

Kentucky State Food Truck Championship brings thousands

By: Mike French
Editor

"We expected things to grow this year, but no one expected this many. Even our experienced participants ran out of food," said Rockcastle Tourist

Commission Executive Director Jessica Blankenship.

Over 7,000 people drove through the gates at the Third Annual Kentucky State Food Truck Championship in Renfro Valley Saturday.

Blankenship, who is also Executive Director of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, said the event was made possible through a collaborative effort between the City of Mount Vernon and the tourist commission

as well as the many sponsors.

The huge crowd attended the 2023 state championship to experience the, inflatables, designated kid's activity areas, (See "Truck" on A5)



Over 7,000 visitors filled the Renfro Valley field during last Saturday's third annual Kentucky State Foodtruck Championship. Photo by Marcos Benge

School enters lockdown protocol Inmate runs from transport vehicle

By: Mike French
Editor

Out of an abundance of caution, Rockcastle County High School was on a short lockdown last week when word reached officials about an alleged escaped inmate from the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Inmate Chad Mahaffey ran away from a transport vehicle last Wednesday, according to Rockcastle County Jailer Nathan Carter.

However, according to Carter, no inmate actually escaped the jail. "No one escaped the jail," he said. "It was basically a misunderstanding."

According to Carter, Mahaffey had been released by Probation and Parole to attend a rehabilitation session. While loading onto the R-Tech transport vehicle, Mahaffey ran away from

the bus. "We were sitting here watching him and we wondered what was going on," said Carter. "Apparently the inmate didn't want to go to rehab and he took off running."

Word immediately spread that an inmate was on the loose and officials at the school entered safety procedures to protect the students and staff from potential danger. A lockdown is the lowest level of alert and classes continue during lockdown protocol.

Carter said police found Mahaffey only a few moments later and took him back to the local jail. "He ran away from the R-Tech vehicle and he was back in jail in a matter of five minutes," he said.

Reports indicate the school removed the lockdown protocol immediately (See "Lockout" on A5)

Rockcastle Regional unveils healthcare on wheels

In a significant stride towards enhancing healthcare accessibility and addressing geographical barriers, Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has unveiled its newest initiative, the Mobile Health Clinic RV bus.

"This innovative and community-centered approach is set to transform the way healthcare is delivered," said Stephen A. Estes, Rockcastle Regional President and CEO. "By bringing vital health screenings directly to the doorsteps of underserved areas in the region, we are eliminating travel obstacles for our patients and are taking a giant leap towards promoting equitable healthcare for all."

The Mobile Health Clinic represents a revolutionary step in reaching out to those who face challenges in accessing

healthcare due to geographical constraints.

"This state-of-the-art vehicle is not just a mode of transportation, it's a fully-equipped medical facility on wheels," said Brandy Bullock, Director of Rockcastle Regional's Rural Health Clinics. "It is designed to provide es-

sential health screenings and preventive care services to patients who might not otherwise be able to access high-quality healthcare due to travel barriers."

Tackling the Travel Barrier

One of the most significant obstacles to ob-

taining proper healthcare is the distance between patients and medical facilities. "Many individuals, especially those living in rural or remote areas, face difficulty in traveling long distances to reach a healthcare provider," said Bullock.

The Mobile Health

Clinic effectively erases this barrier by bringing healthcare to the patients. Bullock said this is particularly crucial in cases where timely screenings can make a significant difference in the detection and management of chronic diseases.

"Our priority is to uti-

lize this new Mobile Health Clinic to reach patients who might have, otherwise gone without healthcare," said Bullock. "Detecting diseases early, and helping patients manage their chronic illnesses in the early stages, will result in the best overall health outcomes for our patients."

Comprehensive Healthcare Services
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(See "Bus" on A5)

Health bus



Shown above is the new Healthcare Bus being visited by several local residents while at the Woodstock Community Center recently.

Fire Season

October 1 - December 15

The Fall Kentucky Forest Fire Hazard Season begins on Sunday, October 1 and runs through Friday, December 15.

During Fire Hazard Season it is illegal to set fire to any flammable material, capable of spreading fire, within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland, except between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. According to Kentucky statutes, fires may be started if snow is on the ground during this time period.

Local officials say three rules could help prevent out of control fires. All fires should have an area ten feet wide around the fire, a water source should be nearby and available and all residents should remain with their fire until it is completely extinguished.

For more information, go to forestry.ky.gov or call 502-564-4496.

RCIDA promoting county to potential business, industry

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting last week with a short agenda.

Executive Director Jeff VanHook presented the monthly financial report to the board members.

VanHook also pointed out that he is making clear to site selectors and po-

tential industry that Rockcastle County is in a prime location for new business. The director meets with site selectors across the state on a weekly basis but says he also visits neighboring towns and industry to inform them of the many benefits Rockcastle has to offer.

"People may not realize that a trip across the City of Richmond or across the City of Berea, is about

the same as a trip down I-75 to Mount Vernon," he said. "Yes it is just a few miles across Richmond or Berea, but that is at five miles per hour. Coming to Mount Vernon, you are driving 80 miles per hour. It is about the same amount of time," he said.

VanHook reported that he is continuing to take potential site selectors around the county to "tell our story and make sure (See "RCIDA" on A5)

Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's regular monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 12. See next week's issue for details..

School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board was scheduled for Tuesday, September 12. See next week's issue for details.

Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, September 11 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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ramblings...

By: perlina m. anderkin

Sometime, I can't decide if I write this column as a way to vent my feelings of helplessness about the way our present national government is being run or if I actually think I make a difference in anyone's thinking about what is happening to our once great nation but, trust me, I actually think it's the first.

I've told you before that I know my Dad would be absolutely shocked if he could see the present state of our world. I can just imagine his reaction to my showing him pictures of "Pride", Parades where men and women march boldly down the street in broad daylight, in front of God and everybody (as my mother used to say), letting it all hang out -- and I do mean all. He has been gone since 1976 and the changes that have taken place in our world since then have been unbelievable.

The indifference of our current pResident to our nation's well being is so blatant that it defies logic. The worst tragedy, along with Pearl Harbor, to ever strike our nation occurred on September 11, 2001 in New York City when 2,977 American lives were lost to Islamic terrorism. This past Monday was the 22nd anniversary of this date -- a date we swore we would never forget -- and WE haven't. It just seems to have slipped our pResident's mind that normally the

head of our country is present at one of the many ceremonies held each year to commemorate these needless deaths. This year, pResident Biden found it absolutely necessary to be in Alaska, on a stop-over on his way home from a trip to Vietnam.

He did make something of a statement, from an airstrip in Alaska, about the event but, as usual, he managed to insert a lie during the occasion, saying "I remember standing there the next day and looking at the building. I felt like I was looking through the gates of Hell."

I know this will come as a shock to you dear readers, but he lied -- flat out, for no reason, just because he would rather lie than tell the truth -- because he was actually in Washington, D.C. on September 12, 2001 for a Senate session.

But, he has never seen a national tragedy that he could not relate to personally, such as the recent very questionable Maui fires to which he compared a kitchen fire at his home, in which he almost lost his Corvette and his cat, a fire which lasted 20 minutes from beginning to end. And, then there's his poor deceased son, Beau, whose manner of death he has changed so many times (to associate it with whatever tragedy he happens to be com-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There were some things in my youth that didn't have to be said. We just knew certain things. I don't understand how we knew things about life back then but people apparently don't know them now. All I can figure is that overall attitudes about life have changed so dramatically that it has changed how people think.

There were unwritten laws in those days. The laws governed how you treated others. No one ever actually told us, we just knew right from wrong. It was just common sense stuff that we thought everyone knew. And back in the day...everyone did know it.

A few examples.

If you borrow something from a neighbor or a friend, you return it in as good or better condition than when you borrowed it. People used to love to loan their stuff out. It helped someone in need AND they knew whatever they were loaning out, would usually be in better shape when they got it back.

Be on time. We used to consider it important that we keep our word and show up when we said we would. People used to try to be considerate. It seemed to matter.

Earn what you have. And if you didn't earn it, don't accept it. We didn't look down on people who didn't have something. But they were questionable if they had things they didn't earn. Better to do without, than to be a bum.

Respect our elders. Whatever we were going through, we understood, our elders had already gone through it at least once. Their advice was priceless.

There are conse-

quences to choices. Sometimes our choices were not perfect. Sometimes we made poor choices. The way we knew that, and learned that lesson in life, was when the consequences of those choices came to pass.

Children were not the boss in a family. The parents set the rules. In those days, parents didn't lie to us. If they said they would burn our butt if we did something again, they meant it.

We all knew there is something you are supposed to wear to be certain you are practicing safe sex. A wedding ring!

If a policeman says, you are under arrest, you don't fight him. And if you did, your parents aren't going to blame the cop when you get hurt.

Men have man parts and women have women parts and only women wear make-up and dresses and have babies.

Marriage is one man and one woman and anything else is an abomination to God.

Some summers are hotter than others and it's not your truck's fault.

If you have been blessed, you share your blessings. Never, ever by force because that isn't

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Picture Perfect
Fall Saturday
Afternoon

Dear Journal,

Yesterday was the first day that I had actually noticed a touch of fall in the air. We had planned to have a get together in our front yard with some friends and have a yard working. First, we had to make a quick run to Walmart and get a few things. We ordered some pizzas on the way home. As fate would have it, the weather was just right. The temperature was in the 60s, it was a bit overcast but there was a little sun here and there.

We started out with the pizzas. They were delicious. We got them at the Livingston Marathon. As we ate, we talked about a variety of subjects. Eli, the dog, was running about and looking around. He is new but is delighted to be here. He has only been with us about a week but he fits in well with the others. I haven't been myself for a few days. I've been grieving over two dogs we have had with us for many years. Both of them, James and

Courtney, were about fifteen years old or more. James had to be put to sleep due to his arthritis progressing too far. He was a Golden Pyreneese. Little Courtney was a Cairn Terrier. She had a variety of ailments going on with her. They went about a week apart. And I was holding them as they passed.

The men folk did most of the work and I chatted with the ladies when I wasn't listening to the Wildcats on the radio. They got behind in the first quarter against Eastern, of all teams. They are better now than years ago. I remember when they lost to the old ladies from the nursing home one time. They managed to pull out a victory in the end. I guess that is all that matters.

The yard was beginning to shape up nicely, not that we are through with it. After everybody had gone, Stanley and I just sat in the yard and watched the golden maple leaves fall and scatter here and there with the light breeze that was blowing them. What a pretty fall day.

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freedom or democracy. But by choice or not at all. No matter how good or bad you have it, someone has it better and someone has it worse. The color of a person's

skin has nothing to do with anything. A person with freckles, left-handed people and red-headed people are all minorities too. Elected politicians are servants, not leaders. Preachers, cops, teach-

ers, firefighters and nurses are to be appreciated and respected. Veterans are American heroes. The customer is always right. The Constitution is the ultimate law and no one has the right to manipulate it or ignore it. And on and on. These were just rules that we lived by until this "me, me, me" entitled generation decided that other people aren't as important as they are and their parents began to think it was "cute."

We older fellows miss a time when people simply knew right from wrong and good from evil.

It is a shame that such lines are blurred in a society where we celebrate evil things and condemn those who still call it evil.

On a side note, I was proud that the Kentucky State Food Truck Championship was such a success this past weekend.

I like to think that putting detailed information about the event in front of our readers and mentioning it several other times over the month, played a part in the huge crowd that visited the event.

Over 7,000 people attended and I know that over 7,000 people read about it right here in the Signal. We love our community.

ramblings

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menting on at the time) that I'm confused, but best I recall from news stories at the time, he died of brain cancer. And, I will not even get into the many, many lies he told about his education process -- graduated second in his class (no he didn't, actually near the bottom), received a full scholarship (no he didn't, he did manage a half scholarship) and, of course, there have been the plagiarism charges -- all true -- that drove him from his first Presidential race and still plague him today.

All in all, we've landed ourselves in a fine mess with this one, or should I say the Democrats landed us in it with their obsession with staying in power whatever it takes.

But then, former President Obama was never too concerned about the feelings of ordinary Americans either. I recall the time he rushed from a news conference about the beheading of US journalist James Foley, who was

by ISIS in Syria. That was in 2012, because he had a golf date. And then there was the BenGhazi tragedy where an American Ambassador, and three of his staff were murdered by Islamic forces and, the day after, Obama flew to a Democrat fundraiser in Las Vegas.

Oh, and do you remember the pallets of cash that Obama sent to Iran? Well, Biden is one upping him since he just made a deal to exchange five prisoners with Iran and unfreeze \$6 billion in frozen Iranian funds.

The deal creates a blanket waiver to transfer \$6B in frozen Iranian money from South Korea to Qatar without fear of violating U.S. sanctions. The United States classifies Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism.

As anyone with any common sense can now figure out, as soon as Iran releases the five Americans, Iran will seize five more. Then when Biden pays them again, Iran will seize five more, then when paid again, they will...I am only pointing this out for Biden. There are consequences for raving stupidity.

Donald Trump is still holding a ginormous lead over the other Republican presidential candidates, with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis a distant third at the moment. I have been struggling with my choice. I have approved of every action DeSantis has taken in Florida to try to stem the flow of federal takeover of our life and the sexualization of our children as young as kindergarten age. But now, he is allowing that renowned medical expert Bill Gates to unleash millions of genetically modified mosquitos over Florida cities -- Key West and Tampa that I have heard of, so far-- as a means of conducting research for a vaccine for Malaria. This has caused cases of Malaria to be diagnosed for the first time in many, many years. Can you say another gain of function research catastrophe?

My concern about Trump is that somehow, with the all out effort to keep him from running that Biden's lackeys are pursuing, that a jury in a heavy Democrat area -- like D.C.-- will make sure that he is found guilty of something. I'm just not sure what the process will be if they do manage to put him behind bars on one of the 91 bogus charges that have been instigated by Soros's bought and paid for DAs and the Department of Injustice. Guess I will just have to play the wait and see game.

be my first choice if Trump were not involved but, at present, I just cannot see a clear path for him to overtake Trump's 46 point lead, according to a new national poll.

There are so many things that need to be investigated in our country, beginning all the way back to JFK's assassination, to 9/11 and the Maui fires. I sense that the CIA, whose charter does not allow them to intervene in domestic affairs, and the FBI, who has turned into the Dem's private Gestapo, have a lot to answer for in all these tragedies if the truth could ever be exposed.

But, as a final note, on the domestic scene, New Mexico's governor, Democrat Michelle Lujan Grisham, signed an emergency order last Friday, banning both open and concealed firearms in Albuquerque and surrounding Bernalillo County, setting off a stream of backlash and legal challenges. The ban is part of a public health emergency declaration over gun vio-

lence and is expected to be my first choice if Trump were not involved but, at present, I just cannot see a clear path for him to overtake Trump's 46 point lead, according to a new national poll.

When asked about the constitutionality of the ban, the governor said, "No constitutional right, in my view, including my oath, is intended to be absolute." In other words, don't pay attention to the Constituion upon which our country was founded, except when it convenient to do so.

I've got to cut this thing off. I've always known that the trick to getting people to listen to or read anything depended on the brevity of the content. I could write a book about the horrors being visited upon our nation at present, but all that would amount to is an outlet for me to whine and complain worse than Sabalenka did Saturday when she was getting "whooped" by American Coco Gauff for the US Open women's championship. I loved it.

Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
Legislature's work to eliminate individual income tax without harming critical programs remains on track



Last month, the state budget director released a very positive revenue report that showed the legislature's work to reform the state's budget and update Kentucky's outdated tax structure is working. For the third year in a row, we had more than a billion dollars left unspent, with revenue far exceeding expectations.

The report also proves that the individual income tax cut passed by the legislature last year is helping working men and women and benefitting our communities. That cut is expected to save Kentuckians \$625 million this year alone, while another cut will provide more relief in 2024. It is not all good news as emergency expenditures caused the state to miss the target for a cut in 2025. However, it looks like we will remain on track to eliminate the tax entirely and now have evidence that the tax cuts will not endanger necessary government programs. In other words, we may be slowing down to assess the situation, but you can be sure we are not losing our momentum.

In 2022, lawmakers passed HB 8, a historic tax modernization package that included provisions to eliminate the state's individual income tax gradually over time. That measure required that certain conditions be met before the tax could be decreased in increments of half a percent. The first condition, sometimes called a trigger, requires our Budget Reserve Trust Fund to have enough money in it to equal 10% or more of General Fund revenues from the previous year. The budget reserve is our state's savings account, designed to prepare us for hard times and opportunities. That condition was met and far exceeded as the legislature has placed a historic amount in the fund over the past few years.

The second condition requires the state's revenues to at least equal state appropriations plus the cost of a 1% reduction in the individual income tax rate. In simple terms, that means the state needed to bring in around \$1.2 billion more than the legislature appropriated for the fiscal year that ended in June before another tax cut can be considered.

The state met both con-

ditions at the end of the last two fiscal years, so the individual income tax was cut from 5% to 4.5% earlier this year, and will be cut to 4% in January of 2024. However, while we had a historic surplus of more than \$1.5 billion and strong state revenue, the state fell \$435 million short of the goal required. From reviewing the information provided by the budget director's office and our own budget staff, we know one of the biggest contributing factors was emergency response spending after the horrific flooding in Eastern Kentucky and other emergency spending by the executive branch. Emergencies require a state response, but we will be reviewing the spending to determine if the money was spent appropriately. After all, we can look no further than the more than \$20 million in emergency funding used by the governor to set up field hospitals in Lexington and Louisville during the pandemic. They were built without evidence they were needed, and neither ever housed a single patient. We will also continue our work to craft another budget that places our state's needs before the wants of those who believe that government should be bigger.

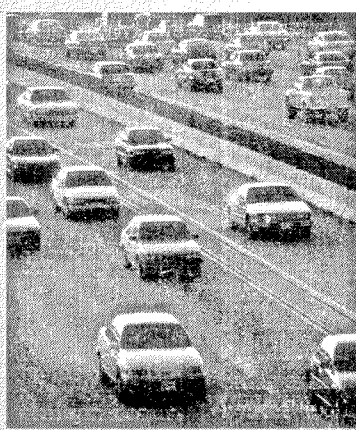
In the meantime, the bottom line is that the plan is working. We are on track to eliminate Kentucky's individual income tax, and we are doing so without endangering the necessary programs that Kentuckians depend on. The plan was crafted thoughtfully and intentionally, and careful consideration was given to including the conditions in order to exercise an abundance of caution. Despite this fact, there were some who fought the tax cuts, including the governor when he vetoed part of the bill. This slow down proves wrong those who claimed HB 8 would lead to a disaster.

Today we have proof that the formula is working as it was designed to work. All factors, including this year's revenue report, show that Kentucky is still on track to eliminate the individual income tax and point toward promising conditions for a third cut to the tax in 2026.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. You can also keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature's home page at legislature.ky.gov.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, Sept. 18th: Child Development, Seek 'n Learn and Lisa's Little People. **Tuesday, Sept. 19th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Federation will hold their annual meeting on Friday, September 15th with a dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. at Roundstone Elementary School. Free dinner and prizes for members.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Obituaries

Benjamin Travis Ponder

Benjamin Travis Ponder, 46, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, September 5, 2023 surrounded by family and friends, after an exhausting struggle with cancer.

He was born September 15, 1976, to Marvin Clifford (Mutt) and Edith Ponder. He was united in marriage to Kelly Lynn Farthing on December 29, 2001. They welcomed their only child, Jaylon Hope, on July 9, 2002. This child was his greatest treasure in this life. He also took great pleasure in spending time with family and friends and working on his farm. Ben worked as a carpenter most of his life and enjoyed the work. His last place of employment, with Hacker Brothers Construction as superintendent, though for only a short time, proved to be the most gratifying job of his life. He was a member of Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with his church family.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Kelly Lynn Farthing Ponder; his daughter, Jaylon Hope Ponder Bullen, and her husband Dylan Bullen; his mother, Edith Ponder; brothers, Marvin Kelly Ponder and wife Judy, Stephen Lane Ponder and wife Jamie, and Martin Kris Ponder; and sisters, Regina Lee Ponder Bell and her deceased husband Ralph Bell, and Marita Jane Ponder Gray, and her husband Gene Gray.

His nieces and nephews include: Josh Bell, Jenna Bell Ingram and her husband Tyler Ingram, Rebekah Ponder Jayne and her husband Cory Jayne, Andrew Ponder, Hannah, Lane, Cass, and Elisabeth Ponder, Lindsey Gray Rader and her husband Elmer, Brandi and Landon Gray, Shelby, Sarah and Emily Ponder, Evan and Ella Powell, James Stacy, and Amanda Blanton.

His great nieces and nephews include: Braxton and Cayson Bell, Eva Jaymes Rader, Avery, Paisley, Emmalyn, and Joelle Ingram, Dana Stacy, Jayce Bowles, and Bailey Vanwinkle.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church with Bros. Randal Adams and Scott Adams officiating. Burial was in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Kelly, Steve, and Kris Ponder, Brent Gabbard, Jimmy Osborne and Gene Gray.

Earl Lincoln Rader

Earl Lincoln Rader, 91, of Cartersville, died at his residence on Sunday, August 27, 2023. Born on November 1, 1931, in Mt. Vernon, he was the son of the late William E Rader and Maudie Rader. He is also preceded in death by seven brothers and three sisters.

Earl is survived by: his wife, Ruby Lee Rader; son, Harold Rader (Vicki); daughter, Evonda Silvers (Arvis Messer); grandchildren, Kelly Rader (Tellus Demos), Hali Rader, Derek Rader, Felicia Liou (Wen), Michelle Hegerty (Matt), and Dustin Smith; great grandchildren, Kalin Liou, Henry Earl Demos, William Warmoth, Nora Jane Lacy, and Graham Hegerty; brother, Emanuel Rader; his dearest friends, Dick Philbeck, Arvis Messer, Walter Coffee, and C.L. Tidwell; numerous nieces and nephews; and his neighbors that he appreciated most, Elaine Lockwood, Carla Sue Knight, and Blake Lockwood. Earl loved his family, his great grandchildren were his favorite part of life.

He loved his church family and was a member and deacon of Oak Grove Baptist Church. He was a member of Stilesboro Masonic Lodge #260 for over 50 years where he held the office of chaplain.

A funeral service was held Friday, September 1, 2023 in the chapel of Jennings Funeral Home with Rev. David Baker and Jerry Mulkey officiating.

Serving as pallbearers were: Blake Lockwood, Jerry Knight, Jeff Sharpton, Johnny Hale, George Robinson, and Griffin Padgett. Honorary pallbearers were: Cubby Powell, Wendell Ferguson, Wendell Wilson, and the remaining deacons at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Parnick Jennings Funeral Home and Cremation Service is honored to serve the family of Earl Lincoln Rader.

Please visit www.parnickjenningsfuneral.com to share memories and to post condolence messages.

Lillie Masden

Lillie Masden, 74, of Louisville, died Saturday, September 9, 2023. Funeral arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

James F. Price

James F. Price, 70, of Brodhead, died Sunday, September 10, 2023 at UK Medical Center in Lexington.

Arrangements have been entrusted with Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and are incomplete at this time.

Thomas Shelburne

Thomas Eli Shelburne, 86, of Orlando, husband of Jennie Shelburne, died Friday, September 8, 2023 at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in the Shelburne Family Cemetery at his home.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

Willard Neeley

Willard Neeley, 87, husband of the late Irelene Neeley, died peacefully August 11, 2023 surrounded by his family at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Willard was born in Rockcastle County to the late Delbert and Ada Carrier Neeley.

Willard was the last of 12 children, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Armon Neeley, Lloyd Neeley, Vernon Neeley, Martha Marie Anglin, Mary Neeley, Henry Delbert Neeley Jr., Harold Tommy Neeley, Genevieve Neeley, Cammie Dean Neeley, BertEva Clark, and Defreda Collins. Willard was also preceded in death by a daughter, Kristie Thacker.

He is survived by: his children, Lanita Sue (Joe) Denny, Willard Darryl (Jennifer) Neeley, Eva Malinda Neeley (Bruce Waddles), Marilyn Elaine (David) Gastineau, and Anthony Dana 'Tony' (Becky) Neeley; his son-in-law, James Thacker; his loving dog, Faith; 14 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday August 14, 2023 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Larry Day officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jerry Wayne Husband, Joseph Husband, James Robert Blair, Jeremy Neeley, AJ Jones, Johnathon Portwood. Josh Neeley, and Jacob Neeley. Honorary pallbearer was Russell Isaacs.

Online condolences at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Ned Senet Purcell

Ned Senet Purcell, 72, of Brodhead, died Thursday, September 7, 2023 at UK Chandler Hospital in Lexington.

He was born June 30, 1951, a son of the late Sam Senet Purcell, Jr. and Lucille Worth Albright Purcell. He was a farmer and enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. Ned was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his brother, Rodney Dean Purcell and his wife, Betty of Brodhead; his nephews: Alan Purcell and wife Kristen of Virginia and Aaron D. Purcell and wife Laura of Virginia; his grand nephews and nieces, Will, Sam, Anne, and Caroline Purcell; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Visitation will be Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with services beginning at 1 p.m. Officiating will be Bros. Luther Allen and Shannon Franklin. Burial will follow in Freedom Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Phil Thompson, Steven Jones, Tom Deborde, Jerry Gentry, Russell Mullins and Jeffery Albright.

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

Estill Alcorn

Clarence Estill Alcorn, 77, of Mt. Vernon, father of Ashlee Simpson, died Saturday, September 9, 2023 in Lexington.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Singleton Valley Cemetery.

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

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

Maudie Evans

Maudie Evans, 76, of Poplar Grove, widow of Barnett Evans, died Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Funeral arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

Cards of Thanks

Brandi Caryer

We can never express the heartfelt gratitude we have for all who have carried us through the terrible loss of our dear precious Brandi.

We say Thank You to Dowell & Martin for always going above and beyond to Sparks Flowers and More (Pam and staff) for always doing a great job and all the special touches.

A special Thank You to Bro. Jason Medley for a personable message and beautiful music.

Thank you to Herbie and Patsy Alcorn for opening their home and providing dinner after the service and to Jamie and Mary and Jason and Carrie for helping.

Thank you to The Little Country Church and Poplar Grove Baptist and all their precious people who fed my family, prayed for us, checked on us, messaged, called and all you did.

Thank you to our friends, family, church families, colleagues, acquaintances (old and new) for carrying us through!

We humbly ask for your continued prayers as we navigate through this difficult time.

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I pray I haven't forgotten anyone because your love and support is deeply appreciated.

Tina, Jaime, Jailey, Bethany, Diana and Jonathan

Anna Lee Smith

We, the family of Anna Lee Smith, would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the expressions of kindness shown to us during the loss of our precious mother.

The heartfelt words provided by Shannon Franklin and Luther Allen were a great comfort to our family.

We know Mother would have been pleased with the beautiful songs and accompaniment provided by Pam Martin, Jamie Cornelius, Becky Harper, Luther Allen and Sandra Allen.

A special thank you to Pam, Roy and Steve Martin for the wonderful service provided to our family.

It was comforting to our family to see all those who came to show their love and respect for our mother.

The Family of Anna Lee Smith

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 22-CI-00187

Laurel Wood Procuts, LLC Plaintiff

V.
Delora Ramer, unknown spouse of Delora Ramer, unknown heirs of Delora Ramer, Kenneth David Gilliam, Tax Merchants, LLC Rockcastle County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on June 23, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FOURTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND 91/100 (\$14,450.91) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Thursday, September 14, 2023
Beginning at the Hour of 10:15 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Being a parcel or tract of land in Rockcastle County Kentucky being Parcel ID No.098-00-004.01 labeled Delora Ramer no deed or recorded source provided. This property description prepared for Rockcastle Circuit Court, Civil Action No. 22-CI-00187 without source of title. Property located on the west side of Parks Cemetery road a public road extended to the end of maintained portion of (Robinson Cemetery Road) formerly Parks Cemetery Road approximately 1000' feet being approximately 0.4 miles north of Indian Creek Road KY 89.

Beginning at a 5/8"x18" rebar with plastic cap stamped D.JOHNSON KY3591 TN2550 rebar set (typical) in old fence common corner to Ronnie Robinson D.B. 96 Pg.429 said corner having KY STATE PLANE SINGLE ZONE COORDINATES OF North 3642420.949 East 5384059.813 being approximately 65.0' feet west of Parks Cemetery Road. Thence leaving said Road and with said Robinson for (twenty-five courses and distances) North 63 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 29 SECONDS West a distance of 100.05' feet to a rebar set in a drain or small draw on side of hill. Thence downhill North 35 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 19 SECONDS West a distance of 696.91' feet to a point in a creek witnessed by a rebar set bearing South 35 degrees 26 minutes 19 seconds at a distance of 10.80' feet. Thence up Creek for (twenty-three courses and distances) North 30 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 33 SECONDS East a distance of 57.75' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 24 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 14 SECONDS East a distance of 109.64' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 34 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 18 SECONDS West a distance of 28.05' feet to a point in the creek. Thence North 20 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 17 SECONDS East a distance of 53.29' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 24 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 58 SECONDS East a distance of 69.15' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 44 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 10 SECONDS East a distance of 81.30' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 49 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 57 SECONDS East a distance of 41.72' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 15 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 12 SECONDS East a distance of 72.29' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 21 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 57 SECONDS East a distance of 98.31' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 39 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 47 SECONDS East a distance of 70.80' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 14 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 30 SECONDS West a distance of 73.25' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 22 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 30 SECONDS East a distance of 69.21' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 41 SECONDS East a distance of 177.63' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 01 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 56 SECONDS East a distance of 74.89' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 47 SECONDS West a distance of 112.44' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 00 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 41 SECONDS East a distance of 96.19' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 19 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 19 SECONDS East a distance of 67.15' feet to a rebar set bank between forks in creek. Thence North 53 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 00 SECONDS East a distance of 61.98' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 51 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 25 SECONDS East a distance of 108.94' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 38 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 28 SECONDS East a distance of 84.18' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 26 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 25 SECONDS East a distance of 80.26' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 07 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 17 SECONDS East a distance of 67.44' feet to a point in creek. Thence North 07 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 29 SECONDS West a distance of 139.31' feet to a point in creek witnessed by a rebar set bearing South 7 degrees 37 minutes 29 seconds East at a distance of 18.22' feet in the line of United States of America Tract 244.1. Thence leaving said Creek and said Robinson and with said United States of America up hill South 57 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 10 SECONDS East a distance of 282.26' feet to a POINT in center of parks cemetery road corner 5 United States of America Tract 244.1 and corner 4 United States of America Tract 244.11. Bearing tree found bearing North 81 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West at 25.00' feet, and witnessed by a rebar set bearing North 00 degrees 40 minutes 13 seconds East at a distance of 8.79' feet. Thence South 57 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 10 SECONDS East a distance of 15.94' feet to a POINT on the east side of said Road approximately 15.0' feet from center common corner to Legacy Holdings LLC D.B. 229 Pg.545. Thence leaving said United States of America and with said east side of Parks Cemetery Road for (eight course and distances) and with Legacy Holdings LLC (for fifteen courses and distances) South 08 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 18 SECONDS West a distance of 263.54' feet to a POINT. Thence South 03 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 42 SECONDS West a distance of 214.70' feet to a POINT. Thence South 30 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 12 SECONDS East a distance of 206.81' feet to a POINT. Thence South 61 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 43 SECONDS East a distance of 174.62' feet to a POINT. Thence South 64 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 07 SECONDS East a distance of 137.61' feet to a POINT. Thence South 38 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 57 SECONDS East a distance of 63.06' feet to a POINT. Thence South 16 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 23 SECONDS East a distance of 89.33' feet to a POINT. Thence South 05 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 19 SECONDS East a distance of 189.95' feet to a rebar set at top of hill or ridge in old fence. Thence crossing said parks Cemetery road South 57 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 06 SECONDS West a distance of 196.21' feet to a rebar set next to an 18" Black Oak in fence. Thence South 21 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 39 SECONDS West a distance of 57.75' feet to a steel post found in fence. Thence South 10 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 24 SECONDS West a distance of 113.64' feet to a rebar set in corner of fence. Thence South 20 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 24 SECONDS East a distance of 90.23' feet to a 14" White Oak at corner of fence. Thence South 29 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 56 SECONDS West a distance of 269.62' feet to a rebar set next to a quad Maple in fence. Thence South 42 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 14 SECONDS West a distance of 506.56' feet to a rebar set next to a stone and 14" White Oak found in fence. Thence South 50 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 45 SECONDS West a distance of 87.02' feet to the point of beginning.

Together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record. Said property contains 32.12 acres more or less. Daniel Stacy Johnson Professional Land Surveyor #3591 performed survey on April 7, 2023 thru May 11, 2023. Bearings are based on KY State Plane Single Zone Grid North, utilizing Geoid model G09US.

Commonly known as: 0 Robinson Cemetery Road, Livingston, Kentucky 40445
Parcel ID No. 098-00-004.01
Map No. 040-00-056

The above described real property has no deed source of record.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12.0%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner

“Truck”

(Continued from front) fully costumed mascots and food-related characters, arts and crafts vendors and of course -- 35 food trucks offering everything from hard-to-find exotic foods to burgers and fries.

This year's event brought more visitors, more special guests, more entertainment and more food trucks than any previous event and organizers say it will continue to grow. "We have grown every year and we will grow next year and the year after that," said Blankenship who lobbied to host the statewide event in Mount Vernon, bringing noticeable tourist dollars to Rockcastle County, according to several officials.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. agreed. "The Food Truck Championship was definitely a huge hit," he said. "There

is a strong interest in this event both locally and from surrounding areas. I look forward to what the 2024 event will

bring."

Admission to the event was free but parking cost \$5 per vehicle. Campers and overnight tourists

came from across the state and many from out of state to visit the local event and sample foods of all types as prepared by

specialty food trucks. Guests had a large selection of foods to choose from with over 30 different types of cuisine available while children experienced the many play areas set up by organizers as well as live music enjoyed by all as the event progressed.

Among those buying food from the trucks, were judges who would later choose winners in several areas including the grand prize winner of \$5,000.

This year's grand champion was 305 *Cubano* who received the \$5,000 check Saturday night at the awards ceremony.

The People's Choice Award was presented to *Hillbilly Q*.

Other winners were Best Dessert, *Spotz Gelato*; Most Unique, *Cupzilla*; Best Hamburger, *Bell on Wheels*; Best BBQ, *2nd Hand Smoke BBQ*; Best International, *Vansauwa's*;

Best American, *Bert's Speakcheezy*; Best Food Truck Theme, *Boston's Way*.

Organizers say the event was one of the biggest events of the year and plans for the 2024 event are already underway and officials say this year's event could not have gone better.

"My entire team and board and volunteers were pure rock stars all day," Blankenship said. "Multiple craft vendors and food truck vendors said it is their biggest selling day for any event."

Blankenship says the Tourist Commission collects the restaurant tax and transient tax on meals and lodging and in turn uses those funds to have more events and promote the entire county. Blankenship also pointed out that her team purchases locally as much as possible for this and all events sponsored by the tourist commission to keep local dollars close..

State Championship



It took several local officials to put together the Kentucky State Food Truck Championship event last weekend, which officials say brought over 7,000 visitors to the county and immeasurable impact on the local economy. Shown above from left are Rockcastle Tourism Board members Glenda Smith, Kentucky Tastebuds Tam and Leigh, Chef Robby Robbins, Chef James Duran, Chef Kathy Haynes, Board Chairman Neil Sluder, Grand Champion winners 305 *Cubano*'s Blaine Sanborn and family, Executive Director Jessica Blankenship and Administrative Assistant Leslie Cromer.

“Lockout”

(Continued from front) upon discovery that the inmate had been recaptured. It is not yet clear if Mahaffey will suffer more jail time due to the run from the R-Tech vehicle.

“RCIDA”

(Continued from front) those who need to know, are aware of what we have to offer."

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 4 in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

“Bus”

(Continued from front)

edge medical equipment, the Mobile Health Clinic offers a wide range of health screenings and exams, such as stroke screenings, diabetes and pre-diabetes screenings, well and sick visits, vaccinations, and more. Additionally, the clinic provides education on healthy lifestyles, disease prevention, and proper management of chronic conditions.

Empowering the Community

Rockcastle Regional's Mobile Health Clinic is more than just a medical facility on wheels, it is a symbol of empowerment for underserved communities. By making healthcare more accessible, the initiative empowers individuals to take control of their health and well-being. Regular screenings and

early interventions can help prevent health issues from escalating into more severe conditions, thereby reducing the burden on both patients and the healthcare system.

The Mobile Health Clinics first stop was this past weekend at Woodstock Community Center's Farmers' Market where plastic surgeon Dr. David Brabon conducted free skin cancer screenings.

"We were excited to get the opportunity to be the first stop of the Mobile Health Clinic," said Steve Burton, Woodstock Community Center's director. "Having the ability to offer free health screenings and other vital healthcare services is of tremendous benefit to the community members here in Woodstock. Travel to receive healthcare is a real barrier for some here and this new clinic helps to remove that obstacle and allows our members to receive care they might not have sought otherwise."

The next stop for the bus was this weekend's Food Truck Festival where Rockcastle Regional nurses will be conducting free stroke screenings.

"This Mobile Health Clinic is our chance to make a real impact in reducing travel barriers to receiving care," said Estes. "Our goal is to have this clinic on the road and in our local communities as much as possible."

To schedule the Mobile Health Clinic to visit your community, please contact Jana Bray at (606) 256-7880 or j.bray@rhrcc.org.

DAR promotes Constitution Week: September 17-23

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution urges Americans to reflect on the United States Constitution

during this month's annual observance in honor this foundational document of national governance.

"There are two

DAR presents flag certificates

Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR presented flag certificates to Brodhead and Mt. Vernon Elementary Schools for properly displaying the U.S. Flag. If you know of an individual, business or organization that properly displays the U.S. Flag, please contact the Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com

Presenting certificates was chapter member Debbie Brown



Brodhead Principal Nick Williams (right) and Asst. Principal Robbie Phillips (left) take care of flag duties at BES.



Principal Anthony Coffey accepted award on behalf of Brandon Reynolds and Jeanie Kendrick, custodians of MVES.

documents of paramount importance to American history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that functions to this day," said DAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright. "While Independence Day is a well-recognized and beloved national holiday, fewer people know about Constitution Week, an annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and protects the freedoms central to our American way of life."

The DAR initiated the observance in 1955, when the service organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on August 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915. The celebration's goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to remind the public that the Constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution.

DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion, and celebration of Constitution Week. The annual observance provides innumerable

opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to the National Society. By fostering knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation's foundational liberties.

"In communities across America, Daughters will erect hundreds of community displays, sponsor municipal proclamations, ring bells and stage programs to raise awareness of the Constitution's tenets and importance. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating this powerful document, which has enabled our democracy within a republic for more than two centuries. We hope that all Americans will learn more about the Constitution and its immense impact on our nation," Wright said.

One of the largest patriotic women's organizations in the world, DAR has more than 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org.

Superintendent Ballinger named to state council

Governor Andy Beshear made over 70 appointments to boards and other positions across the state recently and one of those involved a well known Rockcastle County resident.

Dr. Carrie Ballinger was appointed as a member of the State Advisory

Council for Gifted and Talented Education.

Ballinger is the Superintendent of the Rockcastle County School District and replaces John Maxey who had recently resigned. Ballinger shall serve the remainder of Maxey's term until June 30, 2024

Suicide Warning Signs for Youth

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

1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
3. Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
4. Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:
 - Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations.
 - Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
 - Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context.
 - Recent increased agitation or irritability.

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

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



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Mount Vernon High School Reunion

By: Mike French
Editor

Memories were the center of attention Saturday, September 9 at the

Mount Vernon High School Reunion for 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1967 and 1968.

The event was held in

the RCMS Cafeteria with Danny Ford presiding over the event. After a moment of silence for troops and veterans, those

present were treated to a meal with high school cheerleaders serving the plates while honorees discussed changes over

time including the price of gas in 1948, which was 16 cents per gallon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Cromer and the Invocation was given by Keith Smith. Betty Cameron Frederick introduced the class members for 1948 and 1953 while Joan Maggard Spurlock welcomed the class of 1958 and Roy Martin welcomed those of 1963. Mae Renner introduced the class of 1968 and Danny Ford recognized the classes by decade. Carlos Pybas presented the Hall of Fame members who are Alfred Cummins, Sammy L. Ford, Jack Andrew Hiatt, Amanda Maggard, Pansey McKay, Barbara Lair and Shirley

Hammonds Smith. Danny Ford and the alumni committee presented the door prizes.

Officials offered a special thanks to RCMS, Roberta Richards, RCHS Cheerleaders, La Donna's Catering, PBK Bank, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Bentley Cromer, David Lunsford and Paul Cash.

Business sponsors included Ace Hardware, Brodhead Pharmacy, Collins Respiratory, Community Trust, Dowell and Martin, Ford Brothers, Howard Saylor, IGA, PBK Bank, Sparks Flowers, Town and Country and Weichert Realtors.

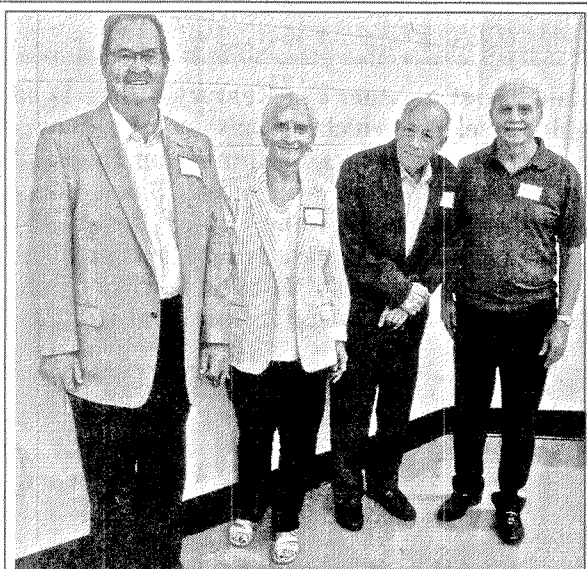
The event was held this year in memory of Mary and Cleston Saylor.



Betty Cameron Frederick and Joyce Sowder Allen from the Class of 1972.



Gladys Sandusky Hackney, Rosalie Gay Jasper, Joan Maggard Spurlock and Carol Owens Barnett of the Class of 1958.



Roy Martin, Shirley Sowder Cox, Jarry Skidmore and Bobby Kendrick from the Class of 1963.

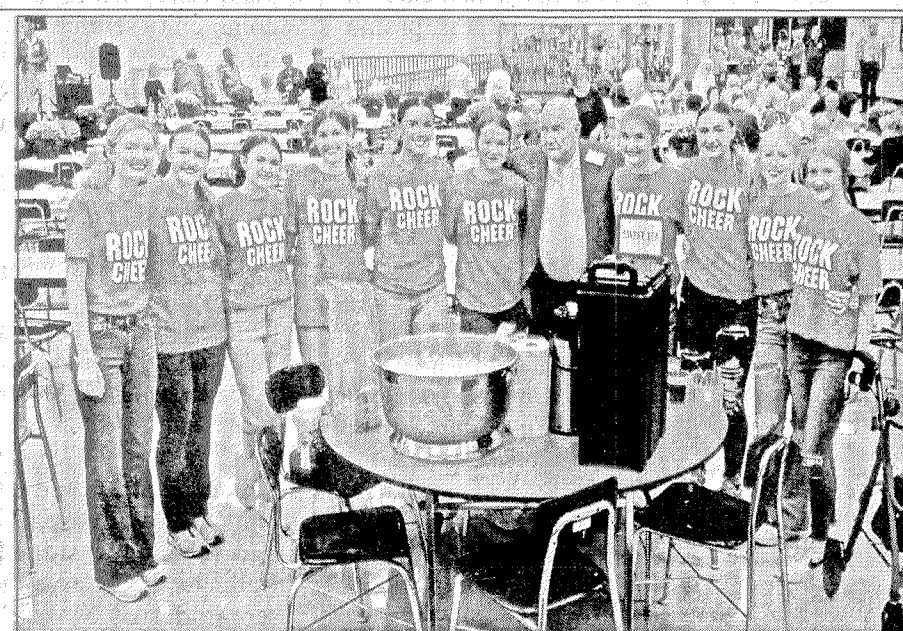
Mount Vernon High School Classes of 1948, 1958, 1963, 1967, 1968 and 1972



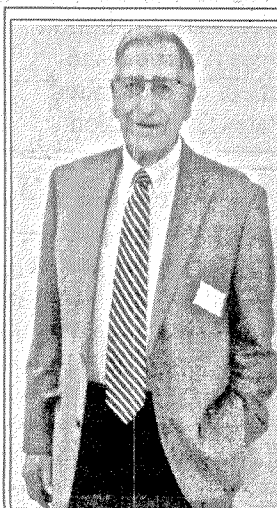
Sarah Clark Miracle, Lavern Chasteen Winstead, Joyce French Jewell, Glen VanWinkle, Brenda Jones Hayes, Lavada Smith Sowder and Linda Hale McClure from the Class of 1967.



Lucy Marie York Payne, Marsha Whittaker VanWinkle, Wayne Cameron, Barbara Rader Howard, Mae Mink Renner, Barry Renner, Genieve McClure Reppert and Geneva Howard from the Class of 1968.



Shown above are the RCHS Cheerleaders who helped serve the alumni during the reunion event.



Jack Andrew Hiatt from the class of 1948.

VanMeter announces new chapter

Chief Justice of the Commonwealth, Laurance B. VanMeter, has officially announced that he will not seek re-election as a Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court in 2024. Chief Justice VanMeter's career in the judiciary spans nearly 30 years, during which he has served at all four levels of Kentucky's judiciary as a Fayette District Judge, Fayette Circuit Judge, Court of Appeals Judge and Supreme Court Justice. Upon his 2016 election to the Supreme Court, he became just the third individual to have held office at all four levels and is the only one of those to have served as Chief Justice.

Chief Justice VanMeter said, "The greatest privileges of my professional life have been to serve the people of Central Kentucky as their Justice on the Court for the past seven years, and to have been elected by my colleagues as Chief Justice. However, the time is right for me to begin a new chapter and turn the reins over to someone else. I am announcing my decision now so that any qualified judges and lawyers can make the decision as to whether this office and consequent election campaign are appropriate for them."

Chief Justice VanMeter serves as the Justice from the 5th Appellate Court District, comprised of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jessamine, Madison, Scott and Woodford Counties.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 22-CI-00143

Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC Plaintiff

Stephen Powell, Victoria Dawn Powell Defendant
fka Victoria Dawn Smith

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**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
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on Thursday, September 14, 2023
Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.**

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract of land located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, which is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on an 18" x 1/2" rebar with a yellow plastic survey cap denoted "B.J. Price L.S. 2449," said iron pin being set within the existing West right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 25, a corner with aforesaid grantee herein, Peggy Mills' right-of-way; thence leaving said U.S. 25 R/W and running the next two (2) lines with last Mills' drive (1) N 75 degrees 25' 41" W 165.68' to an I.P.; (2) N 50 degrees 26' 22" W 11.26' to an I.P., a corner of aforesaid Mills' present five acre tract; thence continuing the next two lines with said Mills Tract (1) N 67 degrees 34' 36" W 33.96' to an I.P.; (2) N 18 degrees 10' 50" E 90.76' to an I.P., a corner with Rickie J. Partin, D.B. 147, Pg. 269; thence leaving said Mills and with said Partin N 84 degrees 38' 14" E 34.82' to an I.P.; thence continuing with said Partin S 78 degrees 17' 23" E 186.80' to an I.P. set with aforesaid existing west R/W of U.S. Hwy. No. 25; thence leaving said Partin and with last said Hwy. 25 R/W S 21 degrees 51' 26" W 122.16' to the point of beginning, containing 0.558 acres, as surveyed by Bradley L. Price, L.S. No. 2449, Kentucky.

Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions, and legal highways of record and/or in existence.

Property address: 109 Old Sigmom Loop Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Being the same property conveyed from Kimberly E. Gibson and Travis Gibson, wife and husband, to Stephen Powell by virtue of a deed dated November 6, 2019 and recorded November 13, 2019, at Deed Book 271, Page 111 of the Rockcastle County real estate records.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (4%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Rockcastle Historical Haven

By: Markita Proctor

"Hey Baby, I'm the telephone man!

Tell me where you want and I'll put it where I can

I can put it in the bedroom

I can put it in the hall

I can put it in the bathroom

I can hang it on the wall"

Meri Wilson released the single in 1977 proclaiming the wonders of the telephone man and all the places a person could get their telephone installed in their home.

Many of the "kids" of today would wonder at the silly little song and others would wonder why anyone would need a phone installed in any room of their house since everyone has a phone in their pocket anyway!

Well, as many of us "old timers" know, telephones have come a long way since the first phones of Alexander Graham Bell and his first telephone call!

Mr. Bell made that first ever telephone call on March 7, 1876, to his assistant Thomas Watson. But it was quite a few years after that first call before citizens of Rockcastle County were able to make their own calls. In fact, it took nearly twenty years before our little county was able to make a call. The May 20, 1898 publication of the Mt. Vernon Signal re-

ported that "the telephone lines would reach Brodhead that week. It would not reach Mt. Vernon until about the 27th".

The Signal goes on to commend the sharp business sense of Mr. A. H. Bastin of Crab Orchard for his shrewdness. They say, "A. H. Bastin, one of Crab Orchard's energetic business men is a hustler from way back. He is running the biggest store in the place, a livery stable, a hotel, a coal yard, hay and grain business; owns a telephone line to Stanford, which is being extended to Brodhead, Mt. Vernon, Bee Lick, and other points. Mr. B gives employment to a good number of people. He is one of the cleverest and most accommodating men you can meet in a month's travel and we are glad to see such a man make a success in his business un-

dertakings."

Interestingly, not everyone was excited about the arrival of the telephone and Mr. A.H. Bastin's good business dealings. Later that year, in the July 1, edition of the paper this announcement was made: "Reward--The Crab Orchard, Stanford, and Mt. Vernon Telephone Company will pay a \$25.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person who cuts the wires or otherwise destroys the property of said company."

Even in the face of adversity progress continued. In that same issue reports were made of the opening of a Telephone office at the Grove, Connecting with Brodhead, Stanford, Etc.; telephone poles were planned to be set by the end of the week and a request for bids for furnishing 300 telephone poles between Mt. Vernon and Livingston. The November 28, edition reported that Livingston would have connection with Central Kentucky that night and Pine Hill by the following day or the following Monday! Progress was on its way to Rockcastle County and soon the good citizens would be able to call friends and neighbors and let them know about it.

Basically, the way it worked, telephone lines were run into towns and installed at prominent businesses where patrons could make a call from that location. According to the website, "Connecticuthistory.org and the article "First Commercial Telephone Exchange-Today in History January 28" Typically, a private business (like Mr. A. H. Bastin), leased telephones to connect lines between different locations, such as a private residence or a business. That private business would also pay to run the wires between the different locations. Then a switchboard would be installed that allowed a central office to connect to multiple locations or subscribers. Then those subscribers could connect to other subscribers. A subscriber might be a wealthy individual who had the telephone installed in their home or more likely a business that allowed patrons to use their telephone. In the September 9, 1898 edition of the Mt. Vernon Signal: Telephone Rates--From Mt. Vernon to Brodhead, 10 cents; to Crab Orchard, 20 cents; to Rowland and Stanford 25 cents.

The history of telephone exchanges is explained in an article titled, "Operator, Ring Me Up" by Dave Tabler on the website, AppalachianHistory.net. Operators were hired to operate the switchboards. Almost all telephone operators were women. As stated on the website, "to be an operator, a woman had to be unmarried, between the ages of seventeen and twenty-six. She had to look prim and proper, and have arms long enough to reach the top of the tall telephone switchboard." Operators became quite important to the towns where they worked. Tabler explains that operators were expected to report election results, storms, train arrivals, and any other urgent news. To make a call using an operator the caller would pick up the telephone receiver and a light would light up on the switchboard. The operator would say something like "operator: How can I help you" and the caller would give the person they wished to be connected to. These operators were known as "Hello Girls" during the

First World War. As stated on History.com "The Signal Corps Female Telephone Operators Unit" was to "facilitate communications between America, British and French troops on the Western Front, serving not only as operators, but often as translators." Telephone operators provided an important service to every community.

As technology advanced so did the telephone service. By the 1920s citizens of Rockcastle County and local businesses could dial a number straight through to the party they wanted. But area codes didn't exist just yet. If you wanted to call Deboard's Meat Market you just dialed 113 or the Rockcastle Garage, phone 37. The Kentucky area code map was established in 1947 and 502 covered the entire state. The 606 area code was established in 1955. According to an article published by Reader's Digest, "area codes helped automate telephone calls to anywhere in the United States without the use of a human operator to connect you." From operators to party lines where one line served multiple homes or parties. Each home would sometimes have a unique ring, letting them know if the call was for them or someone else on the line. The line could be used by one patron/party at a time. I imagine there were often angry neighbors if someone got too chatty and tied up the line.

Telephones eventually became an essential need in every home. Furniture was even styled to accommodate the telephone with telephone tables and chairs fashioned for callers to sit comfortably and make their calls. These pieces were often called gossip benches. By the 1950s the telephone was nearly as important as running water, gas, or electricity in the home. But, if you didn't have a home phone it was a common site to see a pay phone or telephone booth on any city corner for those who needed to make a call when they were away from home. One could make a call for a dime and eventually a quarter and the last I recall, 35 cents.

I am just as guilty as any other in my addiction to my iPhone. It is rarely far from an arm's length away. More often than not, tucked safely inside my back pocket. But I must admit, there is nothing quite like the anticipation of waiting to get that expected call, picking up the receiver with no real way of knowing who might be calling. Maybe I am just giving in to nostalgia, but I sometimes long for the old days of dialing the memorized number of my best friends. I fondly stretching the cord as far as it could reach, absently twisting the cord as we talked for hours. I also remember the satisfaction of slamming down the receiver when angry at someone. I often indulged in the exaltation of multiple slams of the receiver against the dialer when forcefully hanging up on someone!

Kids today will never understand the need, the convenience, or the freedom of being a teenager and having a phone in your bedroom. They will never know why Tommy Tutone memorized Jenny's number or why her number was on the wall, to begin with. They will never know the fun of prank-calling someone and asking if their refrigerator is running...

Now, almost everyone has a personal private phone that can send text,

images, and even video calls with little effort. We know who is calling and from where as names and numbers flash across our tiny screens. We can click ignore if we don't want to talk. No need to take the phone off the hook. Now, Rockcastle County hosts

wireless towers along with telephone wires, but there was a time when the little towns of Rockcastle were excited to hear the first rings of the telephone.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 22-CI-00050

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage-Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 205-QS9 **Plaintiff**

V.

Sonya Robinson, Clayton Robinson, Capital One Bank (USA), NA, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Revenue, Division of Collections, United States of America, Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on August 11, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY NINE DOLLARS AND 13/100 (\$163,429.13) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Madison County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, September 14, 2023
Beginning at the Hour of 10:30 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Situated in the County of Rockcastle, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and being a part of the property as conveyed to Chris Bishop and Sabrina Bishop by Deed Book 174, Page 631 as recorded in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a 30" locust tree marking a southeasterly corner of the property as conveyed to John Shepherd and Natasha Shepherd by Deed Book 195, Page 449 and a Northeasterly corner of the property as conveyed to John R. Barnett and Edith Barnett by Deed Book 177, Page 679 and being in the westerly line of said Bishop property, and being the point of beginning of the tract herein to be described; Thence with the easterly line of said Shepherd property, N 38 degrees 16'27" E, a distance of 247.47 feet to the centerline of East Fork Skeggs Creek, and being in the southerly boundary of the property as conveyed to Barbara Reppart et al., by Deed Book 174, Page 631, passing iron pins set at 5.00 feet and 232.47 feet; Thence with the meanders of East Fork Skeggs Creek and said "Reppart" property, the following eleven (11) calls; S 77 degrees 45'56" E, a distance of 65.32 feet; S 66 degrees 52'29" E, a distance of 60.10 feet; S 53 degrees 43'02" E, a distance of 32.97 feet; S 31 degrees 45'44" E, a distance of 33.22 feet; S 47 degrees 02'54" E, a distance of 46.43 feet; S 46 degrees 43'52" E, a distance of 86.28 feet; S 45 degrees 39'19" E, a distance of 75.45 feet; S 44 degrees 52'38" E, a distance of 59.17 feet; S 48 degrees 57'58" E, a distance of 56.68 feet; S 54 degrees 08'44" E, a distance of 51.95 feet; S 60 degrees 16'38" E, a distance of 70.00 feet to the centerline of a drive, and being referenced by an iron pin set in the centerline of East Fork Road which bears N 14 degrees 48'54" E, a distance of 24.31 feet; Thence crossing through said Bishop property with the centerline of drive the following seven (7) calls: S 14 degrees 48'54" W, a distance of 55.29 feet to an iron pin set; S 05 degrees 24'08" E, a distance of 181.66 feet to an iron pin set; S 23 degrees 00'05" E, a distance of 85.15 feet to an iron pin set; S 18 degrees 44'57" W, a distance of 38.84 feet to an iron pin set; S 51 degrees 50'15" W, a distance of 121.93 feet to an iron pin set; S 61 degrees 30'15" W, a distance of 98.46 feet to an iron pin set; S 77 degrees 42'45" W, a distance of 69.73 feet to an iron pin set; Thence leaving the drive and continuing through said Bishop property the following four (4) calls: N 66 degrees 55'39" W, a distance of 314.89 feet to an iron pin set; N 63 degrees 50'41" W, a distance of 53.34 feet to an iron pin set; N 56 degrees 27'49" W, a distance of 222.19 feet to an iron pin set; N 67 degrees 51'49" W, a distance of 190.32 feet to an iron pin set in the easterly line of said Barnett property; Thence with the easterly line of said Barnett the following two (2) calls: N 43 degrees 41'12" E, a distance of 191.15 feet to a 20" Hickory tree; N 36 degrees 56'40" E, a distance of 232.81 feet to the point of beginning, passing an iron pin set at 5.00 feet and containing 10.807 acres by survey.

Subject to all legal highways and right-of-ways whether of record or not. All iron pins set are 1/2" by 18" rebar with orange plastic caps labeled "HUPP #3623". All measurements are based upon actual field survey by Convent Surveying, LLC on the 14th day of March in the year of our Lord 2005. All bearings are based on the easterly line of the property as conveyed to John Shepherd and Natasha Shepherd by Deed Book 195, Page 449 and being based on a magnetic reading having been taken in the field. No adjustments have been made for declination.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

Being the same property conveyed to Clayton Robinson and Sonya Robinson, husband and wife who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of deed from Chris Bishop and Sabrina Bishop, husband and wife, dated March 29, 2005, recorded April 1, 2005, at Deed Book 2004, Page 259, as corrected on July 6, 2005, at Deed Book 205, Page 626, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records.

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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

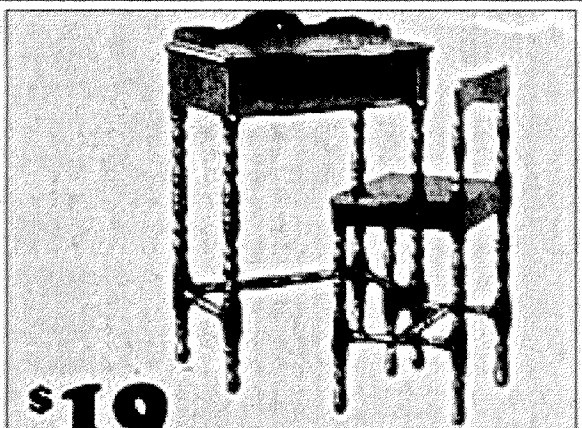


Frank Dees Telephone Exchange. Pictured are Frank Dees and unidentified telephone operators.

Telephone switchboard in use in Eastern Kentucky near Mount Vernon. Installed in 1885 and was in use until 1959. Published on the Appalachian History.net website.



Gossip bench.



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Telephone Table and Chair

Distinctive in design, sturdy construction. Mahogany and gum wood. Lacquer finish.

SPORTS

RCHS golf team wins conference championship



Rockets Golf Team win Conference Championship
Pictured from left are: Zeke Fain, Luke Ellis, Lincoln Rader, Skyler Durham, Jace Rogers, Dalton Deborde, Cooper Ford, Coach Zach Gentry, Coach John Ford, Conner Ford, Jake Cromer, and Brody Hodges.

The Rockcastle Boys Golf Team won the Central Kentucky Conference Championship in thrilling fashion on Saturday, September 9th at Woodford Club in Versailles.

The Rockets won after tying for low team score for the tournament and then defeating Scott County in a sudden death playoff.

The golf team also won the regular season conference championship by going undefeated in match contests during the season.

Eighth grade Conner Ford won the individual tournament by tying with a three under par score of 68. Conner went on to win in a playoff by making birdie on the first playoff hole. Conner was also All-Conference First Team.

Senior Jake Cromer was named Central Kentucky Conference Player of the Year for his outstanding play during the regular season, and All-Conference First Team.

Sophomore Brody Hodges received All-Conference Second Team honors.

The Rockets compete in the KHSAA Regional Tournament at Wasioto Winds on September 19th.

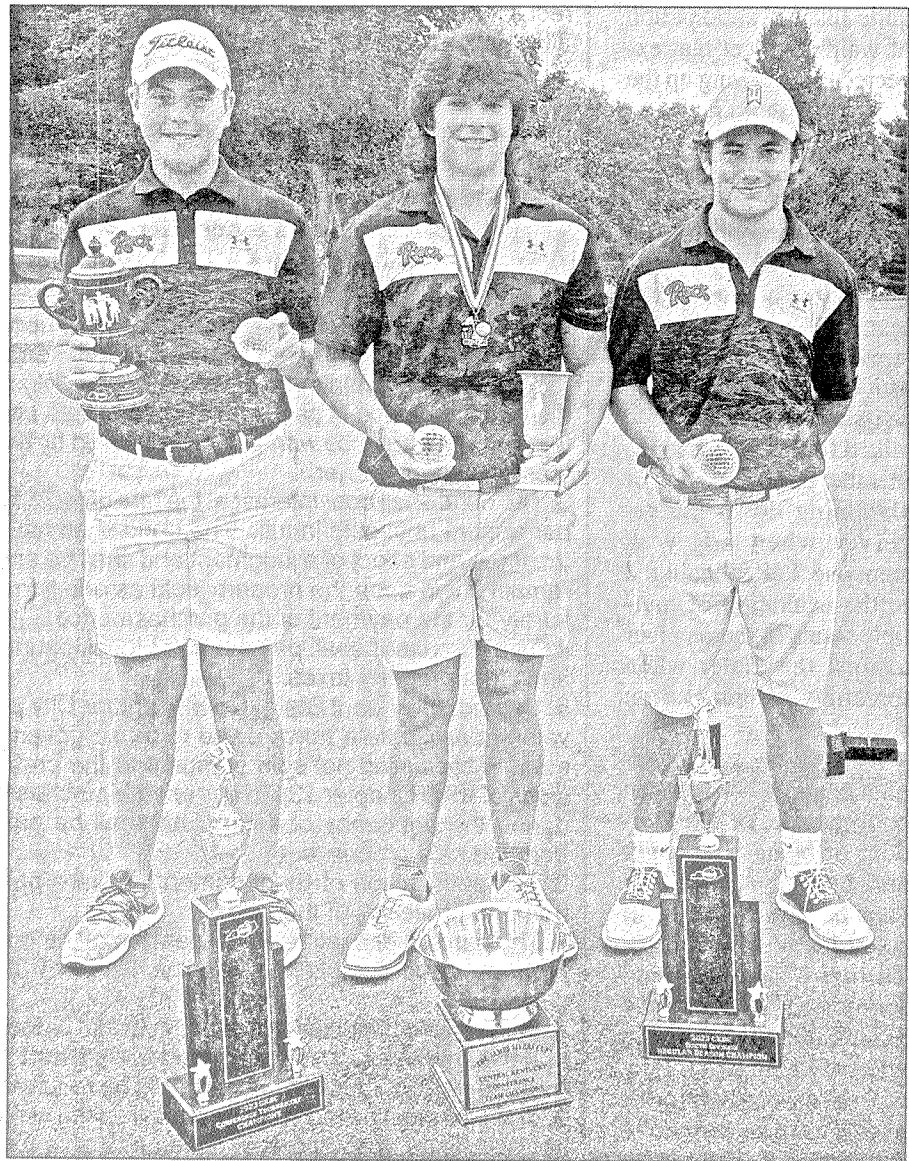


RCMS Golf Team wins Regional Championship

The RCMS golf team won their regional championship this past weekend. This has earned a berth into the state tournament in Frankfort where the top 10 teams in the state will square off. Members of the team are shown at left, from left: Conner Ford, Cooper Ford, Ella Ford, Carson Neeley, Parker Cash, Gavin Isaacs and Trapper Bray. Shown in back is coach John Ford.



Rockets team of five that won the Conference Championship are pictured from left: Zeke Fain, Dalton Deborde, Conner Ford, Jake Cromer, and Brody Hodges.



Pictured from left: Conference Tournament winner and All-Conference First Team Conner Ford; Conference Player of the Year and All-Conference First Team Jake Cromer; and All Conference Second Team Brody Hodges.

Rocket football hands Grant County 63-27 loss

A packed crowd saw an exciting and high scoring high school football game as the Rockcastle County Rockets used a 28-point run late to route Grant County 63-27 to win the Momentum Courier Bowl on Friday night.

Rockcastle remained unbeaten at 4-0 thanks in large part to the tone that senior Caleb Moore set with a pair of touchdowns in the first 7:35 of the game.

Moore, who would later be honored as the team's offensive MVP, took a pass from quarterback Tucker Warren, and raced his way into the endzone from 18-yards out for the game's first score at the 9:10 mark of the first quarter.

On Grant County's first possession, Moore read the quarterback's eyes and stepped in front of the pass and scored easily on a 40-yard interception return less than two minutes later.

"Caleb has been playing very well and having him going from quarterback to wide receiver has made our team 100 percent better," said Rockcastle head coach Chris Larkey of Moore.

"The transition from quarterback to wide receiver was easy because he understands what a quarterback sees. He definitely put on a good show Friday. I think he had three touchdown receptions and an interception for a touchdown. We have a good wide receiver corp that works good together, and they open up routes for each other."

Grant County (2-2) fought back with a pair of scores of its own, but a failed two-point conversion attempt left Rockcastle with a 14-13 lead with 0:59.5 left in the game's opening stanza.

The quick-strike offensive attack from the Rockets responded with another Warren to Moore touchdown just 0:15 later when the pair connected on a 50-yard pitch and catch to kill the momentum the Braves had gathered.

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It takes two to bring down Carter Powell during the Rockets' 63-27 win over Grant County Friday night. Powell had five carries for 74 yards. The win brings the Rockets record to 4-0.

“Rockets”

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nered. The Rockets, who own the state’s highest scoring offense at 57.3 points per game ahead of Class 1A’s Eminence with 48.5 ppg and Class 4A’s Boyle County with 48.2 ppg, used a pair of touchdown passes from Warren to Christian Larkey then Moore that were just 1:23 apart in the second quarter to extend the lead out to 35-13 with 7:16 before halftime.

Grant County closed out the first half and opened the third quarter with a pair of touchdowns to cut the Rockcastle lead down to 35-27, but it would be all Rockets from there on out beginning with a Christian Larkey touchdown run from 2-yards out followed by a 19-yard receiving touchdown from Warren.

The Warren-to-Larkey touchdown was the fifth of the night for Warren, who would go on broke a long-standing, single-game passing touchdown record in RCHS history with his sixth of the night when he connected with Isaiah Jackson with 7:15 left in the game.

Senior running back Anthony Goodin added a short touchdown run about a minute prior to Jackson’s 25-yard touchdown reception.

“Tucker went 13-for-19 and did such a great job of finding the open wide receiver,” Coach Larkey said about his senior signal caller who currently ranks third in Class 3A in passing with 203 yards per game. “The reason why, he studies a lot of film. When he goes to the line, he must check into a different play to put our guys in a great spot. He is also a very danger-

ous runner. I think he set the school record this week with six touchdown passes in a game, breaking Aaron Anderkin’s record back in 2001. He has changed our whole offense. We have great speed at wide receiver and can finally use it, but people don’t understand that we have run the ball more this year so far than we have thrown it. Carter Powell, Anthony Goodin, Tucker Warren and Christian Larkey have ran the ball well. It opens up the pass.”

Speaking of running the ball, Rockcastle gained 263 yards on the ground on 32 carriers while adding another 242 yards through the air including the previously mentioned 13-for-19 performance from Warren for 228 yards.

Moore would end the night with five catches for 136 yards and three touchdowns and completed his only pass attempt for 14 yards.

Christian Larkey collected 134 yards of offense and three touchdowns on seven carries for 62 yards and another 72 yards on five receptions.

Jackson tacked on four receptions for 34 yards and a touchdown.

Carter Powell led the way on the ground attack with five carries for 74 yards while Goodin pounded out 60 yards on eight carries along with one touchdown.

Warren’s eight carries for 58 yards, Aaron Mullins’ nine yards on three carries and Jackson’s one rushing attempt for no gain rounded out the rushing attack from the Rockets.

When the Kentucky High School Athletic Association’s statistics updated on Monday, Moore and Christian Larkey were slotted in as

Class 3A’s sixth and seventh ranked receivers with 85.3 yards and 84.3 yards, respectively.

Christian Larkey would garner the team’s defensive MVP award following the game with four tackles, a tackle for loss, a quarterback sack and being a pesky defender when Grant County’s receivers were running their routes.

“Christian is the type of kid who knows what the other team is going to run from studying film,” added Coach Larkey. “He gets moved from linebacker to defensive back and vice versa depending on what the other team is in and plays so hard. He wants to win more than any kid I’ve been around. He knows that a lot of times, a defense will focus on him, and he understands that will open up his teammates to make plays.”

And that is exactly what his teammates did, especially freshmen Hunter Pingleton and Cameron Smith.

Pingleton, who leads the team in solo tackles (15), assisted tackles (six) and total tackles (21) while tying for the team lead in tackles for loss (five) with Mullins, was tops on Friday night with 10 tackles (seen solo and three assisted) with two tackles for loss and a sack.

Smith along with Powell and Christian Larkey gained four tackles for the game each.

“Those two kids are getting better each week,” Coach Larkey said of Pingleton and Smith. “It’s a huge learning experience when you go from middle school to high school. The speed and physicalness are so different.”

The interception return for touchdown by Moore in the first quarter is the third of the season in as many games played for the Rockets, who now have six interceptions after Jackson added one himself against Grant County.

“Coach Josh Martin and the other coaches that help on defense put in so much time that it’s impossible for people to understand,” boasted Coach Larkey about his staff in helping to prepare the team each week in both practice and the film room. “Our defense has to be the backbone of our team. Defense wins championships. We study a lot of films. Football has to be their life for five months. You make your opportunities and we have been lucky so far to have them happen.”

Goodin, Jackson, Jai Denny, Jacob Leger, Caden Lovell, Jaydon Bowles and Creed Gabbard collected three tackles each with Jackson, Goodin, Denny and Gabbard having a tackle for loss apiece.

Jayce Bowles added two tackles including on for a loss while Moore, Warren, Mullins, Ashtin Hensley, Colin Hamilton, Austin Miles, Josaiyah McClure, Heath Barnes and Dylan Burke with Barnes and Mullins having a tackle for loss each while Hensley forced and recovered a fumble.

Junior kicking sensation Benjamin Brenda jumped into the top spot in Class 3A for extra points kicked after going a perfect 9-for-9 gave him 19 successful conversion kicks on the season.

“He works as hard as any kicker that I have ever coached,” Coach Larkey added about

Brenda and not having to rely on going for a two-point conversion after every touchdown. “I know he makes life a lot easier after we score because going for two sometimes backfires if you don’t get it.”

The large crowd for the Momentum Courier Hunger Bowl also got to see the future of Rockcastle County on display as members of the two middle school teams, the four youth football league teams and the numerous flag football teams were honored between the first and second quarters for their hard work so far in their respective seasons.

“The game had an awesome atmosphere and we had so many people at the game and to make things better it was youth night for our youth football teams,” mentioned Coach Larkey. “It was great to see people sitting on the hillside on both sides like old times and seeing so many people at the game. As for having a high scoring offense, that’s a great stat for fans and kids, not coaches. We just want to go play by play and work to score.”

Next up for the Rockets is an undefeated Paris Greyhounds (4-0) team that has one of the stingiest defenses in all of Kentucky and not just Class 1A. The Greyhounds have given up just 24

points this season for an average of six points per game, which is the fifth best scoring average for a defense regardless of class.

“Paris is the best opponent we have played so far,” Coach Larkey added of this week’s opponent. “They are a total night-

Hospice Care Plus announces new Chief Medical Director

Rondal Goble, MD, is the new chief medical director for Hospice Care Plus, Rockcastle County’s provider of hospice and palliative care.

Dr. Goble replaces Hanan Budeiri, MD, who retired in August after 23 years with the organization.

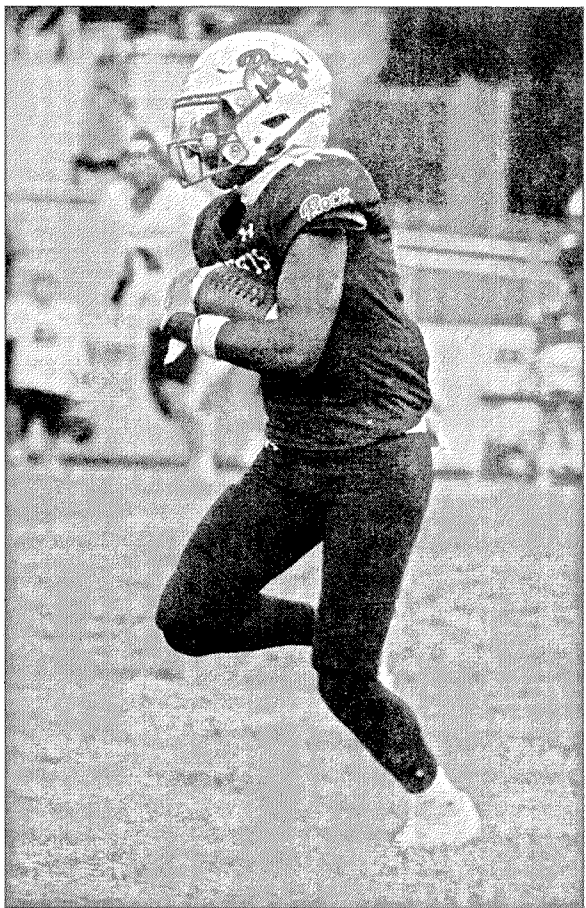
“Dr. Goble’s effortless ease of communication is instantly comforting; he is compassionate and has a delightful personality,” said Dr. Budeiri. “Above all, he is a sincere supporter of our community and a firm believer in honoring patients’ wishes and respecting families. Dr. Goble is a wonderful asset to Hospice Care Plus and our community.”

Dr. Goble brings decades of experience to the chief medical director position. He is board certified in family medicine and has worked in primary care and emergency medicine for most of his career. Dr. Goble is certified in advanced trauma

life support, advanced cardiovascular life support, and pediatric advanced life support. He has been in private practice in Irvine since 2016, practices as a wound care specialist, and has served as a medical director for long-term care facilities in Madison and Estill counties. Dr. Goble is a fellow with the American Academy of Family Practice and a recipient of the American Medical Association’s Physician Recognition Award.

Dr. Goble’s broad experience has prepared him well for his new position with Hospice Care Plus. “Over the years, I have developed a profound understanding of the importance of compassionate care for patients and families,” said Dr. Goble. “Every patient under my care is a person with a unique life story, and I strive to honor their journey.”

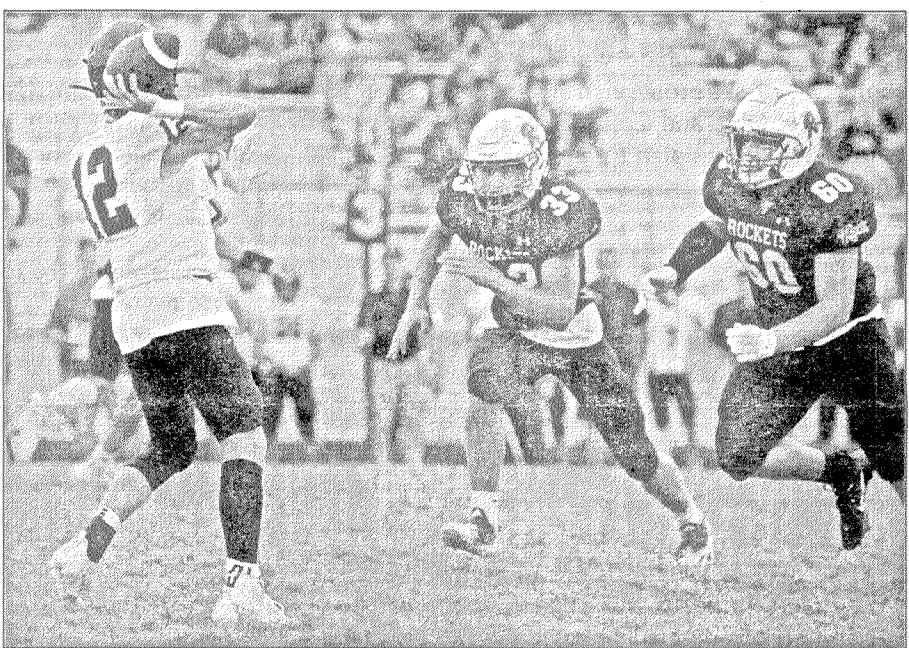
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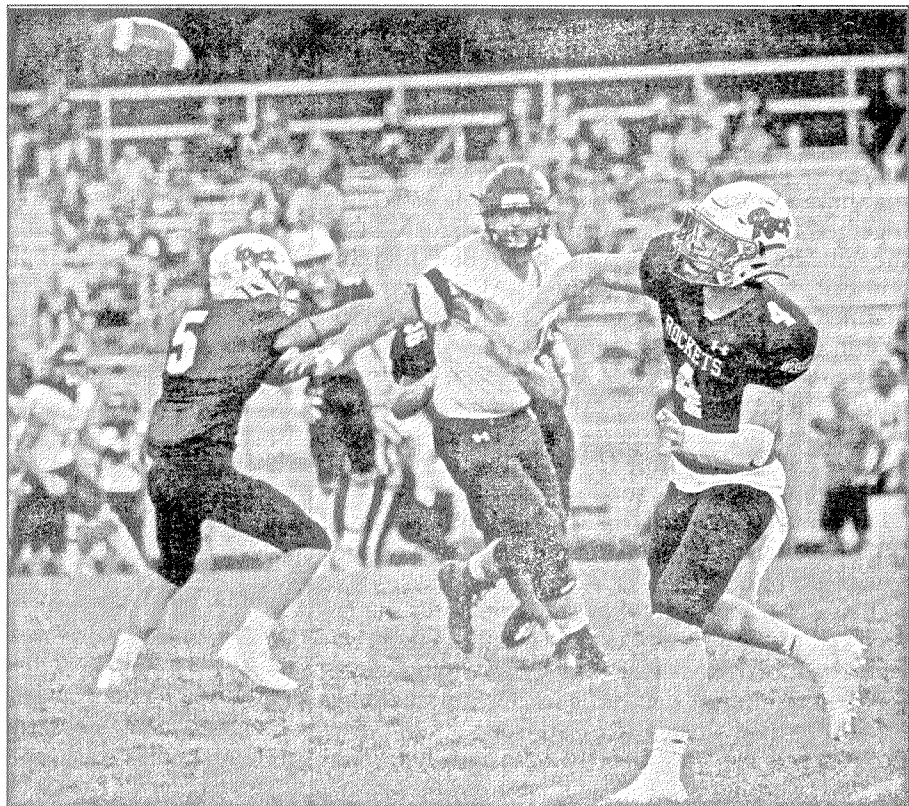
Isaiah Jackson racks up yardage after a pass in the Rockets’ win over Grant County. Jackson had four receptions for 34 yards and a touchdown.



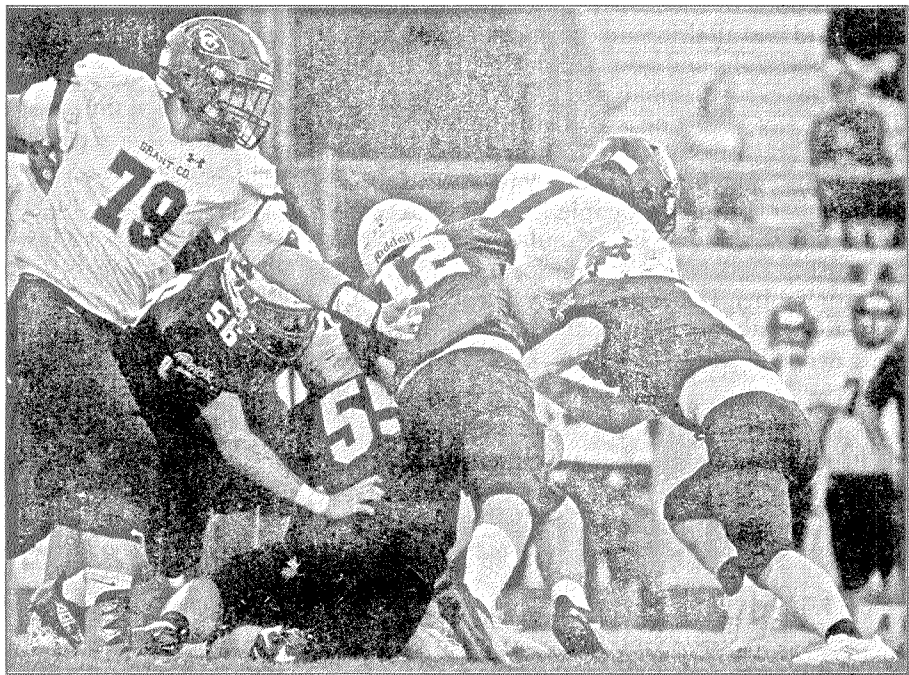
Dalton Flannery returns a Grant County kick in the Rockets’ win Friday night.



Blake Mullins and Jai Denny put pressure on Grant County’s quarterback during the Rockets’ win Friday night.



Quarterback Tucker Warren makes one of his 19 pass attempts during the Rockets’ win over Grant County. Warren completed 13 passes for 228 yards and six touchdowns.



Jacob Leger, Jayce Bowles, Cameron Smith and Hunter Pingleton bring down a Grant County Brave during the Rockets’ 63-27 win Friday night.



Rockcastle County was well represented in the State 4-H Land Judging Contest on August 18. The senior team made up of Paige Cash, Anna Chaliff, Lucas Saylor, and Ethan Gibson placed second on the state. Individual results: Paige Cash- 2nd in the state in land judging and a red ribbon in home-site evaluation. Clay Cash- red ribbon in land judging and blue ribbon in homesite evaluation. Caylee Cash white ribbon on land judging and 4th in homesite evaluation. Anna Chaliff- blue ribbon in land judging and red ribbon in homesite evaluation. Ben Chaliff- blue ribbon in land judging and red ribbon in homesite evaluation. Drew Dyehouse- white ribbon in land judging and 3rd in homesite evaluation. Ethan Gibson- white ribbon in land judging and homesite evaluation. Lucas Hayes- white ribbon in land judging and red ribbon in homesite evaluation. Wyatt Rigsby- blue ribbon in land judging and first place in homesite evaluation. Lucas Saylor- blue ribbon in land judging and red ribbon in homesite evaluation. Shown above Front row l-r Caylee Cash, Lucas Hayes, Paige Cash, Clay Cash, Ben Chaliff Back row l-r Anna Chaliff, Wyatt Rigsby, Ethan Gibson, Lucas Saylor. Not pictured, Drew Dyehouse

Burdette Reunion

The Burdette Family Reunion will be held Saturday, September 16, beginning at 12 noon.

69th Davidson Reunion held

The 69th Davidson Reunion was held Sunday, September 3rd with a large crowd present.

Estimated attendance was between 85 and 90 people. Out-of-state folks came from Florida, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio and Colorado.

Lord willing, we plan to have our 70th Davidson Reunion next year.

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What Is Fellowship and Why Is It Important

Fellowship is defined as having a friendly association with those who have the same interests. We often engage in fellowship without even recognizing that we are doing so. This is true because there are a lot of different types of fellowships. For example, two farmers in a community might run into one another at a local business and stand and talk about farming for a while. Sometimes, two women that are homemakers may bump into each other at a local grocery store and discuss with each other what they have got going on in their lives. Our schools may have a function where a lot of people will come together for an event and parents will have a lot of the same interests and they just start fellowshiping without even thinking about it. Also, there are planned occasions of fellowship, fall festivals come to mind, and holiday gatherings.

The fellowship I want to zero in on is Christian fellowship. Many of the above examples have no or very little perimeters and they sort of just happen. We understand the Bible has called us into fellowship with God and his son Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:9 tells us God is faithful by whom you are called unto the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Being able to be in fellowship with God the father and his son Jesus Christ is the ultimate privilege. The Bible also teaches that when we come into that fellowship, we also come into fellowship with those who have already accepted God's gift of salvation. In Acts 2:41-47, then they that gladly receive his word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about 3,000 souls. V42 And they continued steadfastly and the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and breaking bread, and prayers. V43 And fear came upon every soul; and many signs and wonders done by the apostles. V44 And all that believed and had all things in common; V45 And sold their possessions and goods and parted them unto all men, as every man had need. V46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with singleness of heart. V47 Praising God having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. When we worship God, we come into spiritual fellowship with each other. This is to exalt God and to edify us.

In 1 Corinthians 14:40 Paul says let all things be done decently and in order.

Everyone Welcome

Robby Cable - 606-905-8452

109 Providence Cemetery Rd. • Brodhead

Providence
CHURCH of CHRIST

Come Worship With Us! Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20 Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

Church News

Let the Bible Speak

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

Homecoming at Philadelphia Baptist

Homecoming will be held at Philadelphia Baptist Church on Sunday, September 17th, beginning at 11 a.m.

Guest singers will be The Praise Singers and Phyllis and Dean Blackburn.

Everyone is invited.

Homecoming
New Hope Baptist Church of Orlando homecoming September 24th beginning at 11:00. Special singing and preaching. Dinner at 1:00.

Special Singing

Buffalo Baptist Church will have a Special Singing Sunday evening, September 17th, beginning at 6 o'clock with Wayne and Shirley Whitaker as the featured singers.

Pastor Bro. Bill Mink and congregation invite any singers and everyone to come out and worship with us in song and praise.

The church is located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249, Sand Springs Road.

"Director"

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ney by providing support, symptom management, and guidance to both patients and their families."

As chief medical director, Dr. Goble will provide oversight for policies and practice in all of Hospice Care Plus's clinical programs: home hospice care, home palliative care, and the Compassionate Care Center. He will also lead interdisciplinary care team meetings and serve as the attending physician for hospice patients when requested.

"I am honored to welcome Dr. Goble to our team," said Lisa Cox, CEO. "He is known in the community as a caring, compassionate physician. He embodies the hospice philosophy of expert, interdisciplinary care that promotes quality of life for patients and supports family caregivers."

Hospice Care Plus is a non-profit organization supporting the quality of life of its communities through hospice, palliative and bereavement care programs. The organization serves Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison, Owsley and Rockcastle 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.

Which?

You are walking by faith, or you are walking by opinion. Which? To walk by faith is to walk by the revealed word of God. (Rom.10:17) To walk by opinions is to walk according to what men think.

There are two principles in religion. Have only that which the Bible authorizes- be guided by what the Bible says. Have anything that is not directly forbidden by the Bible-be guided by the silence of the Bible. You are following one. Which?

There are two classes of people in the world. Righteous. (Psa.119:172) My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteous. Wicked. (Psa.1:6) For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Which?

There are two great rulers in the world. Christ. (Matt.28:18) And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, ALL power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Satan. (2Cor.4:4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. Which?

There are two roads which lead through time to eternity. Narrow. (Matt.7:14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Broad. (Matt.7:13) Enter ye in at the strait gate: and broad is the way, which leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: You are traveling one. Which?

There are two foundations on which people build. Rock. (Matt.7:24,25) The wise man heard the sayings of the Lord and build his house upon the Rock. Sand. (Matt.7:26,27) The foolish man heard the sayings of the Lord, but he builds his house upon the Sand. You are building on one. Which?

There are two deaths which people die. In the Lord. (Rev.14:13) And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. In their sins. (John 8:21) Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. You will die one of these deaths. Which?

There are two places two spend eternity. Lake of fire. (Rev.20:14,15) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Heaven. (Rev.21) You will go to one. Which?

Choose you this day whom ye will serve. (Joshua.24:15)

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube channel. (Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ). The church is located in Mt Vernon Kentucky. We also have gospel meeting starting, September 20-23. With Bro. R.C. Cope. The meeting times will be Wednesday -Friday at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to contact someone from the church you can call this number 606-224-1480. We also offer free Bible correspondence courses.

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REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU

(1John 4:19) We love him, because he first loved us.

• 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

September is
Cholesterol Awareness Month

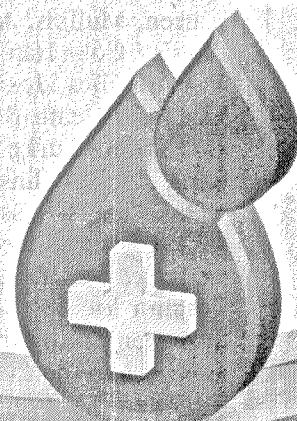
Rockcastle Regional Hospital is offering

Free Cholesterol Screenings

September 25-29
7:00-11:00 a.m.

Outpatient Services Center
110 Newcomb Ave • Mt. Vernon KY
Laboratory • 2nd Floor

No appointment necessary.
Please fast at least **12 hours**
for accurate screening.



ROCKCASTLE REGIONAL
HOSPITAL • RESPIRATORY CARE CENTER

Church Directory

Believers House of Prayer
156 Scenic View Lane
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker
Renfro Valley, Ky.
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhpp@ymail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle
231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Monday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Gregory Isaacs
Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Video services Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Channel 3 - New Wave
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays

Blue Springs Church of Christ
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.)
Services:
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Marcus Reppert
Phillip Permenter
Eric Bullock
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com
Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor
Brosch Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Mink, Pastor
Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Jason Medley, Pastor
606-308-4543

Central Baptist Church
86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
"Central Time" Radio
Broadcast
WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m.
WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m.
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Home of Well of Pure Water
Radio - 93.3 FM
Mark Eaton, Pastor
Church of Christ at Chestnut Ridge
2 miles south of Mt. Vernon
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Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Bro. Ova Baker
Bro. Dale McNew
Bro. Philip Scott
Church of Christ on Fairground Hill
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Different speaker each Sunday

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

Community Worship Church of God
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor
Worship Service
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
www.cwchurchofgod.com
Conway Missionary Baptist
116 Meadow Lark Lane
Berea, KY 40403
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007

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

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

Crossroads Assembly of God
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Cupps Chapel Holiness
Copper Creek Rd., Brodhead
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter
Fairground Hill Community Holiness
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor
Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
606-256-3722
email: fellowship@fvmbc.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor
First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922
Dennis Wilder, Pastor
Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth
website: www.fbcmvky.org
email:fbcmvmon@kynwvbc.com
Every Sunday:
Morning Worship: 9 & 11 am
Sunday School/Growth Groups 10 am
WRVK 1460AM at 11 a.m.
LiveStream at fbcmvky.org
Wednesdays: AWANA 6-8pm
Student Worship at 6 pm
First Christian Church
West Main St. Mt. Vernon
606-256-2876
Bro. Richie Smith, Pastor
Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst
859-200-6331
Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church
Hwy. 1503 (6 miles from Brodhead)
Brodhead, Ky.
Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor: Scott Adams
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

Higher Praise Ministries
4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Chris Davidson, Pastor
Sunday 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.
Tim Hampton, Pastor
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Little Country Church
Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop onto Jarber Rd.
Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Livingston Baptist Church
Pastor: Josh Hasty
606-392-3809
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Livingston Christian Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709
Living Word Community Church
"About our Father's Business"
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor
606-308-4312
Macedonia Baptist Church
6567 Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor
Maple Grove Baptist
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Maretburg Baptist Church
2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Bro. Tony Smith, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
(all ages)
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6 p.m.
www.maretburgbaptist.org
maretburgchurch@yahoo.com

McNew Chapel Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
John Vanwinkle, Pastor
Mt. Vernon Church of God
1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
606-308-3293
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
New Heights Church
316 Mini Mall Dr.
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)
Berea, Ky.
www.newheightschurchky.com
Sunday 11:00 a.m.
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Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.
Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor
Northside Baptist
777 Faith Mountain Rd.
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577
Kenny Allen, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9
Wednesday
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.
Time Warner Cable
Tues., Thurs., Sun.
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.
Ottawa Baptist Church
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Pastor: Bro. John McPherson
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Service 7 p.m.
758-8453
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
525 Williams St
(across from MVES)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
606-256-4170
Mass Times:
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.
Father Gary Simpson, Pastor
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
Tom Darst, Maintenance
Philadelphia United Baptist
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
606-308-5368
Pine Hill Holiness
5394 S. Wilderness Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Thursday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.
Children's Church 7 pm Thurs.
Pastor Ashley Noe
Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
859-986-1579
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting monthly every
2nd Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m.
Pleasant Run Missionary
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
1st Sunday in Month Church at 2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care
Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor
Poplar Grove Baptist
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor
Providence church of Christ
1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618
758-8524
Robby Cable, Evangelist
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:20 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com
Red Hill-Union Baptist
4308 Highway 1955
Livingston, KY
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bill Hammond, Pastor
606-392-1826
Everyone invited to come and worship with us
Roundstone Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Sand Hill Baptist Church
Sand Hill Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor Tommy Miller
Sand Springs Baptist Church
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go exactly 5 miles, church on right
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry
Scaffold Cane Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. James Hardin
Skaggs Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Richard West
Everyone Welcome!
Tabernacle of Love
244 Old Somers Rd.
Mt. Vernon
606-25605894
Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Clyde Hodge
Union Chapel Pentecostal
1505 Union Chapel Rd.
Brodhead, Ky.
(3 miles out of Brodhead)
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Walter Bowling
Everyone Welcome!

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Church welcomes everyone
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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4482 Copper Creek Rd.
Berea, Ky. 40403
Organized in December, 1908
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Jeff Draper, Pastor
Watts Chapel Baptist Church
1462 KY Highway 2750
Crab Orchard, KY
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Dan Gutenson, Pastor
Wildie Christian Church
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie
606-256-4494
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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Howard Saylor
Pharmacist

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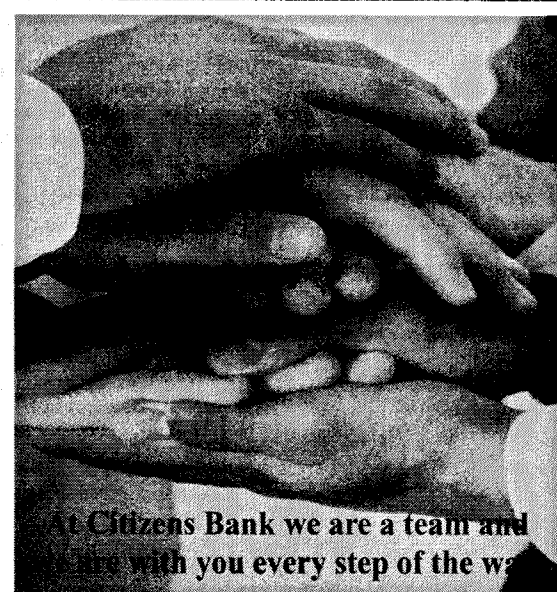
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Main Street • Brodhead

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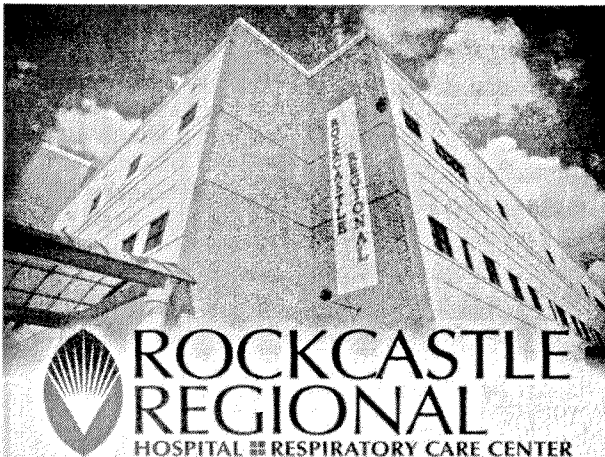


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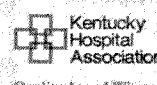
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for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

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(22)x50p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix 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.

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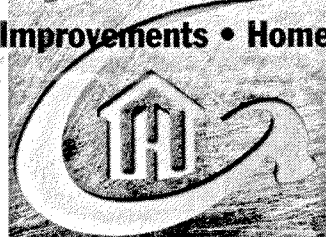
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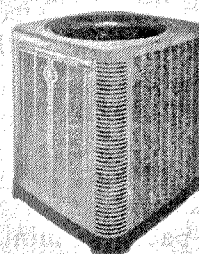
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Yards to Paradise

by Max Phelps

Do You Want a Low Maintenance Landscape?

Garden centers and landscape companies get asked frequently for “low maintenance” yards, shrubbery, landscaping. And once in awhile, someone actually has the fortitude to ask for ‘no maintenance’ designs. I suppose the rest are do-it-yourselfers, for nobody asks for a landscape that requires a lot of attention.

Phrased a little differently, “I want a nice looking yard but I don’t want one that requires any work”. The minimum possible work, anyway.

The experienced landscape or garden center person already knows what you’re likely to ask for before you move your lips. Yet, are you sure this is the landscape for you?

Lowest possible landscape maintenance is obtained either by those that live in the woods and have no grass or flowers, or those that have rocks and pebbles for landscaping. (Or those that live in a condominium that furnishes yard services as part of the packaged price.)

Maybe next is Astroturf and plastic shrubbery and flowers. But, even these need a little attention, and replacement before too long.

The most demanding landscape is typically the multi-acre one that is green and must be “mowed & blown” every week. The cottage garden with flowers in both the front and back of the home with something of interest all season may actually require a lot fewer hours per year. The five and six feet wide mowers and the edgers

and blowers every week add up fast. Fertilizers and lawn weed and grub control can also add up. The large plush green lawn is not really one you can ignore or skip for weeks on end if you get super busy or get ill or something, but you probably can hit ‘pause’ on the cottage garden or the wooded yard.

Even higher maintenance yards and gardens aren’t to be dismissed without a second thought. What does a visit to the psychologist cost? Peace of mind from working among the plants or flowers can bring dividends. And think of the exercise, compared to the cost of fitness center memberships. Plus there’s the satisfaction of having created a pretty yard or some grown healthy produce yourself.

With the average

couple both having full time jobs, and usually away from home most hours of the daytime, it’s understandable that yard work isn’t what you want to do on your weekends. On the other hand—is there any thing you might do or anywhere you might go that would bring family members closer together than chores in the garden or flower bed?

As we begin to get to a conclusion, I’ll admit once I designed and decorated a gorgeous yard, and I could never get the wife at the time to sit for an hour, relax, have a drink, or such. (You’ve got to stop and smell life’s roses sometime, else life devours you.)

Could a solution to yard maintenance be cutting the yard by 50%, and planting trees, a forest, on the other portion?

Or, might you sell the extra lot you bought (at a

profit, most likely), and get out of the upkeep of your place via that option?

I’ve known of some folks using plant growth hormones or chemicals to make their grass grow slow or their shrubs grow more slowly—thus reducing maintenance.

Do you actually want a yard that requires no effort or that you spend no time in (except on the seat of a mower!)? If you’re still with me, at least I’ve made you stop and think a bit.

As for me, I’ll continue not having a lawn mower, and not hiring one either—as I ‘play’ in my small space. Few things can compare to a few hours spent in nature each week—especially if it’s only a few steps outside your backdoor.

The author is a landscaper. Comments/suggestions welcome. Visit rockcastles.net

Lions Club Award



At the Mt. Vernon Lions Club meeting on July 18th, Debbie Brown gave an informative presentation about the projects underway at the Rockcastle Historical Society. Shown in the picture is Lions Club President presenting Debbie with a donation. Also shown is Markita Proctor of the Historical Society.

Mamaw’s Kitchen

By: Regina Poynter Hoskins

HONEY FRUIT SALAD

Sent this to church with Will one Sunday. Was nothing left to bring home.

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 pound strawberries, hulled and quartered
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup raspberries
- 2 oranges, peeled and wedges cut in half
- 3 apples, peeled and chopped
- 1 pear, cored and chopped
- 2 cup grapes
- 1 cup pomegranate seeds, optional

In a small bowl whisk together honey, orange juice, and lemon zest.

Add fruit to a large bowl. Pour dressing over fruit, tossing gently to combine. Chill until ready to serve.

CHRISTMAS SALAD

My cousin, Anna Belle, is asked to take this to every Thanksgiving and Christmas party she goes to.

- 2 small packages red Jello
- 1 can fruit cocktail, drained
- 1 can crushed pineapple, drained
- Maraschino cherries, drained
- 1 package miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup nuts, if desired

Prepare Jello as directed. Add fruit cocktail,

pineapple and miniature marshmallows to Jello and let set. Slice cherries and chop nuts. Prepare Dream Whip®. Fold into Jello mixture along with the cherries and nuts. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

FIVE CUP SALAD

This salad was mentioned in the “Mail Call Again” episode of my favorite TV show M*A*S*H. Radar’s mother had sent him a home movie of his family from Ottumwa, Iowa. They were all gathered outside at Radar’s house, eating a large dinner together. The table was laden with food. When it

started to rain, they started carrying the food inside. Hawkeye asked “Hey, Radar, what’s that in the bowl.” Radar told him “That fruit salad with those little marshmallows.” BJ turned and looked at him. “What do they call that?” “That fruit salad with those little marshmallows,”

Radar replied seriously. 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1 cup Mandarin orange slices, drained
1 cup coconut
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It has always been a great pleasure to provide medical care to each of my patients and I wish you the very best of health and blessings in the future.

Best Regards,
David Brabon, M.D.

