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Natural gas line reaches Rockcastle

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of Rockcastle and Lincoln County's fiscal courts, RCIDA members and Executive Director Jeff VanHook, State Representative Josh Bray, Kentucky State Senator Brandon Storm, State Representative David Meade, Delta Natural Gas, Touchstone Energy, Rockcastle Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and many more have played a part in acquiring the natural gas line that crossed into Rockcastle County last week.

"People have been trying to get natural gas to our county since the 1970s. This is an historical moment. The thing is, if any one of those who made this happen hadn't done their part, there is no way we would be standing here today," said Holbrook at the ribbon cutting ceremony last Wednesday.

"It took every single entity involved doing their part before the others could do their part. It took everyone of them to make this happen."

VanHook led the effort to join all the forces involved and was able to obtain major investments from Delta Natural Gas.

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Howell Holbrook, Jr.



Officials from Lincoln County and the State of Kentucky joined Rockcastle County residents in a ceremony recognizing the progress of the Delta Natural Gas pipeline that crossed into Rockcastle last Wednesday. Local officials agree that leaders have attempted to bring natural gas to the county since the 1970s but only after RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook and Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray joined ranks did the complex, multi-million dollar project get underway. The new gas line is expected to open industrial growth and development potential that Rockcastle has never had. VanHook said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Representative David Meade and Senator Brandon Storm helped lead the project to success. VanHook said others who deserve credit for their assistance in seeing the project through include Jeff Steele, Woods Adams, Jimbo Adams, Mary Hopkins, AGE Engineering Services, Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce, Rockcastle Fiscal Court, Lincoln fiscal court, Dalton Miller, RCIDA, Garrard County Judge/Executive office, Lancaster/Garrard Industrial Authority, Corey Craig, Tony Hopkins, John Brown, Shawn Martin Contracting, Southeast Kentucky Economic Development, Brett Traver, David Faulkner, Bobby King, Rural America Opportunities, Stand Up Rural America, Kentucky Legislature, and many others who played a role in making the gas line possible.

Seach continues, reward grows

I-75 shooter still on the run

By: Mike French  
Editor

During a nationwide media event, first responders throughout Rockcastle County have been stretched thin since the I-75 shooter caused havoc throughout the county and neighboring counties.

Officials with the Kentucky State Police say the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office has been an invaluable resource during the initial shut down of I-75 and the subsequent search for suspect Joseph A. Couch, 32, of Woodbine, Kentucky.

A suspect sitting on a ledge near Exit 49 shot into 12 vehicles injuring five passengers last week.

Climax Singing and Soup Bean Supper planned

Don't forget the Climax Fire Department Gospel Singing and Soup Bean Supper Saturday, September 21 from 6-8 p.m. The event will include a raffle and a silent auction.

Everyone is encouraged to support your local fire department.

according to Kentucky State Police reports.

Members of the local sheriff's office and Mount Vernon Police Department were some of the first to arrive on the scene immediately after the shooting as deputies and members of the police department were near I-75 at the time. The shooting occurred 10 miles from Mount Vernon exit 59 and only a few miles from the Rockcastle/Laurel County line.

(See "Shooter" on A5)

Sex offenders arrested after failing to properly register

By: Mike French  
Editor

Three individuals in Mount Vernon have been arrested and charged with being convicted sex offenders living within 1000 feet of a school, play area or daycare.

According to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Kentucky law states that no person can live within 1000 feet of a school, play area or daycare.

(See "Offender" on A5)

Food Truck Championship brings thousands of visitors here

By: Mike French  
Editor

Upon pulling into the parking lot, it became immediately obvious that the Kentucky State Food Truck Championship was going to be a great success. The event started at 11 a.m. Saturday and by noon, the Renfro Valley parking lot was nearly full and spilling into fields nearby.

There were over 40 food trucks competing for the title of Best in Kentucky. They were settled in the midst of live music, vendors and activities and local residents, and visitors from several states, sat at picnic tables and folding chairs tasting the many different cuisines available and strolling among the countless vendors on site.

License tags from across the nation were visible in the parking lot as guests walked the area chatting and

(See "Truck" on A7)

School board accepts working budget of over \$35 million

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting last week, spending most of the time discussing the 2024/25 budget.

After approving the minutes of previous meetings and approving the agenda, Roundstone Elementary School Principal Debbie Coleman presented the monthly showcase. The presentation demonstrated the schools' OneTeam-OneGoal commitments and listed plans and goals for the upcoming school year.

(See "School" on A5)


Brodhead man killed in three-car crash

Kentucky State Police Post 7 in Richmond is currently investigating a fatal collision that occurred just after 4 p.m. last Wednesday near the intersection of KY-39 and US-150 in the Crab Orchard community of Lincoln County.

The initial investigation indicated a Chevrolet Silverado, operated by Christopher Myrato, 62, was involved.

(See "Fatal" on A5)

Safety First



Shown above Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger walks with a student to a bus on the Livingston route. Ballinger and other officials developed a safety plan to reopen local schools before the I-75 shooter has been located. The plan puts SROs as well as local police in the vicinity as buses run. Also, conversations with parents and students about safety along with other safety ideas is part of the plan to keep students safe in the mornings and afternoons. Governor Andy Beshear congratulated Ballinger on her work with law enforcement and school SROs to create a safer environment for students. Ballinger said she is proud to live in a community that "rallies to protect local students." She also said local law enforcement has been "completely supportive in assisting in creating a safe return to school plan."

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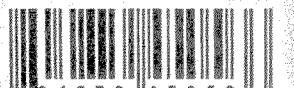
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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Another assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump's life, this time in Florida, shocked the world Sunday — well those of us that can still be shocked by the actions of Democrats and our government!!

As usual, so many of the details of the attempt don't make sense and the more information that comes out only clouds the situation more.

For example, we find that this guy, Ryan Wesley Routh, 58, unemployed, had the money, from somewhere, to fly to Ukraine to recruit/coordinate international fighters for the country. He also had funds, from somewhere, to fly from Hawaii, where he currently lives, to Florida to camp out in a tree on the Mar-A-Lago golf course for 12 hours with an AR rifle at ready to attempt to assassinate Trump because "he's a threat to Democracy." Hmmm, where have we heard that before (maybe from Democrat politicians, reporters, pResident Biden, VP Kamala Harris and every

other liberal in the world.

One of the main things that may have saved Trump's life is the fact that Routh is obviously not the brightest bulb in the chandelier since, according to FBI officials, he never had a clear line of sight to Trump.

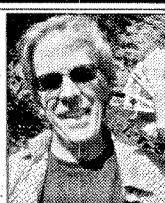
He was discovered by a SS agent who was going one hole ahead of Trump's progress on the course and when he did, he noticed a rifle barrel sticking out of a tree line along the route. He fired into the area and Routh fled, was able to get into his car and leave the course. Routh never got a shot off.

Thankfully, a civilian in the area saw him run from the course, jump into his car and flee and had the presence of mind to get a picture of the car, including the license plate which he reported to police. The car was quickly located as it traveled into Martin County where Sheriff's

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



After doing extensive research, and delving into the subject of AI (Artificial Intelligence), I honestly do not believe that 90% of humans are aware of just how involved AI is in our daily lives. Yes, it seems like fantasy and science fiction to almost everyone right now. To us old-timers, it feels like an old black and white B-movie with humanoid robots running things. But as Elon Musk says, "those crazy ideas on Star Trek are really here now."

Talking about AI today is similar to someone talking about internet in 1983. It has already started and there are a few who know all about it and are aware of what is about to happen to society. But over all, a massive majority of humans have no clue how expansive and all consuming AI will be to every person on earth, very shortly. More often than not, the truth is much stranger than fiction.

Of course as an old traditionalist, I think those involved in AI are summoning the demon. The potential destruction to society and human beings that could result from AI is immeasurable. It doesn't have to be that way, but humans don't have much luck at using new technology for good.

In my research I have found that many of the ideas that I and millions of others thought were wild, fantasy, futuristic, science fiction, already truly exists and is in practice. The plans and goals stated by those in the field to move forward from

here are things that normal people have never even dreamed of.

Yes, there are robots. There have been for decades but now they look human and can do things that we never imagined, until recently. In Rockcastle County, and most all of Kentucky and in many other states, we don't see them and haven't heard about them. They have not grabbed society just yet. But they exist and they work.

Some of them think on their own. They can play the piano. They can paint and new AI technology lets them paint original paintings that they thought of themselves. What you are thinking now about this subject, is what 99% of Americans thought about TV and internet and cars and electricity just before they became essential to our lives.

The stated goal of Elon Musk is that robots will be as central to the world as television. When television was invented, 97% of the population, in a product survey, said they would never purchase one. Creators expect the same from AI robots. Machines that solve problems, ask questions, create, work with other AI, share new ideas, and so on, already exist. All that is left, is catching on.

Since AI doesn't make mistakes (uh-huh) and is smarter than humans (okay), some of the creators have in mind a group of AI that will be our government. Creators believe

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### Where Can You Find a Good Mothman When You Need One?

Dear Journal,

For the last few days, Stanley and I have been battling COVID. I can't say that we are a lot better. It has just sucked the life out of us and we are both very weak. While I've been sitting around, I've been into my studies of Appalathian culture that I started a few weeks ago. I've found it very interesting and I can really relate to it as I, as well as most around here, have been born and raised here.

The gentleman, Donnie Laws, that presents the program is such a wonderful storyteller. He has a genuine mountain manner of speech and makes the most mundane sound fascinating. Some of the things that were discussed were the legends of strange and unusual sights that are reportedly seen all through the Appalathian Mountain range. One of the sights are the strange orbs of light seen in the Brown Mountains in North Carolina. These orbs range in color from white to blue or yellow. They play in the sky above the mountains, leaving people to wonder what they are and their cause. Some say that they are just a natural phenomenon and others say that they are the wandering spirits of the Cherokee tribe that once called this land home. Others say they are time travelers or

UFOs. Whatever the case, they have been witnessed for over one hundred years.

In the small town of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, beginning in 1966 there was a strange creature seen that resembled a huge moth with glowing red eyes. It was a forerunner of a local bridge collapse that killed forty six people. Since then it is believed that Mothman is sort of a protector of the area. Since this I 75 Shooter has been on the loose, I've wondered where a good Mothman is when you need one. Send him into the woods and flush out the shooter or at least scare him to death.

Then there is good old Sasquatch that has been wandering these mountains for decades. He is supposed to be a huge ape-man like creature that is often photographed or seen but is so elusive that he can't be found.

It makes me wonder just how these tales got started. It may have been stories people told their children to keep them close to home especially in the wilderness pioneer days to keep them from being hurt or killed by wild animals. Kids today would want to go out and see if they could find Mothman or Sasquatch. When I was a kid growing up it was the Booger Man that kept us home. It makes me wonder what he looked like.

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# HEALTHY JOE EXPO 2024

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

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

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

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



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Dr. Kevin Rowe

### Event Features:

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



## Ramblings..

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deputies pulled him over and arrested him.

I said all that to say, what is wrong with our SS agency? How could a gunman get within 500 yards of President Trump and not be discovered until he poked his rifle barrel out of a tree line? They admitted Monday that they did not sweep the area before Trump went onto the golf course, although the area Routh was in is a favorite for members of the press to use to try to get photos and is within 500 feet of where Trump would have been!!

Of course, Biden's remedy for the situation is to spend more money on hiring more agents to ignore rudimentary safety procedures where Trump is concerned!! I mean Biden can lay on a beach all day, exposed to God and everybody but I'll guarantee you those horribly lax procedures are not the same ones used to protect Trump.

And to top it all off, every main stream media pundit (they don't deserve the name reporters or journalists), are blaming Trump's rhetoric for the assassination attempts. They completely disregard Rep. Dan Goldman (D), in a recent televised interview, saying that Trump "was unfit for office, destructive to our democracy and needs to be eliminated." When he was called out on it, he said he has misspoken and meant to use the other "E" word although he never said what that E word should have been. Biden, him-

self said in a speech that if they were in high school, he'd take Trump out behind the gym and "punch him in the face" (yeah, I know, I thought the same thing, "good luck with that."). But, there are numerous occasions where Democrats have declared Trump to be an "existential threat to Democracy" One rabid "Never Trumper" said, when Trump was running in 2015, that Trump needed to "take a bullet." And, this would-be assassin told police that he wanted to kill Trump because he was "a threat to Democracy."

Not only actions, but words also have consequences but evidently, protecting someone from threats only applies to Democrats.

As one final irony of the case, the agent in charge of the Miami FBI office, who is in charge of the investigation of the second assassination attempt, was forced by FBI Director Christopher Wray to delete his Facebook posts, which showed his hatred for Trump clearly, before his promotion to head of the Miami office would be approved.

It is my belief that this election will decide the fate of our country. All I ask of you, as a voter, is to 1) Vote and 2) Research the candidates thoroughly. I believe, if you research their records with an open mind, there will be only one conclusion for whom you cast your vote.

VP Harris, who I remind you once again, has been in office since January of 2021, is urging everyone to "turn the page

and move forward." Is she asking you to turn the page on her failed administration? I think so, since the plight of the middle class has gotten SO MUCH WORSE since she and Biden have been in office. I don't blame them, I'd want to "turn the page," too.

This is a few points in Agenda 2030, what Harris's move forward looks like. It's called "The Great Reset," and involves a one world government, total dependency on the state, a social credit system, a Universal Basic Income for compliant citizens, depopulation, mandatory vaccines for all ages, controlled fertility and reproduction, radical assisted suicide and abortion laws, 100% genetically manipulated food and water, a ban on all natural remedies and treatment, robot workforce, destruction of genders, destruction of the nuclear family, rationing of energy and all natural resources, restriction on "non-essential" air travel, smart cit-

ies (and that's a whole nother column), abolishment of private property, restricted access to wilderness (human free zones and etc.

Besides calling for a 95% reduction in the planet's population -- maybe by inventing more vaccines?, world leaders are pushing heavily for reductions in food growing -- and their alternative is a diet of bugs and lab-grown meat -- thanks, but no thanks

There was one bright spot recently when ABC's Martha Raddatz, while interviewing Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey, asked her about two blatant lies that Harris told during the debate that were never fact-checked. Raddatz said Harris said there were no states that had no restrictions on abortion when, in fact, Raddatz said there were nine states, plus DC, that have no restrictions on abortion (abortion allowed to birth). Harris also said that we have no active members of the military in combat zones

when we actually have 900 in Syria and 2500 in Iraq, besides our special forces in danger frequently in their assignments. Healey squirmed but came up with the explanation that Harris would be a different leader for our country and she finally resorted to the "suckers and losers" hoax that Dems spread about Trump.

An ABC whistleblower swears, under penalty of perjury, that the Harris campaign received questions ahead of time and directed the debate. They signed an affidavit the day before the debate!!

Oh, how far we have fallen, as a supposedly Christian nation with morals and integrity.

## Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

### Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

**Monday, Sept. 23rd:** Calloway, Red Hill and Livingston. **Tuesday, Sept. 24th:** Maple Grove and Climax.

### KPR Meeting is September 30th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Monday, September 30th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speakers will be Brian Towles from the Kentucky Public Pension Authority and Tracy Garrison from Humana. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website ([kentuckypublicretirees.org](http://kentuckypublicretirees.org)). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

### Class of 2004 20th Year Reunion

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

### Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

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

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

### Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

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

### Weekly Grief Support Group

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

### Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

### VFW Post 5908

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

### Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

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

### Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

### American Legion Post News

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

### Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

### Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Aces

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their decisions will solve world hunger, homelessness, over-taxation, inflation and more.

AI is already used medically. Some who have spinal or neck injuries and cannot speak or move, are hooked into AI. They operate an onboard computer attached to a wheelchair to communicate and travel just by thinking it. Yes, it is happening now and it works. And yes, self driving cars do exist and they do work. You can sit in the back seat and tell it where you want to go. You may think I am kidding. Look it up.

I know how unrealistic this sounds but research it yourself. The next step seems to be joining humans and AI into a single unit. Yes, that is hard to believe, but it is in the works as you read this. Currently (meaning it will likely change as ideas evolve) a chip would hold your every memory, idea and thought. Your goals, your quirks, your heredity, your weaknesses and strengths, your talents, your interests and all the rest of you would be stored in a chip inside a robot. Creators say that a robot would be a version of you that would live on for centuries and what you would have learned in 200 years, it will learn. It will answer questions just as you would have because it has your personal experiences, centuries after you are gone. A person could have a con-

versation with their mother decades after you had both passed away, via AI computer technology.

I know! I smirked at that, thought too. But it is very real.

Perhaps it is time for all this. Elon Musk and Space-X and Tesla were 8 weeks from bankruptcy and shutting down forever. Then, to make a long story short, miracle after miracle began to happen, he became a billionaire and now people will be on Mars soon and electric cars are growing and AI is in your pocket or your purse right now.

Maybe fate is playing its part. It is coming and I now believe that the world will be unrecognizable in a couple of decades.

Here's praying that through it all, even after most of us are gone, we have taught our children what is really important in life.

Those involved don't want to be called "inventors." They want to be called "creators."

Let us all pray that those creators have morals and ethics and some recognition of Christianity in their efforts. If it were me doing the "creating," the top, utmost unchangeable directive to every robot ever made would be the Ten Commandments. Then perhaps the evil that can follow such technology can be stalled slightly.

The world you and I know will soon be a memory that children won't understand.

I'm really not so sad that I won't see it.

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Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. announces that coal, wood, propane, fuel oil and kerosene vendors are being solicited to provide home heating fuel in the **SUBSIDY** and **CRISIS** components of the 2024-2025 **LIHEAP** Program in Clay, Laurel, Rockcastle and Jackson Counties. Minority and small businesses are encouraged to apply. The **Subsidy Component** will begin November 5, 2024 and end December 20, 2024. The **Crisis Component** will begin January 7, 2025 and end March 31, 2025 or until funds have expended. Interested vendors shall pick up a Vendor Information Packet at the address below from the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Gerald McClure

Gerald Dean McClure, 77, of Goodlettsville, TN, died Sunday, September 8, 2024 at Alive Hospice Residence in Nashville, TN. He was born at Blue Springs in Rockcastle County on January 23, 1947, the son of William and Rena Cromer McClure. He was a retired engineer for the Betty Machine Company and a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He loved his family and his country, fishing, and his beloved Kentucky Wildcats.

He is survived by: his loving partner for over 20 years, Terri Langdon; his daughter, Kalisa Rochester; his granddaughter, Lauren; his brothers, Wayne and Christine McClure, Roger and Linda McClure, Randy and Michelle McClure, Tim and Lisa McClure, and Dennis and Kathy McClure; and his sisters, Alene Doan and David Abney, Betty Lou Thomas, Faye and John Mahr, Judy and Doug Brock, and Sheryl and Ben Richardson. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to his parents, William and Rena McClure, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry and Bobby McClure.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 13, 2024 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marcus Reppert. Burial with military honors followed in High Dry Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Chazdin McClure, Derrick McClure, Ethan McClure, Matt McClure, Eli Price, and Robby Thomas.

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

## Lois Fay Singleton

Lois Fay Allen Singleton, 76, of Orlando, wife of A. L. Singleton, died Monday, September 16.

Funeral services will be Friday, September 20, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church. Burial will follow in the Anglin Cemetery.

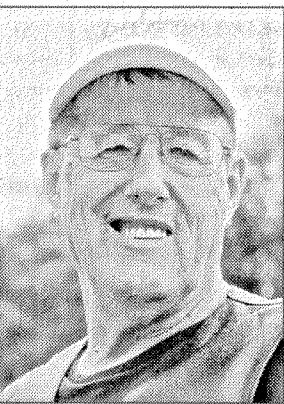
We ask that you please respect the family's private visitation time prior to public visitation hours beginning at 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

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

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## Joseph Lee Edwards

Joseph Lee Edwards, 74, of Brodhead, died September 11, 2024. He was born October 18, 1949, in Casey County, a son of the late Arnold Cleavie and



Virtie (Viola) (Carter) Edwards. On June 28, 2018, he married Wanda Lou (Denney) Edwards. Joseph attended the Church of God and enjoyed Gospel Country music, playing guitar, and talking politics.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Wanda Lou Edwards; his children, Michael Edwards (Julie) of Science Hill, and Chris Edwards (Jessica) of Liberty; grandchildren, Landon and Erin Noe of Liberty, Haley Sears Edwards of Science Hill, and Zachary Edwards of Orlando, FL.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: one brother, William (Willie) Arnold Edwards; and one half-sister, Norma Joyce McDonald.

Visitation will be Friday, September 20, 2024 from 12 - 3 p.m. at Owens Chapel with funeral service beginning at 3 p.m. with Reverend Kimberley Fields officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals.

## Eric (Rick) Carl Schmitter

Eric (Rick) Carl Schmitter, 69, of Mt Vernon, died September 10, 2024, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born June 25, 1955, in Atco, NJ, a son to the late Wolfgang W. and Dorothy Schmitter. On May 2, 2015, he married Janie Schmitter (Kirby). He loved working on anything with a motor and wheels.

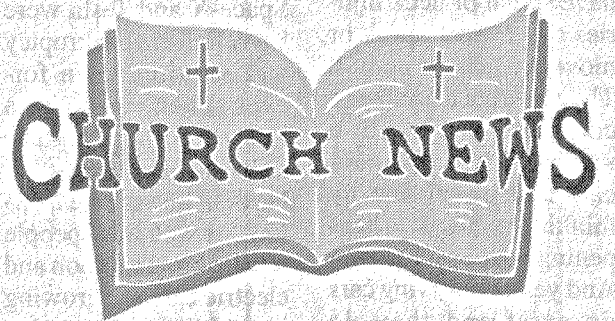
He is survived by: his wife, Janie Schmitter; his children, Lori Price of Somerset, Travis Schmitter of Danville, Eliza Barnett of Mt Vernon, Bobby Kirby of Mt Vernon, and Glenna Isaacs of Jackson County; grandchildren, Jakob and Bradley Fisher, Keaton Loveless, Callie and Sophia Schmitter, Dakota and Makinlee Kirby, Dustin and Chelsea Barnett, and Andrew and Blake Issacs; great grandchildren, Jensen Fisher, Weston Loveless, and Brayden and Gage Barnett; and one brother, William (Billy) Schmitter.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Ronald, Dennis, John and David Schmitter.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 16, 2024 at Marvin Owens Chapel with Bro. James Carpenter officiating. Burial was at Kirby Cemetery in Chestnut Ridge.

Casketbearers were: Travis Schmitter, JR Thompson, Jakob Fisher, Bradley Fisher, Keaton Loveless and Dakota Kirby. Honorary casketbearers were: Andrew and Blake Isaacs.

Arrangement's entrusted to Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals.



### 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

### Revival at Sand Springs Baptist

Revival Services will begin September 29th at Sand Springs Baptist at 6:30 nightly.

Bros. Ben and Brent Jones will be the evangelists. Everyone welcome.

### Homecoming at Maple Grove Baptist

Maple Grove Baptist Church will be holding their Homecoming Sunday, September 22nd. Revival services will begin September 23rd and continue through the 25th, beginning at 7 o'clock nightly, with Bro. Lee Abney preaching.

Bro. Jerry Owens and congregation invite everyone.

### Revival

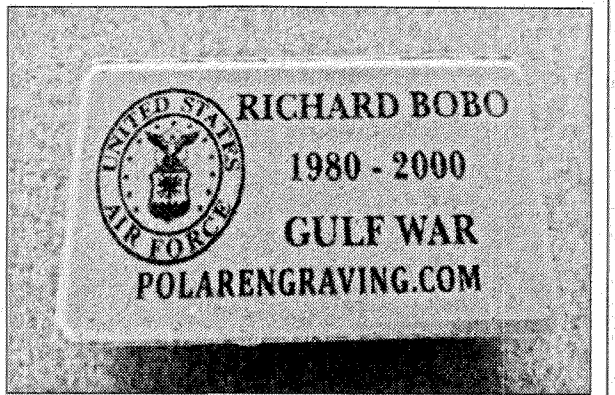
Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church will hold revival September 16th - 20th, 7 p.m. nightly with Brother Letcher Napier. Brother, Sister Webb and the church congregation welcomes all to attend.

## Signal office closed on Wednesdays

## “Walk of Honor” Fundraiser

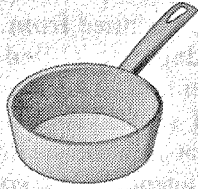
The “David M. Smith” American Legion Post 71 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5908 are holding a brick fundraiser to construct a “Walk of Honor” at the recently opened Rockcastle County Veterans Park.

Engraved bricks will be the foundation and will honor Rockcastle County Veterans, past and present. Order forms will be distributed by members of the two organizations. If you have any questions or would like an order form contact Richard Bobo at (606) 308-2271 or email [boborichard719@gmail.com](mailto:boborichard719@gmail.com).



## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



### BAKED CORN

6 tablespoons margarine  
2 tablespoons sugar  
Salt to taste  
1 tablespoon flour  
Dash of pepper  
4 eggs, beaten  
1 cup milk  
2 cans of corn  
Preheat oven to 350°.  
Cream together margarine, sugar, salt, flour, and pepper. Add eggs, milk, and corn. Mix well. Grease dish with butter and add corn mixture. Bake for 30 minutes.

### CROCKPOT CORN CHOWDER

3 Cups Frozen Corn  
1 and 1/2 Pounds Yukon potatoes peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces  
1/2 Yellow Onion diced  
1 teaspoon Garlic Powder  
1/2 teaspoon Salt  
1/2 teaspoon Ground Black Pepper  
4 Cups Chicken Broth  
1 Cup Heavy Whipping Cream  
3 Tablespoons Cornstarch  
8 Slices Bacon cooked until crisp and chopped  
Serving: chopped green onions shredded cheese and crumbled bacon  
Add the corn, potatoes, onion, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and chicken broth to a crockpot then stir to combine. Cover and cook on high for 4 hours or on low for 6 hours. Whisk the heavy cream and cornstarch together in a small bowl then pour it into the soup and stir to combine. Cook on high for another hour or until the potatoes are tender

and the broth is thickened to your liking. Stir in the bacon then serve with freshly minced chives and cooked and chopped bacon if desired. NOTE ON CORN: You can use 3 cups frozen, fresh taken off the cob, or canned/drain corn.

### CORN ZUCCHINI PARMESAN SKILLET

2 tablespoons olive oil  
1/2 small onion, diced  
2 teaspoons minced garlic  
5 medium zucchinis, diced  
1 can (15 ounce) corn kernels, drained  
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
1/2 a small lemon  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley  
2 tablespoons freshly grated parmesan  
Add olive oil to a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and cook until soft, about 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in garlic and Italian seasoning and cook until fragrant; about 1 minute. Add zucchini and corn to the skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until zucchini is tender; about 3 to 4 minutes. Squeeze lemon juice over the vegetables and season with salt and pepper. When ready to serve, sprinkle with fresh grated Parmesan cheese and garnish with fresh chopped parsley.

## Call change of addresses asap to 606-256-2244 or email us at

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### God vs. Satan!

Some people who have trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior have suffered repeated defeat throughout their lives because they don't realize they have a spiritual enemy. Many mock the idea of a literal devil, but the scripture clearly states that Satan is real, and his goal is to draw people away from God, to have them to serve his purposes, and to cause division. Satan is a liar, a master of deception and no one is immune to his attempts to deceive. Therefore, to stand firm against his lies, believers in Christ need to understand his strategies.

What is a satanic attack? It's a deliberate, willful assault by Satan upon an individual for the purpose of doing harm of the spirit, soul or body, or all three. These attacks could come at any time or from anywhere. The devil tries to trip us up when we are at weakest and knows who or what to use as a lure. He often tempts us with what we do not need or should not have as he seeks to bring us down.

Romans 8:5-6 says, For those who according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace. Satan's battleground is in the mind. He directs our minds to our desires. Satan comes at us when we are at our weakest. Satan creates doubt in our mind, especially when it comes to the Word of God. The devil is deceptive and loves to create division. Satan is out to destroy our soul.

Some things to ponder on is that God wants us to know him and be still, while Satan rushes you. God will always reassure you, when Satan frightens you. God leads you, and Satan pushes you. God is there to enlightens you, when Satan will be there to confuse you. God will put his arms around you to calm you, while Satan stresses you. God encourages you. Satan will always discourage you for doing what is right. God will comfort you in troublesome times, while Satan will place worries upon you. Again, always remember and be aware that Satan's battleground is in the mind.

Who do you choose this day to follow? God that is the God of eternal bliss or Satan the god of this world, full of heartache and eternal punishment?

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# Free tennis lessons to anyone who may enjoy the game

By: Mike French  
Editor

John Knitter is offering free tennis lessons to anyone interested in taking up the sport. And, according to Knitter, there are a lot of good reasons to get involved.

"Tennis adds value to one's life," he said. "It provides better physical health, mental health, good socialization. It is a lifelong activity with unlimited competition. It is convenient and very inexpensive. All you need is a racquet and a can of tennis balls."

Knitter has coached high school tennis teams and taught at tennis clubs, as well as recreation departments, for many years. He was a physical education teacher and has participated in tennis tournaments on adult tennis teams most of his life.

Knitter says he understands how to adjust instruction for each individual player to be successful. "Tennis is a ter-

rific sport for many reasons and I would enjoy sharing this knowledge with my community," he said.

So Knitter thought up the idea of offering his talent to anyone interested in learning the game.

"Meeting and interact-

ing with new people on a regular basis enhances enjoyment and promotes friendships in life," he said.

There are a lot of benefits to the game and Knitter said he enjoys helping people stay healthy, both mentally and physically. "Playing

tennis relieves stress. When in a game of tennis, concerns seem to disappear," he said.

So Knitter has decided to offer his expertise for free to the public. Anyone of any age can play.

Lessons will begin at the Mount Vernon City park on Saturday, Sep-

tember 21 until October 12. Juniors can play at 9-10 a.m. while teens can play from 10-11 a.m. and adults from 11-noon.

Each tennis class consists of four one-hour lessons and classes have a minimum of four participants.

Teens can also have

free lessons on Mondays. Adults can take free lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and juniors can have free lessons on Fridays.

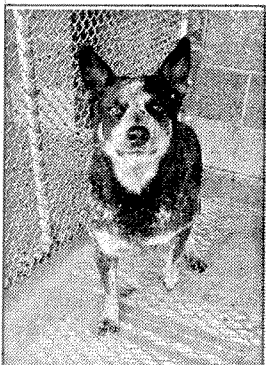
Call Knitter for details of any of these lessons.

Register by texting or calling Knitter at 951-805-2456.

Everyone is encouraged to try the free lessons and enjoy exercise and excitement.

"I just enjoy doing this and I know others will as well," he said. "It is a good chance to get outdoors and get a little fun and entertaining exercise."

## Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Hank, (left) the male 3-4 year-old Beagle who is friendly but a little shy, and Jesse, the 4 year-old male BlueHeeler who is very friendly. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

## Singing and soup bean supper at Climax FD

The Climax Volunteer Fire Department is presenting a Gospel Singing and soup bean supper along with a Silent Auction on Saturday, September 21 from 6-8 p.m.

The meal price is \$7 and will include beans, fried potatoes, sauerkraut, dessert and drink.

There will also be a raffle at the end of the event for a firepit valued at \$140. Tickets for the raffle are only \$1 and may be purchased from a firefighter or board member anytime. The drawing will be held at 8 p.m. and you do not have to be present to win.

The event will be held at the department at 7436 Climax Road in Mount Vernon.

Everyone is invited to attend and help support

the department that has proven immeasurably valuable to the entire county. Many items will be available during the silent auction.

## Fatal

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of Corbin, was traveling south on 39 and failed to yield at the right of way colliding with a Chevrolet Cruze traveling west on US-150. The Cruze was operated by Wanda Edwards, 79, of Brodhead.

As a result of the collision, Edwards' vehicle was pushed into the path of a commercial vehicle traveling east on US-150, operated by Christina Farris, 47, of Crab Orchard.

A passenger in the Cruze, 74 year-old Jo-

seph Edwards, of Brodhead, was fatally injured and pronounced deceased at the scene by the Lincoln County Coroner's office. Wanda Edwards was transported to the University of Kentucky Medical center where she was treated with non life-threatening injuries.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Post 7 Trooper Tyler Holt. He was assisted on the scene by KSP personnel, Lincoln County Sheriff's office, Lincoln County EMS, Lincoln County Fire Department and the Lincoln County Coroner's office.

## Gas

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ral Gas, Lincoln County and, eventually, the State of Kentucky, to bring the gas line from a Lincoln County tap through Brodhead, Crab Orchard and into Mount Vernon.

"This is transformational for our county," said RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig earlier this year. "This will change the landscape of our community for decades after we are all gone." Craig pointed out "the biggest argument against a large manufacturing company locating in Rockcastle County, was that no natural gas was available. That deterrent is gone now," he said.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony, Meade said he appreciated everyone who played a role in the regional effort. Bray agreed that the effort took complete cooperation. "It took a change in mindset for this to happen. Thinking regionally made it possible. We were able to throw the funds at the project, but we couldn't have done that without Lincoln and Rockcastle working together. County lines don't matter anymore. We can't think only of our area anymore. To have big opportunities and big things happen, we have to think bigger than ourselves," Bray said.

Storm agreed. "These things happen when people work together toward similar goal."

Martin Construction brought the gas line from Lincoln County into Rockcastle County and will continue construction until natural gas is available to local residents and businesses. VanHook said he believes the line will be completed by next spring (barring unforeseen delays) and once the main trunk line is complete, distribution lines will begin and natural gas will be available to homes and businesses shortly after.

"Thanks to everyone who played their part. We were able to accomplish something here today that our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will benefit from," said VanHook. "This kind of project has lasting positive effects on growth and development. Our county and this region will be a better place for decades to come."

## Offender

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who is on the Kentucky Sex Offender Registry is permitted to live within 1000 feet of a school, publicly owned or leased playground, or licensed day care facility.

"Three individuals have recently been convicted and sentenced to serve jail time for violations of this law," said Rowe.

Upon recommendation from Rowe, in June of 2024, Mount Vernon residents Mary Helton and James Batterton were sentenced to 90 days for living within 1000 feet of the Mount Vernon Elementary School.

Both individuals claimed they did not re-

alize they were in violation and they provided the address to the registry. However, Rowe says the law still applies. "It is the obligation of the registrant to know if their address violates the distance restrictions," he said.

Batterton was further ordered to serve 180 days in jail when Rowe filed to revoke his probation from a prior disorderly conduct conviction.

In September of 2024, Mount Vernon resident Noah Trump was sentenced to 90 days to serve with an additional 275 days probated for living within 1000 feet of the Mount Vernon City Park.

Trump also argued that he didn't realize the address was in violation of the law, Rowe said.

## Shooter

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rel County line on Saturday, September 7 at around 5:30 p.m.

Officials with the investigation said the shooter positioned himself on a natural ledge beside exit 49 and began shooting an AR style weapon into vehicles passing on the north and south sides of I-75. Twelve vehicles were reported stuck by bullets and five people were seriously injured.

Police, rescue squads, ambulances, fire departments, EMS, investigators, the FBI, the ATF and more rushed to the scene and I-75 was closed for over three hours in both directions. US-25 from Livingston to London was also closed for several days.

Police and fire departments throughout the county spent Saturday night directing traffic. "We were handling the intersection of KY-150 and KY-461. When I left, I drove for miles and I never saw the end of the line of traffic," said Brian Bussell, Brodhead Emergency Management Director. The Brodhead, Livingston, Brindle Ridge and Mount Vernon Fire Department were spread throughout the county dealing with heavy traffic congestion and some reports indicated I-75 was backed up for over 20 miles.

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County first responders were involved in the massive traffic as well as assisting in the actual search efforts, either directly or indirectly, according to local officials.

Kentucky State Police Public Affairs Officer Scottie Pennington said first responders from the region have worked through the night on several occasions and officers from other posts are being called in to relieve exhausted officers and investigators.

Both the Laurel County and Rockcastle county sheriff's departments were very involved in the situation.

Rockcastle County Schools closed Monday and Tuesday since the shooter had not been caught. However, classes resumed last Wednesday. Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger, along with SROs (School Resource Officers), rode along on buses to the Livingston area to speak with the children and add a layer of protection for the students closest to the area where the suspect was thought to be hiding. The reward has now increased to \$35,000 for information leading to the arrest of Couch.

A foot search of several thousand acres has been underway for over one week but, to date, there has been no sign of Couch and the search continues.

## School

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Finance Director Jenny Sweet then presented the 2024/25 working budget to the board. According to Sweet, total revenues for the coming fiscal year are projected to total over \$35 million. The largest form of revenue will come from SEEK funding which will equal over \$25 million including on-behalf payments.

Sweet continued to discuss details of the budget, including the mission of the district and its commitment to use available funds on students first. According to Sweet, the expenses in the 2024/25 fiscal year will match the revenues for a balanced budget.

Sweet said the district budget represents two years of growth and is "the best budget we have ever had. We were able to expand and improve in every area."

According to the working budget, the capital outlay fund consists of \$239,000 with a building fund of \$3,569,760 and \$2,945,744 allocated for educationally specific purposes.

Sweet said the student-centered budget focuses a total of \$24,394,198 for the education of students alone and well over \$18 million of that directly to the area of instruction.

In contrast, the plant maintenance fund includes \$2,830,605 while transportation, which currently includes 60 buses, will have \$2,532,144 budgeted for that purpose.

Revenue sources for the district include local property taxes, utility taxes, interest and investments. State revenue is raised through SEEK funding and federal sources, including grants and reimbursements.

The district contingency fund in the working budget includes \$4,371,657.

The board approved the working budget unanimously.

In other action, board member Angela Parsons-Woods told the board members they should educate themselves fully on an amendment to the Kentucky Constitution on the November ballot. "This is a super important issue," she said.

Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger told the board she was proud of local and state law enforcement for helping make Rockcastle County students safer on their way to school while the I-75 shooter is still on the run.

In fact, Governor Andy Beshear announced last Thursday that he had worked closely with Ballinger to find ways to protect Rockcastle students going to or coming from school each day. Beshear indicated that Ballinger's ideas on the subject should be looked at by all Kentucky school systems affected by the shootings.

The plan, among other details that are not yet public information, includes Ballinger and trained SROs riding on the buses with the students in some sections each day.

In other action, the board heard the Superintendent's Monthly Personnel Report. It is as follows:

**Full time certified employees hired**

Aaron Stallsworth, LBD teacher at RCHS; Ashley Hayes, math teacher at RCMS; Tressie Smith, elementary teacher at MVES; Tina Tanaka, instrumental music teacher at RCHS.

**Full time classified employees hired**

Clifton Williams, instructional assistant at MVES; Hannah Denny and Olivia Albright, instructional assistants at BES; Kristin Holcomb, instructional assistant at RCMS; Jessica Dollins, district health coordinator consultant; Whitney Daugherty, Jessica Barron and Justine Alcorn, food service cook/baker at MVES;

Michele Mason, food service cook/baker at RCHS; Janetta McLemore, instructional assistant at RAAA; James Croucher, 2nd shift custodian at RCMS.

**Resignations**

Kevin Bradley, maintenance technician III, district wide; Jessica Dollins, district health service coordinator, district wide; Tiffany Falin, instructional assistant at RCHS; Alison Chasteen, instructional assistant at BES; Williametta French, substitute midday bus driver; Brandon Scott Reynolds, 1st shift custodian at MVES; Sam Pensol, assistant basketball coach at RCHS; Izak McQueary, boys head track coach at RCHS; Alyssa Neeriemer, band percussion instructor and Jerica Brummett, Gear-Up career and college navigator.

**Certified substitutes hired**

Kylee Fain and Hunter Day, substitute teachers.

**Classified substitutes hired**

Cathleen Akers, Dalton Lefier and Jessica Barron, substitute food service cook/baker; Haven King, Allison Chasteen, Chloe Mullins, Ashley Harding and Carlie Green, substitute instructional assistants; Donna Asher, substitute midday bus driver; Jasmine Ashcraft, substitute bus monitor.

**Certified staff updates**  
JD Harris, LBD teacher at RAAA; Kelly Hughes, MSD teacher at RCMS.

**Classified staff updates**

Charles Delph, 1st shift custodian at RES; Dustin Burdette, maintenance technician III; Heather Allen, full time substitute bus driver; Amy Renner, full time bus driver; Roberta Richards, 2nd shift custodian at RCHS; Joshua Spencer, itinerant instructional assistant at RCMS; J. Donald Barnes, 1st shift custodian at RCHS; Tamera Smith, school nurse at RCMS; Tiffany Hayes, school nurse at MVES.



# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Deeds Recorded

Kentucky Property Ventures, LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to WW Investments, Inc. Tax \$196.50

Anthony Chase Warf, Avery Thomas and Surena Michelle Ward, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael Earl and Mary Ann Tate. Tax \$52

Hannah Campos, property in Mt. Vernon, to Kris Cromer. Tax \$35  
Floyd Caldwell, Jr. and Lillian Caldwell, property in Fairground Hill section, to Tracy Dale and Carolyn Caldwell. No tax  
Brenda Gail Hamilton, Dale and Laverne Winstead and Ronald David and Judy Carol Parrott, property in Rockcastle County, to Brenda Gail Hamilton. No tax

Brittany Asher and Jessica and Edgar Carpenter, property in Bowling Subdv., to Brittany Asher. Tax \$121.50

Brittany Asher and Jessica and Edgar Carpenter, property in Level Green section, to Jessica and Edgar Carpenter. Tax \$25

Betty Sue Long, property in Rockcastle County, to James and Amy Taylor. Tax \$9.50

Timothy Wayne Davis, property on the waters of Brush Creek, to Nathan K. and Elizabeth Doan. Tax \$60

Marcia Chism, property in Rockcastle County, to Billy Dean and Deborah J. Sowder. Tax \$500

Terri Ann and David Clark Curtis, property near old fairgrounds in Mt. Vernon, to Desiree Pickett. Tax \$100

## Marriage Licenses

Charlotte Nicole Lake, 42, Mt. Vernon, CMA and Kelby Ted Johnson, 52, Mt. Vernon, maintenance. 9/9/24

Kristen Faith Wilson, 25, Livingston substitute teacher, and Johnathan Isaac Sexton, 23, Orlando, factory. 9/10/24

Molly Elizabeth Craig, 20, Brodhead, bank teller/student and Jonah David Eaton, 22, Brodhead, auto body mechanic. 9/12/24

## District Civil Suits

Finwise Bank v. Jamie Robinson, \$1122 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Clinton Thompson, \$707 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. John Lamb, \$1,176 plus claimed due.

Calvary SPVI, LLC v. Jordon Ripley, \$3,645 plus claimed due. C-00191

## Circuit Civil Suits

Lestlie Ann Leary v. William Richard Leary, IV, petition for dissolution of marriage.

U.S. Bank National Assn. v. Amy Renee Ada, \$7,339 plus claimed due.

Credit Acceptance Corp. v. Melissa Jacobs,

\$9,222 plus claimed due.

Finwise Bank v. Daniel Falk, \$5,839 plus claimed due.

Michael Deshazo v. Fed Ex Ground Packaging System, et al, complaint.

Kenneth C. Allen v. Amy K. Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Alissa Forman, \$7,561 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Shannon Mink, \$8,102 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Charles Fields, \$22,480 plus claimed due.

Westlake Services, LLC v. Larry B. Vanwinkle, \$19,002 plus claimed due. CI-00233

## District Court

Sept. 9-11, 2024

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Bennett Damon: fines/fees due (\$413), benchwarrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta), nine days in jail or payment in full.

Jessica Kay Blackburn: theft by deception, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Jason K. Blair: operating motorvehicle under influence of alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended lup to six months, ADE authorized.

Gabriel Blevins: fines/fees due (\$55), bw issued for fta/two days in jail or payment in full.

Matthew A. Blevins: resisting arrest, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Nancy Kay Boykin: public intoxication, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, disorderly conduct, bw issued for fta.

Curtis Broughton: possession of controlled substance/heroin, theft-receipt of stolen credit/debit card, theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

Jordan Brown: criminal mischief, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs and restitution.

Steven E. Collins: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months/ADE authorized.

Christine Edna Crabtree: fines/fees due (\$208), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Amy Louise Davis: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and two other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

John Roger Denis: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended lup to six moths/ADE authorized.

Michael W. Denny: fines/fees due (\$743), bw issued for failure to appear/15 days in jail or payment in full; reckless driving, fleeing or evading police, possession of marijuans, no operators/moped license, failure to or improper signal, bw issued for fta.

Tammy Durbin: fla-

grant non-support, criminal trespass, assault, violation of conditions of release, court notice issued.

James Albert Fox: failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Megan Kelly Rose Gambrell: fines/fees due (\$637), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Brittany Amber Nichole Hale: possession controled substance (two charges), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, controlled substance prescription not in original container, bw issued for fta.

Donella R. Harrison: assault, bw issued for fta.

Matthew Charles Haynes: assault, resisting arrest, bw issued for fta; fines/fees due (\$243), six days in jail or payment in full.

Scotty Lee Hellard: improper registration plate, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operators license and three other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jeffery Brian Lanham: operating motor vehicle under influence of substance, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Ali Said Liban: speedng and improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, agreed order entered.

Aaron J. Lynch: fines/fees due (\$425), bw issued for fta/nine days in jail or payment in full.

Jesse Owen Mason: criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Robert Wayne Maxie: cruelty to animals, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition; failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus cost/concurrent.

Ricky McDaniel: no/expired registration plates, operating motor

vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Craig McQueary: fines/fees due (\$248), bw issued lfor fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

James S. Mink: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Michael T. Palmer: obstructing a highway, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jimmy G. Pheanis: possession controlled substance, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Senaid Pilav: improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, agreed order entered.

Adam A. Smith: DUI, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months/ADE authorized.

Joe Michael Spoonamore: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, possession of controlled substance, operating motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance and nine other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Heather Stoeher: license to be in possession, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Chiwetin Wapachee: speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

Quentin Shawn Washington: possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.

Keith Gerard Will: improper use of left lane/overtaking lvehicle, agreed order entered.

Tela Sarah Carrick: speeding, \$5 fine; booster seat violations, \$25 fine plus costs.

Nelly Carroed: no operators license, \$50 fine plus costs.

Nathan S. Allen: violation of Kentucky

EPO.DVO, bw issued for fta.

Mickey Donavon Barnes: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates and two other charges, bw issued for fta/li cense suspended.

Jeremy Michael Branham: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Selena A. Bray: criminal trespass, 365 days in jail/to serve 30 days/balance probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Tristalynn Goff: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jeffrey L. Johnson: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs/suspend \$250 on condition.

Kayla A. Johnson: public intoxication, disorderly conduct, giving oficer false identifying information, bw issued for fta.

Darrell Reed Simpson: speeding, \$50 fine plus costs; no operators license in possession, \$25 fine.

Speeding: Hunter

Bryce Tipton, \$50 fine plus costs; Hekzada Isramzhonovich Aliyev, Jamie Mason, license suspended for ft; Malaak Mohammed Hawarneh, order entered;

Mario Ricardo Brown: Violation Part 392, Fed Safety Reg. Driving of Motor Vehicle, \$25 fine; Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, \$25 fine plus costs.

Jansen K. Upchurch: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Nicholas Hauger: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 180 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Angela D. Slusher: operating motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance, five days in jail, \$425 service fee, costs, up to six months operator license suspension/complete ADE; possession of marijuana, five days in jail/concurrent; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, five days/concurrent.

Noah M. Trump: register sex offender public playground restrictions, 365 days in jail/serve 90 days/balance probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I  
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00097**  
**Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. Plaintiff**  
**V.**  
**Hubert D. Green Defendants**

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on August 23, 2024 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SIX DOLLARS AND 52/100 (\$98,626.52) 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 26, 2024  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.**

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake, corner to Bill Smith in the right of way of the county road; thence southerly with the right of way of the county road 420 feet to an iron pipe; thence easterly 210 feet to an iron pipe; thence easterly 210 feet to an iron pipe in the line of Bill Smith; thence with the line of Bill Smith westerly 210 feet to the point of beginning and containing two (2) acres more or less.

Parcel No. 060-22-012

Property Address: 533 Halcomb East Road, Orlando, KY 40460

Being the same property conveyed to Hubert D. Green, a single person, by deed dated 9/30/2019 and recorded 10/7/2019 in Deed Book 270, Page 493, in the records of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

**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 (3.75%) 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 2024 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**

## 2024 Rockcastle County Tax Collection Schedule

The property tax bills for Rockcastle County will soon be mailed out.

If you do not receive bill by October 5, 2024 please contact the

**Rockcastle Sheriff's Department,  
205 East Main St. Box 2,  
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606-256-2032.**

**Business hours:**  
**Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon (Closed holidays)**

Property tax bills can also be viewed on the Rockcastle County Department website at [rockcastlekentuckysheriff.com](http://rockcastlekentuckysheriff.com)

	Starting Date	Ending Date
2% discount	Oct. 1, 2024	Nov. 1, 2024
Face amount	Nov. 2, 2024	Dec. 31, 2024
5% Penalty	Jan. 1, 2025	Jan. 31, 2025
10% Penalty+	Feb. 1, 2025	Apr. 15, 2025
10% Add-On		

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# Food Truck Championship

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including the newest member of the Rockcastle/Mount Vernon Tourism Board Jim Bowman, and Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts were on hand, along with the Mount Vernon Police Department and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department as well as members of the Brodhead and Mount Vernon Fire Department. Tourism Director and event organizer Jessica Blankenship was present throughout the event to make certain the event ran smoothly.

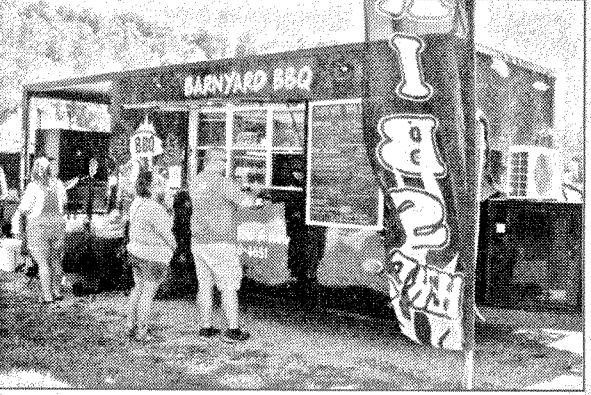
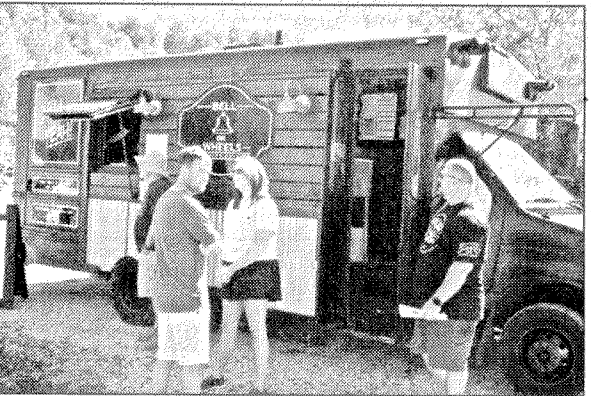
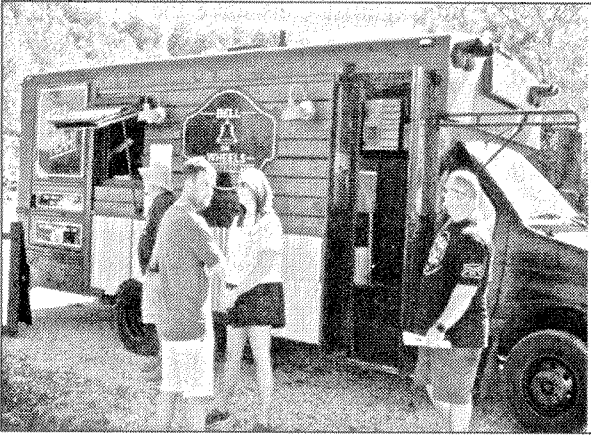
By 5:30 in the afternoon, the judges and guests had spoken and awards were presented on the stage. The Grand Champion winner of the 2024 Food Truck State championship was Vansauwa's Tacos and Vegan Eats while the People's Choice Award was presented to Hillbilly Q. The award for best Barbecue went to Holy Smokes Barbecue while the Best International Dish went to Cupzilla-Korean BBQ. Best American dish was awarded to Bert's SpeakCheezy and the Best Burger award was presented to Fully Loaded. The Best Dessert Award went to SugarSnap. The Best Theme went to 305 Cubano and Best Unique menu item went to Jenabelle Treats.

Organizers say the event was a huge success and plans are already underway for the Fifth Annual Kentucky State Food Truck Championship.

The state championship has become yet another event that brings tourists from across the nation to Rockcastle County and Blankenship says the credit goes to all who helped and worked hard to organize the 2024 event.



Shown above are owners of the winning food trucks during Saturday's Kentucky State Food Truck Championship held in Renfro Valley. The Fourth annual event brought guests from several states to Rockcastle County as craft vendors and live music joined over 40 food trucks who were competing for the state title.





# SPORTS

## Rockets move to 4-0 with win over Grant County

**By: Chad Hensley**  
Despite a week filled with many uncertainties, one thing that was a given was the maximum effort the Rockcastle County Rockets football team was going to give, and they did just that in a 45-14 dismantling of previously unbeaten Grant County.

Rockcastle (4-0) outgained Grant County (3-1) by an outstanding 358-9 on the ground and 465-105 overall despite being limited in what the team could do with no outdoor practices all week due to the ongoing manhunt in the area.

"I thought our kids came out ready to play," said Rockcastle County head coach Chris Larkey, who is now just one win shy of the 100-win mark of his career. "Of course thanks to our Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger, we were able to give the kids the opportunity to play, especially with all

that has transpired over the course of last week. The kids get back into a normal routine and play ball. I thought we played very well at times, of course we still have a lot to work on and to get really good we have to clean up all our mistakes."

One thing that wasn't a mistake this season and especially in the last two games is the combo package of running backs Isaiah Jackson and Carter Powell in becoming a two-headed monster that teams are having trouble stopping.

Jackson had arguably his best game of his career as far as yardage goes as the junior speedster carried the ball 22 times for 182 yards and three touchdowns.

Powell, a senior fullback, tallied 113 yards in 11 carries and two touchdowns, both of which were the first two scores of the game that allowed

the stickers to jump out to a 13-0 lead just before the end of the first quarter.

Powell's first score of the game came in a full-back dive play up the middle on third and short from the 20-yard line less than three minutes into the game then his second was 40-yards out.

"It is hard to really focus on one person," Larkey stated about Jackson and Powell. "Like last year, a team couldn't focus on one person and that's what made us so good, but for them to continue being good, they have to really help compliment each other by doing the little things like blocking better and showing leadership to the team."

Speaking of blocking, it wouldn't be without the efforts of the offensive linemen being so quick and powerful off the snap to get to their positions to opening the wide tunnels for the running backs to

motor through. The effort of the offensive line will be a key going forward especially as the competition level ramps up this week and heading into district competition.

"I thought all our offensive line stood out," Larkey added. "They were the workers that led our running backs. They did all the dirty work and never get the glory. When we can run downhill, we can be very successful."

Sophomore quarterback Caden Lovell was another bright spot for the Rockets on offense as he has been leading the offense in his first year under center as the starter. Against Grant County, Lovell was 4-for-5 passing for 98 and two touchdowns.

While Lovell may not be the same type of quarterback as what Rocket fans saw in Tucker Warren last season, he has been using his own talents in leading the offense and making a name for himself rather than being someone else's replacement.

Lovell connected in passes of 53 yards to Jackson, 28 yards to Powell, 10 yards to Cameron Smith and six yards to Ethan Weaver. The completions to Jackson and Weaver both went for Lovell's first two touchdowns of his career.

"Caden has done all we asked of him," commented Larkey about his QB1. "We never compare players to others in terms of trying to make them the same type of player. No one is the same and everyone has different abilities. Each year you have to coach what kind of team we have. This year is not last year. Our kids and coaches know that and no matter how bad some would like it to be, it's not."

To close out the offensive production, Camden Larkey was 1-for-3 passing with the lone completion going for nine yards to fullback Jai Denny while Lovell added 34 yards on the ground on five carries.

Freshman Brayden Thacker had two carries for 12 yards while Xavier Leger, Denny and Myles Watson tallied one carry each going for 12, three and two yards, respectively.

Benjamin Brenda connected on three of four extra point attempts for the Rock.

The Braves came into the game averaging over 276 yards on the ground in wins over Louisville Waggener, Fort Knox and Covington Holy Cross. The defensive coaching staff at Rockcastle had their crew ready to prove they were by far and away the best defensive unit Grant County had faced all season and they sure proved it by limiting the opposition to just nine yards rushing for the game.

"Coach Josh Martin, Coach Chayse McClure and Coach Michael Brummett never get enough credit for what

they do," Larkey boasted about his defensive coaches. "Its amazing what they do for our kids, and it shows each game. Our kids can never ever say they were not prepared. I can't say enough great stuff about how well they coach. Its personal to them."

After a week of limited action due to a severely lopsided win against Pineville, Hunter Pingleton regained the top spot in total tackles in a game with nine against Grant County including two tackles for loss.

Blake Mullins and Jaydon Bowles weren't far behind Pingleton in tackles with seven and six, respectively, but it was their ability to consistently be a thorn in the side of the Grant County quarterback that helped out tremendously.

Mullins recorded four tackles and loss including three quarterback sacks while Bowles added three tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks.

Powell, Creed Gabbard and Michael Camel recorded three tackles each to go along with two apiece each from Jackson, Alex Smith, Heath Barnes, Colin Hamilton and Eli Phelps.

Lovell, Leger, Watson, Denny and Jacob Camel chipped in a tackle each.

Phelps and Jackson both had two tackles for loss and a quarterback sack while Michael Camel and Gabbard

added a tackle for loss and quarterback sack each to go along with the one sack from Denny.

Leger also contributed an interception for a defensive unit that has forced the opponents into six turnovers on the season.

With the win and the releasing of the first Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) of the season by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, the Rockcastle County Rockets have the highest RPI in all of Class 3A with an 0.82535. It is the first time since the RPI has been in use that the Rockets can stake claim to having the best in its classification.

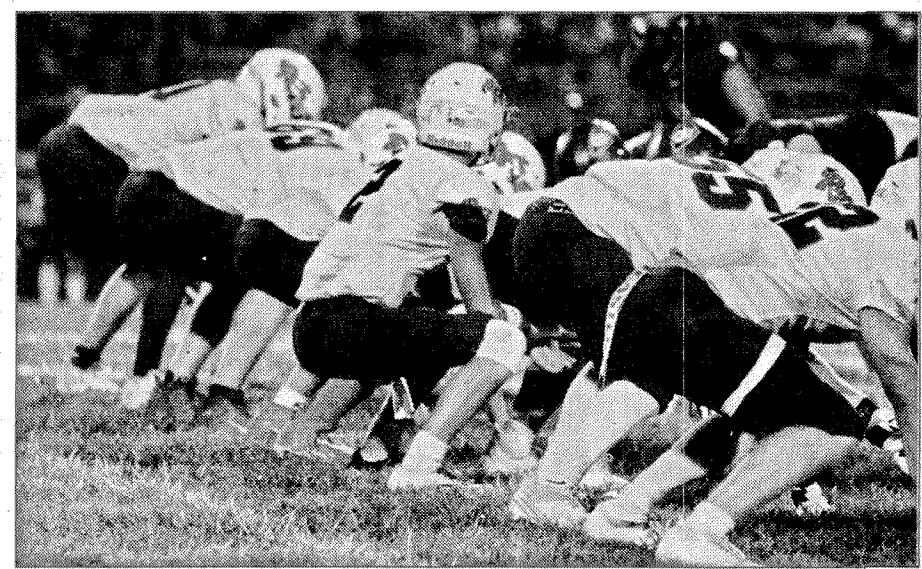
"I think it just goes to show how the teams we play are good teams," said Larkey when asked about the accomplishment. "The RPI takes into account your opponents record, their opponents record, and all added together. Its awesome that we are recognized for that, but each week this will change depending on your opponent and the teams you played. Of course, the bigger school we play the better our RPI and beating a 5A Anderson Co. and 4A Grant Co. helps a lot. And of course, this is great for the fans to have something to talk about."

The RPI is used to determine hosting rights in the state playoffs for the

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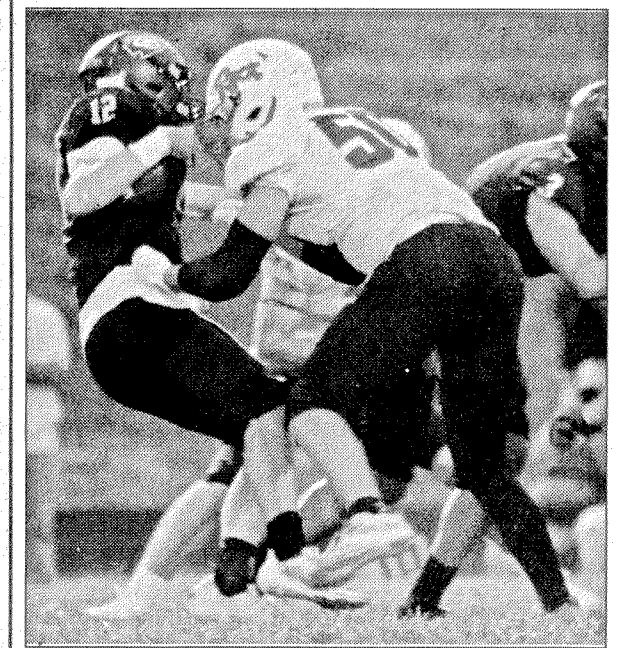
Isaiah Jackson fights for yardage during the Rocket win Friday night. Jackson had 22 carries for 182 yards and three touchdowns. Jackson also had one reception for 53 yards and one touchdown.



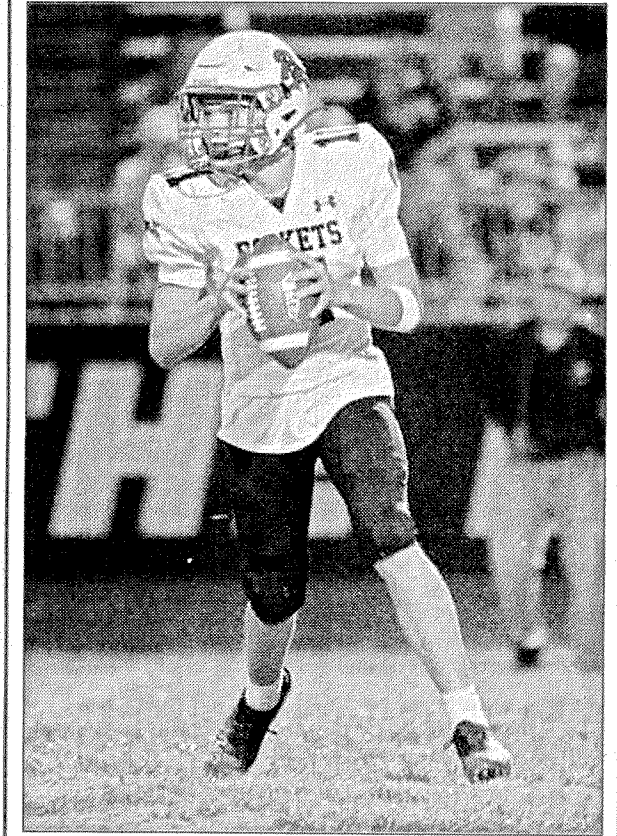
Quarterback Caden Lovell gets set behind the Rocket offensive line of Jaydon Bowles, Austin Miles, Jacob Leger, Colin Hamilton, Ethan Tillery and Creed Gabbard during the Rockets' 45-14 win over Grant County Friday night. The line made holes for the Rockets to pick up 358 yards of rushing in the win.



Hunter Pingleton brings down a Grant County player during the Rockets' 45-14 win Friday night. Pingleton had six solo tackles, three assists and two tackles for loss in the win.

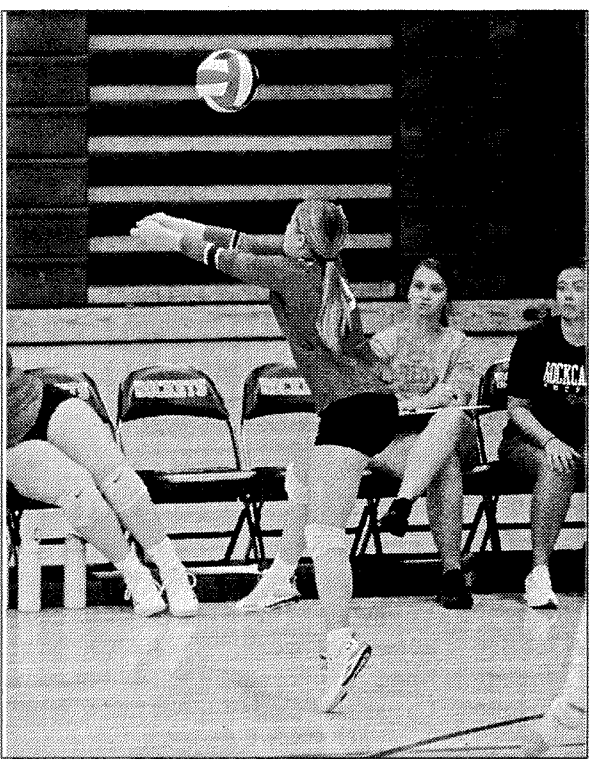


Jaydon Bowles goes for one of his six tackles on the night in the Rocket win over Grant County. Bowles had five solo tackles, one assist, three tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks.



Camden Larkey looks for a receiver during the Rocket win over Grant County Friday night. Larkey led the Rocket JV Monday night to a 30-12 win over Pulaski County.





Arrahlyn Richards goes after a ball in recent Rocket jayvee volleyball action. The varsity squad went 5-1 this past week with wins over Somerset, Danville, Russell County, Lincoln County and Garrard County with their only loss coming to Boyle County. The Rockets move their record to 10-4 on the season. Their next four matches are on the road before hosting district foe Pulaski County on September 26th at 5:30. Somerset Christian School comes to town September 30th with a 6:30 start.

## “Football”

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quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.

A win this week will go a long way in maintaining that top ranked status as the Rockets will face a daunting task in trying to get a bit of revenge against a Paris Greyhounds squad that proved to be Rockcastle's only regular-season loss last season.

While Paris (3-1) is a Class 1A program, the Greyhounds are ranked third in their classification in RPI standings and have games against only two teams that can beat them the rest of the season with one being Rockcastle and the other against Class 1A state runner-up and district foe

Raceland left on the schedule.

“Paris is going to be the fastest and most athletic team we face all year, and perhaps have the best player we will play all year,” Larkey added about this week's opponent who defeated Rockcastle last season 39-37 on a field goal as time expired. “All it will take is about four missed tackles and they will have 28 points. We have to be able to keep the ball from them and run the clock and limit their possessions.”

It is homecoming week for the Rockets and fans are sure to pack Rocket Field well before the scheduled 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Senior defensive back Brandon Valle is one of three candidates for Homecoming King.

# Be safe around electricity when moving FARM EQUIPMENT

With the arrival of harvest time, our farmers are shifting into high gear as they move into their fields to bring in crops

All the increased activity puts farmers and farm workers at greater risk.

Always look up and around before moving or raising equipment. A good rule of thumb is to stay at least 20 feet from all power lines and power poles.

Watch out for power poles, too. If you strike one, it may break, dropping a live line on your equipment.

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

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

If you're in equipment that touches power lines, stay inside and call for help. If you have to escape, jump clear of the equipment. Keep both feet together and shuffle or hop at least 40 feet away.



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## The Big Bang Theory

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## SUGAR'S PUZZLE PAGE

IXNAY!

By Fred Piscop

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- 17) Shaving mishaps
- 19) Musical Simone
- 20) Place for a patch
- 21) Word on a dollar
- 22) Like a banjo
- 24) Great in scope
- 26) It may be rigged
- 27) Madison Square Garden team
- 32) Dean Martin song subject
- 34) Argus' many
- 35) Derby or bowler
- 36) McEntire sitcom
- 37) Bond and Smart, for two
- 39) Timbuktu's land
- 40) Having four sharps
- 41) Blueprint detail, briefly
- 42) Home run, in slang
- 43) Trade school subject
- 47) Send to the canvas

### DOWN

- 48) Expensive wrap
- 49) London's Downing, e.g.
- 52) Swab's implement
- 53) Flapjack-selling chain
- 57) Fictional sleuth Charlie
- 58) Ones forbidden to emigrate from the USSR
- 61) Still-life vessels
- 62) Codebreaker Turing
- 63) City on the Seine
- 64) Trombone accessory
- 65) Shopper's reminder
- 66) Sugary
- 18) Apt to snoop
- 23) Takes the gold
- 25) Leave speechless
- 26) terrier (dog breed)
- 27) "Check"
- 28) Modern composer Steve
- 29) Chews the fat
- 30) Crinkly veggie
- 31) Tend to the sauce
- 32) Diva's delivery
- 33) Diner handout
- 37) Like the colors of the rainbow
- 38) Eat like a chicken
- 39) Short, heavy woolen coat
- 41) Hook's sidekick
- 42) Sardine can material
- 44) Danish seaport
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- 51) Go on a tirade
- 52) Advanced degs. for curators
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- 55) Any of Steinbeck's Joads
- 56) Soft "Hey you!"
- 59) One of football's Mannings
- 60) Mini-albums, for short





The Mt. Vernon Lumber King held their Customer Appreciation Day and Grand Re-Opening on Thursday, September 12th. The Rockcastle Chamber provided a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new facade and building improvements. The Chamber, City of Mt. Vernon and the County Fiscal Court are proud to have Lumber King serve our construction needs. The ribbon cutting was preceded with comments from Lumber King executives and board members. Senator Brandon Storm, County Judge Exec Howell Holbrook, Mt. Vernon city staff, Chamber members and many Lumber King customers attended the event which also included prizes from vendors and Lumber King. Lunch was provided by Down On Main.

### God in local jail



Inmates and their families took part in the second annual Jail revival at the Rockcastle County Detention Center last week. Several speakers and pastors filled the afternoon with Christian atmosphere. Organized by Jailer Nathan Carter, speakers from across Kentucky led inmates and their families in prayer as inmates were baptized and families looked on. Carter said the event was made possible through the help and hard work of many dedicated Christians who seek to spread the word. Carter said God was present at the event and he thanks everyone who took part or helped make the event possible.

## Fiscal Court to cut some roads from repair plan

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday to an unusually short agenda.

The court did not receive the Livingston Trail Town report concerning

how the \$1,000 in program support from the fiscal court was used last month. Officials expect the report by the next meeting.

The court approved \$2,430 in program support to the Rockcastle County Development Board for July and Au-

gust. Of the \$2,430, \$2,200 was designated to Director Lynn Tatum for contract pay. The remaining \$230 covered cell phone expense, box rental and office supplies.

Holbrook reminded magistrates of the ceremony to celebrate the natural gas line crossing into Rockcastle County the following day.

The court also accepted a check from the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office for \$6,956 as excess fees from their expense account.

The court also agreed to include several frequencies into the local radio communication system.

Holbrook informed the court the cost of the rental uniforms for county employees dropped slightly. The cost to rent each type of wear dropped an average of slightly over 5 cents per item from 37.75¢ to 32.25¢ weekly per item.

Holbrook also provided a FLEX Funding Road Plan along with a list of roads that have been submitted for resurfacing to the court. "As you can see, our total funding for

the 24-25 fiscal year is \$288,931. However, the roads listed that have been requested to be repaired equal \$747,631. We are going to have to trim some of these roads off our list."

Magistrate Shane Thacker said some of the roads on the list "aren't really in very bad shape." But he continued to say "A lot of the roads in my district are really in need of repair."

Holbrook asked the court to go over the list and be willing to remove roads that are in less need. "We are all adults here and we can see what roads really need work by driving over them. I believe in using the funds for the roads that need it most, first." Magistrates

agreed to look over the list and return with suggestions.

The most expensive repair on the list was School House Hill Road at \$95,170 while Meretburg Cemetery Road was the least expensive at \$7,000.

The Livingston Gym rental report showed \$525 in revenue for August rental.

The court also heard financial reports from the Solid Waste Department, Quail Park and the County Treasurer. Treasurer Vickie Miller also requested a transfer of \$151,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and then a transfer of \$66,000 from the general fund to the jail fund and \$5,000 from the general fund to the fair

ground fund leaving \$80,000 in the general fund for operating expenses. The request passed unanimously.

While discussing vouchers, magistrates asked about a \$9,000 bill for mechanic work. Holbrook said the bill was for work on a Livingston fire truck. Another bill was questioned for the towing of a Brindle Ridge fire truck. After the explanations, all vouchers were approved.

Having no further business, the court was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

### Honey on the Farm

Local honey for sale Saturday on Doug Brock's Honey Bee Farm in Maretburg. Located on US 150, only one mile west of KY 461 and US 150 intersection. Look for signs. Come out to the Farm this Saturday, Sept. 21st, the last day of summer. Doug will be doing free samples of a variety of honeys. He would like to see what type of honey everyone likes best. Say I saw it in the Mt. Vernon Signal and get \$1 off a quart of honey.

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NOTE: The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property of lead-based paint. The period for inspections begins September 17th through September 26th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day inspection period.



Auction 2 - 1664 Sand Springs Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky.

This property measures 1.001 acres with 208' frontage along Hwy 1249. The property does have an uninhabitable mobile home measuring approx. 14 x 40. Mobile home does not have title.

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# Farm Safety and Health Week in Kentucky is in September

Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell has proclaimed Sept.15-21 as Farm Safety and Health Week in Kentucky to encourage farmers and farm workers to put their health and safety first at all times. Kentucky's farm safety week coincides with the National Farm Safety and Health Week. With a theme of "Don't Learn Safety by Accident," this week emphasizes the need to keep safety top of mind while on the farm.

"The number of risks farmers face every day on the farm are numerous," Commissioner Shell said. "Farmers must be vigilant about their surroundings from machinery accidents, chemical exposure, unruly livestock, grain bin entrapment, severe weather, and many others. In Kentucky, we have made great strides to mitigate these risks to make farming safer than ever before, but one farm injury is one too many.

Whether you are on the farm, on the road, or in the home, please take that extra step to protect yourself and those around you." The Farm Safety and Health Week is dedicated to encouraging safe practices on our farms, but also addresses the safety measures the public can take to ensure they and their farming neighbors stay safe on the roads. Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the

agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. This annual promotion initiated by the National Safety Council has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944. The program, which started 25 years ago, added the Raising Hope project under its umbrella this year. Raising Hope, which began as a coalition be-

tween KDA and other agriculture, education, and healthcare institutions, is dedicated to improving the mental and physical health of farmers. In July 2024, Raising Hope was moved fully under KDA and joined with the Department's Farm Safety program. To raise awareness about the mental health resources available for farmers, the Kentucky House of Representatives recently passed House Resolution 59, which declares the Wednesday of Kentucky's Farm Safety and Health Week "Farmer Suicide Prevention Day" in Kentucky.

To celebrate Kentucky's farmers, KDA

is hosting the second annual Farmers Appreciation and Awards Day Sept. 18. The day will honor farmers and their jobs, while also recognizing the risk they face in their day-to-day duties. The awards day, which was held in Frankfort last year, is designed to be moved throughout the state as the years proceed. It's being moved this year to Bowling Green to Western Kentucky University's L.D. Brown Ag Expo Center.

The event, which starts at 9:30 a.m. CT, will offer free burgers, hotdogs, and ice cream, along with free health screenings and booths dedicated to educational safety, health and rescue.

## Frankfort Update

### Representative Josh Bray

Inflation: The Invisible Tax on Kentuckians

Inflation. It does not discriminate, and its effects can be felt by all - rich, poor, young, and old. When the supply of money in the economy grows faster than the economy itself, inflation occurs, resulting in increased prices and decreased purchasing power for consumers. Simply put, it means you spend more and get less.

In June 2022, inflation reached a 40-year high of 9.1%. In response, the Federal Reserve gradually raised interest rates to a 23-year high to combat inflation, making it more expensive to borrow money. While the inflation rate has gradually declined since its peak in June 2022 to 2.9% as of July 2024, its effects continue to be pervasive and pernicious.

According to the United States Joint Economic Committee, the average Kentucky household is paying \$962 more per month compared to 2021. Compared to last year, the average Kentucky household needs to spend \$170 more per month to maintain the same standard of living.

One of the places Americans feel inflation the most is at the grocery store each week. Over the past several years, consumers have seen prices increase significantly and are forced to decide which products they deem essential. In the wake of these surges, consumers are often tasked with answering the question: Can I afford this?

According to CBS' price checker, which measures prices changes nationally in everyday expenses from 2019 to 2024, the price of a dozen eggs rose from \$1.20 to \$2.72 (126% increase); the price of a loaf of bread rose from \$1.28 to \$1.97 (54% increase); the price of a pound of ground beef rose from \$3.81 to \$5.47 (44% increase); the price of cookies rose from \$3.50 to \$5.02 (43% increase); and the price of a pound bacon rose from \$5.88 to \$6.83 (16% increase).

Currently, the average Kentucky household for all households spends around \$255 a week on groceries, according to Trace One analysis. Groceries account for 9.2% of Kentuckians' total consumer spending, which is higher than the national average of 8.0%.

Another core area inflation has affected is housing. CBS's price checker reports that from 2019 to 2024 rent prices rose in both Lexington, from \$1,002 to \$1,432 (43% increase), and Louisville from \$1,025 to \$1,406 (37% increase). Additionally, the dream of owning a home has become unat-

tainable for many due to the lack of affordability, resulting in lower rates of home ownership. According to a recent report by Zillow, Kentuckians looking to purchase a home in Louisville would need to earn an income of approximately \$77,450 as of January 2024 to comfortably afford it, which is \$31,185 more than they needed in January 2020. While the income needed to comfortably afford a home in Louisville, Kentucky, is below the national average of more than \$106,000, the increase in income needed over the course of four years is still staggering.

On top of groceries and housing, other monthly expenses, like utilities and transportation costs, have increased as well. As a result, Americans are finding that they have less and less money to

save each month for the future. Retirement for older Americans seems like an uncertainty as many question whether they are financially stable enough to do so comfortably. In fact, a survey conducted by F&G Annuities & Life found that 68% of pre-retirees are thinking about postponing retirement.

Now, inflation not only impacts individuals; it impacts businesses too. Business owners are faced with cost increases across the board from production to personnel and are forced to grapple with the tough question of whether to increase prices on consumers to maintain profits.

As a legislator, I recognize the negative impact inflation is having on Kentuckians and am committed to ensuring you keep more of your hard-earned money. In

2022, the state legislature passed HB 8, a measure aimed at gradually eliminating the state's individual income tax. The individual income tax was lowered to 4.5% in 2023 and 4% in January 2024. While the state missed the target to lower the tax in 2025, we are on track to see a cut to 3.5% in January of 2026. Lowering the individual income tax has been made possible through fiscal responsibility- reducing debts and liabilities, limiting borrowing, and building our state budget reserve. As a result of our commitment to gradually lower the individual income tax, more than one billion dollars have stayed in Kentuckians' pockets- where it belongs.

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@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.



Thanks to the following people who volunteered to water the flower garden at the NURSING HOME this summer which kept the blooms coming all during the fit dry season: Alaina Cougar Taylor, Vicki Scheffler, RCHS cheerleaders, Riley and Amy McKinney, James and Shannon Osborne, Gina Bussell family, Cynthia Rogers.

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**Posted:** No trespassing on the property of Kimberly and Joseph Ramsey on Copper Creek Hill Road. No illegal dumping of trash, horseback riding, no ATVs or Side by Sides. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 27x5

**Posted:** No trespassing on property located at 6033 Red Hill Road, in Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 24x6

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on the former Berl Hopkins' land (now belonging to Judy Hopkins Marsh) on KY 461 near US 150 and 461 intersection. 24x6

**Posted:** No trespassing for any reason on land belonging to Matthew Broaddus and others on KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 24x6

**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJJ Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(24)x51

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 46/24x52

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt in Livingston and Mt. Vernon. **Anyone entering the properties must be with Orville Burkhardt.** Violators will be prosecuted.

**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.

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

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

**Notices**

Notice is hereby given that Sara Smith, 91 Barnett Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 and Daniel Martin, 290 Countryside Circle, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of William Allen Martin, deceased, on the 9th day of September 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sarah Smith & Daniel Martin or Hon. William A. Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before March 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 30x3

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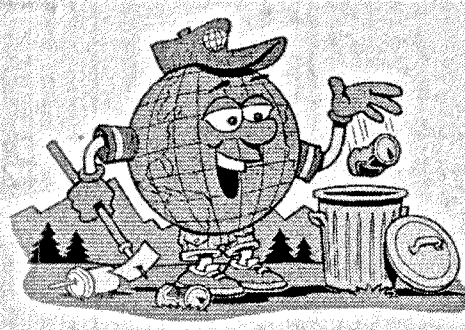
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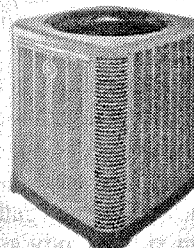
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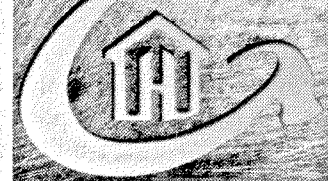
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Social Security Admin announces new efforts to simplify SSI applications

The Social Security Administration recently announced a large step in a multi-year effort to simplify processes for people who are applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) by starting to offer an online, streamlined application for some applicants starting in December. SSI provides monthly payments to people with disabilities and older adults who have little or no income and resources.

The initial step – known as iClaim expansion – aims to establish a fully online, simplified iClaim application that leverages user-tested, plain-language questions, prepopulated answers where possible, seamless step-by-step transitions, and more. The online application aims to reduce the time spent applying as well as the processing time for initial claim decisions.

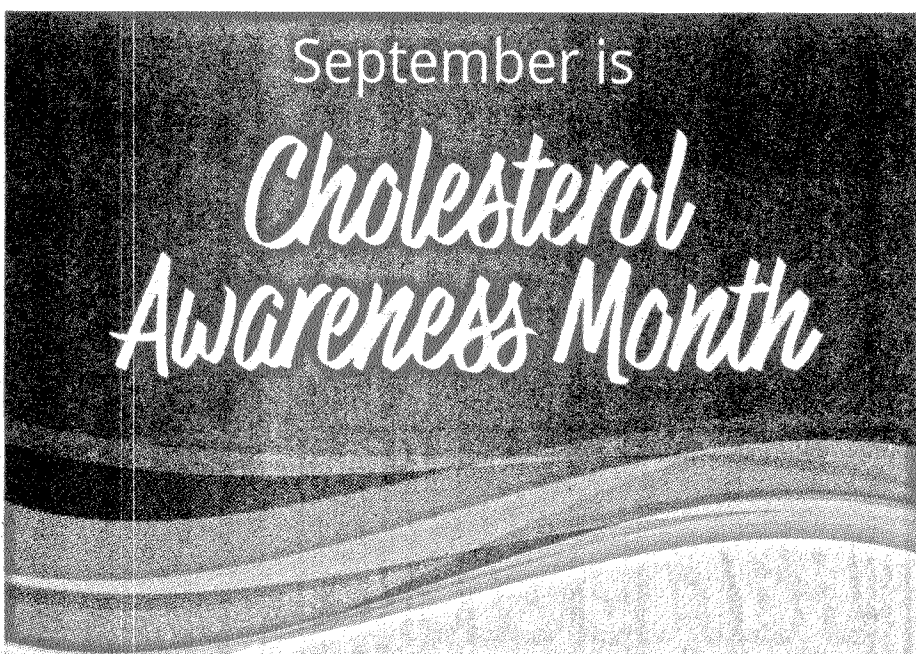
“Over the past year, we have asked many applicants and advocates – as well as our workforce – how we could make the SSI application process easier and simpler. Now, we are taking an important first step to do just that,” said Martin O’Malley, Commissioner of Social Security. “People in our communities who need this crucial safety net deserve the dignity of an application process that is less burdensome and more accessible than what we now have, and we’re committed to achieving that vision over the next few years.”

The rollout of the iClaim expansion will generally be available to first-time applicants between 18 and almost 65 who never married and are concurrently applying for Social Security benefits and SSI. A goal of the second phase – currently targeted for late 2025 – is to expand this to all applicants.

The Federal Register Notice that supports this effort was published today and reflects changes based on what Social Security previously received. To read it, please visit [Federal Register :: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request](#).

Subsequent SSI simplification steps will incorporate lessons learned from the iClaim expansion into in-person, phone, mobile, and paper-based processes for SSI applications. As part of that, the agency plans to develop a separate simplified child SSI application.

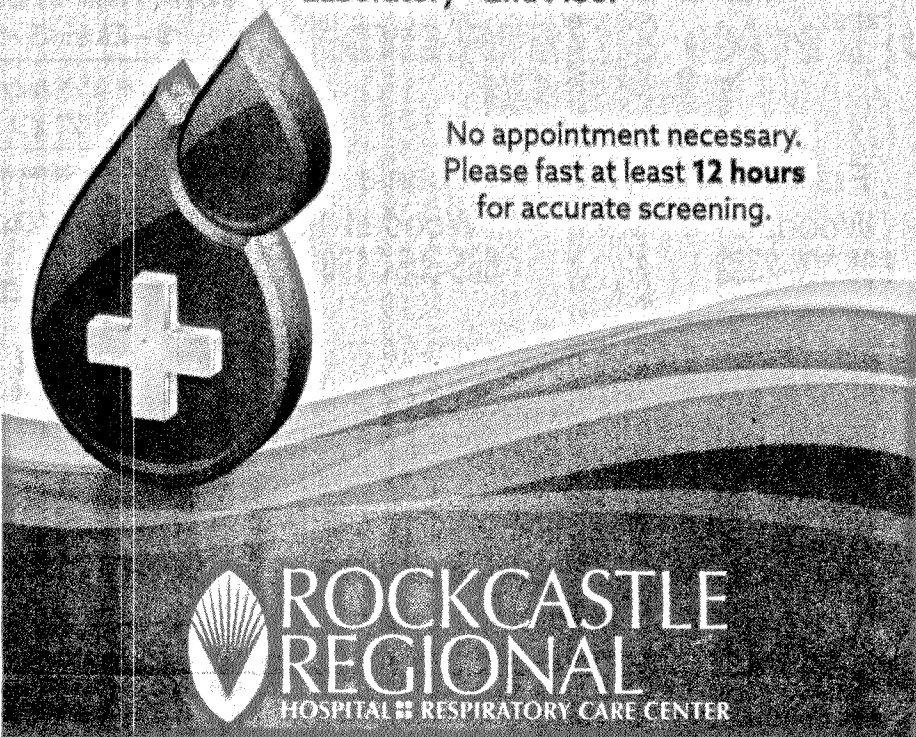
All of these efforts will support and streamline the way Social Security’s staff technicians and applicants work together, providing an applicant journey that reflects continuous feedback gathered from the agency’s Customer Experience team, particularly from underserved communities.



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