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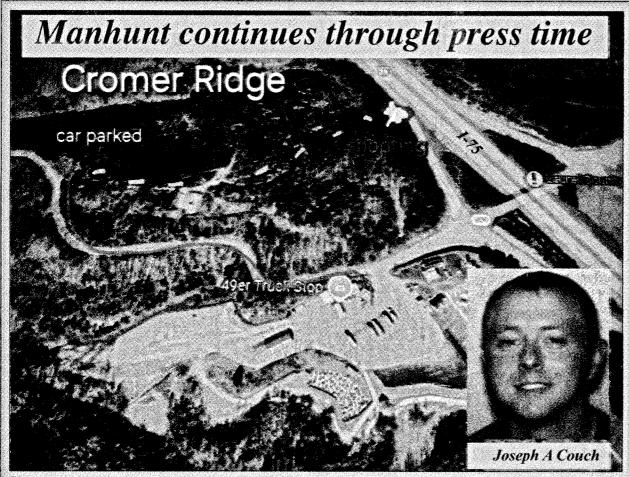
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# 12 cars shot into on I-75 Saturday



Shown above is the area around Exit 49, just five miles from the Rockcastle County line, where a lone gunman shot into 12 passing vehicles on I-75 injuring five people. Police are searching for Joseph A. Couch, 32, of Woodbine, Kentucky, in connection with the shootings.

### Five injured, manhunt ensues

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County, and neighboring Laurel County, has been front page headlines across the United States over the past several days as police have spent days searching for a lone gunman who shot into twelve passing vehicles on I-75 Saturday evening, seriously injuring five motorists. I-75 north and southbound were closed for over three hours and exits at mile marker 49 were still closed at press time.

According to countless media reports from across the nation, including addresses from Laurel County Sheriff John Root, the Courier Journal, the New York Times and Google, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, the

Mount Vernon Police Department, and many other Rockcastle first responders joined the ATF (Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms) and the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) along with countless state and local agencies in an all-out man hunt for Joseph A. Couch, 32, of Woodbine, Kentucky.

The manhunt has been underway since Saturday as helicopters, thermal sensing drones and foot searchers, from state and federal agencies, joined local first responders in the search. Searching has extended from the Mount Vernon I-75 exit 59 to ten miles south of London, after a gunman fired shots from an AR style weapon into 12 vehicles on the north and southbound

(See "Shooter" on A5)

# Clerk's office holds training courses for elected officials

By: Mike French Editor

The Cyber Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Chic-Fil-A officials and Darren Allen, Security Manager for Administrative Office of the Courts, joined forces Wednesday to provide training courses for all Rockcastle County elected officials.

The event, organized by Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen's office, provided active shooter training, including deescalation practices, as well as common sense safety courses and leadership training.

"We receive this kind

of training at our clerk conferences and they approached me about providing the same information to our elected officials. I think it is very helpful information that everyone should think about and we were proud

The training was open any elected official and their staff and every elected office was represented at the day-long event last Wednesday. "The county attorney, the sheriff, his deputies, the judge/Executive, the Circuit Court Clerk's office and many others took part in the training and we feel it is all very important in-

to set it up," said Allen.

Two suspected of arson in Brodhead

By: Mike French Editor

Chasity Taylor, 29, of Stanford and Richard Haight, 38, of Crab Orchard were arrested and charged with Arson in the first degree after police say a preliminary investigation indicates the two

#### I-75 lane closure

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet advises motorists that maintenance on southbound I-75 will be underway this week in Rockcastle County. Construction work is expected to last through Saturday, September 14,

The work is expected to repair the bridge ends at the lake (See "Closure" on A5)

may be responsible for setting a structure fire in Brodhead in July.

According to a criminal complaint, Sheriff's Deputy Detective Sam Brock was called to a structure fire on Hereford Lane in Brodhead on July 23, 2024. Upon arrival, Brock learned that the two suspects had been in a verbal argument with Nancy Howard who had apparently told the two to

(See "Arson" on A5)

#### **County Judge** Plaques to be presented

In honor of Judge Hubert Thacker, plaques recognizing Rockcastle County Judge/Executives will be presented on September 16 in the County Judge/ Executive's office.

(See "Plaque" on A4)

everyone's safety," said Allen. "The leadership training by Chic-Fil-A officials taught people ways coming aware of one's to be good, strong leaders surroundings and knowfor your staff, as well as ing what to look for. If

formation to have for Darren (Allen) taught us situational awareness and emotional endurance. Things like befor the citizens we serve. something looks odd, it

like that are invaluable lessons."

Allen said the training also provided information on deescalation and recognizing potential threats, as well as many other les-

may well be odd. Things sons that may help keep officials and citizens safer in the community.

"We are not about vehicle registration or drivers licenses," said Allen. "We are about people. (See "Training" on A5)

### Fourth annual Kentucky State Food Truck Championship to be held this Saturday

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County has been bustling with excitement after the Livingston Homecoming and the Rock-tember Blast last weekend. And now it is time to build up your appetite and be ready to experience cuisine of all kinds as the Fourth Annual Kentucky State Food Truck Championship is set for this Saturday, September 14 in Renfro Val-

The event was started through coordinated efforts led by Jessica Blankenship, Director of

#### Fireworks to be held this Saturday

The Livingston Fireworks show has been rescheduled.

Due to storms moving in toward the end of the Livingston Homecoming event, the annual fireworks show was cancelled.

However, officials have rescheduled the show for Saturday, September 14 in Livingston. Everyone is invited to the free event. Fireworks are expected to begin at dusk.

the Mount Vernon Tourist Commission and Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and has become the premier food truck event in the state.

This year's event will include 42 different food trucks (triple the number three years ago) compet-

# **Brodhead** working to upgrade water and sewer system

By: Mike French Editor

The water and sewer system in the City of Brodhead is going through some upgrades that could save the city a lot of time and money. Even more importantly, according to Brodhead Water and Sewer Supervisor Shannon Cash, the quality of the water will greatly increase after the projects are complete.

After the city received nearly \$300,000 through a Cleaner Water Act grant, Cash and his crew began work to upgrade some systems to improve the water quality and service for all Brodhead water customers and greatly reduce the workload of city employees, Cash

On September 18, the city will be opening bids for three water/sewer projects that City Clerk Becky Bussell said are long overdue. "The Radio Read Meters will save the crews a lot of time reading meters and the upgrades to the Bowling Ridge Water Tower will

be good for everyone," (See "Water" on A5)

ing for the overall championship and several category titles. The constantly growing event will include live music performed by Kentucky musicians throughout most of the day as well as a Save the Children Kid Zone filled with free fun activities for all children to enjoy.

The event is free but there will be a \$5 charge for parking in the Renfro Valley field.

Live music will include Driftwood Gypsy at 11 a.m., Donovan Howard beginning at noon, Tidalwave Road Bluegrass Band will be-

(See "Food" on A5)

#### **Grand Jury hands** down two indictments

By: Mike French Editor

A Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down two indictment last Friday, September 6. Those indicted and their offenses were as follows.

Martell Sanchasz Jarrell, 24, of Elizabethtown, was indicted on the offense of fleeing or evading police in the first degree by wantonly disobeying a police officer's signal to stop his vehicle. The indictment says the action created a substantial risk of serious physical injury or death to police officers.

Jarrell's bond was set at \$10,000 cash or prop-

David Denny, 52, of Mount Vernon was indicted for the offense of theft by unlawful taking by taking currency belonging to Valero of a greater value than \$1,000.

Denny's bond was set at \$2,500 cash or property.

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# ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

Within days of Obama taking office in 2009, he hired 75,000 new federal employees. At the time, it infuriated me because, to me, it was a political ploy to gain more Democrat voters. That 75,000, plus their families and friends who would be influenced to vote Democrat, expanded the Democrat voter base quite a lot.

Well, the Joe Biden Regime has just told them to hold his Peppermint Patty ice cream big time. From September of 2023 to August of 2024, the federal government added 493,000 new employees, 20.91% of all the jobs added during this period, to their work

Add that number to the almost 900,000 "mistake" in counting jobs added to the work force, the Biden adminisration, and the big increase in the job market, touted by the Democrats, shrinks consider-

493,000 new jobs, besides 10+ million, and growing, illegals coming into this country since

2021, many of whom have already been added to the voting rolls, means a considerable increase in the voter base for the Democrats.

Just one town, Springfield, Ohio, seems to be a microcosm of the Democrats illegal immigration policy.

Springfield is a town of 50-60,000 residents who have been inundated with 20,000 illegal immigrant Haitians brought directly to the town by our government over the past few years.

They are causing untold misery in the city. One older lady explained to the city council that they were using her front lawn as a public space -defecating there, spreading a picnic lunch out, just generally taking it over to where she had no use of it. Another resident, who was explaining to the council what trouble they were causing, saw the council chairman abruptly call for an adjournment and he was unceremoniously

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



I am disheartened with the lack of input people in America have, I believe that these people in dictator or socialist countries have this picture of "freedom" in their mind but they would never believe what this country really calls "freedom."

The truth is, we have no say in 90% of our lives. Someone sitting behind a Mahogany desk has made our decisions for us and banks, insurance companies, government offices and many others don't even bother to ask you how you feel about anything anymore. They go by the book" regardless of what suffering or inconvenience it may cause you and you don't get to know who wrote the book they go by. We have to admit, we the people, just don't matter anymore, except for opening our wal-

"It is just our policy" has become one of the most used sentences in America Whether some rule has common sense, or some policy disrupts your life or some procedure costs you time and money, is not important. You have no say. Even if you point out the absurdity or illogical procedure, "it's policy."

I know the 10 million+ illegal immigrants that Joe Biden begged to invade us doesn't see it because they aren't treated as poorly as American citizens. When they break American laws, they get free housing and free healthcare and free food and free phones and free clothing and free drug paraphernalia and free

spending money. Did anyone ask you if that was okay? Did you have

But for we American citizens, born and bred right here in the USA, we have very little, if any, input into what happens in our lives. We have given free reign to our elected "servants" and allowed them to lie through their teeth looking directly into a camera lens. There are zero consequences to any politician that outright lies to the people and, in most cases, the people just vote for them again anyway. Not only do they receive no jail time for accepting tax dollars as a salary and then outright lying to the people they are supposed to serve, but they are rewarded by voters who don't bother to look at their record. Most voters wouldn't know when they are lied to anyway because they are too busy watching grown men chase a ball for a million bucks than to actually research the person they are voting to make decisions about their

It is a shame really. Our system of general complacency has created an elite class of people sitting in one of their many multimillion dollar mansions, surrounded by a wall with a private jet out back, all guarded by AR-15s, telling us we shouldn't be greedy, walls are racist, we have to stop using fossil fuels and we shouldn't have guns. These are the same people screaming and

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#### Rockcastle istorical Presented by Rockcastle Historical By: Markita Proctor

BRODHEAD FAIR

AUGUST 16-20,1955 60th FAIR - Rockcastle County

Ladies & Children Free 1st Day Until 4:00 Children Under 12 Years Free Thursday Until 4:00 GRAND OPENING TUESDAY NIGHT. AUGUST 16 WITH BROO HANKING AND HIS TENNESSEEANS

4 - NIGHT HORSE SHOWS - 4

Free Attractions Day And Night SEE THE FAMOUS CURTIS CANDY PONY TEAM

FIVE NIGHTS

the idea of a fair in Brodhead, Kentucky began with a group known as The Brodhead Fair Association. A group of numerous prominent businessmen, including J. W. Tate, J. T. Cherry, and Frank Robbins among others. That association stayed together until the mid-late 1930s when the entire group decided to

Many don't know this, but the fair was not always in the same location, From 1895 till around the early 1900s the first location was held on West St., where the Saylor's property is to-

The fair was a day event. But the main attraction was brought in by Heffner and Vincent Amusement Company, They would come in and time activities. There was set up a Big tent with more access to electricity other small tents around.

This portion of the entertainment was not set up on the Fairgrounds. The horse shows and agricultural attractions were set up at the fairgrounds, and there was a bigger attraction set up on the land that is the current post office location today. They put on plays, skits, and musicals with full-blown orchestras in the big tents. It was an impressive affair. These were night shows.

That association stayed together until the mid-late 1930s. The entire group decided to sell. Dr. MM Phillips and Mr. W.O. Yadon bought the fair from the Brodhead Fair Association, They ran the fair through the early 1950s. While they ran the fair it started going over into some night-

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Calling All Rockcastle County Men

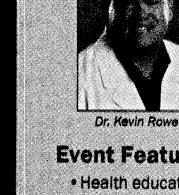
Men's Health Fair Thursday, September 26, 2024

The twelfth annual Healthy Joe Expo will be held Thursday, September 26 from 5-7 p.m. at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant in Mt. Vernon, KY.

The event will offer free health screenings from 5-6 p.m. Tests include blood pressure checks and vouchers for cholesterol and PSA screening.

At 6 p.m., attendees will enjoy a complimentary meal along with a presentation by Kevin Rowe, M.D., family physician for Rockcastle Family Wellness.

Space is limited. To RSVP, call Kaitlyn **Stratton at (606) 256-7381 or e-mail** kaitlyn.smith@rhrcc.org by Friday, September 20.



#### **Event Features:**

**Guest Speaker:** 

- Health education
- Vouchers for cholesterol and PSA screening
- Free meal
- Free gift.





#### Kiwanis Golf Scramble



The Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle says thank you to Cedar Rapids Golf Course for hosting the Annual Kiwanis Charity Golf Scramble. Thank you to all teams and sponsors. Lakeside Electric was the first place winner (pictured). All funds raised will be used for children in Rockcastle County. This includes the weekend backpack food program, playgrounds, scholarships and other programs for children.

### Ramblings..

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cut off.

The residents have taken to X to detail how their car insurance rates have gone through the roof because of all the illegals who have been issued a drivers license, but can't actually drive, thereby causing many, many traffic accidents in the city, one taking the life of an 11-year-old boy whose school bus was crashed into by an illegal Haitian with no drivers license.

They are taking ducks and geese from a nearby pond, decapitating them on the spot and then eating them. There have also been many disappearances of local cats and dogs. One woman reported missing her cat then going outside later and seeing it strung up, in the position of a deer being gutted, in her neighbor's yard—a Haitian family.

There is no explanation, except an all out effort by our "government" to introduce a whole new segment of people into our society to replace Americans who are not favorable to the Democrats Socialist point of view.

And don't think they are not getting added to the voter roles, particularly in Democrat-led states. Many Republicans are advocating hard for ID being required to vote. That won't resolve anything, unless it's actual proof of citizenship (such as a birth certificate), because these illegals are being issued drivers licenses which do not designate that they are not citizens but are normally accepted as legal ID.

I can guarantee you that if Democrats thought the illegals coming across our southern border were going to vote Republican, they would be met with a

National Guardsman every three feet with their weapons locked and loaded!!

But, back to Springfield. I don't mean to beat a dead horse but if it could happen there, it could happen anyway. Red states are being deliberately targeted. Besides the millions crossing the border, evidence has been presented that our "government" has been going to these South American countries, loading them up by the plane loads and flying them directly into our country in areas they want targeted!!

A former Ohio state representative Kyle Koehler has revealed that the illegals in Ohio, among other benefits, are given \$600-\$1600 per month on debit cards through the Refugee Cash Assistance program; the local school system now has over 1,600 non-English speaking students enrolled; Haitians, who are nearly 20-years-old, are being placed in high school freshman classes with 13-year-olds; HIV reports are skyrocketing 871% over the past five years and many nurses in the area are alleging it's due to the Haitians being treated.

Of course Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) supports citizenship for ALL illegals saying, "The only way we are going to have a great future in America" is by granting citizenship to millions of illegal aliens. Or to be more clear, "The only way Democrats are going to have a great future in America is by granting citizenship to millions of illegal aliens!!" You know, the old "burn it down to rule over the ashes" philosophy.

This government has been wrong on just about every policy they have advocated for and passed during their tenure in office.

Kamala will tell her adoring audiences that she "will fix" inflation, illegal immigration -- every aspect of life that has wrought terrible consequences on our middle class especially -- even though she is part of the regime that caused these terrible hardships over the past 3 1/2 years.

I'm sick of it all

I'm sick of it all.

I'm sick of Democrats metaphorically spitting in my face and telling me it's raining (and said rain is somehow causing Climate Change that is going to require I pay more ruinous taxes even though not one single prediction about the dangers of climate change has ever come about for

the last 30-40 years).

I'm sick of Biden, Harris and their incompetent press secretary telling me that Bidenomics is working and inflation is coming down. I guess that's why a dozen eggs cost \$5.79 at a local grocery over the week end!!

I'm sick of grown men parading practically naked (and entirely naked sometimes) in pubic on their special Pride day and me being called a bigoted homophobic because I don't want to see this out in public in front of God and everybody (as my mother said often when she was particularly outraged over something).

I'm sick of watching paid protestors, in the most part, protesting the existence of Israel and, in some cases, America -- you know the old "Death to America!" screams.

I'm sick of watching illegals get priority and benefits over veterans and homeless Americans — the same in many instances.

I'm sick of watching our country dive deeper into debt without any plan at all in place to remedy the situation.

But, there will be a day of reckoning, if it's this coming November with a change of leadership temporarily or if it is the final change of leadership which was promised almost 2,000 years ago.

#### Aces

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spending billions of YOUR dollars on climate change that will flood the earth and kill us all in five years, while they build million-dollar mansions three feet above sea level.

Of course Facebook would tag all this as "misinformation" like they do most other true statements.

We have to face the fact that we the people are not in charge anymore. We have given power over our every day lives to a group of filthy, rich snobs wearing \$3,000 suits and staying in \$5,000 hotel rooms giving speeches about how pampered we the people have become.

The money you work so hard to earn is taken from you and used for things you hate and in many cases, for things against your very religious beliefs. But you have absolutely no input in changing that. No matter who you vote for, it stays the same anyway. If one even threatens to change this, he is indicted 40 times and impeached twice.

When you are cheated or treated poorly and ignored or punished for something you didn't do, by one of these elite groups, what are you going to do about it? Complain? That always works, right?

Did you know the State of Kentucky has \$3.7 BIL-LION sitting in a "Rainy Day Fund?" To be used however Andy Beshear feels like using it. That's good. Everyone needs a rainy day fund. (not that much, but...) I'm just asking how much input do you think you will have on how YOUR \$3.7 billion is spent? I know that no one has ever asked me about such things. That is well over \$1,200 for every Kentuckian over 18. Overtaxed much?

How much input did you have concerning the size of your Social Security check each month? You paid it in all your life. Did anyone ask you how much of your money you expect to get back? No one asked me. They told me how much I would get and every year without fail, I get a letter telling me they overpaid me and will keep part of my check for years to pay it back. It hasn't failed yet. No one asked me about it, they just do it.

We, the people, simply have to sit back and watch

them do whatever they wish. I sometimes wish those in Socialist or Communist countries knew what our "freedom" is really like.

We have become a nation in which we the people own absolutely nothing and have no input into what our federal government does. You think you own your home? Try not paying your annual rent (property tax) and see who owns it.

Their power and authority over you is absolute. This is NOT the "freedom" our forefathers had in mind.

#### Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule Monday, Sept. 16th: Child Development, Seek and Learn and Lisa's Little People. Tuesday, Sept. 17th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

#### Class of 2004 20th Year Reunion

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

#### MVHS Class Reunion

The Mt. Vernon High School Class Reunion will be held September 14th at Rockcastle Middle School. Registration is from 4 to 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$20 per person and must be paid in advance. Being honored are the classes of 1944, 1954, 1964. There will be a photographer on site for the event. Please join us for this special reunion.

#### Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting will be Friday, September 20th with dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting will follow. The meeting will be held at Roundstone Elementary School. All members are welcome.

#### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

#### Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

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

#### Weekly Grief Support Group

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

#### Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

#### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

#### VFW Post 5908

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

#### Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

#### Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

#### American Legion Post News

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

#### Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

#### Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

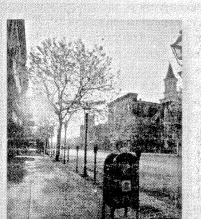
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Katheryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.

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

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

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# Mituaries

#### Ruby Mcferron

Ruby Mcferron, 88, of Brodhead, died September 7, 2024, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born August 2, 1936 in Mt Vernon. Ruby was of the

Baptist faith. She enjoyed cooking for her family and running around with her daughters, Connie and Trina and stopping at yard sales.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Connie Childress (Danny), and Trina Mcferron, both of Brodhead; grandchildren, Anthony Mcferron



(Brittany) of Ohio, Ryan Mcferron (Courtney) of Crab Orchard, and Jennifer Dooley of Brodhead; great grandchildren, Caden, Kennedy, and Christian Dooley; great great grandchildren, Casondra and Sawyer Dooley; a special cousin, Rose Thacker; and daughter in-law, Connie Nelson Mcferron.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Ronald Mcferron; one child, Michael Mcferron; and one infant brother.

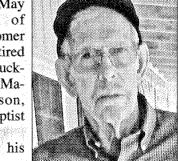
Graveside services were held Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at Taylor Barnes Cromer Cemetery.

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

#### Charles Houston

Charles Harry Houston, 88, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, September 5, 2024 at the University of Kentucky Bluegrass Hospice Care Center in Lexington.

He was born at Hazel Patch in Laurel County, on May 17, 1936, the son of Coleman and Rose Cromer Houston. He was a retired truck driver for ABF Trucking, a member of the Masonic Lodge of Mason, OH, and was of the Baptist



He is survived by: his wife, Geneva Saylor Hous-

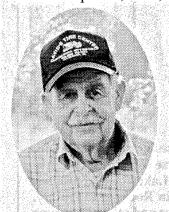
ton; his children, Bill Houston and wife Billie of Ft. Thomas, Brent Houston and wife Carla of Fairfield, OH, Barry Houston and wife Missy of Snowshoe, WY and Karen Nickell and husband Gary of Estes Park, CO; a brother, James Houston and wife Esther of Cincinnati, OH; a sister, Phyllis Fielder and husband Steve of Tucson, AZ; nine grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted Friday, September 20, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Scott Nickell. Interment will follow in Maret Cemetery. Friends may call after 1 p.m. until time for services.

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

#### JB Stevens

J. B. Stevens, 88, of Mt Vernon, died Monday, September 9, 2024, at Baptist Health in Lexington. J. B. was born April 16, 1936, to the late William Harve



and Edna (Bullock) Stevens. On June 23, 1956, he married Dorothy (Harrison) Stevens. He was a member of Union Chapel Pentecostal Church (Happy Jack). J. B. enjoyed spending time with family and friends, gardening, and working puzzles.

He is survived by: his son, Ronald Stevens (Rhonda) of Brodhead;

grandchildren, Shanna Lawson of Mt Vernon, Rebecca Ordonez (Miguel) of Eubank, Shannon Stevens (Jamie) of Mt Vernon, and Amanda Hansel (Charles) of Mt Vernon; and one brother, Randall Paul Stevens (Sharon) of Mt Vernon.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Dorothy (Harrison) Stevens; sons, Donald Stevens and Danny Stevens; one brother, Lois Stevens; and sisters, Dorothy Jones, Lela Mae Harrison and Linda Elam.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 19 from 6-9 p.m. at Marvin Owens Chapel. Funeral services will be held Friday, September 13, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Marvin Owens Chapel with Bro. Ron Roberts officiating. Burial will follow in Oakhill Cemetery.

Casket bearers are: Randall Stevens, Ronald Stevens, Miguel (George) Ordonez, Shannon Stevens, Jay Lawson and Rick Fry.

#### Maggie (Lamb) Lewis

Maggie (Lamb) Lewis, 78, of Marion, IN, died at her home surrounded by family.

Services were held Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at Calloway Holiness Church with Bro. Phillip Doan

Services provided by Marvin E. Owens Home for

Complete obituary in next week's Signal.

#### Gerald McClure

Gerald Dean McClure, 77, of Goodlettsville, TN, loving partner of Terri Langdon, died Sunday, September 8, 2024 Nashville, TN.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, September 13, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial with military honors will follow in High Dry Cemetery.

We ask that you please respect the family's private visitation time prior to public visitation hours beginning at 11 a.m. Friday.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Sigand the first first t

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

#### VanHook nominated for KAED Board

By: Mike French Editor

The Kentucky Association for Economic Development (KAED) has nominated a Rockcastle County official to become a member of the KAED Board.

Considered one of the highest honors in economic development in the state of Kentucky, the KAED meets each year to discuss and plan for economic development in the state. This year's event will be December 9-11 at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville.

KAED members will choose the new board member from five candidates including Rockcastle County's own Jeff VanHook.

VanHook serves as the Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) and the RGL Industrial Development Board. VanHook was instrumental in acquiring a \$500,000 ARC grant for a natural gas tap that evolved into a \$36.5 million investment into Lincoln and Rockcastle Counties. About \$16 million of the funds were from private corporations while \$20 million was invested by the Kentucky State Legislature. In fact, some members of the RCIDA board say

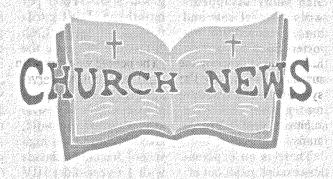
officials have worked to bring natural gas to Rockcastle County since 1976. This week, construction of the gas line is expected to cross into Rockcastle County thanks to VanHook's efforts.

VanHook also implemented use of the KPDI (Kentucky Product Development Initiative) grant to create a partnership between Garrard, Lincoln and Rockcastle County to establish the 1,400-acre **RGL** Industrial Park located in Rockcastle County. The project secured \$62 million in appropriations to purchase the 1,400 acre mega-site. This came soon after VanHook had recently secured a smaller, but still significant, industrial development site on the corner of US-150 and US-461.

Jeff is a great ambassador for our area," said Corey Craig, RCIDA Chair. "His passion and desire to see growth and prosperity in Kentucky is evident in everything he does. He will be a tremendous asset to the KAED Board."

Other board members also expressed their appreciation for VanHook's efforts saying the honor is well deserved.

Voting for the position is expected to occur before the conference in December.



#### Revival

Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church will hold revival September 16th - 20th, 7 p.m. nightly with Brother Letcher Napier. Brother, Sister Webb and the church congregation welcomes all to attend.

#### Judge (Continued from front)

project was completed to preserve the history of the county

elected judges. All family members of judges past and present are invited to the presentation in the Judge's chambers of the courthouse at 11 a.m.

The event is organized Ruby Thacker, daughter of the first Rockcastle County judge Hubert Thacker. Organizers say they were afraid Rockcastle County would begin to lose its history but the plaque

donation displayed inside the courthouse will help remind all of the history of local elected Judge/ Executive.

The public is ionvited to the event.

# to others to operate the yearly fair. Bryan Bussell. his father, Billy Bussell, Bill Gentry, and Billy Frank

Interestingly, the fair

fairway games, rides, and other attractions and nighttime "back-end" attractions. With "Vegas-style" gambling, girly shows or hoochi-coochie girls, and something like vaudeville "freak-show-type" attractions. Like see the fivelegged calf or watch a man eat an entire live snake...Eventually, the public began to complain about the lack of morals associated with the less wholesome backend attractions, and eventually, they disappeared. The Brodhead Fair has

been a popular attraction for years. Some years were bigger than others. One of the biggest years was 2021, the year after the pandemic when people were starved for entertainment. Unfortunately, though, the interest seems to be slipping away and younger people don't seem to be invested in continuing to produce smalltown fairs. Maybe I'm showing my age, but I remember the excitement of seeing the trucks pull in loaded down with brightly colored rides. I loved the feeling of just knowing the fair was in town! Maybe Mr. Bussell and I are just nostalgic, but we hope the thrill of the Little World's

Fair in Brodhead continues

to be a big attraction for an-

other 125 years.

# Positive and Negative Thinking.

Which one applies to you? Any situation that comes our way, we must make a choice about how we deal with them. Do we go at it with a positive attitude or a negative attitude? Negative thinking consist of bitterness, unforgiveness, anger, sadness, frustration, and adds stress. Negative thoughts will consume one's mind and will have physical affects to the body. We must guard our hearts against negative thoughts as we are told in Proverbs 4:23, Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. We must try daily to live it with positive thoughts and actions. Positive thinking means approaching life's challenges with a positive outlook. Positive thinking does not necessarily mean avoiding difficult situations. Instead, positive thinking means making the most of potential obstacles, trying to see the best in other people, and viewing yourself and your abilities in a positive light. Examples of positive thinking would be words like, Joyful, Grateful Hopeful, Optimistic, Confident, Content and Inspiration. A few steps to help cultivate a positive mindset would be to start speaking positive words, look for the good in every situation and person, Take charge of your thoughts. Fix your thoughts on what is true, good, right, pure, lovely, and praiseworthy. Filter out negative thoughts and feed your mind with positive things. God's Word is the greatest source of good thoughts. Fill your mind with His promises and truths. Never surrender to negativity When negative emotions arise, admit them, face them, but don't give in to them. Replace anger with love, fear with faith, complaining with gratitude, bitterness with forgiveness, and self-pity with helping others. Pray out your emotions and seek victory through prayer.

Cultivating positive thoughts is essential for a fulfilling life. Your positive thoughts have the power to shape your relationships, your success, and your overall

well-being. Choose to speak positive words, look for the good, take charge of your thoughts, and never surrender to negativity. With God's help, you can develop a positive attitude that will transform your life.

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#### Haven (Continued from 2)

and generators. Before WWII, the main focus was the agricultural event. Mothers, grandmothers, and ladies would have brought their pies, and cakes, vegetables, quilts, and other ladies' interests to display. In fact, The Brodhead Fair served as the Rockcastle County Agricultural Fair. The men came for the horses and mule shows. It wasn't until the 1950s that they started bringing in the carnival aspect to the fair with rides such as merry-gorounds or carousels and Ferris wheels and such. These rides had to be powered by stem-powered, and then diesel or kerosene. One of the big attractions was a hot air balloon that would take people up to look out over the booming little town. The fair was such a big attraction that the L & N Railroad brought people in from Louisville, particularly for the fair. Mr. Willis Bussell would meet people at the train and take them to the fairgrounds by horse-

Eventually, Yadon and Phillips sold the fair to a man named Millard Shafer, a local businessman. Sometime between 1950 and 1951. Then D.A. Robbins and his business partner/

drawn wagons.

brother-in-law, Clarence "Teddy" Frith purchased the fair from Shafer. They were the ones to change the name from the Brodhead Fair to the Little World's Fair. They maintained the operation of the fair from 1955 through 1982. Some pretty impressive events occurred in fair innovation during this time. The big ride attractions exploded. The amusement park/carnival ride companies because pretty innovative with rides like tilt-owirls and the like. Interestingly, though Robbins and Frith discovered that the biggest attraction was horse shows. From the 1960s through the 1980s the Brodhead Fair was one of the most well-known horse shows in the state of Kentucky. Brodhead was considered one of the top five horse shows in the state. At this time, they had a horse show every night of the week. Unfortunately, horse shows got expensive to put on. Eventually, Frith and Robbin's health deteriorated and they decided to sell. Mr. D.A. Robbins was quite the businessman, he was able to bring in truck pulls and even maintained control of con-

cessions after the sale. Rockcastle County purchased the grounds in the early 1980s and they still own the grounds today. The County decided to offer the

option to lease the grounds

Martin formed the 4B Fair Company and they leased the fair from the county. These gentlemen helped make the fair what it is today. They really developed the horse show aspect of the fair. They established a reputation of being one of the last great shows around. These businessmen were also involved in bringing in rodeos during a time. They were able to get Wrangler Jeans and Jeep as sponsors for the rodeo here in Rockcastle County. There were several world champions featured here at the Little World's In 1992 Bryan and Billy Bussell got out in 1992. Bill

Gentry, Larry Doyle, Jeff King and a few others were involved in leasing and operating the fair from 1992 through the early 2000s. After horse shows dwindled motorsports really took off. Eventually, the Brodhead Fire Department took over the lease and they continued the focus on motorsports and more thrilling main attrac-

didn't always offer just the folksy small-town, wholesome attractions. From the late 1950s through the early 1980s, the fair operated both daytime events with basic

#### Closure

(Continued from front) Linville Road bridge at mile point 62. Lane closure will be in effect each night from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

#### Arson

(Continued from front)

"pack their stuff and leave" the property.

The complaint says the two entered a bedroom and allegedly closed the door. Soon after, Haight and Taylor left the scene but moments later occupants of the building noticed smoke coming from the same bedroom.

Fire departments soon discovered the bedroom fully engulfed in flames.. Firefighters were able to get the fire under control

Taylor was arrested and charged with Arson in the first degree and Haight was later arrested and charged with the same crime.

Haight is also charged with possession of meth, criminal mischief, possession of alcohol in a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia, along with other charges.

According to the complaint each suspect is held on a \$50,000 cash bond and are forbidden contact with Howard.

#### Water

(Continued from front)

she said.

Cash agreed. "We have always had to have two guys go read the water meters and then record the readings and calculate gallons one at a time," he said. "It took two men about four days every month." However, the new electronic radio meters will make that task much easier. "Once he new meters are installed, all we have to do is drive by the meter and hit a button. The system then records the reading and does the calculations for us. It reduces human error and cuts our labor from four days to about a half a day."

As part of the same project, Cash will oversee the painting and refurbishing of the Bowling Ridge Water Tower which will provide a safe, clean coat inside the tank as well as improve the aesthetics outside Cash said. "We are installing a new pipe into the bottom of the tower that will help improve water turnover as well," Cash said. "This will provide fresher water to all customers he said.

The project will also see the installation of two new waste water treatment plant influent valves to help properly measure the usage at the plant.

"All these projects together will provide a much more accurate and efficient water and sewer system for the people of Brodhead," Cash said. "We won't know the cost until the bids are opened but I suspect the grant will cover the costs. This is a needed project and we appreciate the City Commissioners and the Mayor for their support of projects like this that create a better city."

#### Food

(Continued from front)

gin at 1:30 and Rye Davis Music will bring pure country music beginning at 3:30. The music will be followed by the awards show at 5:30 p.m.

Those who enjoy the spirits will find beer and Wine Garden vendors and, as you are enjoying your day, participants this year will be judged by five impartial judges.

"Our Food Truck Championship is growing fast and bringing tourists from all over the country to enjoy the unique cuisine that will be available for everyone who visits us," said Blankenship. "This is an exciting time. We are still planning music for the Bittersweet Festival (October 4-5) and planning the induction ceremony (October 26) and organizing the Food Truck

event." she said. Organizing such a statewide event takes a lot of help according to Blankenship. "Allison Myers has worked constantly and we owe our appreciation to the City of Mount Vernon, Valley High Farms, Save the Children, Climax Water, Pepsi, Kentucky 811, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Lonestar Farm and Home, the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce and TTAI (Toyotetsu America, Inc). These are the people who make such an event possible for our community.," she said.

Anyone wanting more information about the event may call 606-256-9814 or 606-256-1000.

Everyone is encouraged to drop by the Kentucky State event and check out the unique styles of food and countless activities for adults and children alike.

"This is not an event to miss," said Blankenship. According to organizers, people travel hundreds of miles to be in Rockcastle County for this official Kentucky event. "Those in the community should try to take advantage of this opportunity as well," she said.

# Training (Continued from front)

The people we work with and the people we serve."

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe said the training was very helpful to his office. "I think it was very helpful and Danetta did a wonderful job in setting it all up and making it possible," Rowe

said.
Sheriff Shannon
Franklin said the training
is good for everyone.
"This is a big deal. Having our elected officials
and their staffs better prepared is invaluable and
makes the entire community a safer environ-

ment."

Judge/Executive
Howell Holbrook, Jr.
agreed. "We were shown
some thing people really
need to think about," he
said. "We were given a
lot of great advice and it
was interesting to learn.
Danetta did a great job
organizing the day. I am
thankful for the opportu-

nity to be there."

Allen said she appreciates all who took part in the training, as both instructors and as students of safety. "There is a lot people can do to help protect themselves and their loved ones and we hope this training helped make everyone a little safer."

#### Shooter

(Continued from front)

sides of I-75 Saturday at about 5:30 p.m.

An abandoned vehicle located near where the shots were apparently fired was found to have an empty gun case inside. The vehicle registration was in Couch's name. Couch has had run-ins with law enforcement in the past. However, officials say his record has been for minor offenses and would not have alerted officials of such

drastic actions.

A cell phone with a

missing battery was also found nearby. Police immediately began a search for Couch, listing him as a person of interest, and, after further investigation, changed his status to a suspect

1-75 was shut down on both lanes for over three hours while Ky-490 and KY-3094 were closed in sections. All four exits at mile marker 49 were closed for days and US-25 was closed Saturday evening. Many drivers report several hours of driving to reach Mount Vernon from London during the closures.

During the investigation and the search, police discovered Couch had purchased the rifle and 1,000 rounds of ammunition earlier Saturday. An AR-15 typically uses either 5.56 or .223 ammunition (though they can be chambered for many other types of ammo).

As national news media picked up the story, the investigation and the search continued. It was discovered that Couch has military training as a member of the National Guard in the Engineering Battalion and calls were flooding into police from citizens who suspected they had seen Couch. However, none of the leads panned out and police continue to search an area near Exit 49 about 5 miles south of the Rockcastle County line Originally, officials thought nine vehicle had been shot into, but three motorists got home to find bullet holes in their vehicle for a total of 12. According to officials, only one of those injured was a Kentuckian and, though injuries are serious, police say none are life threatening...

Officials held a joint press conference Sunday evening in LaurelCounty, providing details to media outlets from across the nation. However, officials said they were addressing Laurel Countians as well as Rockcastle Countians since the exact whereabouts of Couch is unknown.

The investigation showed that Couch had purchased the AR weapon, along with either 1,000 or 2,000 rounds of ammunition, Saturday morning just hours before the shootings occurred, according to ATF officials. The shooter is suspected of sitting on a ledge next to exit 49 and firing into the 12 vehicles. Police later found the AR weapon and the spent casings, as well as the discarded cell phone on the ledge.

Trooper Scottie Pennington told members of the press the area where Couch is suspected to be hiding is "a jungle" and the manhunt may take time. "But we will be here until we find him," he said. In fact, Pennington said KSP troopers (over 150 including KSP, AFT, FBI and local agencies) across the state are working in shifts to remain fresh and safe during the foot search near exit 49. Police said they had not ruled out the possibility that Couch may have committed suicide but they will continue the search until he is found.

Pennington said Rockcastle Countians should be aware that first responders were working in the area and citizens may see first responders from other cities and counties.

At press time, the search had intensified with first responders walking miles of mountains and trails, according to officials at the press conference Sunday evening. Police warn citizens to be vigilant and keep doors locked until Couch is

found.

Rockcastle County schools, along with most neighboring county school systems, closed Monday and Tuesday. Many businesses in the area also closed Saturday evening and Sunday.

Police say they do not suspect a road rage inci-

dent but instead believe the shooter had planned the event for some time.

Couch is described as 32 years of age, 5-10 and about 154 pounds. Anyone with information, or anyone who may spot Couch, is asked to call 911 or 606-878-7000. However, officials say Couch

is listed as armed and dangerous and should not be approached by anyone at any time.

Officials say Couch may be found by the time the *Signal* is printed but ask that we continue to warn citizens since there is no guarantee that he will be found by Thursday.



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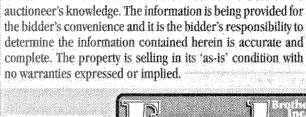
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Have a spotter on hand to ensure your safety when moving equipment near power lines.

If you're not completely sure that equipment will fit under a power line, find an alternate way to move it.

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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

#### Circuit Civil Suits

Bahs Bank of America, petition for title.

reau Mutual Insurance plus claimed due. Company v. Michael L. Sims, complaint.

Kimberly Sawyers v. Clearcover Ins. Co., complaint.

Prestige Fnancial Services, Inc. v. Karen Renae Belcher, \$11,437 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Teresa Rowe, \$7,148 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Olivia Abney, \$7,577 plus claimed due. 00222

#### **District Civil** Suits

BSP Capital Holdings, LLC v. Amy Hale, forc-

ible detainer complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Doyle Sparks, \$1,624 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC Judy King, et al, v. v. Lisa Ashcraft, \$601 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC Kentucky Farm Bu- v. Danielle Miller, \$1,108

> Discover Bank v. Lisa Beuhler, \$1,564 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Angelina C. Weaver, \$4,447 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Jacob D. Lawrence, \$4,116 plus claimed due. C-00187

#### Deeds Recorded

Ronald McFerron, Lot #6 of the James Poynter survey, to Cynthia V. Miller and James W. Hall.

Jessi Adams, property on Poplar Grove Rd., to David and Brittany

# Tax \$2

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Rockcastle County, to Gregory Justin Rogers. No tax

Joshua and Heather Hancock, Tax \$17.50 Jonathan H. Cromer, property in Rockcastle

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Ramsey. Tax \$195 Charles and Marsha Wilson, property on Old

U.S. 25, to Southern Oak Capital, LLC. Tax \$45 Garrett A. Smith, prop-

erty in Rockcastle County, to T. Stran Summers and Bruce Summers, Trustees. Tax \$345

Brenda Gail Hamilton, Gale and Laverne Winstead and Ronald David and Judy Carol Parrott, property in Rockcastle County to Chasteen Enterprises, Inc. Tax \$73

Brenda Gail Hamilton, and Laverne Dale Winstead and Ronald David and Judy Carol Parrott, property in Rockcastle County, to L&C Holdings, LLC. Tax

Pauline Jackson, property in Rockcastle County, to Christopher Burdine. Tax \$12

Simon David Laird, property in Rockcastle County, to Noah

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John G. and Connie Hamm and John E. and Sheila Clontz, property in Rockcastle County, to Jon and Angela Sensabaugh. Tax \$157.50

Billy and Julie Taylor, property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Merna Diana Overbay. Tax \$40

M. Jean Steffes-Price, property on Cash Road, to James M. and Lori D. McKinney. Tax 50c

Brenda Hall, lots in James Poynter survey, to Jack and Kathy A. Fletcher. Tax \$340

Mark and Phyllis Adams, property in Wildie section, to Jonathan and Monique Skelton. Tax \$115

Judy Mitchell, property on Red Hill Road, to Mark Gaylord. Tax \$12.50

Ellen Miller, property on KY 1505, to Heather Miller. No tax

Doyle and Lori Sparks, property in Rockcastle County, to RCIDA. Tax \$375

#### Marriage Licenses

Abigail Frances Bartlett, 22, Berea, collector and Thomas Warren Pettit, 22, Berea, firefighter. 8/26/24

Dorothy Ann Griffin-Carlson, 38, Mt. Vernon, housekeeper and Brandon Coty Bowers, 32, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 8/ 30/24

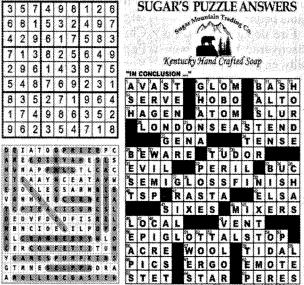
### Chili cook-off and city meeting planned

The annual Livingston Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 beginning at 4 p.m. in the old Depot Building on Main Street.

The annual event provides guests with an opportunity to taste many varieties of homemade chili by local residents.

Each year the event is also attended by city officials who use the opportunity to listen to Livingston residents who have suggestions or complaints as well as ideas for the administration.

All Livingston residents are encouraged to attend the event and take part in civic action by participating in your government's decisions throughout the year.





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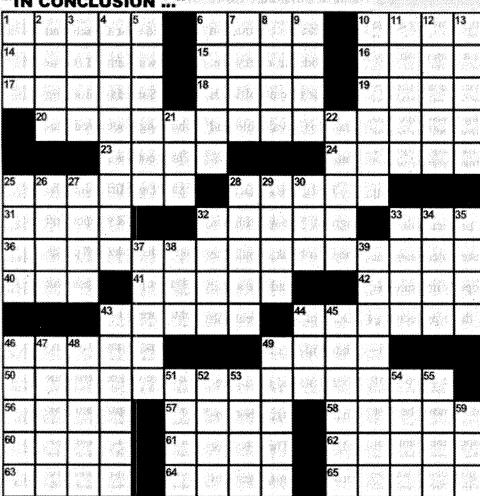
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- 1) Mariner's "Halt!"
- 10) Big blowout
- 14) Match starter
- 16) Certain vocal range
- role
- 18) Fermi's study
- 19) Nasty remark
- 23) Rowlands of "Gloria"
- 32) Trouble for Pauline
- 36) House paint option
- 40) Kitchen amt.
- 42) Klensch of fashion
- 44) Seltzer, tonic, etc.

- 6) Swipe, slangily
- 15) "King of the road"
- 17) Duvall's "The Godfather"
- 20) Where Cockney is spoken
- 24) All wired up
- 25) Ides of March word
- 28) House of Henry VIII
- 31) Like Lucifer
- 33) Tampa gridder, for short
- 41) Dreads sporter
- 43) Boxcars, in dice
- 46) Making all stops 49) Let off steam

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- 57) Merino's coat
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- 37) Cookout need 38) Not strict at all
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- 46) Axel and lutz
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#### Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps What Makes a Landscape?

What does it take to create great landscaping? How does one yard stand out among many others? What components can you put together for an awesome landscape? Today, let's discuss some components that help create that special yard.

First thing one comes to is your entry to your property, the entry to your drive. Perhaps pilars, trees, flowers, a mailbox, lighting can be employed to create a special entry point. This sets the tone for what's inside.

Fencing, hedges, walls are landscape elements that help distinguish a place.

The driveway itself; it's often a huge portion of the total yard. Blend it with the house, make it look like it belongs, and you're on the way to checking this one off.

Borders, edging, defining property lines are useful to creating a distinctive look.

Living walls (hedges) can be formal or natural. Trimmed or not. Each has a place, depending on the style of everything else.

Foundation plantings were especially needful when concrete block foundations were left for one to look at on a home. Today we are usually more creative with them-although home siding can also need some spicing up, good choices at the foundation enhance the whole appearance of a home.

The entry, the front door. Most want to draw attention to the front entry. This makes plain to visitors where they should come if they wish to ring your doorbell.

Focal points. Frequently the front door is the focal point. But, it might be a special tree, a stone or metal structure, a water feature, or any special creation you wish to draw attention to. (Note: You cannot draw attention to several places at once...but maybe one in front and one in back or somehting.)

Color schemes are part of good landscape design. Chosen colors need to look good together, and look good on the home. I understand some folks have a favorite color, and they're going with it regardlessnot everyone is concerned how others feel as long as they love their landscape or decorating colors.

To the extent you're willing, going with either complimentary or contrasting colors on a color wheel will produce good results. And white goes with most things.

Decks, patios, pools, outbuildings, sheds; these too are part of what needs considering. Make then look like they belong, or wall them off with fences, shrubbery or the like.

If you need greenery or art where it can't be planted, then consider large containers which can be placed on concrete or wood and so on.

This is just scratching the surface, as there are other elements, and each could be discusse and expanded upon at length. Maybe we shall in due time. I'm hoping you gained an idea or two today to help create a bit more the look of paradise at your place.

The author is a landscaper. Contact Max: www.rockcatles.net

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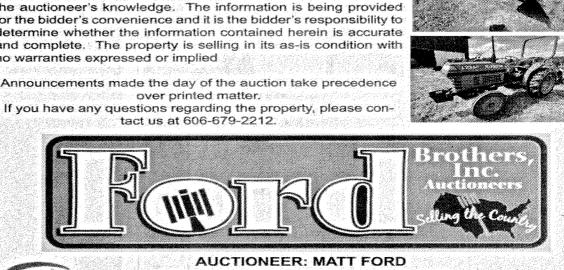
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# Rockets defeat Frankfort 43-14 in shortened game

Despite Mother Nature forcing the game to end at halftime due to a lengthy weather delay, the Rockcastle County High School football team was already in cruise control as the Rockets easily defeated Frankfort High School 43-13 to once again win the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl.

With a majority of the Rockcastle County Youth League and middle school players in attendance, the varsity Rockets needed little time in getting the fireworks started as Isaiah Jackson touchdowns on the night in the game's opening possession.

From then on through the rest of the first quarter, it was as if Carter Powell took it upon himself to make Frankfort and the rest of the schedule that the Rockets have multiple weapons that can score or converted first downs from almost anywhere on the field.

Powell would lead the Rockets with 164 yards on just seven carries and one touchdown, but it was his bullyish running style by running through mul-

fenders that was impressive and would later open lanes for other running backs to gain good yard-

Powell was eventually awarded the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Offensive MVP award for the Rockets for his efforts in helping his team to the blowout victory.

Jackson finished the night with 39 yards on six touches and earned two touchdowns.

Xavier Leger recorded 15 yards on two carries while starting quarterback Caden Lovell added 12

scored one of his two tiple Panthers (1-2) de- yards on three carries and 28 yards rushing on the a touchdown. Junior fullback Jai Denny had one carry for 10 yards and freshman Camden Larkey had three carries for negative eight yards as the Rockets totaled 232 rushing yards on 22 carries for an average of 11 yards per rushing play.

Through the air, three Rockets completed a pass including Lovell and Larkey as well as Jackson on a designed trick play.

Larkey's one completion went for one yard to Jackson while Lovell's completion was to Connor Wright for 32 yards. Jackson's trick play netted the Rockets 53 yards when he connected with Ethan Weaver on a big play that set up an eventual Rockcastle touchdown.

Defensively, the Rockets were led by senior linebacker Creed Gabbard, who was a menace for the Panthers all night. Gabbard, who was awarded the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Defensive MVP, had four tackles with all four being behind the line of scrimmage including an impressive three quarterback sacks.

Rockcastle's linebackers and defensive linemen were having such a good game that Frankfort was limited to negative night.

Hunter Pingleton recorded three tackles (one solo and two assisted) while Wright added two solos. Powell, Larkey, Briley Smalling, Jaydon Bowles, Heath Barnes, Dylan Burke, Alex Smith and Myles Watson all recorded a solo tackle each with Bowles and Barnes also earning themselves a tackle for loss and quarterback sack.

Powell wasn't just a star on offense as he helped defensively as he intercepted a Frankfort pass and took it to the house for a 35-yard touchdown in the first quarter.

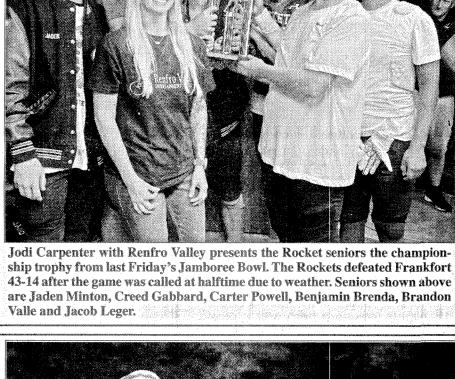
The defensive scoring wasn't done in the first quarter as sophomore Blake Mullins chipped in a 28-yard scoop and score, also in the first quarter.

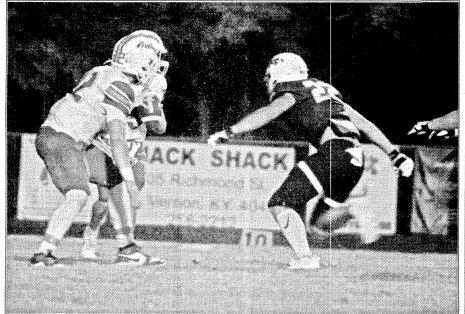
On the special teams portion of the game, Benjamin Brenda proved to have a valuable leg in

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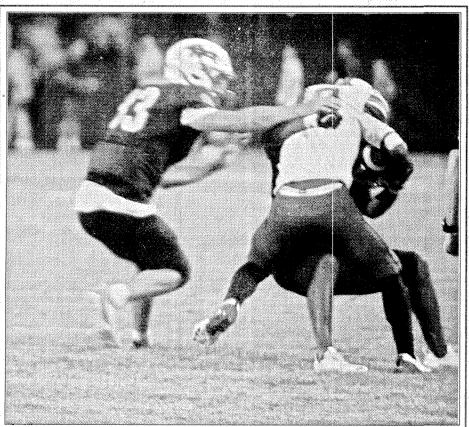


ship trophy from last Friday's Jamboree Bowl. The Rockets defeated Frankfort 43-14 after the game was called at halftime due to weather. Seniors shown above Valle and Jacob Leger.

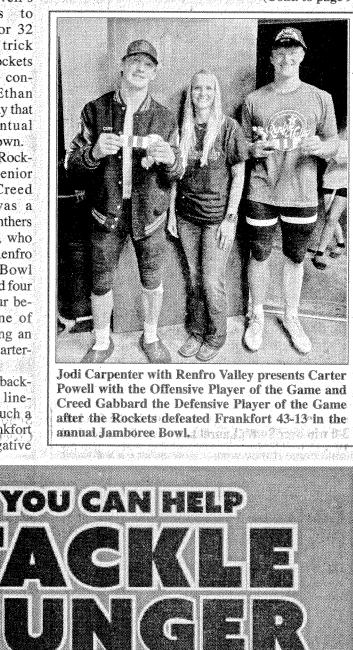


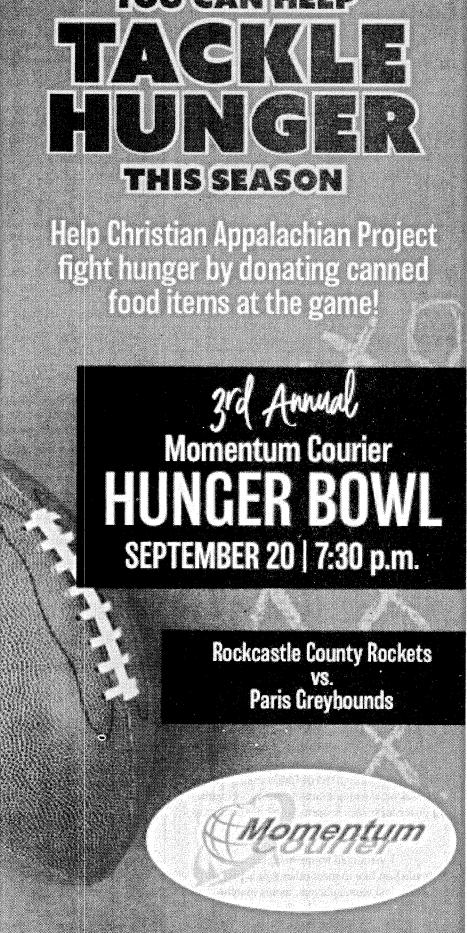


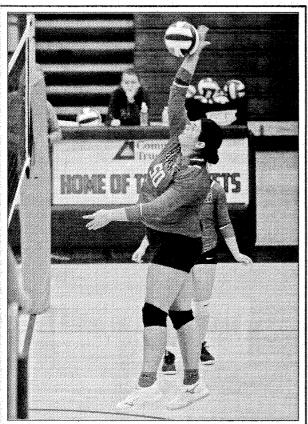
Creed Gabbard pressures Frankfort's quarterback during the Rockets' win Friday night. Gabbard had four solo tackles and three sacks in the victory.



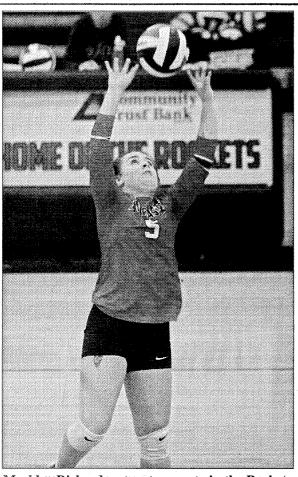
Blake Mullins and Isaiah Jackson bring down a Frankfort player during the Rockets 43-13 win Friday night. The game was called at halftime due to weather.



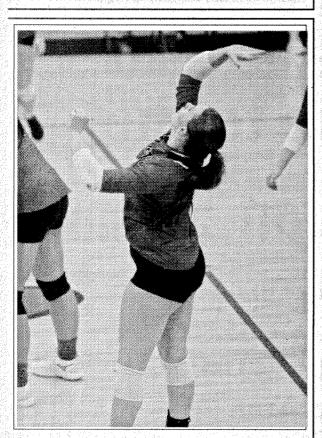




Addison Rush goes for a kill in the Rockets 3-0 win over South Laurel last week. The Rockets won 25-20, 25-22 and 25-14 and are now 5-1 on the season. Rush had seven kills and one service ace in the win.



Markley Richards sets a teammate in the Rockets 3-0 win over South Laurel last week. Richards had 19 assists, 13 digs, one kill and one service ace for the Rockets.



Addy King goes for one of her six kills in the Rockets 3-0 win over South Laurel last week. King also had 15 digs, four service aces, three assists and one block in the win.

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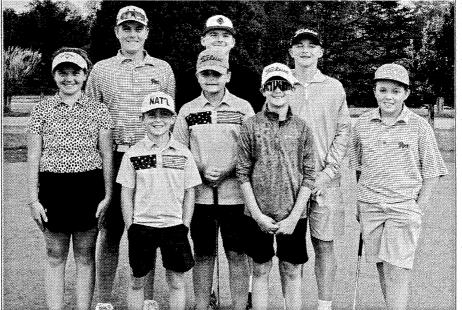
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# State Qualifiers

The middle school golf team qualified this past weekend for the state championships. Members of the team are shown at left, front row from left: Ella Ford, Cooper Ford, Jace Lear, Trapper Bray and Carson Neeley. Back row from left Conner Ford, Sawyer Cash, and Parker Cash.



# First Team All Conference

The RCHS Golf Team took part in their conference tournament this past weekend. Two members of the Rockets were named to the First Team All-Conference Team: Brody Hodges and Zeke Fain.

# **Chris Larkey**

### Local football gear is 5-star rated

By: Mike French

Some parents have expressed concern recently over the safety of some extracurricular activities in school districts across the state. However Rockcastle County High School Football Head Coach Chris Larkey says

#### **Rockets**

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converting 4-for-6 extra points, kicking a field goal and pinning Frankfort deep in its own territory on kickoffs with numerous kickoffs being fielded inside the five rather than rolling into the endzone for touchbacks.

The Rockets (3-0) are sure to see an improvement in quality of opponent as they make the trek north to Williamstown, Ky., to take on the undefeated Grant County Braves, who are fresh off a 20-3 win over Covington Holy Cross.

Can the Rockets spoil Grant County's home opener? We will have to wait and see on Friday night as kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. local students are as safe as possible and he is going to keep it that way.

"We haven't had any of our players hurt. We are proud of that fact and we will do everything in our power to keep it that way," he said.

Larkey said other than some bruises and scratches, there have been no injuries from the local football program. "Even riding a bicycle will cause bruises or scratches. But as far as serious injuries from playing football, we haven't had any," he said.

Part of the reason for the lack of local injuries is the district's strict policy of high-standard equipment, Larkey said. "We use the best of helmets that all have five-star ratings and none are over three years old," he said. "And much of our other gear is the same gear they use in he NFL (National Football League.)"

But, according to Larkey, the top notch equipment is not the only reason for the local safety record. "My kid is out there playing and wearing the same equipment," he said. "I love all these kids and these parents are entrusting me with their safety. I take that responsibility very seriously. We take extreme precautions at every practice and in every game."

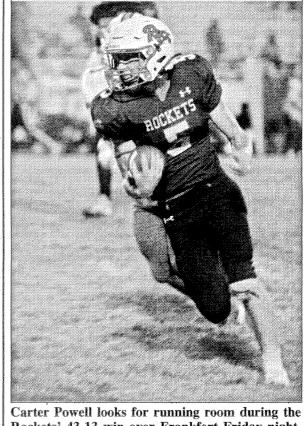
Larkey said when he played in 1985 things were different. "We used to line up 10 feet apart and rush at each other full force," he said. "We don't do that stuff anymore. Everything we do in practice is close contact and with every precaution. I see to it that my kids are safe."

Larkey said the game of football has always been a contact sport but he and the local district keep safety in mind at every opportunity. "The idea here is to have fun and try to win without

anyone getting hurt," he said. "We are able to do that by taking precautions, careful planning and keeping safety in the forefront every day."

forefront every day." The KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletics Association), as well as the ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials), have both signed off on all Kentucky football helmets and football equipment and most equipment in the state must also meet the NOCSAE (National Operating Committee for Standard Athletic Equipment) requirements.

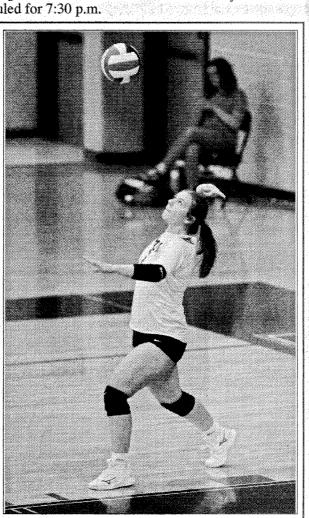
"Anyone can get hurt even at home. But we make every effort to keep all of our kids safe. It is our priority and we have a good record," said Larkey.



Carter Powell looks for running room during the Rockets' 43-13 win over Frankfort Friday night. Powell had seven carries for 164 yards and one touchdown.

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Madison Hayes puts up a serve in the Rockets 3-0 win over South Laurel last week. Hayes had 13 digs, two assists and two services aces in the win.

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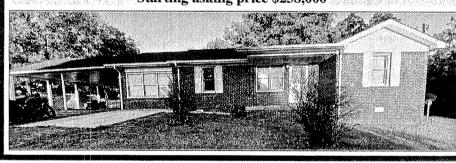


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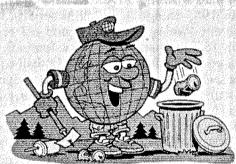
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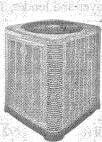
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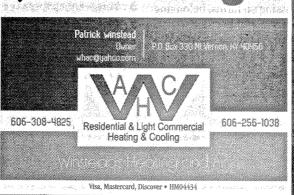
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## Agricultural News

By: Lindsey New, FSA Director

USDA Launches Online Debt Consolidation Tool to Increase Farmer And Rancher Financial Viability

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the launch of the Debt Consolidation Tool, an innovative online tool available through farmers.gov that allows agricultural producers to enter their farm operating debt and evaluate the potential savings that might be provided by obtaining a debt consolidation loan with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) or a local lender.

A debt consolidation loan is a new loan used to pay off other existing operating loans or lines of credit that might have unreasonable rates and terms. By combining multiple eligible debts into a single, larger loan, borrowers may obtain more favorable payment terms such as a lower interest rate or lower payments. Consolidating debt may also provide farmers and ranchers additional cash flow flexibilities.

The Debt Consolidation Tool is a significant addition to FSA's suite of improvements designed to modernize its Farm Loan Programs. The tool enhances customer service and increases opportunities for farmers and ranchers to achieve financial viability by helping them identify potential savings that could be reinvested in their farming and ranching operation, retirement accounts, or college savings accounts.

Producers can access the Debt Consolidation Tool by visiting farmers.gov/debt-consolidation-tool. The tool is

built to run on modern browsers including Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or the Safari browser. Producers do not need to create a farmers.gov account or access the authenticated customer portal to use the tool.

Additional Farm Loan
Programs Improvements

FSA recently announced significant changes to Farm Loan Programs through the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule. These policy changes, to take effect September 25, 2024, are designed to better assist borrowers to make strategic investments in the enhancement or expansion of their agricultural operations

FSA also has a significant initiative underway to streamline and automate the Farm Loan Program customer-facing business process. For the over 26,000 producers who submit a direct loan application annually, FSA has made several impactful improvements including:

- The Loan Assistance
  Tool that provides customers with an interactive
  online, step-by-step guide
  to identifying the direct
  loan products that may be
  a fit for their business
  needs and to understanding the application pro-
- The Online Loan Application, an interactive, guided application that is paperless and provides helpful features including an electronic signature option, the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns, complete a balance sheet, and build a farm operating
  - An online direct loan

repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local USDA Service Center to pay a loan installment.

• A simplified direct loan paper application, reduced from 29 pages to 13 pages.

• A new educational hub with farm loan resources and videos.

USDA encourages producers to reach out to their local FSA farm loan staff to ensure they fully understand the wide range of loan and servicing options available to assist with starting, expanding, or maintaining their agricultural operation. To conduct business with FSA, please contact your local/USDA Service Center.

Committee Meeting Date: October 2nd 2024 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center

Important program dates

and Interest Rates
Farm Operating LoansDirect = 5.250%

Farm Ownership
Loans-Direct= 5.500%
Limited Resource
Loans= 5.00%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%

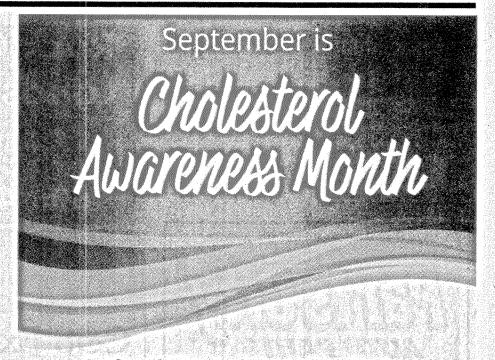
Emergency Loans=3.750%

Farm Storage Loans= 3 yrs. =4.000% 5 yrs. =3.875%, 7 yrs. =3.875% 10 yrs. =4.000%, 12 yrs. = 4.125%

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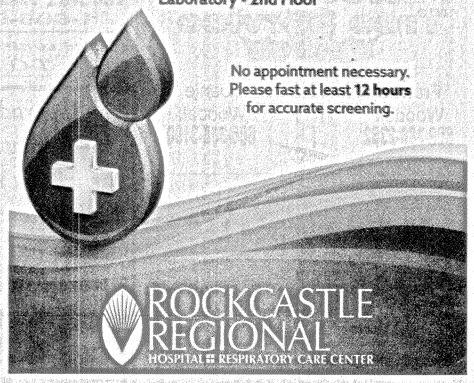


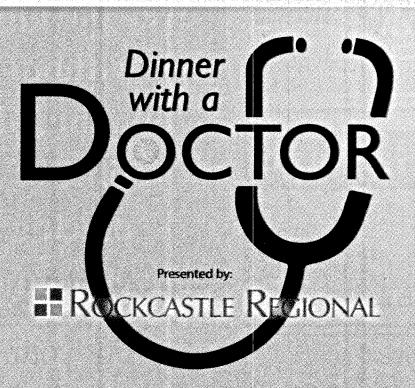
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