Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor

Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Mareburg Baptist Church

2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Bro. Tony Smith, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
(all ages)

Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study
6 p.m.
www.mareburgbaptist.org
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

Mt. Vernon Church of God

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

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

606-308-3293
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
New Heart Baptist Church
1505 Coin Rd. • Somerset

Pastor: Rick Lawson

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 pm
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.

New Heights Church

316 Mini Mall Dr.
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)
Berea, Ky.
www.newheightschurchky.com
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Worship & Children's Church

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youth worship, and
Children in Action
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Orlando

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor
Northside Baptist
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(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577

Kenny Allen, Pastor

Sunday
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Tuesday
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Wednesday
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship
Training 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Service 7 p.m.
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ottawabaptist@windstream.net

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Holy Days 5 p.m.

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Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
Tom Darst, Maintenance
Philadelphia United
Baptist
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.

Gordon Mink, Pastor

606-308-5368
Pine Hill Holiness
5394 S. Wilderness Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Thursday Night Worship
7:00 p.m.

Children's Church 7 pm Thurs.

Pastor Ashley Noe

Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church

81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
859-986-1579
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training
5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting

monthly every

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Pleasant Run Missionary

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
1st Sunday in Month Church at
2 p.m. at Rockcastle
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Poplar Grove Baptist
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor

Providence church of Christ

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758-8524
Robby Cable, Evangelist
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:20 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

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Livingston, KY
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

James Hayes, Interim Pastor

606-392-1826
Everyone invited to come and
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Sand Hill Baptist Church

Sand Hill Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor Tommy Miller

Sand Springs Baptist Church

Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go
exactly 5 miles, church on right
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Denzel Jones

Scaffold Cane Baptist

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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. James Hardin
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Bro. Richard West

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Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

Pastor: Clyde Hodge

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1505 Union Chapel Rd.
Brodhead, Ky.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Walter Bowling

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Valley Baptist Church

4482 Copper Creek Rd.
Berea, Ky. 40403
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Jeff Draper, Pastor

Watts Chapel Baptist Church

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(religious organization)

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Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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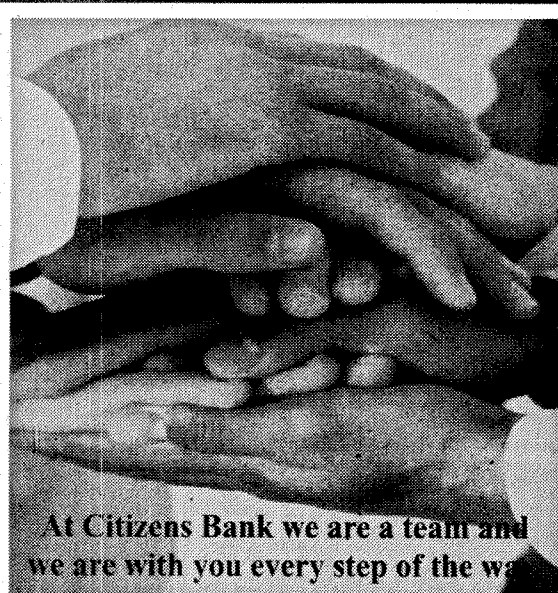
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National DAR sponsors History essay contest

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution actively supports historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors. One way the Society promotes education is to sponsor every year in the school systems an American History essay contest open to all 5th-8th graders. All students in public, private, or parochial school, or those who are home schooled are eligible. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin. This contest is judged on the local level by the Rockcastle Chapter and awards will be given per grade level. Each chapter winner's essay will then be sent to KSDAR to be judged on the state level. All state essay winners will then go on to be judged on the division and national levels and national winners will receive their award at Continental Congress held in Washington D.C.

The topic for this year's American History essay

for grades 5th-8th has been chosen: "Enjoying a new king of Tea Party!" In the 1770's there was a movement of protest from the colonists against the British due to taxes and laws. Along the eastern coast a growing number of patriots held "tea" parties. The Boston Tea Party was on December 16, 1773, and the Charlestown, SC Tea Party and the Chester Town Tea Party followed in 1774. In October 1774, 51 women in Edenton, NC decided to refuse to buy tea from the British because of their high taxes and laws. In 1775, women in Wilmington, NC burned their tea for the same reasons. Imagine you are one of these women boldly participating in one of these Tea Parties in NC. Give details of either the Edenton Tea Party or Wilmington Tea Party, describe the tea party, and why you would choose to join them. Then explain if you think it was a good decision.

Length of essay should be 300-600 words

for grade 5 and between 600-1000 words for grades 6, 7 and 8. Essays must have a bibliography listing all references utilized. Judging will be based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness. Pictures, maps, drawings, graphics, and other such additions will not be considered in judging and should not be included.

NSDAR established a new high school-level essay contest focused on figures of the American Revolution, in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. The contest is open to students in grades 9 through 12 in public, private, or parochial schools, or those who are home schooled.

The topic for this year's Patriot's of the American Revolution essay for grades 9th -12th has been chosen: Select a figure from the era of the American Revolution (1773-1783). Discuss how he or she influenced the course of the American Revolution, who he or she was and his/her contribution to the founding of a new nation. Your figure may be any person, whether a well-known figure or an everyday man, woman or child who supported the American Revolution in ways large or small. Students are encouraged to use primary sources (i.e., immediate, first-hand accounts such as letters, diaries, speeches, or newspaper reports) for their research, lesser well-known figures are acceptable, but subjects must have been actual participants not fictionalized. Length of essay should be between 800-1,200 words.

New this year is the

opportunity for students to participate in the Video Contest. The theme is "Enjoying a New Kind of Tea Party." Students in grades 5th-12th may produce a video no longer than 3 minutes. Timing of the video begins when the first visual image appears, or the first sound is heard. Timing ends when the last visual image or sound ends, including source credits. The student must

announce only the title of the video and the student's name(s) before starting the video, which does not count for the 3 minutes.

Please note that the entire video must be an original work written and created by the student(s). If professional photos, film/media clips, images, recorded music or anything that is copyrighted is used in the video, they must be properly cited in

source credits at the end of the video. The entire video must be the student(s) original work and not by a parent, teacher, tutor, AI, or other helper.

All entries should be completed by the deadline of November 8th. Any student interested in participating in these contests may contact the Rockcastle Chapter DAR rockcastleddar@gmail.com.

Through Firefighting Support Grant Program

Kentucky American Water awards \$8,500 to local fire departments

Kentucky American Water Awards \$8,500 to Local Fire Departments through Firefighting Support Grant Program

Program has provided over \$100,000 in grants since 2011

Seventeen fire departments in Kentucky will share \$8,500 in total grant funds through Kentucky American Water's 2024 Firefighting Support Grant Program. Today's announcement brings the total amount of funds awarded to Kentucky firefighting organizations since the program's inception in 2011 to \$108,000 and precedes National Fire Prevention Week, observed this year from Oct. 6 to Oct. 12 to raise awareness about the importance of fire prevention.

"We are proud to partner with the men and women who are dedicated to providing fire protection and related services to their communities," said Justin Sensabaugh, senior manager of operations for Kentucky American Water. "We're honored to continue our Firefighting Support Grant program to support the tremendous work they do and thank them for the critical services they provide to communities"

Kentucky American Water's Firefighting Support Grant Program covers a variety of fire department expenses associated with personal protective gear, communications equipment, firefighting tools, training and fire prevention education.

Among those receiving funding in 2024 are local

departments in Rockcastle County:

- Climax Volunteer Fire Department toward the purchase of a utility trailer

- Livingston Fire and Rescue for the purchase of gate valves

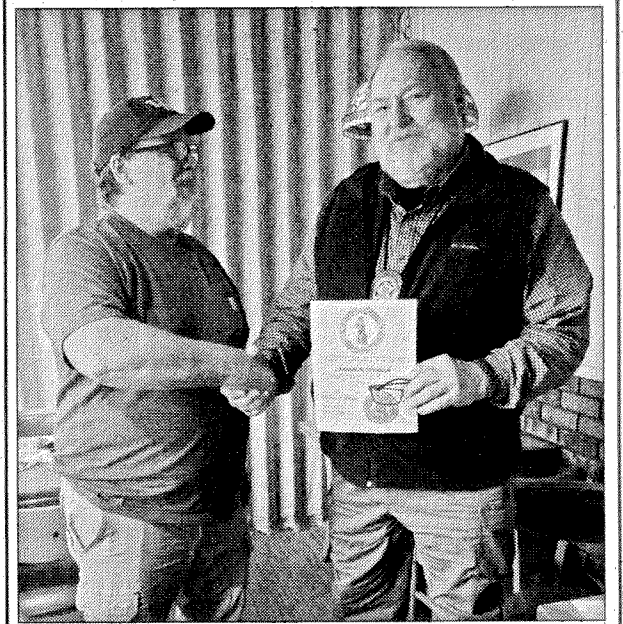
- Pongo Volunteer Fire Department toward the purchase of brush truck equipment

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Daisy (left) the 4 year-old female Shepherd mix who is spayed and is very friendly, and Bo, the 2 year-old male Pit mix who is friendly and calm. 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.

Award of appreciation



Shown above, Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin recently accepted a certificate honoring his service to the public through the Kentucky Department of Justice and the sheriff's office from Bill Asher of the Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Medicare Education Panel

Join us for dinner and a panel discussion to answer your questions on how to navigate and select a Medicare plan that is right for you.

Thursday, October 29, 2024

5:30 p.m. • Dinner & Resource Fair

6:30 p.m. • Panel Discussion

Rockcastle County Middle School Library
945 W Main St • Mt Vernon, KY 40456

To RSVP for the event, please contact Kaitlyn Stratton at (606)256-7381 or e-mail kaitlyn.smith@rhccc.org. If you have specific questions you would like answered during the panel, please notify us of those when you RSVP.

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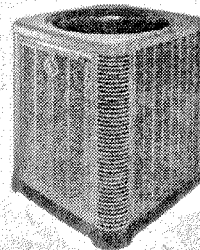
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Appalachian Superstitions and Old Wives Tales of Death and Dying

"Double, double toil and trouble: Fire burn, and cauldron bubble. By the pricking of my thumbs, Something wicked this way comes."

William Shakespeare set the scene for dark and sinister misgivings within just a few lines of Act 4 Scene 1 of Macbeth. Appalachian history is full of the same sinister superstitions about death and dying. The fear of the unknown sets about much speculation about death, predictions, of death, and all things relating to death. Deep within the hills and hollers of Rockcastle County, superstitions are strong and the old wives' tales are believed truths, and even if one does not believe them, they are still wary, just in case.

Death comes in threes. I have heard it many times, when one person dies that two more will follow. Some argue that this belief can be traced back to Scotch-Irish ancestry and the strong commitment to the Christian idea of the Trinity. Others suggest the concept is based on the human need for a beginning, middle and end; each death is a

step in the eternal process. Regardless, superstition or old wives' tales still hold strong in many people's beliefs. Listen to the whispered conversations at a funeral, I am certain you will either hear the count of two others who have recently passed or a worried question of who might be next.

Hold your breath when driving past a cemetery. My cousins and I used to do this when we were kids and stare at each other nervously if the car stopped or if the cemetery was unusually vast. To be honest, I never knew why we did it. Some say it is to keep evil spirits from entering your body; while others say it is to keep the spirits from being jealous of your ability to breathe, and others say it is merely done out of respect for those who are no longer breathing. Interestingly, there are a lot of superstitions concerning the body's exposure to incoming spirits. One should cover their mouth when they yawn, not just to be polite, but because there is the chance that in that moment of defenselessness unwanted spirits are more likely to enter in. The same is "true" when sneezing. This is why it is necessary to say bless you when

someone sneezes, just in case a spirit does get in, the blessing will cleanse the body just as quickly. Along with the topic of sneezing, if you sneeze while you are eating, someone will die soon. Graves and cemeteries in general are associated with many bad omens, walking on a grave is considered bad luck and if you get a cold shiver down your spine, someone just walked over your grave are just a couple of examples of graveyard superstitions.

If a bird flies into the house, someone in the family will die soon. This superstition can be traced back to Irish or Celtic traditions where it was believed that if a bird flew into the house it was a certain omen that death would soon follow. The idea is that birds are often associated with the spiritual world and they carry with them the warning of death. Many other old wives' tales predict death is imminent. If you dream of a birth, a relative is soon to die. I will never forget hearing my grandmother tell the story of her own experience with this specific superstition. Supposedly she dreamt that she was pregnant, and not too long afterward her father passed. Some even whispered that she might have had the "gift". Another old superstition that predicts death is the idea that one should never rock an empty rocking chair. The idea is that when you do, you tempt evil spirits and invite them into the house and those spirits will bring certain death to the

family. In fact, some suggest not even having a rocking chair in the house. Yet another prediction of death is hearing a screech owl at dusk. Another superstition suggests that hearing the sound of a dog howling at night, especially if the moon is out, also means death is coming soon. This superstition can be traced back to Ancient Egypt. The website, moderndogmagazine.com provides some insight into this and other origins: "...the god that took care of the dead was Anubis, and he was represented as having the head of a dog. Thus, a howling dog was believed to be calling a soul to Anubis. In Ireland, it was thought that dogs howl because they hear the spectral pack of hounds that lead their riders on the wild hunt through the sky collecting the souls of the dying. An ancient Norse legend has a more amusing explanation. It speaks of the Freyja, the goddess of love, fertility, and magic, but also death. When she is acting as the goddess of death, she rides the crest of a storm on her chariot pulled by giant cats. Because cats are dogs' natural enemies, it is said that dogs would start to howl when they sensed the approach of Freya and her mystical felines." Animals in general have been linked to many old wives' tales and superstitions. It is said that evil spirits, or haints, can appear in the shape of an animal. I have heard my great aunt say

to keep a cat away from a baby because it will steal its breath. I have also heard that cats, in general, are bad luck. If one ever intentionally unalives a cat then its soul will come back to haunt them. Black cats, especially, are linked to the bad omens and one should cross out the bad luck if one should

cross your path.

As we usher in the season of superstitions and old wives' tales remember that there are remedies to the bad omens. Always throw spilled salt over your left shoulder, knock on wood, and leave an apple on the tree to keep the devil away.

Hospice Care Plus launches website

Hospice Care Plus & Compassionate Care Center, Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative, and grief care has launched a redesign of the hospicecareplus.org website. The new design provides visitors with a more informative and user-friendly experience and easy access to the support, resources, and education needed to make informed health and caregiving decisions when faced with serious illness.

"We strive to make every interaction with Hospice Care Plus as welcoming and informative as possible, and in today's technology-driven world, that includes our online presence," said Lisa Cox, CEO. "After months of planning, we're excited for our community to access our updated website for information about our care programs, inspiring stories from our patients and families' and resources to support them on their journey."

The site was specifically designed for family caregivers looking for support and information. It features opportunities to inquire about services, enhanced accessibility, and improved navigation to ensure visitors find information quickly and


discover new content.

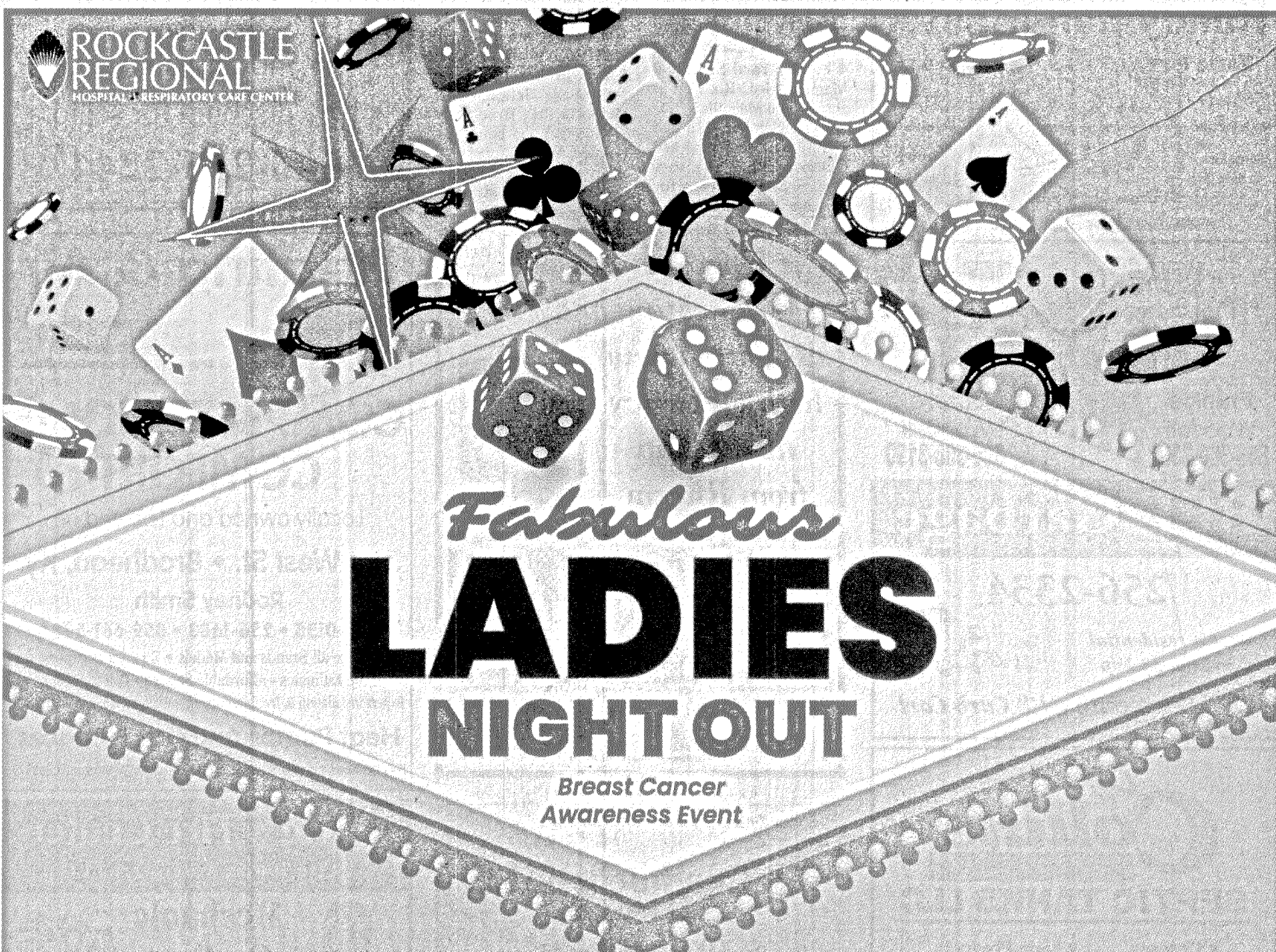
"Accessibility is important to us," said Kelley Hoefer, the Hospice Care Plus staff member who worked with local business Turnquist House on the site overhaul. "The redesign is compatible with assistive technologies and allows users to adjust the display to meet specific audiovisual needs."

Hospice's enhanced website offers visitors many opportunities to interact directly, including submitting a request for a free consultation, requesting grief support, applying for a volunteer role, registering for upcoming events and supporting its care programs.

Hospice Care Plus is Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative, and grief care. The organization also serves Estill, Lee, Madison, Owsley, and Rockcastle counties and owns and operates the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

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