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Bittersweet Festival 2023

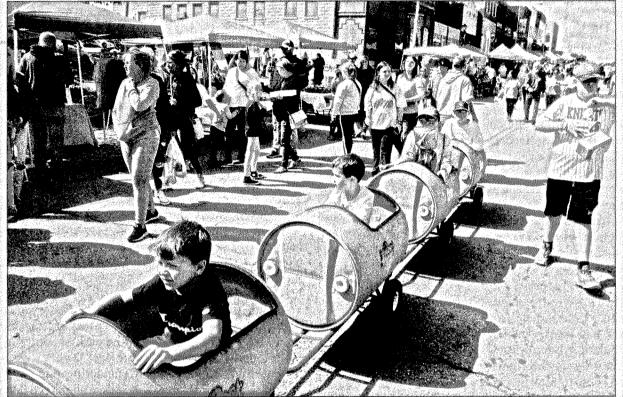
Once Rockcastle County was filled with thousands of local citizens and countless visitors from out of

again town for the annual Bit- Thursday when members tersweet Festival in down town Mount Vernon this past weekend.

of the Mount Vernon Fire Department used tankers to wash down Main Street Events started on for the upcoming event,

starting with the classic car show Thursday evening. Main Street was

(See "Bitter" on A5)



The Kid Train, operated by the Mount Vernon Fire Department, stayed busy throughout the day at the Bittersweet Festival last weekend. Shown above is one of the many trips taken with a train full of kids riding through the festival area. (See many more photos inside.)

Boaters rescued after batteries die and lights stop working

By: Mike French Editor

Rescue squads and EMS workers face many challenges during every rescue attempt. However, new and different challenges exist if the event involves a rescue on water, according to local first responders. Such a water rescue was required last week on the Rockcastle River as

the Livingston Fire and Rescue Swift Water Rescue unit was called when boaters became trapped in the low water at the river.

According to Fire Chief Jeff Carpenter, the boat became trapped on rocks last week after the battery to the trolling motor died. The boats lights were also apparently attached to the same (See "Boat" on A5)

Hazardous Waste **Disposal Day is** planned October 21

There are some items around the house and the farm that are simply difficult to get rid of. But thanks to the Rockcastle County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day, most items can now

be thrown away.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Water Management and

(See "Waste" on A6)

New Deputy coming -Cities and county working hard to keep proper police staff

By: Mike French Editor

Donald "Scottie" Weaver completed his Academy training last week and will become a full time Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff next week. He will be the only full time Sheriff's deputy in the county that is not restricted in his

duty. For several years, especially since the Democrat push to defund police departments and reduce criminal penalties in 2020, small town sheriff departments and city police departments have had difficulty finding new recruits and keeping those that were hired, according

to several local police officials.

The problem has been ongoing since that time and Rockcastle County has not avoided the trend. One of the most difficult situations for many departments in Kentucky was the new unfunded mandate requiring all school districts to hire one Officer) at every school campus. SROs were required to be certified po-

SRO (School Resource lice officers. According to Sheriff Shannon Franklin, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and several



other local officers, smalltown departments could not compete with the salary structure in most school districts, thereby losing seasoned officers to the new SRO (See "Police" on A5)



hard to update city audits

Members of the Brodhead City Commission held their regular monthly meeting Monday night at City Hall with a short agenda.

After approval of the minutes and approval to pay the monthly city bills, Commissioner Brian Bullock addressed the commission.

Bullock asked about the Alcohol tax fund and suggested paying the City Police Chief, Derek Alcorn, a portion of his salary from that fund. "We have looked into the issue and I don't think we can pay 100% of his salary from that fund, but we can pay a percentage," he said. "If we can pay \$1,000, or whatever is allowed by the statutes, that

Correction

In an article last week about mail-in voting, the article appeared to suggest that a mailed ballot is tracked by the post office or that the voter may track the ballot.

The tracking system referred to is not the same tracking system used by the post office. The ballot is followed by the Rockcastle County Clerk's office to ensure it was mailed to the voter

(See "Correct" on A5)

will free up the general fund for many needs."

Brodhead officials working

Currently the city is paying the salary completely from the general fund. However, the money in the alcohol tax fund is restricted by the state and can only be used for alcohol-related issues.

"We are using money that is available for other projects to pay the officer when we can use those restricted funds for that and use the general fund money for other needs," he said.

(See "Vet" on A6)

In 1967, Mount Vernon's Gary Cromer was wet, muddy and scared in a fox hole about 8,000 miles from home defending his country in the well-known Tet Offensive. Experiencing some of the worst of life in the months-long battle Cromer, like all his fellow veterans, wondered if

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Kentucky again. In 2023, Cromer was in Washington DC being honored and saluted by crowds of adoring fans.

Such is the case for many war veterans thanks to the non-profit Honor Flight Kentucky. The organization schedules flights to Washington for

(See "Vet" on A5)



A 14-year-old male was thrown from an ATV on Marler Hollow Road Monday evening, according to Major Adam Bales of the Mount Vernon Fire Department. Dispatchers at 911 contacted EMS and the Mount Vernon Fire Department who responded to the scene to find the juvenile had flipped the four-wheeler which apparently ejected the driver into a creek. Bales said the juvenile suffered serious injuries and was airlifted to the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Bales said such accidents happen too often and that all riders should always follow manufacturers standards and never operate a four-wheeler on paved roads. Bales also said riders should always wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and a helmet when riding.

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Family Fun Day planned for this Saturday, October 14 at the Brodhead Fairgrounds. Many activities are planned for all ages, including contests, a car show, games, a tractor show, vendors. Cornhole. live music. inflatables and much more. Gates open at noon.

Mount Vernon

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, October 12 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. See next week's issue of the Signal for details.



I have been blessed to have a female half that is like my own mother in many ways. In some ways...not so much. But in other ways, very much.

The biggest similarity I see is the way she feels about her son. Her son and I are both only children and I think mothers tend to dote a little more over an only son.

I see her do things that I remember my mother doing. At the time, of course, I had no clue what she was sacrificing to do such things for me. I had no idea what the may have gone through to do some little thing for my benefit. But so many times I see my better half doing the same things for her only son.

The difference is, now I am on the inside and I know what she went through to make it possible. When mom did it for me, just like my better-half's son, I barely paid it any attention at all. I just thought it was something she did. No big deal. I appreciated it, but I had no idea what she had gone through to make it happen. And she didn't want me to know. Just like Dora doesn't want her son to know.

I have seen her go through some really difficult things in order to do something for her son and he never had any idea what it took for her to do that one "small" thing. But watching it from the inside, I remembered my in different packages. mother doing very similar things for me and act-

ing as though it was no trouble at all and she was grateful for the opportunity to do it. Now I know. I think Mothers are a unique thing among creation. In the animal kingdom, the instant an offspring is born, the mother instantly becomes willing to die to protect that in-

fant. The weakest and smallest of animals will stand and face the lion if the mother's offspring is in danger. danger. And somehow, they

just know what to do. It is instinctual for the mother and the baby. riow would a bird know to fly away and find a worm and bring it back and give it to the baby birds? A bird's natural instinct is to survive. Giving away its meal is not something a bird does. Until it has offspring.

Humans are the same way. A mother simply seems to instantly become expendable over anything that will benefit their child.

When I see her doing the same things my mother did for me, I stand and watch with a big smile. Not everyone has the opportunity to see it from the inside and I consider it quite a blessing to watch. I bet I have said "thanks mom" more since she has been gone, than I did when she was here. It's really too bad we don't see behind the scenes earlier in life. Sometimes rewards come

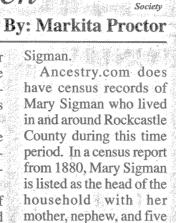
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A Rockcastle Horror Story: Murder in the Mountains a nearly 140year-old cold case goes unsolved. Brought to you by the Rockcastle County Historical Society and Museum.

The heinous murder of two women was reported on March 7, 1882, but the story begins years before that ill-fated night. Depending on who is telling the story, Mary Sigman might be considered the tragic heroine or the evil wanton woman who worked her magic and led men to murder. l Addre

At fourteen, Mary Sigman was said to have been pretty, intelligent, and promising, but as the years progressed she earned quite the reputation. In an article from the semi-weekly publication of the Interior Jornal from Stanford Kentucky originally published on Friday, March 10, 1882, (days after her murder) Mary is said to have been an auburn-haired, siren with fascinating eyes and sensual lips. Editor, Sam M. Burdette says this: "She had a small, round face, and plain expressiveless. Her eyes were a light hazel, and her hair was auburn. Her mouth might be considered pretty. The lips were a trifle thick and decidedly sensual. Her eyes when she was animated, had a peculiar semi-fasci-nating lustre. angle and That promising young girl became known as the "the acknowledged queen of the courtesans". In fact, the papers touted her as



children. Mary was first mentioned in newspapers on May 28, 1880, in connection with a double homicide at her home. A blog titled "The Shaking Papers" provides a list of the different news articles that detail the events of the many murders associated with Mary Sigman. One such report details the first murders in a series connected to Mary Sigman. That of the death of Wat Bishop and Adam Hysinger. "The tragedy was enacted about 11 o'clock at the bagnio [def: bordello/ brothel] of the notorious Mary Sigman in the Big Hurricane on the head of Roundstone. The participants were Albert T. Fish, Jr., who figured as the slayer, and Wat Bishop and Adam Hysinger, the parties who were slain. The spectators were McClellan Williams and Mary Sigman." Evidently, all the men had been drinking and at some point, late in the (Continued on A-3)



How Forty-Five Years Can Fly By

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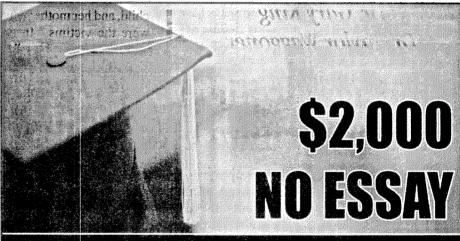
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It is amazing how the days of our lives turn into weeks, then months and finally years. This past weekend I and a little over one hundred fifty classmates from the "Great Class of 1978" celebrated our forty-fifth year class reunion. It doesn't seem that long ago when I was getting ready for graduation and prom.

We held the reunion at the London Community Center and the night, before we had a cookout at Levi Jackson State Park in London. Friday night was more casual and we had grilled hot dogs and had various sides. On Saturday night, was a little more dressy. We had a catered meal in a lovely decorated room with candles and linen tablecloths. There was a good turn out. There were a little over one hundred and fifty of a class of three hundred and sixty nine to attend. Several have died over the years and others had things going on in their lives, and other responsibilities where they couldn't attend. Some classmates came from Maryland, Florida, California Texas, Ohio, and Indiana for the event. The food was excellent. It was served buffet style. There were door prizes given away

every thirty minutes. In addition we had a disc t jockey from the class of 1977 and he had a disce mirror ball and all of the lights and smoke going: there was even a discc floor like in Saturday Night Fever. People were reluctant to dance at first but as time passed, people got more intc dancing and into the spirit of the event. When we got home we were both so tired it took us about twenty minutes to get up the nerve to try to get intc the house. I went straight to bed. After two nights of revelry, I was just about dead. I didn't get up until around two Sunday afternoon and 1 didn't even dance...my dancing days are gone. On our class website. the reviews were 1 excellent and at my suggestion, many want to χ do a casual get together at the park or something 4 similar every year. Considering our class's health, it should be done. Some are in nursing, homes or hospice, or are in wheelchairs or walkers, etc. Stanley always has a good time at these events. He and my class have kind of adopted each other. Just the thought of having an event every year is exciting. We could have a New Years Eve party, a toga party, Christmas party, a masquerade ball... There is no limit to

the fun we could have.



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Roundstone in the reports of her murder.

the Scarlet Woman of

It is difficult to determine if Ms. Sigman was as risque as the papers report or if her "sins" were merely sensationalized. But there were reports that she was responsible for the murder of several men or at least connected to their murders. Some reports suggest eight men, others report eleven men were killed due to their connections with Marv

SCHOLARSHIPS

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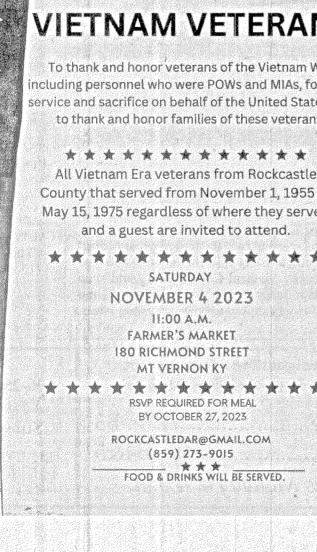
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(Continued from A2) Luckily, moms should be aware that eventually their children will understand a little better as they age. It may not be while you are here to actually hear the "thank you." But eventually, they will know.

Luckily for all us children of loving mothers, that is enough for most mothers.

of childish spite."

said so out loud.

But we are still here!

Haven

(Continued from A2)

Instinct is a fascinating thing. Somehow, deep within all creatures is a sense that isn't listed in the science books. Touch, taste, feel, smell and sight are the five senses that are important to people. But there is another, and I have seen it in action.

The next time you get a chance, watch a mother in action. It is the best of humanity in my opinion. It is an unavoidable instinct that shows the epitome of compassion and is most likely a hint on how we are supposed to treat our fellow man. If there was ever a good example to follow, a mother's instinct would be the best one.

On a final note, the next time you see your mother, just say "thank you." When she asks

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"what for?" Just tell her for their murder would you wouldn't know come. where to begin.

This was not the end of On a side note: Now trouble for Mary Sigman. Joe Biden is building She was again connected with yet another murder what he called "racist. in September of 1880. inhumanitarian, unpatri-This time it was even sugotic, evil" border walls gested that death came at that he destroyed after the hands of Mary herself. Donald Trump had it There are two conflicting mostly completed. reports. One states, Clearly "Build back bet-"James Rhodus...was ter" means "rebuild what killed at a house of ill Trump already started fame in Rockcastle last but Biden destroyed out Sunday night, by James Hardin. It was all over a Now he needs to rip woman by the name of up all the other execu-Mary Sigman. This makes tive orders that ended the fifth man who has Trump's policies. He poured out his blood for ended policies that were her in her own house." good for the people just another report states, "Anbecause he hates 200 other man has been killed million Americans. He, in Rockcastle. Last Sun-Nancy Pelosi and day a week ago, at the Hillary Clinton have all bagnio of that most notorious prostitute, Mary Sigman, Jim Rhodus, of Madison county, and Jim Hardin, of this county, engaged in a difficulty about the woman, which resulted in Rhodus receivevening, they had gone ing a stab through the outdoors. The reports heart. It is supposed that suggest that in a drunken the wound was inflicted state, one man started by Hardin, though many randomly firing a gun, believe that Mary Sigman but when asked to stop he herself did the murder." shot and killed Wat Interestingly, later reports Bishop and Adam on the trial have Mary and Hysinger. The reports on James Hardin both stating the trial are not clear, but that Rhodus fell upon the somehow Albert Fish knife, thus killing himself. was not charged with ei-Both Mary and James ther death, but revenge Hardin were found not guilty, but Mary's troubles were not over. She made the papers yet again in August of 1881, "Mary Sigman, keeping a bawdy house, fined \$50." Was Mary Sigman an evil, sinful woman or was she simply misrepresented? Unfortunately, we may never know. Mary was again the center of speculation in 1882, but this time it was Mary herself, her unborn child, and her mother who were the victims. In an article titled Rockcastle Horror" with tailed grave report of the murders and the events that followed. A reportedly "rough character", James Bishop, of Tennessee was charged with the murder. The article lists A. S. Henderson and William Hysinger as accessories to the crime. The men were allegedly seeking revenge for the murder of their cousins Wat Bishop and Adam Hysinger who were killed nearly two years earlier at Mary Sigman's home! In a report from the Mount Vernon Paper on Mary's murder states,

"A crime, so atrocious as to be without parallel. was committed in this county last Monday night. All black with crimes of the very worst sort has been the history of the county heretofore, but the horror of Monday night has added a page of hellish blackness...About seven miles from this place [Mt. Vernon], and North of here, in the head of a hollow that leads into Roundstone Creek is a little cabin, situated in the woods, wherein have dwelt for the past twelve months, Mary Sigman and her family. Mary has long been widely known as the celebrated courtesan of Upper Roundstone. Her family consisted of her mother, Bettie Sigman, aged about seventy years, and five children - two boys and three girls - whose ages range from fifteen to six years. Mary has, for some months, been enceinte [def: with child], and the arrival of another baby would have been among the events of the next few weeks."

Reports suggest that there were at least nine wounds on the body of Mary Sigman and the gunman reportedly fired at least fifteen rounds at the woman. It is reported that he went outside after shooting Mary, and voices were heard discomplice in the murder. They even had an eyewitness, a Mr. Harve Mink who swore James Bishop had been asking about Mary Sigman and intended to seek revenge against her and the death of his relative. Even with all of this, the case ended in a hung jury both then and again in October of that same year.

Finally, on April 18, 1884, the third trial of the case against Bishop for Mary Sigman's murder and the murder of her mother ended in acquittal. Not Guilty. Did James "Jim" Bishop get away with murder? Was Mary Sigman a victim of murder and who was sensationalized in the papes or was she the sinful siren who lured men to their deaths? Unfortunately, we will probably never know. The murder of Mary Sigman was tragic, regardless of her reputation, but this nearly 140-year-old cold case will probably never be truly solved.

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www.coxfuneralhomeky.com **Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule** Monday, October 16th: Child Development, Seek 'n Learn, Lisa's Little People. Tuesday, October 10th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

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.

New Volunteer Training

Hospice Care Plus will host a new volunteer training, Saturday, October 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library in Richmond. Volunteers are trained to work in their own communities or at the Compassionate Care Center. Pre-registration is required and refreshments will be served. You can register online at hospicecareplus.org or contact Mariah Smith at 859-986-1500.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend. **VFW Post 5908**

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Roundstone," and Her Mother Murdered at Midnight in the Mountains." The article gives a de-

the headline reading,

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MEMBER NOTICE Residential Electric Vehicle Off-Peak Charging Program (Pilot Program)

Notice is hereby given to the members of Jackson Energy Coop. Corp. 103 Mildred Rd., McKee, KY 40447, A person may examine this tariff filing at the office address listed above for the cooperative.

On or after October 1, 2023, Jackson Energy will file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission"), a tariff for a Pilot Residential Electric Vehicle ("EV") Off-Peak Charging Program ("pilot program"), The proposed effective date for the tariff is December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2029. The pilot program is voluntary in nature. Jackson Energy does not have a DSM Rider in effect, so there will be no change in the rates charged for electric service to any customer class. However, if the proposed tariff is approved, the pilot program will offer an incentive for residential retail members of \$0.02 per kWh to delay their daily EV charging until off-peak hours.

The proposals contained in this notice are the items being proposed by Jackson Energy, however, the Commission may order a program that differs, or rates that differ, from the proposed program contained in this notice. The proposed tariff does not amend or revise existing rates of Jackson Energy and does not include any proposed new rates for Jackson Energy. Consequently, an analysis of the amount of change in dollars and percentage change or the effect upon an average bill for each customer classification is not provided.

A person may also examine this tariff filing at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm., or through the commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov. Comments regarding this tariff filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its Web site or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the 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 the notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing

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cussing the crime. He then reportedly returned to the cabin and shot the mother Bettie Sigman twice in the head, killing her instantly. Interestingly, none of the children were hurt.

The case carried over into April of 1883 to London, KY. Where Bishop and his lawyers had had the trial moved in argument that he could not have gotten a fair trial in Rockcastle. There were measurements of boottacks that seemed to unequivocally match that of Bishops, and an investigation of his gun that exactly matched that of the weapon used on Mary Sigman. There was a dog with the man who murdered Mary Sigmon that matched the description of a dog owned by Hysinger, the alleged ac-

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

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Katheryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614

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

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

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

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

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

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Roberta Ann Adams Taylor

Roberta Ann Adams Taylor, 89, of Brodhead, joined family and friends in heaven on October 4, 2023. She left this earth surrounded by her family. Of late, she

had been battling pancreatic cancer. Roberta was a devout Christian who loved her family and friends; was a wife, mother, Mamaw, and homemaker; and a business partner to her husband, E. J., for several decades.

She enjoyed University of Kentucky basketball and participating in local festivals, especially making floats for parades. She was fond of anything to do



with Elvis Presley, as well as cooking, reading, traveling, movies, animals, and, mostly, a good conversation and time spent with those whom she loved.

Roberta was born July 1, 1934, the daughter of the late Hubert Adams and Ruby Hazel Soard Carter. She wed E. J. Taylor on November 19, 1949, of which union came: two sons, Larry Wayne Taylor (Ann) and Harold Lee Taylor; and two daughters, Sherry Gail Asher (Eric) and Patty Ann Kirby (Ricky). Roberta had nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Those left to celebrate and remember Roberta include: her sister, Betty Wilson; her son, Harold; her daughters, Sherry, and Patty; her grandchildren, Erica, Benjamin, Brittany, Natalee, Neisha, Jessica, Seth, Patrick and Abraham; great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by: her parents and her husband; her son, Larry; her niece, Debbie Wilson; an infant granddaughter; an infant great granddaughter, Adeline Sophia Kirby; and her brother-in-law, Bobby Lee Taylor and his wife, June.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 9 2023 at the Marvin E. Owens Chapel with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Roberta's honor to the American Cancer Society (ACS) or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

Lorene Baker Noe

Lorene Baker Noe, 84, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday. October 4, 2023 at The Terrace Nursing Home in Berea after a short illness. She was born May 23,



1939 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Robert Lee "Bob" and Wanda Joyce King Baker.

Gladous Hazlett

Gladous Hazlett, 73, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, October 1, 2023, at Chandler Medical Center in Lexington. She was born August 11, 1950, in Cartersville,

a daughter of the late Burley and Mable Broughton Saylor. She was of the Christian faith and found great joy in sewing, flowers, gardening, and

her life are: her children, Kenneth Ray Owens of Brodhead, Claire June Saylor of Mt. Vernon,

Edith Faye Barnett (Luke) of Mt. Vernon, and Mollie Jane Price (Mark) of Carlisle; 17 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; brother, Rant Saylor (Joyce) of Brodhead; sisters, Evelyn Tuttle (Claude) of Berea, and Burline Blair (Taylor) of Lancaster; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, William Hazlett; infant brother, Merlee Saylor; grandchild, Anthony Lance Selby; and brothers and sisters, Rosetta Lowery, Iona Barrett, Lulu McCarty, Betty Helton, Barbara Fetters. Jasper Denney, and Susie DeBorde.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 6, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Tony Shelton officiating. Burial was in Saylor Family Cemetery at Cartersville.

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

Tommy Harold Cromer

Tommy Harold Cromer, 40, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Tommy was born November 1, 1982, in Mt.



Larry Randal and Alice "Faye" McFerron Cromer. He attended Blue Springs Church of Christ and found great joy in watching TV (Walker Texas Ranger), the UK Wildcats and spending time with people, even those he didn't know. Those left to celebrate his life are: his sisters,

Vernon, a son of the late

Deborah Lynn and Sonny Northern of Mt. Vernon, Barbara Ann Earles and Lauren of Knoxville, TN, and Sheila Jean Means and Ryan of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Allen Cromer, and nephew,

Virginia Rose Clark

Virginia Rose Clark, 86, of Orlando, died Friday, October 6, 2023, at St, Joseph hospital in London. She was born April 17, 1937, in Mt Vernon, a daugh-

ter of the late Clyde and Edna Kirby Pittman. In 1954 she wed Maurice Edward Clark. She was a member of Brush Creek Holiness Church, and she loved watching game shows on TV, going to church and listening to gospel music.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her grandchildren, James Clyde, Freddie Jr Clark, and Amy Lynn



Rose; four great grandchildren, Charles Jeffrey, Ashlynn Rose, Jacklyn Rose, and Bladyn Clark; three sisters, Beverly Price, Verva Woodall, and Brenda Eads; one brother, Charles Pittman; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Maurice Eward Clark; four sons, Clyde Randall, Charles Freddie, Billy Michael, and Maurice Jr; and two sisters, Sandra Brumagen and Evelyn Kidwell.

Services were held Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at Brush Creek Holiness Church. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery with Brother Lonnie McGuire Officiating.

Willetta Owens

Willetta Owens, 95, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at Rockcastle Health & Rehab. in Brodhead, after a long illness. She was born October



22, 1927 in Pine Hill, the daughter of the late Rev. Luther and Gracie Jones Kirby, She was a housewife, enjoyed quilting, fishing, keeping family records, and was a member of the Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two sons, Clyde Ronald Owens, and David Wendell Owens one daughter, Phyllis Parrett; one brother, Billy

Joe Kirby; 15 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and 11 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Clyde B. Owens; one daughter, Carol Wise; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 6, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Clyde Miller officiating. Burial was in Lovell Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Blade Owens, Tristan McFerron, Braina McFerron, Jacomb Owens, Ron Owens, and

David Owens, Storm Sint Invited and Sintsures View the complete obtiuary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Logan Mullins

Henry Logan Mullins, 81, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at his home. He was born



camping. Those left to celebrate



She married the late Freddie Dale Noe, Sr. in 1961, and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and flowers. She held several occupations including the post office, and the Bank of Mt.Vernon, where she

made many lifelong friends. Lorene was a member of First Baptist Church in Mt.Vernon.

Survivors are: one son, Freddie Dale Noe, Jr.; one grandson, Mason Noe; and one former daughter-inlaw, Lisa Noe. Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother and spouse, Eddie and Pat Baker of Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 9, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Dennis Wilder officiating. At Lorene's request the burial was private.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Fairy Cope

Fairy Evelyn Cope, 94, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at her home. She was born in Jackson County on January 11, 1929, the daughter of



June and Gracie Hurley Robinson. She had been a homemaker. She was a member of Climax Christian Church and a child of God.

She is survived by her daughter, Darlene Clark of Mt. Vernon and her son, Joe Cope and Joyce of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are: five grandchildren, Michael Cope and Renae,

Ronnie Cope and Leila, Denise and Donald Alexander, Shannon Clark, and Connie and Mitchell Lamb; and 13 great grandchildren, Kaleb and Natalie Alexander, Jessica Lamb, Caitlin Wilson, Austin Clark, Justin Clark, Destiney Clark, Brooklyn Cope, Destiny, Cora, Timothy, and Grace, Riley, and CarenaRiddle. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Jesse Cope.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 5, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Jack Martin and Grant Martin, pastors of Three Links Christian Church. Burial was in Davis/ Witt Cemetery. 전화 사람은 유민이가

Pallbearers were: Kaleb Alexander, Austin Clark, Justin Clark, Shannon Clark, Michael Cope, and Ronnie Cope. Honorary pallbearers were: Donald Alexander and Mitchell Lamb.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin

Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

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The family of Tommy would like to express their appreciation to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital staff for the kindness and caring extended to Tommy. Donation in Tommy's memory may be made to the burial fund at P.O. Box 658, Brodhead, KY 40409. Visitation will be Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 10 a.m until time of funeral at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Chapel with Bro. Marcus Reppert officiating. Burial will follow in High Dry Cemetery.

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

Climax Volunteer Fire Dept. Chili and **Soup Bean Supper**

The Climax Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a Chili and Soup Bean Supper on Saturday, October 14 at the fire station.

The event will include Gospel singing, a silent auction, a raffle and the meal. See a firefighter for raffle tickets. The meal tickets will be \$7.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend and help support your fire department.

in Rockcastle County on April 1, 1942, the son of

George Washington and Dolly Mae Pittman Mullins. He had been a brick mason and sawmill worker. He enjoyed riding horses, gardening, and fishing.

He is survived by: his daughter, Angie Sowder and husband Chris of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Erica Draven Clouse, Christopher Logan

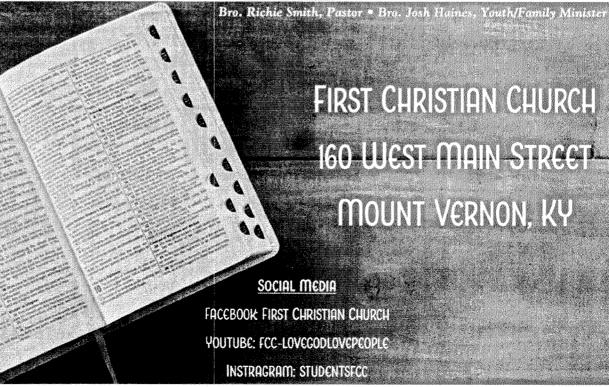


Franklin Sowder, and Christopher Lee Hensley, all of Mt. Vernon; and a sister, Bernice Beasley of Brodhead. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Vivian Carol Bullock Mullins; four brothers, Junior Mullins, Bill Mullins, Burgess Mullins, and Boyd Mullins; and five sisters, Flora Kirby, Faye Kirby, Sadie Sowder, and infant sisters, Sinnie Mae and Doris Ada Mullins.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 9, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Ova Baker, pastor of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. Burial was in McKinney Cemetery at Blue Springs.

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

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"Bitter"

(Continued from front) closed as vendors and crafts and food trucks, as well as activities for children and adults alike, lined the street while citizens walked shoulder-toshoulder visiting each display . A Zip Line and Extreme Trampoline, along with ice skating rink and rock climbing wall, were ready for the large crowd who braved cool temperatures after an early morning rain. Vendors and organizers were seen throughout Main Street bundled in blankets and quilts as electric heaters were forbidden on Main Street.

Bands and other activities continued to set up during the cold morning but skies soon cleared for all the activities that were scheduled. By Saturday, the skies remained partly cloudy but cooler than expected temperatures didn't seem to deter any visitors or vendors.

Police say there were no reported incidents as patrols were busy throughout the weekend keeping a close eye on Main Street and controlling traffic for the parade.

The annual parade included most of the usual local classic automobiles and first responder vehicles as well as some new additions. Bubbles filled Main Street from Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook's bubble machine in the parade, and candy and treats were tossed from end to end down Main Street.

Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts said he was well pleased with the efforts of the many city departments involved in organizing the festival this year, and is proud to see "so many friends and neighbors involved in good, clean family times."

See inside this week's

in advance," he said. "These are simple things and mostly common sense that can avoid very dangerous situations. But everyone would be surprised to discover how often such rescues are required simply because no one planned ahead ... "

Carpenter said there are many stories concerning rescues that could have been avoided if proper planning had been a part of the outing. "There was a rescue where a family didn't bother to find out which way the river flowed," he said. "They entered the river with a paddle boat and the river started carrying them the wrong way. Their car was parked 18 miles in the other direction from where they ended up."

Carpenter said planning river outings can avoid a lot of risk and the lack of planning can turn a fun, family trip into a very dangerous event.

Carpenter also said boaters must get permission from property owners before launching a boat from anyone's private property.

"The river is a fun place to spend time and can be an excellent family outing or adventure," he said. "We have beautiful scenery and people can have a lot of fun on the Rockcastle river. All you have to do is plan ahead and use common sense and you can usually avoid big trouble."

Those rescued last week reported no injuries, Carpenter said.,

"Police"

(Continued from front) positions which typically included better hours, off and higher pay.

Neighboring Laurel County school district created their own, internal police force under the mandates, and new

partments. However, there are only about 940 KSP troopers in Kentucky serving over 4 million citizens, according to the Department of Justice.

"I wish we had more deputies in the county but we simply can't compete with the salaries in Lexington, Frankfort and Louisville," said Holbrook. "We approve the budget as submitted by the department every year, which includes five full time deputies, but it just hasn't worked out that way in several years." Holbrook said the Sheriff's office has its own budget and the county does not hire or fire employees of the department.

Sheriff Franklin provided documentation showing that departments across the state are having similar difficulties in finding and keeping trained officers. In fact, Washington County, Maine recently announced a halt in all patrols around the county while all deputies quit their job at the Goodhue Police Department in Minnesota.

Franklin said his department continues to patrol the county when someone is available and when returning from call responses. "But the shortages are nationwide," he said.

Since all local departments are shorthanded, officials say the departments work together to try to avoid a time when no officer would be on duty in Rockcastle County.

"Deputy Weaver is one of 34 graduates and is going to be a strong addition more benefits, summers mto our force," said Franklin. "We are very proud of his accomplishments at the Academy. We appreciate his efforts as well as his work ethics.

"Correct"

(Continued from front) and to ensure it was received once completed. The actual ballot is not tracked while enroute to the post office.

A series of checks and balances in the clerk's office ensure the clerk that a ballot was mailed and the completed ballot was received.

In the event a ballot is lost, another will be sent. Only the first ballot received by the clerk, will be counted.

Those voting by mail are encouraged to follow every instruction perfectly. Any one small step that is missed by the voter, will render the ballot invalid.

"Vet"

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veterans to visit the memorials and other sites as a small "thank you" for their service to America. "It was a wonderful experience that I won't forget," said Cromer. "When we came home from Vietnam people were spitting on us and calling us 'baby killers'. Of course that's what we all fought for. The freedom to believe and say what you want,"

Over 50 years later, Cromer was one of those contacted by Honor Flight and invited to Washington where he would be honored by a country he helped, protect.

"They took real good care of us during this whole thing," he said. "Toyota of Kentucky sponsored us and they spared no expense. They took three charter buses to all the memorials and we nwere all well, pleased."

Cromer had been to Washington before but this trip was different. "You can't really see everything when you just go there," he said. "But these people gave us the tour and took us to everything we wanted to see. We were treated like royalty." The experience was

well deserved for Cromer and all the veterans who were along. Cromer would talk about some of his experiences in Vietnam, but not all. "Some of it was just too gory to talk about I lost a lot of friends over there. We sure did appreciate how they treated us this week."

Speaking of his experience in Vietnam, Cromer explained his experience in one sentence. "I wouldn't take a million dollars for being there. But I wouldn't give a dime to go back."

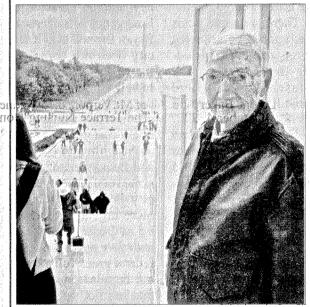
Cromer's experience with Honor Flight was held last weekend and he arrived back at the Lexington Airport before the weekend was over. The Honor Flight or-

ganization has a stated mission and a stated Vision."

The Vision says "to create a nation where American veterans experience the honor, gratitude and community support they deserve." Its stated mission is, "To celebrate American veterans by inviting them to share a day of honor at the nation's memorials." In 2022, Honor Flight took 21,800 veterans on such trips. According to their records, over 100 WWII veterans die each day and they intend to honor as many of them as possible. "I am thankful for the trip to Washington and the way we were treated," said Cromer. "It's good to be home."



Above, Vietnam Veteran Gary Cromer welcomed home at Bluegrass Airport. Below, Mr. Cromer enjoying the sights of Washington, D.C. added to the



Signal for many photos from the event.

"Boat"

(Continued from front) battery and those who were fishing on the boat became disoriented in the night. Those on the boat were not identified.

"Such rescues are difficult when the water is this low," Carpenter said. "While Brodhead (Fire Department) has the premier swift water rescue team, we have very well trained crews and boating equipment also. But when water is this low, we can't get on the river with our boat or raft and have to drive along the river edge calling out in the dark. Luckily, they heard us, and we were able to get them to a bank and pull their boat out of the river with our winch and side-by-side."

Such rescues occur often during rainy seasons, according to Carpenter. Since 2023 has had less rain than normal, such rescues have been infrequent. In 2020 and 2021, Carpenter said similar rescues were commonplace and once rains begin to fall and the river is flowing faster, he expects such rescues to increase.

Carpenter said the most important issue when it comes to fishing or boating on the Rockcastle River, is to "spend the time it takes to plan ahead for the entire trip. Make certain the batteries are fully charged. Make sure there are life vests for everyone. Check on water levels and plan the place to launch and exit the river

several pulled Rockcastle County seasoned officers into the new position in other counties. The local Sheriff's Department lost several deputies to such positions until there were only two part-time deputies and the Sheriff himself serving the county. The Mount Vernon Police Department, working with the local school district, found a creative way to avoid some of the issues by agreeing to use their own officers as SROs during the school year and then getting the officers back during summer months. Local SROs are employees of the Mount Vernon Police Department. Still, the local department has only six full time road unit officers at this time serving the city, according to Chief Joe Rush. The City of Livingston and and Brodhead have hired a police chief and the Sheriff's office now will have one full time deputy since Weaver's graduation, according to Holbrook.

This equals ten full time police officers serving over 16,000 residents through three shifts. There are also five Constables in the county but only two are certified and have police authority. Governing.com recommends 2.5 officers per 1,000 citizens in any county, which would be 40.6 full time officers in Rockcastle.

The Kentucky State Police also regularly patrol the county and offers assistance to all local de-

Holbrook agreed that the additional deputy will be a much needed addition to the local force.

> The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce the oral distant statistic to nor contract

Rockcastle County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

October 21, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon At the Rockcastle County Recycling Center • 2528 S. Wilderness Rd, Mt. Vernon

Free Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes for Rockcastle County Residents Only * Drive through & stay in your car • Workers will unload the waste from your vehicle • No Businesses may participate *Call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for more information

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"Waste"

(Continued from front) the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Department, will be sponsoring the day-long disposal opportunity for Rockcastle County residents only. The event will include the free disposal of household hazardous waste. Those taking advantage of the free event should stay in their vehicle and workers will unload the waste from your vehicle. No businesses may participate and any resident of the county can take part.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Items that may be disposed of at the event, include batteries including dry cell, lead acid, lithium, ni-cad and rechargeable; oxidizers such as pool chemicals, bleaches and fertilizer; Mercury including thermostats, thermometers and murcurochrome; corrosives including drain cleaner, muriatic acid. deck wash, vinegar, stop bath and acetic acid; paint as long as it is oil base only; propane including the 20-pound gas grill tanks and the smaller cookstove type; fluorescent bulbs, lamps, light ballasts, capacitors and free liquid oils and aerosol cans of all types. Also accepted will be solvents, including gasoline, kerosene, lamp fluid and automotive fluids, as well as pesticides including all liquid and solid forms. Lawn fertilizers, insecticides and rodent poisons are also accepted.

There are some items that cannot be accepted during this event including tires, latex paints, household trash, and some limited agriculture chemicals. 25 If we klasimedo

"A good rule of thumb is that this event is for chemicals," said Solid Waste Coordinator James Renner. Even used motor

to support the disposal day and the court's portion of the grant is paid through labor at the event. Inmates help and a fleet of state workers show up to help unload and dispose of everything, according to Holbrook. "It is a good thing in the community for both farmers and households."

Anyone with questions concerning an item that you wish to take to the event, should contact Renner at 606-256-1902 for detailed information.

"Audit"

(Continued from front)

For example, if the city needs a new manhole but has used the general fund money to pay the officer, they are not allowed by statute to use the alcohol fund for a manhole. "Rather than let the alcohol fund sit there, we can use some of it to pay the officer and help relieve the general fund of some of that expense," Bullock said.

City Clerk Becky Bussell said she will investigate exactly how much of the alcohol fund is allowed to be used to pay the officer's salary and get back to the commissioners with the recommendation.

Commissioners also discussed their search for an auditor. The city had fallen behind on the required audits, according to Bussell. However, in an effort to "catch up" on the annual audits, commissioners and city employees are looking for a new auditor. Director of **Emergency Management** Bryan Bussell said if the city does not complete the audit within the allowed amount of time, the state can do the audit. "But that would defi-k nitely cost you," he said. According to Bullock and Becky Bussell there are several projects in the city that are becoming more urgent but cannot be addressed until the audits are up to date since federal grant dollars will not be released to cities that are not up to date. "We at least have to be able to show that we are trying," said Becky Bussell. Bryan Bussell provided the names of suggested auditors to contact. commission The agreed to pursue the search,

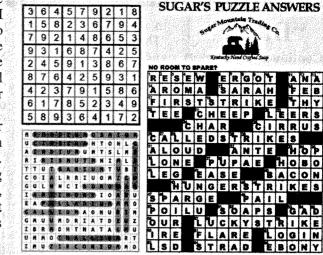
Mayor Jerry Adams said the audits are extremely behind and must be caught up very soon. "This needs to be done yesterday.. We have to move quickly," he said. During department head reports, no police were present at the meeting.

Bullock, who is also assistant fire chief said the Brodhead Fire Department had made 225 runs thus far in 2023.

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"Our number of runs are steadily increasing and I don't expect that to change," he said. "We are a growing city and as we grow, our revenues will increase and so will our runs," he said. Having no further

business, the commission meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

In accordance with the requirements of the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") as set out in 807 KAR 5:069, Section 3, notice is hereby given to the customers of the Western Rockcastle Water Association ("Association") of a change in water rates for users of the Association's water system. The changes in water rates are required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, acting through Rural Development ("RD") in connection with a loan by RD to the Association in the principal amount of \$582,000 to be evidenced by the issuance by the Association of its promissory note in such amount, which RD has agreed to purchase provided the Association meets certain conditions of RD, including revising the water rates as set forth below:

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"This event is very helpful to a lot of people," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. "So many people don't have a way to get rid of this stuff and they just stack it up somewhere out of sight and out of mind. But this is a way to dispose of all these chemicals properly."

The fiscal court received a matching grant

Rockcastle Farmers' Market News

The Market ends this month so please visit when you can. Doug Brock of Brock's Honey Bee Farm will be at the market on Saturday, October 14th. This will be Doug's last market day for this year. So be safe and come by Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and stock up on honey for the winter. Free Bittersweet seeds with each bottle of honey sold.

Boone Trace Fall Hike

The Boone Trace Fall Hike will be Saturday, October 14 at the Windy Gap Basecamp in Livingston. The event will cost \$25 and will include a cookout, t-shirts, camping Friday through Sunday, Indian and Pioneer reenactments, demonstrations, Bluegrass music and more. Bring chairs for a weekend of educational fun. For more information concerning the hike, contact John Fox at 859-533-6433

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The event will include many activities including Gospel singing, a silent. auction, a raffle and the meal. See a firefighter for raffle tickets. The meal tickets will be \$7.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend and help support your fire department.

The proposed monthly water rates shall be effective for water sold after the date of the final approving Order of the PSC, which Order is expected to be issued no later than 30 days of the filing of the Application. The Application for approval of the rate change has been filed with the PSC and may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations: (i) Western Rockcastle Water Association Water Office, 371 New Brodhead Road, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456; (ii) PSC, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.T.; and (iii) via the PSC website at http://psc.ky.gov. Comments regarding the Application may be submitted to the PSC via its website or by mail to PSC, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The proposed rates are required under the terms of an agreement between the Association and RD and KRS 278.023 does not grant the PSC any discretionary authority to modify or reject any portion of the agreement between the Association and RD, or to defer the issuance of all necessary orders to implement the terms of the agreement. The RD loan proceeds will be used to finance the costs of the installation of Contract 12 which consists of approximately 8,400 linear

feet of new 3-inch PVC water main and appurtenances to replace existing 3/4-inch and 1-inch water lines to serve approximately 18 existing users and two (2) new users. The project also entails the installation of two (2) pressure reducing station replacements. Contract 13 consists of the rehabilitation of an existing elevated water storage tank which is known as the 150,000 Gallon Dog Walk Water Storage Tank.

Signed: Darrell Whitaker, President, Western Rockcastle Water Association.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps Autumn Landscaping and Decorating

The fall of the year is a great time to landscape, and late fall is my preferred tree planting time. But there's the seasonal landscaping and decoration many do. There's the appreciation of glorious fall colors. Perhaps one of the best parts of all is sitting around a firepit or a campfire on a cool clear evening. Brilliant blue skies and colorful trees add glory to the experience.

Once the days have cooled and the outdoor temperatures are in the vicinity of indoor temperatures, it's a perfect time to get outside and enjoy the season. Sure, there's falling leaves that may need your attention, but surely there's also time to just enjoy relaxing, or taking a stroll, on a lovely cool day.

As the days get cooler, and the ground is warm, you have a perfect planting period-from grass seeds to shade trees and most things between. Soon as trees and shrubs drop leaves, you can dig and safely move many plants you wish to relocate. The cool air but warm soil provides a better experience for doing this than springtime for most tree and shrub species. Al homovine As the days get shorter and the sun is at a lower angle in the sky, all landscaping chores become more pleasant. Building a retaining wall or digging a planting hole at 90 degrees is a grueling job, but at 70 it can actually be fun. Autumn is also a good time to replace or re-seed a yard. And since October is often the driest month, construction projects generally aren't a muddy mess like they

may be in spring. For fall decorating, good quality at a good price is the ideal. So many mums and pumpkins and such are purchased on the spur of the moment by impulse. Here's an idea—if you're not going to otherwise eat the pumpkins and other perishable decorations, perhaps you should try faux (fake) pumpkins and gourds you can store and put out several sea-

"Ye Shall Find Rest" Matt.11:28-30

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Three things are mentioned in this text which produce the unrest of man: the wrong yoke, the wrong burden, and the wrong teaching. The unconverted person wears a galling yoke, carries an extremely heavy burden, and follows hurtful teaching. To find rest for our soul, one must be willing to exchange these for Christ's yoke, for Christ's burden, and for Christ's teaching.

The exchange of yokes- "My yoke is easy". Yokes have a restraining influence. They produce submission to the owner's will. Yokes are for the purpose of cooperative and united work. We are voked to Christ.

The exchange of burdens- "My burden is light". In taking Christ yoke we do not become idlers; we become workers. There is much work to be done, but such is real joy. The exchange of teaching- "Learn of me". Take Christ for our teacher and example. Learning of Christ produces rest; all other teaching produces unrest. The word disciple means learner; so to be a disciple is to be a pupil of Christ. Are you carrying a burden that is too heavy, one that seems to be wieghing you down. We must look to Jesus, When we surrender our life to Jesus Christ by obeying the gospel, By believing, repenting, confessing his name, and then we are buried in baptism for the forgiveness of our sins. We are raised a new creature in Christ, old things are passed away. Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube channel Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ Mt Vernon Kentucky. The church assembles for worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00P.M. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to contact someone from the church you can call or text this number 606-224-1480.

sons and give your budget a break. Either that, or consider decorating with apples and nuts and other fruits you'll want to eat instead of throwing to the trash bin or the compost pile. A bushel of apples could easily garner the appreciation that pumpkins and squash do for fall displays.

Containers, especially attractive large urns or pots, can be a quick solution to sprucing up a landscape in fall. Depending on what you plant in them, you may be able to have lovely plants blooming past frosts and freezes. Pansies, kale, sedums, etc., can look good long after the petunias and vinca are frozen.

Statues, fountains, large boulders, birdbaths are some landscaping items that can bring a quick improvement to your place. The comfortable chair or bench plus perhaps a fireplace can add much to the landscape quite easily. As always pick a reputable landscaper instead

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- 1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- 2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
- 3. Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional

of a garden center that pushes and recommends only things they have for sale, or instead of the lawn mowing guys, if you need to hire help with your projects.

Autumn is a lovely time to garden and work outdoors. Or relax outdoors. If you can grow a few fruiting plants you or the birds can eat, that's a trend that may be here to stay. There's something to be said for replacing a Bradford pear with one that has delicious fruits but still looks good in the yard.

To conclude, add some evergreen trees and some trees that have nice fall colors if your yard lacks trees and you're hoping to give it some zip. The traditional row of maple trees or callery pears is not recommended anymore for the front yard. Try to be creative and make landscape choices that are different from the other houses in the neighborhood. Should you show off the house? Should you hide the house behind a clump of trees? Should you maybe even do something like create a hill in the front yard and plant trees and shrubs on it? (Excellent idea if you have noisy

traffic or dogs to contend with.) Autumn is a fine time to landscape your place! The author is a landscaper, Feedback welcome. rockcastles@gmail.com



The bonds between Christians that are centered on Christ likeness

The New testament repeatedly teaches that Christians are to be united. Paul addressed the problems of division in Corinthians 1:11 as it says, for it hath been declared unto me of you, my bretheren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. VS 19 Now this I say that every one of you saith, I am Paul, and I am of Apolos, and I am Cephas and I am Christ.

Vs13 is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? VS 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius. VS15 Lest anyone say that I baptized in my own name. VS 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel: Not wisdom of my words, let the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. VS 18 For the preaching of the cross to them that perish foolishness but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.

Paul, as he often had to do, put the focus back where it belonged and that is on Jesus. Christ and him being crucified for the salvation of all humanity. He quickly reminds the church at Corinth it is dangerous to develop clicks where men are following men rather than God. Gal 5:1 says, But if you be lead of the spirit, you are not under the law. VS 24 and they that are Christ's have chucified thenflesh with the affections and the lusts. VS 25 If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit. VS 26 Let not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

It is all pretty simple request from God and that is, if we all are being led by the spirit of God we will an be putting in the same direction and it we are not being led by the spirit of God then we will be going in different directions. Let us all bond together in Christ and that way we can be stronger against the evil one.

REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU

(Gal.6:2) Bear ye one another's burden and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome

Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021 Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

Ordinance #2023-13

An Ordinance levying the annual ad valorem tax on motor vehicles for city purposes in the corporate limits of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

Whereas, KRS 83A, 130, 140 and 150 require that the legislative body, by ordinance, provide for sufficient revenue to operate city government, and;

Whereas, KRS 132.487 and 132.488 requires submission to the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet prior to October 1 of each year the annual tax rate to be levied on motor vehicles and motorboats.

Now Therefore Be It Ordained, by the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky as follows:

Section One: Tax Levy - Motor Vehicles and Motorboats

An ad valorem tax rate of 16.7 cents on each \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) assessed value of motor vehicles and motorboats subject to taxation under the laws of the State of Kentucky is hereby levied for city purposes.

Section Two: Due Date, Payment, Discount and Penalty

- A. All ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles and motorboats shall be collected by the Rockcastle County Clerk in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.800 and other applicable statutes.
- Ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles and motorboats shall become due and Β. delinquent as set forth in KRS 134.810 and such taxes not paid when due shall be subject to the penalty and interest as specified therein.

Adopted this the day of

Tim Roberts, Mayor

Date of First Reading

10 03 2023

Date of Second Reading

Attest:

Crystal Rush.

2023

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.

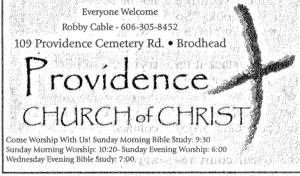
If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

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

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Mount Vernon Signal 606-256-2244



Ordinance #2023-12

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR CITY PURPOSES IN THE COPRPORATE LIMITS OF MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 92.280 requires that the legislative body of each city annually levy an ad valorem tax for city purposes, and; WHEREAS, KRS 92.330 requires that all taxes be levied by ordinance, and; WHEREAS, KRS 83A.130 requires that the legislative body, by ordinance provide for sufficient revenue to operate city government, and;

WHEREAS, the city has calculated the tax rate(s) for real and personal property in accordance with KRS chapter 132.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky as follows:

SECTION ONE: TAX LEVY - Real estate and personal property.

- A. An ad valorem tax rate of _.1497 __cents on each \$100.00 (one hundred dollars)
- assessed value of real property subject to taxation under the laws of the State of
- Kentucky is hereby levied for city purposes.
- B. An ad valorem tax rate of ______ cents on each \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) assessed value of personal property subject to taxation under the laws of the State of Kentucky is hereby levied for city purposes.

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SECTION TWO: DUE DATE, PAYMENT, DISCOUNT AND PENALTY All said taxes shall be due and payable at the City Offices as set forth on the tax bill. Taxes paid prior to the due dates shall receive a <u>Two</u> percent (<u>2%</u>) discount. Taxes paid up to thirty (30) days after the due date shall be at face amount. Taxes paid more than thirty (30) days after the due date shall be charged Ten percent (10%) penalty.

SECTION THREE: EFFECTIVE DATE AND USE THEREOF This ordinance applies to the 2023 calendar year tax assessment and all receipts shall be

used for city purposes and accounted in the 2024 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years in reference to delinquent collections.

Adopted this the Alday____)eptember 2023. Tim Roberts, Mayor Crystal Rush, City Cleri Date of first reading 10/03/2023 Date of second reading

DAR sponsors American 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 KSDARto 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:

"The Stars and Stripes Forever" On May 14, 1897, John Philip Sousa played his new march "the Stars and Stripes Forever". This song would become the national march of the United States on December 11, 1987. The student is to imagine it is 1897 and they are a newspaper reporter for The Philadelphia Times. The newspaper editor has asked the reporter to write an article about the

MVES Trunk-or-Treat

Attention local businesses and churches... we are searching for participants for our first 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 ino masks or scary costumes) and have lots of fun. We

new song performed that day. The student's article needs to talk about Sousa's life and the story behind the song. It is the first performance of the song, so make sure the article includes thoughts about the music and how the audience reacts to what was seen and heard that day. 1. 操作機構構成 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.

All entries should be completed and turned in to the student's history teacher by the deadline of November 3rd. Any student interested in participating in these contests may contact your history teacher or the Rockcastle Chapter DAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com.

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The Salvation Army will take applications in Rockcastle County: October 18th, 2023 Wednesday, 9:30AM-12:30 PM Apply at: ROCKCASTLE CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY 60 Ford Dr. Mt. Vernon, Ky 40456 Questions: Call 859-624-5826

***Please Note: Applying for additional Christmas Assistance at any another Agency, School,

To apply you must bring: Please do not bring hand-written notes

- Your Valid State Issued Photo ID that has your <u>CURRENT</u> address on it.
 Government-Issued Identification for <u>ALL</u> household members such as Birth Certificate, Photo ID, Passport, Matricula consular identification, Medicaid cards for children, etc.
- Your <u>CURRENT</u> Food Stamp Award Letter listing all family members and eligibility qualifications.
 Proof of <u>ALL</u> household <u>INCOME</u> (Pay Stubs, SSI, Disability, Child Support, KTAP, etc.).
- ALL household EXPENSES (Copy of Lease/Proof of Mortgage, electric, gas, water, cable, internet, phone, car payment, car/ health/ life insurance, storage, rent-to-own, personal loans, any other monthily expenses).
 - *Official paper copies only & NO Social Security Cards can be used as ID ALSO BRING
 - Childs/Children's Clothing and Shoe sizes (for Angel Tree applications).
 Possible gift ideas for your child/children (for Angel Tree applications).
- ALL items above are needed to create Christmas applications. Please make sure to bring all needed items as we will only be in your county one (1) day.
 - Serving Residents of Madison, Rockcastle, Lee, Jackson, Estill, Owsley, Breathitt, Wolfe & Clay Counties

If you are interested in participating please contact Sierra Williams at Mount Vernon Elementary School at 606-256-2953 or by email <u>sierra williams@rockcastle.kyschools.us</u>

- 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.

would love for you to join in on the fun and make it a memorable day for our students.

Where: Mt. Vernon Elementary Bus Loop When: Friday, October 27, 2023 Time: Set up begins at 12:00 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat beings at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Justin Williams Reckcastle Hematology & Decology Clinic

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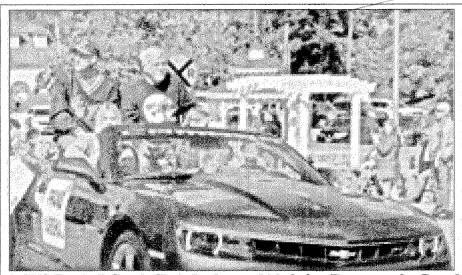
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RCHS Football Coach Chris Larkey and his father Tom were the Grand Marshal at this years 2023 Bittersweet Festival.

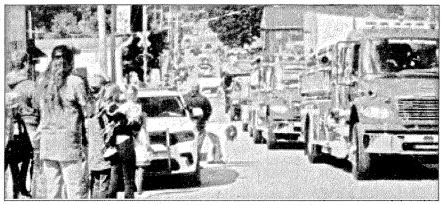


Main Street was lined with those waiting for the parade.

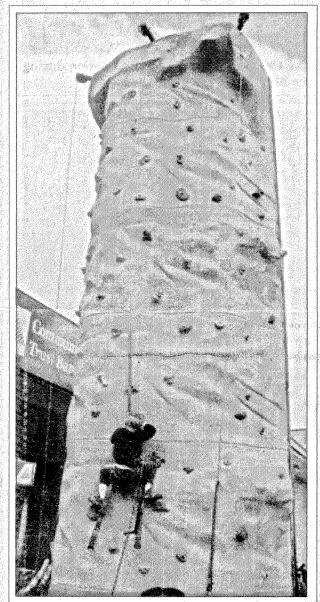


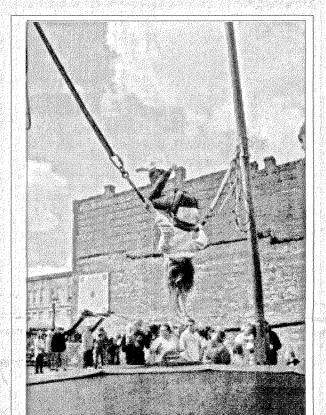
Bittersweet Festival

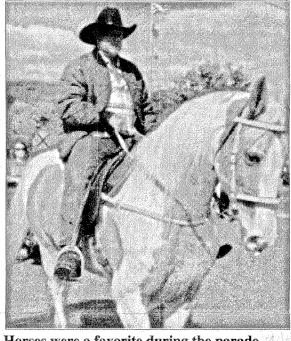
Main Street was filled from end to end with those enjoying the 2023 Bittersweet Festival this weekend.



Onlookers anticipated the parade as it made its way to Main Street which was filled from end to end with young and old alike, looking forward to the annual Bittersweet Parade.







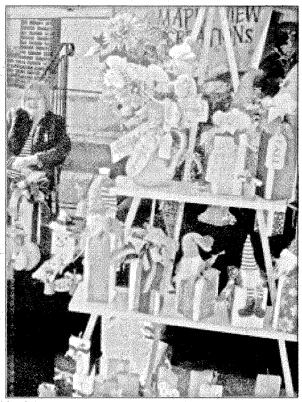
Horses were a favorite during the parade.



The climbing wall was one of the new activities offered this year at the festival. The attraction was free and stayed busy throughout the day.



Many booths offered a variety of goods.



Booths offering all types of wares lined the streets during the event.

The extreme trampoline stayed busy all day.



Members of the MVPD and the City Clerk were at the festival most of the weekend.



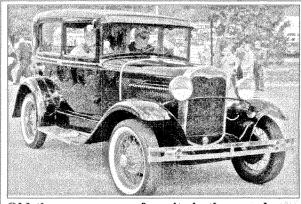
One classic tractor took part in the parade.



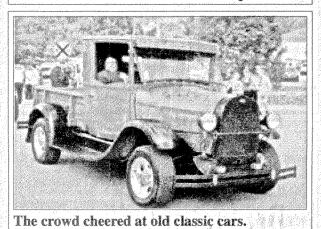
Hope Holbrook tossed candy with her father Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.



Central Baptist Church talked with many who visited the booth.



Old-time cars were a favorite in the parade.

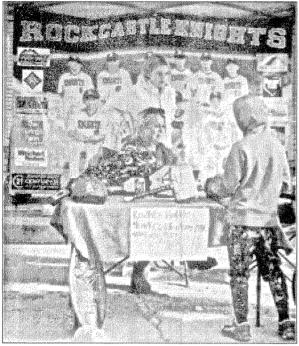


Youngsters enjoyed riding in the Bittersweet Parade.

More Bittersweet Festival Pictures



Many vendors had to wear a coat for part of the cool weekend at the 2023 Bittersweet festival.



The Rockcastle Knights were busy throughout the festival.

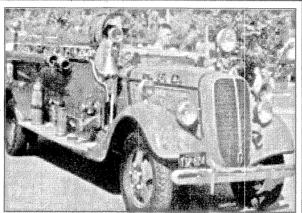


Several vendors offered unique clothing for those visiting the festival





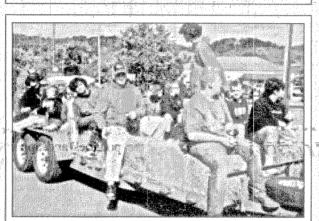
The RCMS Rockets were cheered as they passed in the parade.



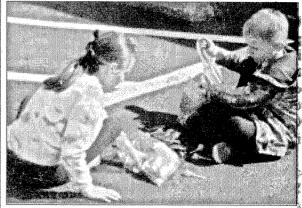
The MVFD 1937 classic fire truck is a favorite during the Bittersweet Parade.



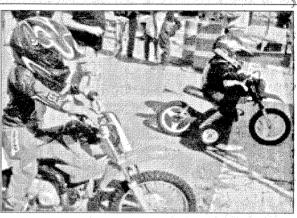
The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame officials rode in the Bittersweet Parade Saturday.



Many parade participants braved the cool tem-



Two youngsters took the time to separate all, their candy after parade participants tossed, treats during the parade.



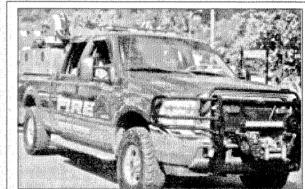
These bikers started young and took part in the Bittersweet Parade Saturday.



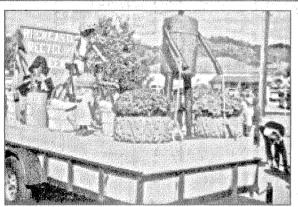
The Corvette Z drew a lot of attention during the Bittersweet Parade Saturday.



Several booths offered Christian materials and information for visitors during the festival.



The Lost Patience Band performed while riding in the Bittersweet Parade Saturday.



The Rockcastle County Solid Waste Department had a well decorated float during the parade Saturday.



Candy and treats were tossed to the waiting crowd by many who took part in the 2023 Bittersweet Parade Saturday.



The Paw Spa was one of the many popular floats during Saturday's Bittersweet Parade. Organizers say the event was a huge success and plans are underway for 2024.

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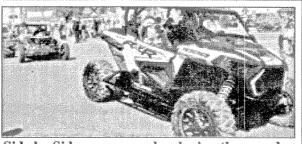
Music was performed by bands as well as lone musicians on the street during the festival.



Fire trucks from local departments delivered candy to those watching the parade.



Old Corevettes are always popular during parades as this one brought cheers from those watching.

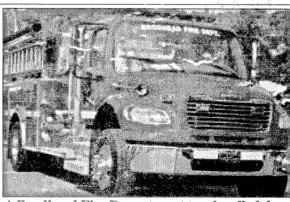


Side by Sides were popular during the parade.

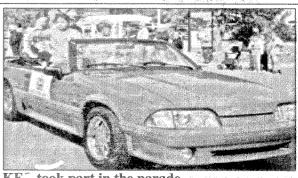
Fire Departments displayed their vehicles for the large crowd during Saturday's parade.



Steve Griffin rode Mt. Vernon's gator during Saturday's parade.



A Brodhead Fire Department truck rolled during the parade.



KFC took part in the parade.

Hospice to host training for volunteers on Oct. 21

Hospice Care Plus, Rockcastle County's provider of hospice care, is hosting a new volunteer training on Saturday, Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library in Richmond.

The training is for individuals who would like to help provide care and support for those with a serious illness, their caregivers, and the bereaved, either directly or indirectly.

Mariah Smith, volunteer coordinator at Hospice Care Plus, says volunteers are central to the organization's mission.

"Our volunteers enhance our care in meaningful ways, even when they choose to do more behind-the-scenes work. They are essential to our mission," she said.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed at hospicecareplus.org, 859-986-1500, or hospice@hospicecp.org. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

Rick Carle has volunteered at the Compassionate Care Center since 2018. He serves as a front desk volunteer. These volunteers are often the first people to greet visitors to the Center.

"I volunteer at Hospice Care Plus to help make the day a little brighter for each person who walks through the door," said Carle. "I want to bring a smile to family members in a tough time. I have lost two wives and know that it is hard. I am here to support how I can." Smith says there is something that will fit everyone's schedule, regardless of how much time one has to volunteer. There are opportunities working with patients and caregivers or in non-patient care roles, such as mailings, office support, and more. Many roles require only an hour or so a month.

Several programs give new volunteers a wealth of choices. A complete list of programs is available at hospicecareplus.org. In all cases and programs, Hospice Care Plus staff are available to support volunteers.

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Volunteer Rick Carle answers phones and greets visitors at the front desk of the Compassionate Care Center. Hospice will host a new volunteer training Oct. 21.

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volunteers as part of the team," said Smith. also sen "They're supported and appreciated as making real, meaningful contributions." Compa

To learn more or to register for the training, v i s i t hospicecareplus.org or contact Mariah Smith at 859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org. Registration can also be completed via the Facebook event page. For those interested in self-paced, online training options.

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

Center in Richmond. Relying on contributions from individuals and groups, all care is provided regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. To learn more, donate, or explore career and volunteer opportunities, visit hospicecareplus.org or call 859-986-1500.

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POTATO CASSEROLE 4 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch thick slices 4 apples, peeled and thinly sliced 1/2 cup brown sugar 1 teaspoon salt 2 T cold butter, cubed 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1/2 cup hot water Heat oven to 375°. Butter a 9 x 13 casserole dish and fill with alternating layers of sweet potatoes and apples. As you add layers, sprinkle the apples with sugar and the sweet potatoes with salt, a little sugar, and liberal dots of butter. Sprinkle with cinnamon (add more or omit according to your taste. Pour the hot water over the potatoes and apples. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and continue cooking for 15 minutes longer, until potatoes are browned and apples are soft. NO BAKE SWEET POTATO CHEESECAKE 2 and 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs 1/3 cup sugar 8 T butter, melted TOPPING

3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese room temperature 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup light brown sugar 3 cups cooked mashed sweet potatoes* 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg 1 container (16 ounce) Cool Whip® or 2 containers (8 ounces each) Cool Whip® Mix crumbs with sugar and melted butteruntil combined. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with nonstick cooking spray and pour the crust mixture in. Press into pan. Cream together, cream cheese and sugars. Pour in vanilla, spices, and sweet potatoes. Combine. Gently fold Cool Whip ® into the sweet potato cream cheese mixture until combined. Pour and spread evenly into the crust. Place in fridge for at least 3 hours before serving. Dust with cinnamon before serving.





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Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23 Posted: Be it known: no trespassing or hunting henceforth and indefinitely on the 4 acre property located between Mohawk Ln. and the spring on Chestnut Ridge Rd. Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(23)x25 Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd) Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Anyone entering the property must be with Orville Burkhart. Violators will be prosecuted. 35(23)x51p Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to

River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf Posted: Property belonging to Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents. Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).

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

Miscellaneous For Sale

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

Motorcycles For Sale

2005 Harley Davidson Softtail Motorcycle. Lots of extras, mustang seat, lindy bars, Harley alarm system, show lights, windshield, bags, passenger bar, road lights, custom gauges, injected, garage kept with only 12,800 miles. \$6,000. 608-289-4513. 28x4



We have 4 1/2 month old Belgian Malenois and 1/4 Shepherd pups. Asking \$300 each. Some are solid black and some are tan. For more info, call 606-308-9292. 33x2p

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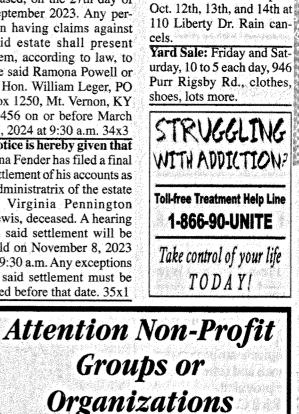
Rockcastle County 911 Center is accepting applications for dispatcher positions. You may pick up an application Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse from the County-Judge secretary. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, submit to drug screening, and a criminal history/background check. Rockcastle County 911 is an EOE. 35x2



Notice is hereby given that Rodney D. Purcell, 6545 Level Green Road. Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Ned S. Purcell, deceased, on the 25th day of September 2003. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rodney D. Purcell or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before March 25, 2024 at 11 a.m. 33x3

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

Notice is hereby given that Ramona Powell, 861 Barnett Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been anpointed Executrix of the Estate of James Price, deceased, on the 27th day of September 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ramona Powell or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before March 27, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 34x3 Notice is hereby given that Tina Fender has filed a final settlement of his accounts as Administratrix of the estate of Virginia Pennington Lewis, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on November 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 35x1



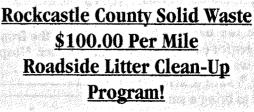
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The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce



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

Keep The Rock Clean! The Rockcastle County Solid Waste office will assign qualifying groups or organizations a road and/or section of road to be cleaned up, while funding remains available. Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for further details



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Moonshiner's Ball 2023 planned for Oct. 12-15

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By: Mike French Editor

Music, moonshine, arts and crafts, culinary vendors, kid's events, camping, canoeing, bonfires and much more is only the start of the events planned this coming weekend in Livingston.

There have been several festivals and events recently in Rockcastle County. Now one of the biggest and longest music festivals, with countless additional attractions and activities, is about to take place at the 4th annual Moonshiner's Ball 2023, planned for October 12-15 in the City of Livingston.

"It is like stepping back into the late 60s and early 70s. The atmosphere is unmatched," said Livingston City Commissioner Sandi Singleton, "People from across the country love this event. The music is great, the food trucks are unmatched and the vendors are amazing."

This year's event includes a who's who list of entertainers and vendors.

Hosting the event this year is Galactic, featuring Anjelika Jelly Joseph. Along with Galactic will be Neal Francis, Sierra Hull, Alda Victoria, The Brothers Comatose, Larry Keel Experience, Kelsey Waldon, Sunny War, Thumpasaurus, The Rumble, Magnolia Boulevard, Vintage Pistol, The Boulevards, Happy Landing, Good Morning Beldam, Hot Brown Smackdown, Eric B. Olardo, Mana Said String Band, Jeremy Short, Driftwood Gypsy, Houseplant, The Brothers Smith, Nolan Taylor, Jerry Bowling, Thorn Lessons, Hunter Flynn, Joel's Front Porch Jam, Artists at Large, Taylor Shuck, Matt Fusses and The Hot Blind Corn Liquor Pickers will bring live music from many genres to all who come. The four-day event

will provide visitors with campsites for a fee and activities to keep the kids busy all weekend, according to organizers.

The event is organized by John Hamilton but Singleton said the City of Livingston is the big winner. "The organizers are close friends with Mayor Larry Davidson and he invites everyone to come out and help support our community," said Singleton. "The visitors who come (typically about 1,500 people but many expect more this year) explore our town and use our stores and buy our gas. They learn some of the things we have to offer, including our trails and the river. Everyone gains from the experience."

According to the website, the Moonshiners Ball offers a "moonshine-soaked jam with Rock, Americana and Bluegrass and a pristine outdoor venue" for all who come to Rockcastle County for the event. The site continues, "Kids can romp and stomp and pluck crawdads out of creeks" while adults celebrate "the art of music, poetry of the area, dancing, singing and drinking all under starry skies."

According to the website, there are several

different ticket options available but a ticket without camping is \$55 for Friday, \$70 for Saturday and \$25 for Sunday. There is a full weekend package, which includes camping for \$195 and an additional "benefit" package for \$200. To discover what the "benefit" package includes, guests are asked to contact organiz-

ers. Rockcastle County is a dry county so organizers say they cannot sell alcohol on site and guests are asked to bring your own or travel to a city where alcohol sales are permit-

Singleton said everyone should experience the Moonshiner's Ball. "It is a great time for all and we would love to see everyone come out and support our town,"

Mayor Davidson agreed that the event is popular but is most proud that the local crowd is growing each year. "We get people from all over, including Alaska," he said. "But the best part is that each year I see more and more local people coming out to enjoy the weekend with us. I hope to see even more local people in the future. This is a one-of-a-kind event held in a beautiful, clean area and should be experienced by anyone who enjoys music, camping, the outdoors, or just having a good time. This event offers an abundance of all those."

Rockcastle part of grant awards from Kentucky American Water support program

Sixteen fire departments in Kentucky will share \$8,000 in total grant funds through Kentucky American Water's 2023 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 \$99,500 and coincides with National Fire Prevention Week, observed this year from Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 to raise awareness about the importance of fire prevention and emergency planning.

"We are proud to partner with the men and women who volunteer for and support our local fire departments," said Ellen Williams, external affairs specialist 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 yearround."

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.

Departments receiving funding in 2023 are: Bourbon County

• Bourbon County Fire Department for the purchase of training materials and aids

• Hutchison Station Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of rescue tool equipment

• Millersburg Fire and Rescue Department for the purchase of fire engine water intake valves • North Middletown Volunteer Fire Department toward the purchase of commercial gear lockers for a new fire station Fayette County

• Lexington Fire Department toward the purchase of fire-resistant hoods

Franklin County • Franklin County Fire Department toward the purchase of hazardous material spill containment supplies -more-

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Harrison County • Cynthiana Fire Department for the purchase

of watering cans for mulch and grass fires • Harrison County Fire Protection District for the purchase of two-way ra-

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• Monterey Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a trailer

• Owen County Fire Department for the purchase of hydrant wrenches, a gate valve and spanner wrenches

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Rockcastle County • Climax Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of emergency medical equipment

• Livingston Fire and Rescue for the purchase of hydrant gate valves Scott County

• Georgetown Fire Department toward the purchase of a training fog machine

Woodford County

• Versailles Fire Department for the purchase

of hydrant connecting materials

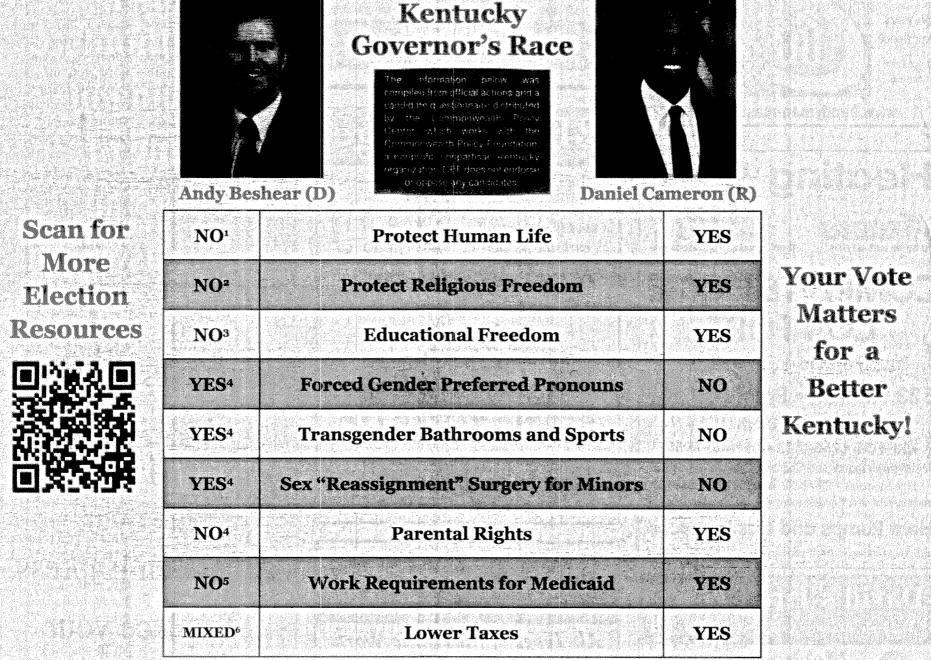
• Woodford County Fire Department for the purchase of firefighting helmets Learn more about National Fire Prevention Week by visiting fireprevention week.org

Chili and Soup Bean Supper

The Climax Volunteer Fire Department is planning to sponsor a Chili and Soup Bean Supper on Saturday, October 14 at the fire fire station in Climax. The event will

include many activities including a

Gospel singing, a silent auction, a raffle and the meal. See a firefighter for raffle tickets. The meal tickets will be \$7. The event will begin at 5 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend and help support your fire department.



For comprehensive footnotes on both candidates go to CommonwealthPolicyCenter.org

* Beshear vetoed the 15-week abortion ban (HB 3 - 2022) and the Born Alive Act (SB 9 - 2020) as governor.

² Beshear ordered state police to target churchgoers on Easter Sunday (4/12/20) during the COVID lockdown. He also sought to prevent Sunrise Children's Services' state contract because of their biblical views.

³ Beshear vetoed HB 563 (2021), which created a tax credit for education opportunity accounts. Beshear also vetoed HB 9 (2022), which provided funding for charter schools.

⁴ Beshear vetoed SB 150 (2023), which protects Kentucky school kids from controversial LGBT indoctrination in K-12 public school classrooms, makes clear that bathroom and locker room policy corresponds to biological sex, and prohibits gender medical procedures of minors. Beshear also vetoed SB 83 (2022), which kept boys off girls' sports teams.

⁵ Should able-bodied adults (age 19-64) have to work, volunteer, attend school or receive job training for at least 20 hours per week? AP News, "Kentucky governor rescinds planned Medicaid work requirement," December 26, 2019.

⁶ Beshear vetoed HB 8 (2022), which codified the process to reduce the state income tax. He said reducing the income tax "threatens Kentucky's economic future."

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