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RCHS Royalty



Rockcastle County High School held homecoming festivities last Friday night at halftime of the Rockets-Paris battle. The 2024 Homecoming Queen and King are shown above, seniors Danica Wallin and Brandon Valle.

I-75 shooter found deceased near exit 49

By: Mike French
Editor

The body of Joseph A. Couch was found last Wednesday.

A press release by the Kentucky State Police said "Troopers and two

civilians located the body in deep brush behind exit 49 in Laurel County."

Two social media personalities say it was Fred and Shelia McCoy that helped locate the body. In fact the two posted live

video to social media showing the discovery of the body and police say the two are eligible for \$25,000 of the \$35,000 reward that was offered.

(See "Shooter" on A5)

Schools on alert for two days

By: Mike French
Editor

On Monday, September 23, Rockcastle County Schools were on high alert after officials discovered a non-specific message that could be considered threatening in the bathroom at the local highschool, according to officials.

The school website said after the message was discovered, school officials contacted the Kentucky State Police and local law enforcement to investigate the

incident.

School officials say an increase in law enforce-

ment presence would be noticed on school

(See "School" on A5)

Local citizen files another Open Meeting complaint

— Kiwanis donates to schools

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held their regular monthly

meeting last Thursday evening, with several items on the agenda. Newly-appointed City Administrator Andrew Pensol was present for his first regular meeting in the new position.

After approving the minutes from the special called meeting on August 12, and the special called meeting on August 14, the council members were

(See "Shooter" on A5)

Brodhead planning to annex US-150 corridor

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Brodhead City Commission held a one-minute special called meeting Monday evening.

The only item on the agenda included two ordinances providing notice of intent and desire to annex property. Both ordi-

(See "Annex" on A4)

Vickie Miller retires, Kelly Ponder named new Treasurer

Fiscal Court to begin water project on Bloss Road

By: Mike French
Editor

Kelly Ponder, of Mount Vernon, has been chosen as the new Rockcastle County Treas-

urer, at a special called fiscal court meeting last week.

Vickie Miller, who has

served in several different capacities at the Rockcastle County Courthouse over the

years, was promoted by unanimous vote to the position of County Treasurer after the passing of County Treasurer Joe Clontz.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said Miller had taken meeting minutes, among many other duties for many

years. Miller had also worked with the Rockcastle County Indus-

trial Development Authority but resigned from

(See "Court" on A5)

Police called to shots fired incident in Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon Police Department, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office and the

Kentucky State Police were called to a possible shots fired incident at the

(See "Shots" on A4)

Cancer t-shirts available now at MVFD

The Mount Vernon Fire Department is currently selling cancer awareness t-shirts through October with all proceeds going to the Rockcastle County

(See "Shirt" on A5)

New Military mental health and depression prevention group

The Rockcastle County Military Mental Health and Depression Prevention Coalition is now beginning to hold monthly meetings in Mount Vernon.

According to organizers, the goal of the coalition is set to raise awareness of mental health and depression prevention within the veteran popu-

lation and the Rockcastle County community as a

(See "Group" on A5)

Mount Vernon grocery business suddenly set to close its doors

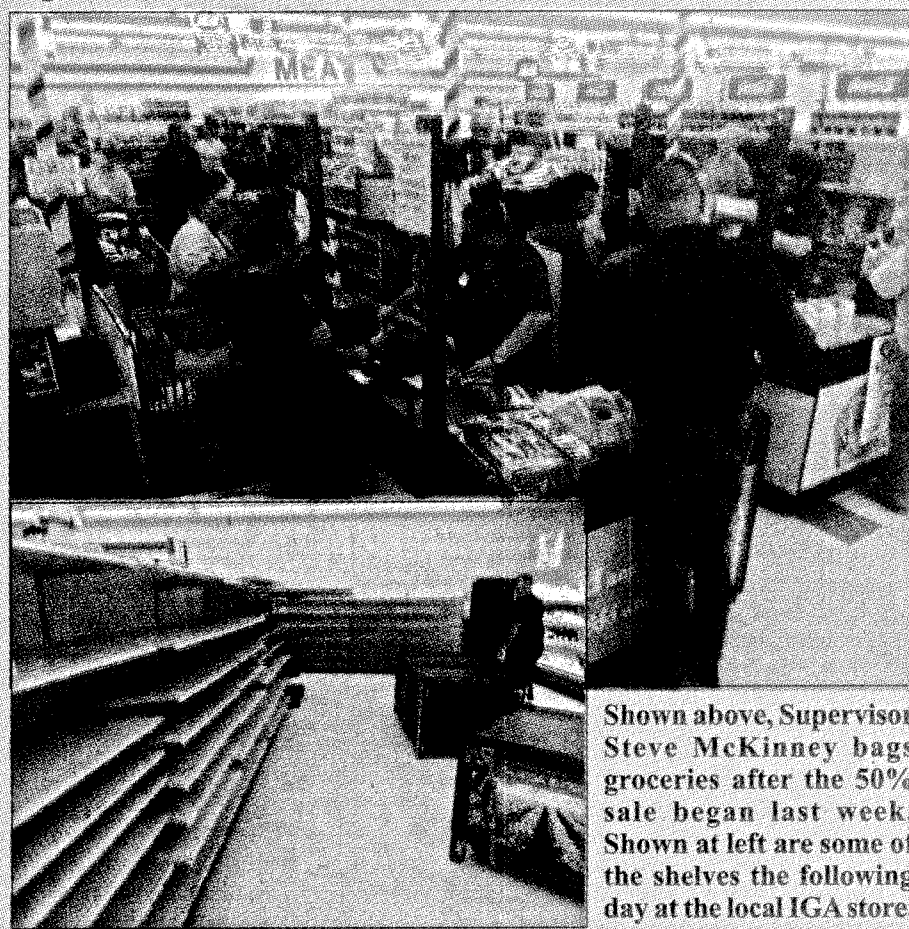
By: Mike French
Editor

While expansion and development is on the move in Rockcastle County, one of the decades-long grocery businesses of Mount Vernon decided to close their doors.

Mount Vernon IGA has served Rockcastle County residents for decades but owners of the company, a subsidiary of Laurel Grocery according to workers at the store, announced last Tuesday that the grocery store would be closing its doors permanently.

The unexpected announcement came by means of social media on Tuesday, offering 50% off of everything in

(See "Closing" on A5)



Shown above, Supervisor Steve McKinney bags groceries after the 50% sale began last week. Shown at left are some of the shelves the following day at the local IGA store.

Debra Hembree Lambert elected Chief Justice

The Justices of the Supreme Court of Kentucky voted to elect Deputy Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert as the next Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Chief Justice-elect Lambert will serve a four-year term beginning Jan. 6,



2025. See the election order at <https://kcoj.info/cjelect25>.

"Chief Justice-elect Lambert is a hard-working, dedicated and experienced member of the Kentucky

Court of Justice, having served as Family Court

(See "Chief" on A6)

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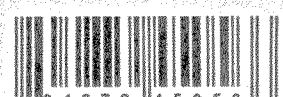
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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I had written a column and a half of this week's *ramblings...* when an overwhelming miasma of sadness enveloped me. The statistics that, going by the actions of present day politicians, prove that we need to send everybody in Washington home, except law enforcement (and I'm not talking about the FBI, Dept. of Justice or the CIA, just local officers), from the President down to the last employee hired by one of the 439 government agencies.

I decided that what I was doing was nothing but an exercise in futility that made no difference one way or the other. The vast majority of my readers, who agree with me, would have the same views anyway and those who disagree with me, nothing I say is going to change their minds one iota.

For example, liberals will be able to accept the fact that, according to the sworn testimony of a former border patrol chief, the Biden administration's efforts to convince the public there is no threat at our southern border included ordering the border patrol to cover up the number of terrorists arrested there. I'm also quiet certain that they kept quiet about the 300,000 refugee children that have gone missing. At least Trump had a law

that required anyone taking custody of children coming across the border illegally to undergo a DNA test to make certain they were related to the child. Of course, Biden immediately did away with that provision upon taking office.

The present regime also manages to keep very quiet the fact that they actually fly to foreign hell-holes, load up private planes with illegals and fly them into our country and then disperse them across the country, mainly into heavily Republican areas such as Springfield at a cost of \$150,000 per flight!

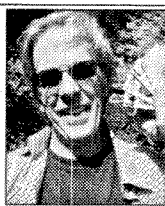
Oh, and by the way, a question. How do you say you are a RINO (Republican in Name Only) without saying you are a RINO? Rob Rue, Mayor of Springfield, Ohio recently said, in response to Trump's comment that he might visit Springfield, that he didn't think Trump should visit since it would "put a strain on the city's resources."

Evidently the 20,000 non-English speaking Haitians the federal government dropped on his town of 50-60,000 is not a "strain." I mean they only caused the school system to be flooded with 1,600 additional students (non-English speaking),

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Greed. That is what has destroyed the future for our grandkids. People who are willing to do almost anything, regardless of how unscrupulous or damaging to our future, as long as it gets them elected or keeps them in power. This is why our grandkids will never know the America we enjoyed.

I am aware that skeptics have made doomsday claims since the 1800s. The difference now is, our government has never before had to borrow \$2.4 billion every day, just to pay the interest alone on the money we already borrowed. A \$34 Trillion debt that is growing by \$8.5 billion every day, cannot be paid back. To many economists our debt has reached the tipping point. We are beyond the point of no return.

Everyone knows why. At least those who aren't living in their own little liberal fantasy world. Our government doles out cash we don't have just to gain more power and convince a gullible electorate that they are "working for you." Voters can't seem to grasp the fact that this spending is NOT working for you. They give you something you want, by taking your grandchildren into insurmountable debt to get it. That is how families and businesses file bankruptcy. And so will this government.

But, for a moment, they look like heroes. "Ohhh, look what my president did for me! I didn't see that other party providing that for the people! My party is so awesome!" Yet they provided it by plunging the country into an overwhelming debt that will come due when your grandchildren are at the helm.

I'm sure there are some who want to call these facts "conspiracy theory" too. Any facts that don't seem fun and "joyful" are

conspiracy theories or "misinformation" to some. There is a large group of Americans right now who simply refuse to see the truth exactly the same as a five-year-old who swears he will use that toy every day for the rest of his life. We all know it will be outside in the rain and rusty and useless in a week. But the five-year-old completely disagrees and cannot be convinced otherwise. "I want it now!!!" Many Americans never grew up. A five-year-old "new toy" attitude has taken over society.

When those in charge vote to use your tax dollars to spend \$7 million on self-flushing toilet studies, \$36 million studying why stress turns hair grey, \$3 million to promote DEI in Brazil and \$6 million to boost Egyptian tourism, then it is pretty obvious they aren't worried about your grandkids. They are worried about November.

This doesn't even begin to scratch the surface. Billions and billions and billions are wasted on stupid things by greedy people every year while American needs are ignored. All because some want a feather in their cap to show how compassionate they are.

The debt continues to grow and there will be a day of reckoning. It is that simple. In the meantime, even with the debt and spending much more than we have available, poverty is growing daily in America. Inflation is rampant, crime is up, race relations have fallen apart since DEI and BLM, perversion is out of control, millions of criminals are invading our country at Joe Biden's invitation, wars are breaking out across the globe and we still owe more as a household, and as a country, every day.

Debt is the destruction of many families and of many good people. Debt is not a good thing for anyone. It is sometimes necessary but we have lost the ability to discern the difference between "neces-

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Great Class of '78 Family Picnic

Dear Journal,

Yesterday I went to our class family picnic. It was a little gathering I had planned a few days ago so our graduating class could get together before the cold weather was upon us. Our class has a Facebook page so we can keep up with each other better besides our individual pages.

I've noticed for the last few years, the group page is full of sickness, or the deaths of various classmates. Then, it will usually include the deaths of our parents or spouses. Our class has now come to the age where we are beginning to feel the pains of old age. I remember our first class reunion, the fifth year. Some had just graduated from college and begun a new job. Some had just gotten married. By the time of the tenth reunion, it was talk of our new house and our first child or two and so it went every five years. By that time we were to the thirty and forty year reunions, it was let me tell you about my new grand babies, my surgeries and sizing down from our big house. We, along the way, had to put up a special memorial each year for the various ones who had died since the last reunion. As the years passed it seems to increase each year. Our next reunion will be the fifty year reunion. That will be our big night. I have our time capsule that we will open on that night. Among other

things there is a bottle of wine we will open and everybody will have a small sip to celebrate.

The reason behind the planning of this picnic was to get together yearly before the five year increment reunions. There will be no telling how many of us who may be too sick or have died in those years. We are an especially close knit group that has grown up together, at least from junior high. One time, Laurel County schools combined all of the various elementary schools together, about five or six, and became the London Junior High. Then, we all went to Laurel County High. It was huge. Our senior year it was the largest school in the state with way over three hundred seniors alone.

So, the class of '78 family met at the Levi Jackson Park, a place familiar to all of us. We once had class picnics there where we would throw water balloons at each other and chase each other with squirt guns. We had club pictures made. It held a lot of memories for us. We brought potluck foods and had a wonderful afternoon just sitting around and remembering our good old days. Long gone were the days of water balloon fights and getting drunk on near-beer bought at a little general store close to the park. We had such a good time, we collected more than enough money to rent the shelter house for next year. This is one of the best things that I believe I've ever done.

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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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Ramblings..

(Continued from A2) are decimating the Geese and Duck population of local ponds, have caused insurance rates to skyrocket for everyone because they are coming up with motor vehicles from somewhere that they don't know how to drive. They have, thus far, killed an 11-year-old boy when they plowed into a school bus and ran up into a driveway killing a grandmother who was putting out her trash. Locals say they account for five-six wrecks a day in the town. But, never fear, Republican Governor Mike DeWine (can you say another RINO?) feels Springfield resident's pain. He promised help and is reportedly sending it in the form of instructors to teach the Haitians English and how to drive. Gee, maybe he should send someone who would teach them not to defecate in old ladies' front yards, as one lady told the city council happened daily on her lawn. But, back to Kamala. Another fact that Democrats are okay with is that Presidential nominee Kamala Harris calls herself a black woman when, in fact, her birth certificate lists her race as caucasian, a birth certificate most likely filled out by her mother, wouldn't you think? She also published a book, in the last few years which contained a picture of her, as a grown woman, with a black woman who she said, in the caption, was her grandmother who she was visiting in Jamaica. Well, Candace Owens, someone who really should be running for President, reported Tuesday that she decided to do some digging into Kamala's background. During this research, she discovered that Kamala's paternal grandmother died at the age of 39, four years before Kamala was born. Owens also discovered that from her research, her ancestors on Kamala's father's side (her mother is from India) were white Irish slave traders, very wealthy, who at one time owned over 1100 slaves. Owens said that, according to her calculations, Harris cannot be more than 12% black at best. During her research, she hit a wall in researching Harris's lineage on her father's side (unable to find anything on her grandmother Beryl and Beryl's three siblings). She says there is something weird going on and has offered to pay anyone who can dig deeper a \$1,000 (personally, I think that if she is going to get any takers she's going to have to raise the ante considerably given the present rate of inflation).

Once again House Speaker Mike Johnson has failed to stand strong on a effort to get a Continuing Resolution spending bill with any concessions from Democrats in it. Congressional leaders have struck a deal to keep the government open, past a looming September 30th deadline, after a previous effort to punt the funding fight into spring 2025 and attach a Trump-backed proof-of-citizenship voting bill failed. The House is expected to move early next week on the legislation. The actual spending bill should have been in place effective October 1st but, as usual, it wasn't threshed out by then and the roughly three month extended timeline is the preferred duration of Democrats and Republican defense hawks in the hope that they will, as usual, be able to pass an Omnibus Spending Bill in December containing all the essential needs (read pork allocations to organizations and businesses) of our utterly out-of-control government. And, I bet you were unaware that your taxpayer dollars were used to fly a foreign leader (Ukraine's Zelensky) into a battleground state to campaign for Harris. Recently Zelensky was flown to Pennsylvania on a U.S. Air Force C-17. As a final reminder be aware that Biden is currently attending the UN's Summit of the Future which includes an unconstitutional attempt by them to pass a treaty that allows international organizations to violate the sovereignty of the United States. Under this treaty (the Intergovernmental Negotiated Action Oriented Path to the Future), this organization would have complete control over our country in the case of crises concerning: the climate, a financial crisis, cyber crisis, gun violations (?), health crises -- pandemics or rumors of a pandemic -- I guess. This would also reportedly entail an international registration of all citizens, surveillance of said citizens and censorship of differing views. I've got to stop. If I thought I was depressed before beginning this column...

much control China, and our other "creditors" has over our country. No one can pay off a debt if the payment is more than you earn. We have reached the point where America owes more than it can repay and our leaders want to owe even more. Someone has to stand up and say out loud, "enough is enough. No more waste." Until then, it will never stop. A lot needs to change in America and 90% of the change that could save the country involves nothing more than eliminating the pure waste. When we lost common sense, and replaced it with Woke ridiculousness, we lost our future. It is that simple. Either the wild, wasteful spending stops, or our debt continues to grow. Those are the only two options. The problem is, the new, woke generation calls wild, extravagant waste a "necessity." And they promise they will play with their new toy forever.

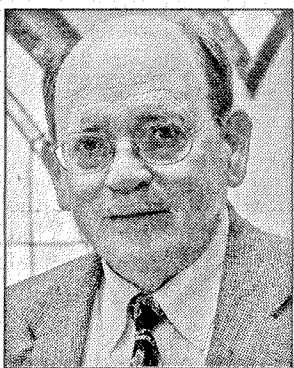
Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule Monday, Sept. 30th: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge. Tuesday, Oct. 1st: Ottawa and Bee Lick. Wednesday, Oct. 2nd: Child Development, Seek and Learn and Lisa's Little People. 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). 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. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Brodhead Community Center. Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date Vietnam Era Veterans, that attended Livingston High School, are asked to meet the last Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., for breakfast and conversation, at Marcella's. Weekly Grief Support Group There is a Weekly Grief Support Group which meets each Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hospice Care Plus & Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond. Please pre-register at hospicecareplus.org or by calling 859-986-1500. Open to anyone whose loved one was cared for by Hospice Care Plus. If travel is an obstacle, contact Abby at the number above to request alternative grief support options. Kiwanis Club Meeting The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets at Limestone Grille each Thursday at noon. Kiwanis is a service organization working to improve the lives of children. The public is invited. Chamber of Commerce Meetings The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend. VFW Post 5908 Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and Chaplain William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207. Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum The Rockcastle County Historical Society & Museum meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at RTEC garage/training room. Mt. Vernon Lions Club The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille. American Legion Post News The David M. Smith American Legion meets at the Veterans Center the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or District Commander B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882. Rockcastle UNITE Coalition The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities. Please join us each month. Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, 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 - MARRA - 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.

"Building Heritage"

By Jerry Hopkins

Psalm 127 is contrary to the beliefs and practices of our day. We believe in self-sufficiency and independence. The first thing we must learn is that we are neither self-sufficient nor independent (Romans 14:7-8). Sometimes we must fail miserably and repeatedly before we realize that without God we cannot build a good or lasting heritage. How can we build a good (some would say "godly") heritage for ourselves and our children. We should first recognize that God is essential to "good" success. This is true not only in our personal lives, but in our families also. We cannot see our children succeed if we do not teach them the importance of God. Many are concerned that their children stray from the Lord, or do not remain faithful to church. Why? Could it be that we have not, even with all our attendance, work and words about church, communicated that God is essential, not just to succeed in life, but to even continue living a meaningful life. Our children must see that God is first in our lives. No amount of moral or spiritual training will keep our children from wrong behavior or influences if we do not demonstrate in our lives this priority. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and



when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). We train our children whether we think we are or not. The way we train them they will live for the rest of their lives. So it is vitally important that we teach our children early in life the necessity of believing in God and trusting Jesus Christ as personal Savior. We should lead them to trust God and do good (Psalm 37:3-4). God is life's only essential. If we have God, we need nothing else. If we give our children God, we need give them nothing else. If we do not give them God, we can give them everything in the world and it will be insufficient and inadequate. We must, second, realize that our work is related to the work of God. What we do must be in harmony with God or we work "in vain." Note the importance of what Solomon says in Psalm 127—"Unless the

Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain" (Psalm 127:1). Mark those words—"in vain." No amount of work can construct what will stand the test of adversity and aggravation. If the foundation is not the Lord and the substance good and godly it will collapse when the testing time comes. Actually we must realize that tests come to show what is in us. The situation that developed between Lot and Abraham should instruct us in this regard. Lot led his family away from God. He didn't so much decide against God, as he just tried to get all he could for himself. He chose the prosperity of Sodom and Gomorrah. He ignored the godly and good influences in his life and that of his family. He chose not to work with God or God's friend Abraham. Mothers and fathers have a responsibility to lead their children and families in good, godly ways. We don't work with God when we work against God's law. In the last chapter of Proverbs there is just a passing reference but it is so important, "The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him" (Prov. 31:11). The king's mother led him in a godly and good manner to learn the important things of God, thereby he could do the

work of God. The Lord is our only protection. He is our only positive construction. Paul spoke of this fact when he wrote to the Corinthians, "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9). What are you building in your life? What are you building in the lives of your family and children? Is it good? Is it godly? Will it stand the test of time and adversity? Will it last all of your life and in all their lives? In the third place, we must learn for ourselves and share with others that peace is a gift from God. Worry doesn't produce peace. It produces pain, illness and death. Researchers say that some cancers come from negative emotions such as worry. It is for this reason that the Psalmist said, "It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows (that is worry!); for so He (God) gives His beloved sleep" (Psalm 127:2). This rest (peace) is God's gift. Indeed, God "gives His beloved sleep." This is the sleep of a good conscience cleansed by God, a forgiven person, a saved person. Only God can do this. What a gift! It is what Jesus spoke about when He said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28-30). (Cont. to pg. 9)

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Obituaries

Lois Fay Singleton

Lois Fay Allen Singleton, 76, of Orlando, died Monday, September 16, 2024 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Orlando on July 26, 1948, the daughter of Owen and Martha Kidwell Allen. She was a retired cashier and homemaker and was a member of Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Arthur "A.L." Singleton; her children, Timothy Singleton and wife Debbie, Stacey Singleton and wife Becky, and Stephanie Smithers and husband Scott; her brothers, Berkley Allen and wife Sheila, Darrell Allen, and Wayne Allen; and her sisters, Rena Anglin and husband Donald, and Audrey Carpenter and husband Alfred. Also surviving are: seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Martha Allen.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 20, 2024 at Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church by Bro. Jim Miller. Burial followed in Anglin Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Todd Anglin, Gavin Bestworth, Nick Keathley, Matthew Northern, Jonathan Singleton, and T. J. Singleton.

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

Albert (Brownie) Martin

Albert (Brownie) Martin, 85, of Brodhead, died September 19, 2024, at Compassionate Care in Richmond. He was born March 5, 1939, in Brodhead, a son to the late Albert G. and Ella Mae (Brown) Martin.

On June 27, 1959, he married Carol (Thompson) Martin. He was of the Christian faith. He was a mechanic from the age of 12 and enjoyed working to take care of his family. Brownie was also a member of Western Rockcastle Water Board for over 20 years.

He is survived by: his wife: Carol (Thompson) Martin; his children, Jill Martin of Brodhead, Micki Jo (Ronnie) Woodson of Lexington, Gina Martin of Brodhead, Richard (Merita) Martin of Mt Vernon, and Jon (Monica) Martin of Brodhead; grandchildren, Josh (Michelle) Martin, Travis Martin (Lisa), Jasmine Martin, James Allen (Sandra), Matthew Woodson (Cecily), Zack Woodson, Davis Faulkner, Jillisa Noland (Daniel), Drew Martin, Allie Martin, and Kylie Martin; 11 great grandchildren; brother, Danny (Juanita) Martin of Mt Vernon; and nephews, Daniel Martin of Brodhead, Chris Adams (Tonya) of OH, Grant Adams of OH.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: one child, Timothy B. Martin; and one sister, Jenny (Benita) Helton.

Services were held Sunday, September 22, 2024 at Marvin Owens Chapel with Bro. Curt Herrington officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Jesse Manuel Coffey

Jesse Manuel Coffey, 98, of Richmond, IN, died Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at Reid Health. He was born June 18, 1926, in Hummel, Kentucky, to the late James Madison "Jim Matt" and Minnie Langford Parrett Coffey.

He served as Sergeant T4 with the occupation force of Japan at the conclusion of WWII. Jesse was an employee of Belden Wire & Cable for 25 years. He enjoyed church, traveling with his wife, and visiting with family and friends.

Jesse was an active member of Greater Grace Church, where he served as a deacon and adult Sunday School teacher for many years. He was a lifelong servant of the Lord.

Survivors include: his brother, Lloyd (Janice) Coffey, of Cincinnati, OH; sister, Anna Marie Clark, of Richmond, IN; brother-in-law, Gary (Janie) Cromer, of Mt. Vernon; nieces, Janice, Lavonna, Rhonda, Mary Ann, and Tabatha; nephews, Dale, Don, Doug, Darrell, Darren, Jessie, Billy Lee, Steve, and James; great nieces; great nephews; church family; and friends.

He was preceded in death by: his wife of 65 years, Christine Cromer Coffey, who passed away in 2018; parents; sisters, Margaret Arlene Coffey, Clercy Ballinger, and Mae Cowan; and brothers, Henry, Johnnie, James, Walter, Conard, Ronald, and Donald.

The family would like to thank the staff of Reid Health and SYNERGY HomeCare for their excellent and compassionate care.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 22, 2024, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home with his nephew, Dr. Steven Clark and Pastor Kevin Templeton officiating. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery in Centerville, IN.

Memorial contributions can be made to Greater Grace Church, 20 NW 15th, Richmond, Indiana 47374.

Condolences may be sent to www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com

Connie Amyx

Connie Louise Amyx, 79, of Brodhead, died Thursday, September 19, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Altoona, PA on January 8, 1945, the daughter of Donald Wesley and Beulah McCauley Mangus. She retired after 35 years as a bus monitor for Rockcastle County Schools and had been a member of Bible Baptist Church for 47 years where she played piano and organ.

She is survived by: her children, Donald and Mary Amyx, Jarrod and Maleigha Amyx, Jason Amyx, James and Paula Amyx, and Christina and Cory Canterbury; her grandchildren, Isaiah Amyx, Cooper Canterbury, Cullen Canterbury, Conway Canterbury, Kyra and Levi Gentry, Kayla and Josh Prewitt, and Marley Ramsey; and two sisters, Barbara Crittenden and Ronna Mangus. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Tex Amyx, and a brother, Denny Mangus.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, September 27, 2024 at Bible Baptist Church by Bros. Scott Stayton and Darren Allen. Burial will follow in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Brenton Amyx, Bryson Amyx, Isaiah Amyx, Grant Burdette, Cooper Canterbury, and Robert Howard.

We ask that you please respect the family's private visitation time prior to public visitation hours from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Nelson Hamilton

Nelson Hamilton, 83, of Ottawa, died Saturday, September 21, 2024, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born April 2, 1941 in Fayette County, the son of Clarence and Margaret (Martin) Hamilton.

He was a retired heavy machine operator and one of his most cherished memories was working on Kincaid Towers during the filming of the movie "Steel" starring Lee Majors. He was the proprietor of H&H Grocery in Woodford County and most recently the Renfro Valley Country Store. He enjoyed making a deal and sharing an ice cream with his family, local friends and visitors to Renfro Valley. On April 7, 2001, he was united in marriage to Ruth Ann Brown Hamilton.

He is survived by: his wife, Ruth Ann Hamilton; his children, Trina, Carrie, Julie (Rick) Mullins, and Jason (Julia) Allen; his grandchildren, Trae, Macy, Brennan, Jacob, Noah, Chelsey (Buttons), Luke (Duke), Blake (Bo) and Brooks; sisters, Wanda Scott and Sue (Gary) Curd; and a very special friend who was like a brother, Barry (Pat) Head.

He was of the Baptist faith and a member of the Oleika Shrine Temple, The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and the Buford-Landmark Lodge No.41.

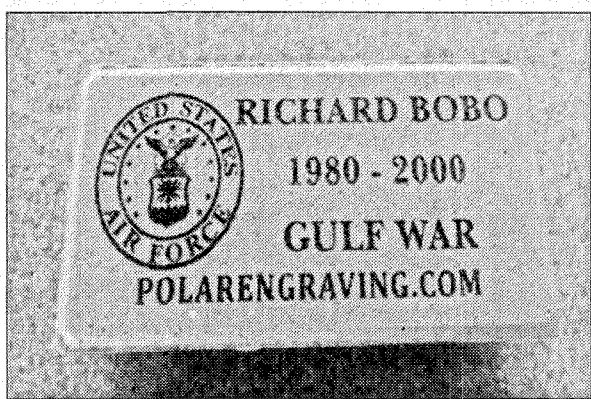
Service Rites were held at Higher Praise Ministries in Mt Vernon, on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 with funeral following. Burial was at Providence Church of Christ. Arrangements entrusted to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating.

Pallbearers were: Mike Scott, Jackie Corman, Ethan Curd, Charlie Bowles, David Eby and LeWayne Eby.

"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.



Teresa Gail Cunagin

Teresa Gail Cunagin, 58, of Mt Vernon, died September 19, 2024, at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born June 17, 1966, in Cincinnati, OH, a daughter of the late Wiley Cunagin and Elva Lena (Payne) Marcum. Teresa was of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially the grandkids. She also enjoyed reading and listening to music. Teresa was employed at Exela for 11 years as a data clerk, also previously employed as an order processor/machine operator for Lighthouse/American Greetings formally Gibson Greeting in Berea for 26 years.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Stephanie and Steven Mayse of Irvine, and Kelsie and Alicia Bradley of Flat Gap; grandchildren, Ryan Bradley, and Taylor Bradley; brothers, Michael and Sharon Cunagin of Brodhead, Charles and Teresa Cunagin of Mt Vernon, Larry and Greta Tompkins of Pine Hill, Derek and Melissa Tompkins of London, and Danny (Dino) and Chastity Marcum of Cincinnati, OH; and sisters, Connie and Raymond Mayo of Deltona, FL, Sharon and Richard Weiss of Richmond, Leona and Chris Martin, and Julie and Josh Bowman of Okawville, IL. In addition to her children and grandchildren, she was also survived by her soul mate, Archie Townsend.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: brothers, Marvin Cunagin, Steven Tompkins, Merle Marcum, and Roger Cunagin; one nephew, Joshua Spurlock; and two nieces, Tanya Barons and Amberly Northern.

Services were held Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at Marvin Owens Chapel with Bro. B.J. Bradley officiating. Burial was in Old Freedom Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Michael Cunagin, Charles Cunagin, Larry Tompkins, Garrett Tompkins, Danny (Dino) Marcum, and Derek Tompkins. Honorary casketbearers: Steven Mayse, Richard Weiss, and Christopher (Chad) Cunagin.

Jared VanWinkle

Jared Hunter VanWinkle, 18, of Berea, son of Sabrina Mahaffey, died Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at Liberty Avenue Baptist Church in Berea. Burial was in Berea Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

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Shots

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Mount Villa Motel Tuesday morning.

MVPD Chief Joe Rush said Nathan Gadd 27, of Mount Vernon is accused of shooting a pellet gun at a person standing outside a window at the motel.

According to Rush, the victim was uninjured and Gadd was apprehended shortly after the incident.

Gadd was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with Wanton Endangerment in the first degree.

Annex

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nances were up for vote in the same motion and passed unanimously. The meeting was then immediately closed.

According to Commissioner Brian Bullock and City Clerk Becky Bussell, the annexations include corridors only and do not include any private property. "All we desire to annex are right-of-ways," said Bullock. "We are looking out for the best interests of Brodhead. There is potential devel-

opment coming to these areas and we want to be prepared to utilize such growth in Brodhead."

According to Bussell the right-of-ways in question includes property along Main Street in Brodhead to US-150 and then left toward Mount Vernon, past Marcella's Restaurant.

According to the ordinances, all the property to be annexed is exclusively Kentucky Highway Department owned right-of-way/territory, all in Rockcastle County and all of which are presently city corporate limits.

Bussell also said all the required surveys have already been done and Monday night's meeting was the official first reading. Bussell and Bullock agreed that once the ordinances have been published, according to KRS, a special meeting may be called to hold a second reading which would finalize the right of way annexation.

Both ordinances are published in this issue of the Mount Vernon Signal and full descriptions of proposed annexed property can be seen at the clerk's office.

Absentee ballot request portal is now OPEN

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Closing

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the store (except cigarettes and alcohol) the following morning starting at 8 a.m. The announcement said "It is with heavy heart that we have decided to close the Mount Vernon IGA."

By 6 a.m. Wednesday morning, the parking lot began to fill and the field nearby was full of vehicles. When the doors opened at 8 a.m. a massive crowd pushed their way into the community grocery store. Shopping carts became unattainable as lines formed outside with customers following shoppers to their car in order to use their cart.

Lines formed to the back of the store as shoulder-to-shoulder shoppers cleared the shelves.

Lexington media outlets arrived on the scene and began interviewing local shoppers and business officials concerning the shut down.

An employee in the check out line said he was given one day's notice of the changes at IGA. "I found out yesterday that we are closing down and today our shelves are almost empty already. It's just the way it goes I guess," he said.

When asked why he thought the store was closing, the worker said the cause stems from lack of business. "People just stopped buying groceries. At least they weren't buying them here." Another employee stocking the shelves said, "This is the last of our meat and it isn't 9 (a.m.) yet," she said. "I started (working) here in March and now I am out of work."

By noon Wednesday, many shelves were emptied by countless shoppers, some pushing two carts at a time. Though all registers were opened with cashiers and baggers, check-out lines reached most of the way down aisles near the back of the store.

Mount Vernon/Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce Director and IGA Supervisor Steve McKinney said he has worked for the IGA store for 21 years and was sorry to hear about the decision to close.

Speaking to this reporter, McKinney said "you have been good and loyal customers and we appreciate you and everyone who has shopped here over the years."

According to the IGA website, the franchise has over 1,000 stores in America and about 200 in Kentucky. IGA operates in 41 countries.

According to McKinney, the owners have given the IGA employees until the last of the month to vacate the building and what happens to the property once IGA is closed is up to the building owners.

Workers at Ace Hardware, which is attached to the IGA store, say they have no plans to close and are in no way affected by the closing.

Shooter

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According to the press release, troopers met the McCoy's in the forest and almost immediately came across the badly decomposed body.

The day after Governor Andy Beshear announced that officials would cut back on the foot search for the I-75 shooter, who shot into 12

vehicles on I-75 injuring five people, the body was located less than two miles from the ledge where the shooter fired the shots.

A massive manhunt began involving the ATF, the FBI and first responders from Rockcastle and Laurel County. The manhunt became nationwide news and local law enforcement worked for over 11 days, searching the woods and directing traffic around road closures after the shootings.

The 11-day manhunt involved drones, helicopters, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kentucky State Police from several posts, countless firefighters, deputies, police officers and trained bloodhounds and cadaver dogs.

Fred McCoy reported detecting the odor from the body from the top of a mountain in the distance and circling vultures led them directly to the body that was later determined to be Couch.

The press release indicates the cause of death is suspected to be a self-inflicted gunshot to the head. Police say weapons were found near the body.

Officials have held more than one press conference since the body was found, thanking all the first responders who helped with the search, traffic control, and many other areas of the criminal investigation. Police representatives said they wish they had found Couch alive and everyone should keep the victims of the shootings, as well as the Couch family, in their thoughts and prayers.

Schools and businesses returned to regular schedules after Couch's body was located and officials say they hope communities can "get back to normal."

Relief was felt locally as well. Rockcastle County Schools had already announced the district would return to normal day-to-day operations on Thursday, September 19, including bus service to Lower River Road, Sand Hill Road and Calloway Branch Road which had been altered due to the potential risk.

Officials in the City of Livingston say the situation was a "trying experience for our city and our community." Mayor Sandi Singleton expressed the city's appreciation for help during the situation. "We thank Senator Brandon Storm, Trooper Scottie Pennington, the Kentucky State Police, Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin and Dr. Carrie Ballinger and the school system for their almost daily communication and dedication to maintaining the safety of our citizens in Livingston."

Complaint

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presented with the July and August financial reports since the August regular meeting was cancelled.

Council member Shelley Lewis questioned the July report which showed repair costs for the Vi Ellis building that burned. However, City Clerk Crystal Rush said the August report shows the fund reimbursement. Both monthly financial reports were then approved unanimously.

In old business, Raines asked if the resolution to place the issue of medical cannabis on the November ballot was properly filed. Rush said all paperwork had been filed properly. However, City Attorney Bobby Amburgey then informed the council that a member of the community had filed a complaint with the state attorney general's office concerning the possible violation of the open meetings act when the resolution was adopted.

Some members of the council expressed surprise that another complaint had been filed. The Mount Vernon Signal had filed a complaint but did not pursue the issue when more paperwork was requested.

Amburgey said the second complaint had been filed by James Miller, of Mount Vernon. Miller submitted a letter to the City of Mount Vernon and filed the complaint, stating that the city violated the Open Meetings Act by not properly informing the public that the meeting was taking place.

Amburgey said the city did not self report the issue as he had originally recommended because the Signal filed the complaint placing the subject on record.

The meeting in question was a special called meeting in which the council voted to place the issue of medical cannabis facilities in Mount Vernon on the November ballot. Officials say they are awaiting the outcome of the complaint before deciding how to proceed.

If the issue is on the ballot in November, but the Attorney General ruled the meeting was illegal, officials say votes on that issue would not be counted just as if the issue were not on the ballot at all.

However, if the attorney general finds the city was not in violation, the issue will remain on the ballot.

In new business, Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel told the council the Kiwanis Club had donated \$1,000 to each Rockcastle County School for a total of \$5,000. The money is to be used only on things that would benefit every student, she said. The clerk had asked the Mount Vernon/Rockcastle Tourist Commission to match the \$1,000 to each school but she said officials explained that a tourist commission could not donate to a school unless the fund would be for a project the entire community could enjoy. Hansel then asked the council to match the Kiwanis donation.

Amburgey said he is aware of the request and he is currently working with Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray to find a fund within the city that the money can be taken from. Council member Gertha Mink asked Amburgey to find out as soon as possible if there is a way to make the donation. Amburgey said he would announce his findings as soon as possible.

Also under new business Kip Jensen showed the council photos of the rejuvenated tennis courts at the Mount Vernon City Park. Jensen thanked the Signal for the article last week concerning free tennis lessons and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the offer.

RCIDA Executive Di-

rector Jeff VanHook was also present to discuss a new idea concerning additional water supply to the county. (See related story.)

Council members also asked VanHook about progress at the new 1,400 acre industrial development megasite. VanHook said work is currently underway to release the funds to begin purchasing the properties involved. "We expect about 6 to 8 weeks before the funds are released. It is an ongoing process and we are moving forward every day," he said.

Members also inquired about what business may locate in the IGA building, since the Mount Vernon grocery announced its closing. "I go through this all the time with the Signal. If I did know, I couldn't tell you," he said. VanHook explained that most companies force him to agree to a nondisclosure agreement before they express interest in a site to avoid competition involvement and price adjustments.

VanHook did tell council members that, like many local residents, he hopes some of the development the county is experiencing will open doors to interest from companies such as Walmart and Kroger as well as others.

Council members also received the All American Club report from Wayne Bullock showing seven bags of trash from Old US-25 and 10 bags from the Mount Vernon School Swamp. The report listed other bags picked up from Highway 1326, Old Dixie Road and Old US-25.

The council also saw the Mount Vernon Police Department reports for July and August showing a total of 851 calls for service and 47 total arrests.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department reports for July and August showed a total of 118 runs using 35,550 gallons of water. Of those calls, 56 involved vehicles with four structure fires.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Court

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that position when the duties of treasurer were added to her courthouse responsibilities.

However, Miller has announced her retirement as treasurer, effective the first of December, and Holbrook and the fiscal court then accepted nine applications for the position.

Holbrook said the choice was difficult between a few of the applicants but only Ponder was able to meet all the requirements the fiscal court had listed.

Holbrook nominated Ponder last week, during the special called meeting explaining that Ponder was the best choice. The court approved the nomination unanimously. "Kelly has a pretty extensive accounting background and I feel confident that she will be able to fill the position," Holbrook said. "It will take some getting used to for her and for us but I feel certain she will be an asset to our county."

Holbrook told the court Ponder has a bachelor's degree and an associate degree in orga-

that includes many accounting classes. "There is a lot of accounting involved in this position along with other duties," Holbrook said. "This kind of background will serve her well in this endeavor."

Ponder is expected to take over the reins in January of 2025 but will begin work on September 30 with training. "There is no doubt that Vickie will be missed," said Holbrook. "She has been a dedicated, loyal servant to the people of Rockcastle County and everyone of us will miss her."

Ponder said she has worked in Madison County at Whitaker Bank for several years and has commuted from Mount Vernon. "I count it an honor to be back in my hometown community doing what I love," said Ponder. "I understand I have some very big shoes to fill. Vickie is very good at her job and everyone loves her. I am excited and happy about getting back to my community and working for my county."

In other action, Holbrook told the court a grant of \$260,000 had been approved for work on water project on Bloss Road. However he recently learned that additional engineering fees for a required studies must be added to the cost bringing the total price tag to \$315,000.

The project had already been postponed once when a misprint on a state form only provided a grant for \$60,000 of the original \$800,000 price tag for the same project. Holbrook refused to accept the bid because the county would have had to come up with the remaining \$740,000, he said.

Soon after, the project was rebid by a different company at \$260,000 and Holbrook resubmitted the grant request. This time the KIA grant included the entire cost of the project (\$260,000). Last week when Holbrook discovered the required study, the cost rose to \$315,936. Holbrook asked the court's permission to seek the remaining \$55,936 funds in the grant. The request passed unanimously.

"It looks like we are finally about to get this project underway soon," said Holbrook. "We have other projects waiting in line, including a Cove Branch project that we will have to start trying to get funded."

The court also approved a postage bill for the sheriff's department tax bills of \$3,684. Representatives of the sheriff's department said there will be another bill

but this is currently due.

The court also approved a total of \$6,637 in claims, including the sheriff's bill.

Having no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.

Shirt

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Cancer Assistance Fund.

The sale is part of an ongoing effort for cancer awareness and cancer treatment for the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

The shirts have a logo with the typical cancer ribbon made of a fire hose with the words "Hope, Faith, Courage and Strength under the Mount Vernon Fire Department." The shirt also says "Because we care."

Short sleeves are \$15 while long sleeves are \$20. For credit cards, add \$1 to the cost.

Anyone interested may see any Mount Vernon Fire Department firefighter or call 606-256-4332.

You may also send a message on Facebook at Facebook.com/MVFD1 or text Adam Bales at 606-392-8175 or email at abales@911fleet.com.

Group

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whole.

The group is expected to begin a monthly coffee muster, which would provide volunteers with information, data and ideas to help in the prevention of depression or mental health issues, beginning October 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. on the second floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

Current plans include holding the coffee muster each second Tuesday of the month.

Local volunteers will provide coffee and donuts at the event.

School

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grounds.

On Tuesday, September 24, Rockcastle County High School was placed on Lockout due to an incident in the community.

Officials say the incident Tuesday was not related to any school but "in light of recent events" referring to the 2-day closure after the I-75 shooting incident, Rockcastle County Schools were placed on Lockout.

Lockout is the lowest level of alert and allows classes to continue as normal except students and staff were not allowed to leave the building, and all classroom doors must be locked at all times.

The Friday Night

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Bittersweet Festival is planned next weekend

By: Mike French
Editor

It is once again time for one of the most well attended events in Rockcastle County. The 2024 Bittersweet Festival is next weekend in down-

Chief

(Continued from front) Judge, Court of Appeals Judge and Justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court. Altogether, she has served as a judge or justice for more than 17 years," Chief Justice of the Commonwealth Lurance B. VanMeter said. "I am confident that Chief Justice-elect Lambert will lead the Judicial Branch with integrity and ensure the efficient and fair administration of justice for this great commonwealth."

Chief Justice-elect Lambert said, "I am both humbled and honored to have been elected by my colleagues to serve as the chief justice for the next four years. I know it is certainly no small task to lead the Judicial Branch of government. Our judges, clerks and administrative employees handle large dockets and special programs with great efficiency. While it

town Mount Vernon.

The event started in 1990 as a way for elected officials to give back to their community and has grown in both attendance and activities each year since. This year's event is

may be notable that I will be the first woman to serve as chief justice in Kentucky, I am most proud to be a small-town kid from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky who has had a lot of support and encouragement along the way."

Chief Justice-elect Lambert was elected as a justice of the Supreme Court in November 2018 from the 3rd Supreme Court District, which is made up of 25 counties. She heads the Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health, a groundbreaking commission that is working to address mental health needs, substance use disorder and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Justice Lambert came to the Supreme Court after four years on the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Prior to taking the appellate bench, Justice Lambert was a Circuit Judge/Family Court division for

planned for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 3, 4 and 5.

On Thursday evening, events will kick off with the annual car show on Main Street in Mount Vernon starting at 4:30

the 28th Judicial Circuit, composed of Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties. She was appointed to that seat in 1999 by then-Governor Paul E. Patton. While a Family Court Judge, she created the first Drug Court in the area. She was recognized for her efforts in 2002 when the National Association of Drug Court Professionals inducted her into the Stanley M. Goldstein Drug Court Hall of Fame. For several years, she volunteered in area middle schools, working 10 weeks each semester with at-risk children and families in an effort to help them avoid truancy charges.

Justice Lambert volunteers as a certified suicide prevention trainer, training others on how to properly intervene to prevent suicide.

A native of Bell County, Justice Lambert earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Ken-

tucky University, where she graduated with distinction. She went on to graduate from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1989. Justice Lambert practiced law in Mount Vernon, serving as an assistant commonwealth's attorney and city attorney for the city of Mount Vernon. In 2007, Justice Lambert resumed her private practice of law in Mount Vernon until her election to the Court of Appeals in 2014.

Justice Lambert and her husband, Joseph Sharpe, reside on Lake Cumberland in Burnside in Pulaski County. She is the mother of two sons, Joseph Patrick Lambert and John Ryan Lambert, and two stepdaughters, Jessica Sharpe Guffey and Chelsea Sharpe Woolums. She is also the Nonna of Sam Stringer, Collin Guffey, George Guffey and Fletcher Sharpe Woolums.

will begin Friday at 5 p.m. with Tim Goodin kicking off the show. Vendor booths are scheduled to line Main Street with food trucks and other activities available. Other performers on Friday evening will include Bill Taylor and the Appalachian Heathens, The Donovan Howard Trio and the Shane Winkler Band.

On Saturday, October 5, the festival will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 10 p.m. with the annual Bittersweet Parade beginning at noon.

Live music Saturday will begin at 4 p.m. with 7eventh Time Down. Also performing on Saturday will be We Are Vessel, Empowered, Azlyn and Jaclyn Bullock.

Planned activities at the event include a car show, inflatables, the annual parade, USWF


Wrestling, a roller rink, an axe throwing event, bumper cars, games, prizes and a MVFD extrication demonstration among other events and activities.

The event is sponsored by the City of Mount Vernon and the Mount Vernon/Rockcastle Tourist Commission with the leadership of the Mayor's Assistant and Project Coordinator Nicole Roberts who officials say has gone above and beyond her duties to see that the event is a success. All activities and events are free and open to the public. Main Street will be closed over the weekend since the vendors will be set up along the roadway throughout the event.

A police presence is planned throughout the festivities for the safety of those in attendance.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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2024 Bittersweet Festival

October 3, 4 & 5th (Main St)

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Music on Friday @ 5PM
TIM GOODIN
BILL TAYLOR & THE APPALACHIAN HEATHERNS
DONOVAN HOWARD TRIO
SHANE WINKLER BAND

Saturday, October 5th
• PARADE 12:00PM
• FESTIVAL HOURS 9AM-10:00PM

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

anderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. v. Rebecca Chasteen, et al, complaint.

Chrystal Houk v. Michael Slade Houk, et al, verified complaint. CI-235

Marriage license

Kaylan Marie Bullock, 21, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Caimen J. Hager McClure, 22, Mt. Vernon, truck driver. 9/13/24

Jordan Cheri Davis, 20, London, SRNA and Wyatt Joseph Lepore, 21, Mt. Vernon, welder/fabricator. 9/13/24

District Civil Suits

Citibank v. Charles E. Wallin, \$2,809 plus

claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Charlotte N. Lake, \$4,328 plus claimed due. LVNV Funding LLC v. Damon Collins, \$2,560 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Shawn Hinds, \$4,686 plus claimed due.

Deeds Recorded

Brenda Gail Hamilton, Dale and Laverne Winstead and Ronald David and Judy Carol Parrott, property in Rockcastle County, to Randy G. and Tammy Bowling. Tax \$98.50

Dennis and Mistia Deaton, property on Nicely Road, to Thaddeus Hurley. Tax \$1.50

Lillie Mae Bengesungy, Crystal and Robert Gilbert, and others, property in Asher Addition to Mt. Vernon, to Rex E. and Melody Turner. Tax \$159

Benny and Beth Cook

Burchett, Yancey Paul and Elizabeth Kathleen Burchett and Shawnee Christian and Heather Michelle Burchett, property on Negro Creek Road, to Jared Douglas Hatfield and Alyssa Jade Hacker. Tax \$50

Jeffrey S. Stevens, Trustee, property in Rockcastle County, to Sarah K. Hensley. No tax

Carrie G. Carr, property on Negro Creek Road, to Charles Michael Carr. Tax \$10

Charles M. and LouAnn Carr, property on Negro Creek Road, to Patricia Drake Asher and Raymond Asher, Jr. Tax \$10

Doug and Rhonda Prewitt, property on John Cash Road, to Scott and Selena Thompson and Aidan Thompson. Tax \$120

Jennifer R. Bowman and Tommy L. Oliver, property on U.S. 25, to Travis Dickerson. tax \$95

Terry and Michelle Robinson, property on KY 1004, to Brittany Anderson. No tax

Mary E. McNew, property in Rockcastle County, to Danny R. and Rebecca A. McNew. Tax \$125

Danny and Gaylen Settles, property on US 25, to AutoZone Development LLC. Tax \$550

Kayla Dawn Feltner and Tyler Shearer, Kinley S. and Kenton Shearer, property on Flat Gap Road, to Donald Jacob Sparks. Tax \$120

Kenneth L. and Jil Pillion, property on Newcomb Ave and Perciful St., to Judy Mitchell. Tax \$160

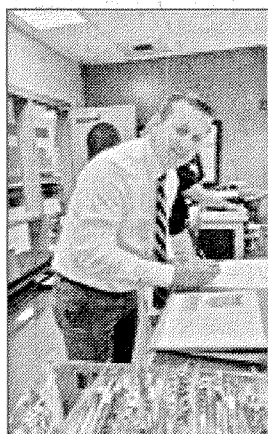
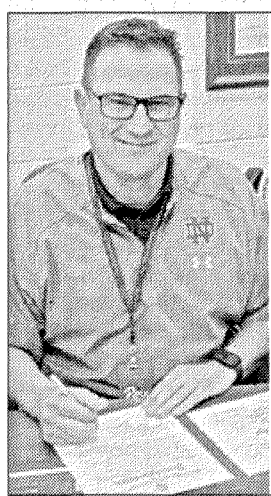
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Constitution Week proclamations

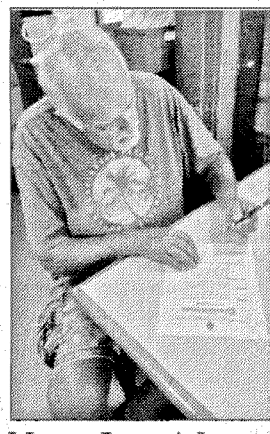
Rockcastle Chapter DAR celebrated Constitution Week by having proclamations signed by the mayors of Rockcastle and all the school principals. Displays and Constitution Week packets for the students were set up in the school libraries and the chapter donated age-appropriate books to each library. Each school was presented a certificate for the participation and promotion of Constitution Week. DAR Co-Chairs Jennifer Poynter-Hand and Joan Garrison were on hand for the signings.



Principal School Adele Lancaster with Hannah Laswell & Bobbie Adams

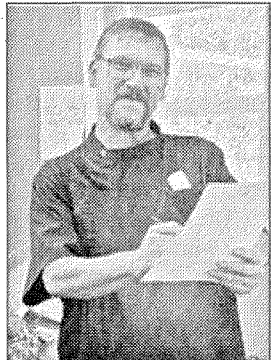


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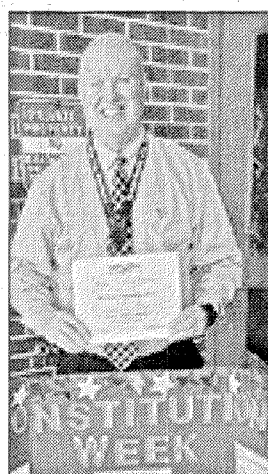


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- 19-Across's language
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SPORTS

Larkey picks up 100th career win in nail-biter

By: Chad Hensley
Not many times can one be turned into 100, but Rockcastle County High School football used a one-point, 13-12, victory over Paris to give head coach Chris Larkey his 100th career victory.

The Rockets (5-0) won the Momentum Courier Hunger Bowl in dramatic fashion as Carter Powell blocked a would-be game-winning field goal attempt by the Greyhounds (3-2) from 42-yards out with less than a minute to play.

A Paris offensive lineman who had scooped up the ball off the blocked field goal and appeared to be well on his way to at least a first down would be chased from behind and tackled by freshman Brayden Thacker to end the play.

"I was shocked they lined up for a field goal," Larkey stated. "I was actually very happy when I saw that. Yes, I thought back quickly to last year, but this time it was from over 40 and not 20 like

last year. Something not many people noticed was when we blocked it, a kid from Paris, thankfully a lineman, picked it up and would have scored if Brayden Thacker had not gone and tackled him. It was the game saver. While everyone was celebrating thinking this was over, that happened and thankfully our kids were paying attention."

That attention to detail and doing the little things was key throughout the game that was a barnburner throughout in front of a raucous, vocal crowd that saw players from both teams give everything they had and left it all on the field.

One player in particular that did everything he could for his team was junior running back Isaiah Jackson, who would end the night with career highs in rushing yards (240) and attempts (34). Jackson added a touchdown on offense and made a highlight reel-type of interception on defense as well.

Jackson would end the night with a trophy of his own when he was awarded the Hunger Bowl's Offensive MVP honors, but being the selfless player that he is, he dedicated the trophy to his blocking backs and offensive linemen.

"Isaiah is still learning to play running back," Larkey mentioned about Jackson, who previously started at wide receiver as a freshman and sophomore. "I don't think he has played it since his 8th grade year. He did a phenomenal job Friday. He ran hard and showed how good he can be when he does the right things. Our blocking backs and offensive linemen also did a great job. Without their selfishness, we could have never won. In case a lot of people don't really follow, we have a lot of kids that play both ways and it takes a man to do that. Our kids are getting tougher and more mature each week."

It was that toughness and maturity that was on full display multiple times throughout the game the shined bright for the Rockets.

After sophomore quarterback Caden Lovell put the Rockets up 7-0 with 3:13 left in the first quarter, Paris scored a touchdown in each of the next two quarters. The key to both of those Paris touchdowns however were that the first was prior to a blocked extra point attempt and the second, which came on the opening play of the second half, saw the two-point conversion attempt be denied by the Rockets.

Jackson then put the Rockets on his shoulders and went to work getting his team back within striking distance on the ensuing drive. Those shoulders were broad enough to will his way into the endzone from 7-yards out with 5:31 remaining in the third quarter.

Despite a failed conversion attempt, Rockcastle was

now in the lead by a 13-12 score.

Neither team would really come too close to scoring a touchdown so when Paris head coach Tyquan Rice called upon his kicker to attempt the game-winning kick, memories of last season's contest flashed before the eyes of everyone on the field and in attendance.

"I thought our team overall played as hard as we have all year," Larkey spoke on his team's efforts. "It was a very physical game and obviously a defensive battle. Paris may well be the most athletic team we play all year. We had to overcome some injuries and changes on offense, but the guys hung in and played well. It was a huge game for us and one the fans enjoyed tremendously."

Rockcastle had 50 plays on offense with 48 being running plays and Jackson taking care of 34 of those attempts. Powell added 48 yards on 10 touches while Lovell had the other four and chipped in the first quarter touchdown.

"We knew going in that

we had to run the ball and control the clock and keep it away from them," added Larkey. "It was pretty evident when you saw them play that they were a threat to score at any time. They changed up a little on defense against us and gave our kids a few problems, but we adjusted and were able to hold on. Their team speed was tough."

That team speed for Paris that Larkey spoke of was evident on the opening play of the second half when the Greyhounds broke it for a long touchdown, but the defense, which was led by Hunter Pingleton's 10 tackles and one tackle for loss, made the necessary adjustments that the defensive coaching staff implemented and worked their way into an outstanding game limiting Paris to just 97 yards on 21 carries.

Some may think that allowing a team over 4.6 yards per carry isn't that impressive, but what those numbers don't take into account are the number of tackles for loss and quarterback sacks the Rockets had as it seemed

like anywhere from two to four or more Rockets were in the backfield on any given play.

The Paris running attack was held in check as Rockcastle County had 10 tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks. Yes, that is right. Almost half of the running plays the Greyhounds called went for negative yardage.

Powell was close behind Pingleton with nine total tackles (six solo and three assisted) with five of those tackles being for loss and a quarterback sack.

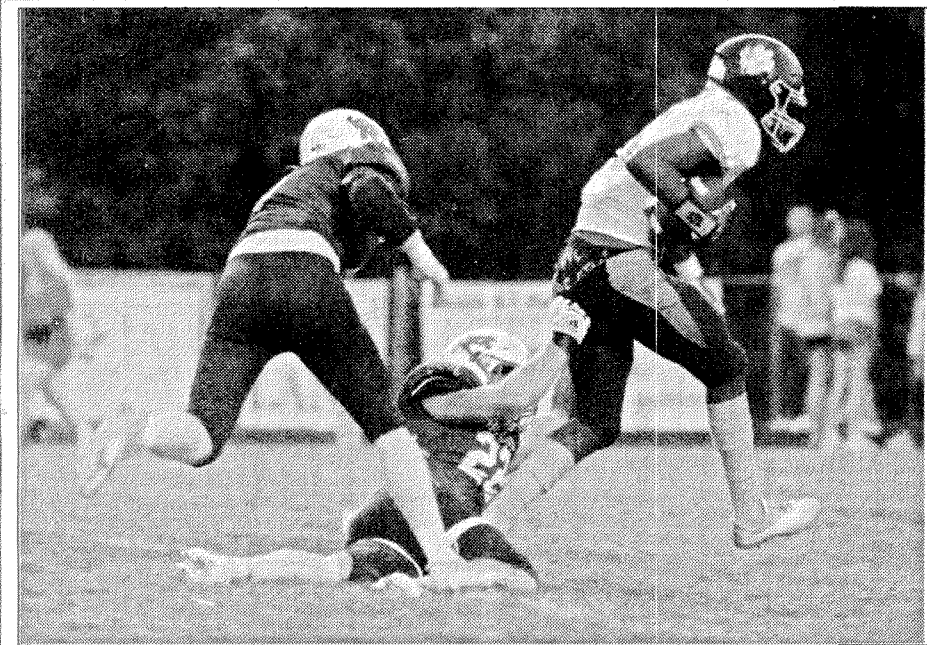
Sophomore linebacker Blake Mullins helped set the tone in the first half by constantly being in the offensive backfield and was awarded the Hunger Bowl's Defensive MVP after he tallied six solo and three assisted tackles for a total of nine with a pair of tackles for loss and a quarterback sack.

Connor Wright chipped in five tackles while Thacker, Creed Gabbard and Xavier Leger added three tackles each. Gabbard

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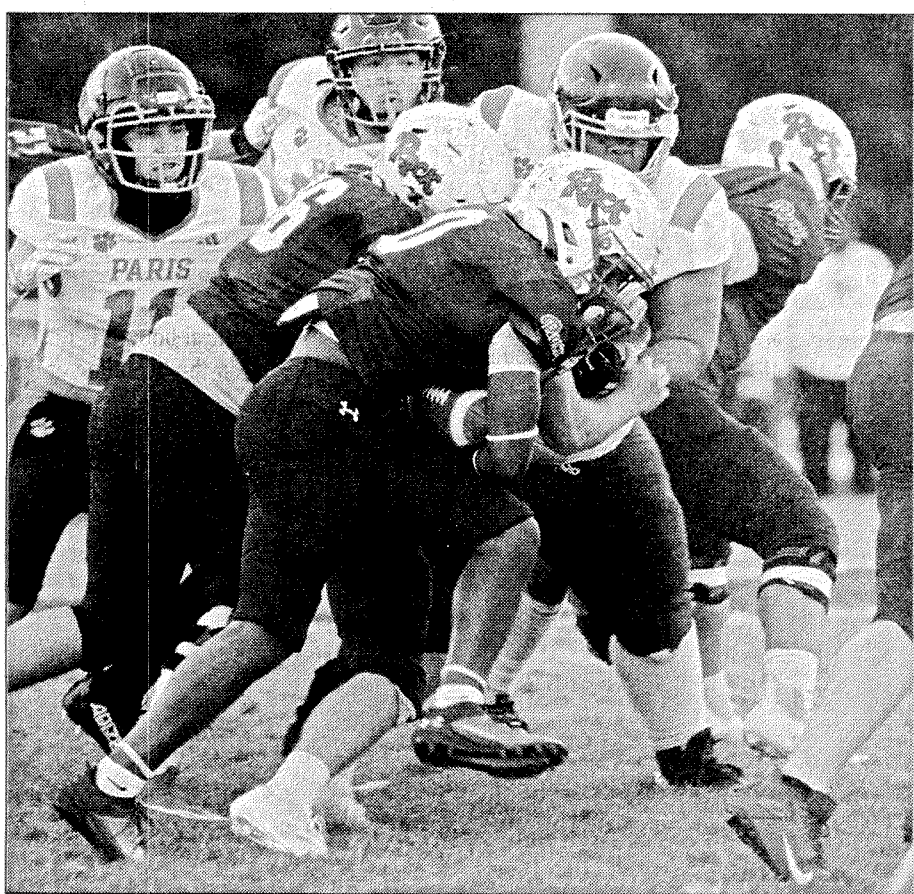
RCHS Rockets head football coach Chris Larkey holds the Momentum Courier Hunger Bowl championship trophy after the Rockets defeated Paris 13-12. The win was Larkey's 100th career victory.



Creed Gabbard makes a tackle during the Rockets' win over Paris Friday night. The Rockets travel to Clay this Friday night for a 7:30 game.



Jaydon Bowles and Blake Mullins make a tackle during the Rockets' 13-12 win over Paris Friday. Mullins was named Defensive MVP of the game for his efforts.



Isaiah Jackson works hard for yardage during the Rockets' win over Paris. Jackson had 34 carries for 210 yards and one rushing touchdown. Jackson was named the Offensive MVP of the game.

Notice of Public Hearing

(Pursuant to 401 KAR 5:006 Sections 4&5, KRS 24 and 40 CFR 25.5 & 6)

Interested citizens of Mount Vernon are invited to a public hearing sponsored by the City of Mount Vernon.

This meeting will start at 9:00 A.M. on October 9th, 2024 at the City Hall in Mount Vernon for the purpose of providing general information to the public regarding the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant and System upgrades and expansion.

The public is invited to attend and comment on the draft plan and its contents as well as project issues such as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues. Verbal and written comments will be accepted at the public hearing. Written comments concerning the plan will also be accepted via mail between October 10th, 2024 and November 9th, 2024. Written comments should be addressed to The City of Mount Vernon, P.O. Box 1465, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

The City of Mount Vernon along with Bell Engineering of Lexington, Kentucky have completed a Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan. The Facility Plan details the Recommended Plan for wastewater management within the Mount Vernon planning area.

The proposed planning area is a contiguous boundary around the City of Mount Vernon along the Interstate 75 (I-75) corridor located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. The major metropolitan area located within the boundary of the planning area is the City of Mount Vernon. The northern boundary of the planning area begins at mile marker 63 on I-75 and extends approximately 0.5 mi east. The western boundary extends 1.5 mi south along I-75, then 2.5 southwest along Route 461. The southern boundary starts near the intersection of Routes 461 and 150, then curves around downtown Mount Vernon past Sand Springs Road and ends along Route 25. The eastern boundary extends 2 miles north from Route 25 to I-75, then another 1.5 miles north along I-75 past Renfro Valley.

The recommended plan represents the alternative with minimal environmental impact, moderate present worth cost, and the highest capability for implementation. The recommended plan calls for the construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Facility in the City of Mount Vernon to increase the capacity of wastewater that can be treated. Additionally, the plan includes sewer system improvements within the City of Mount Vernon.

The draft plan will be available for review at City Hall (125 Richmond Street) during normal business hours from October 10th to November 8th, 2024.

"Rockets"

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also recorded two tackles for loss and a quarterback sack.

Lovell and Jaydon Bowles recorded two tackles each while Jackson and Colin Hamilton closed out the tackle category with one each.

Gabbard was recorded with a forced fumble while Hamilton and Dylan Burke both came up clutch with fumble recoveries.

"Our defense did a great job of stopping them," Larkey boasted. "Each week Coach (Josh) Martin, Coach (Chayse) McClure and Coach (Michael) Brummett get these guys prepared and ready in a fashion that most teams could never do. Without our defense stopping them and getting us the ball back, we could never win. They played as well as any game so far this year."

Along with the game being the annual Hunger Bowl sponsored by Momentum Courier, it was also Homecoming as the Rockets had to smush some festivities together on the schedule this season due to just four games taking place at Rocket Field because of the construction on the new Middle School and football stadium's transition to turf.

"Anytime you play at home, no matter if its homecoming, a bowl game or whatever, you want to win," Larkey stated on about the

victory. "It wasn't so much as revenge, but we wanted to prove we were the better team and that our kids wanted to get payback."

As previously mentioned, the win gave Larkey his 100th career win as a head coach at the varsity level. Yes, the majority of those came during his long tenure at North Laurel, but being able to get that milestone victory is just sweeter to obtain when it is at your alma mater and doing so on your home field.

"I was actually hoping no one would ever know about the 100 wins," Larkey said with a smile as he has never been one too big on individual rather than team accomplishments. "It's something I don't want to take away from the players' moment. One hundred wins is a great milestone. I'm glad that my dad and brother and my family were all able to be a part of it especially in such a dramatic fashion. It's such a great honor to win it on the field that I played on in high school. I could never have achieved it without the help of all the players I have coached and what I have learned from my dad."

Next up will be a tough task in a battle of unbeaten as the Rockets head down I-75 and then across the Hal Rogers Mountain Highway to Manchester to take on the Clay County Tigers, who are also 4-0 on the season.

Fans need to understand that this isn't the Clay County they have been used to seeing the last few times against Rockcastle as head coach Mike Sizemore has done exactly what Larkey has done here at Rockcastle and adapted to the talents of your skill players. The Tigers will line it up and look to run the ball as many times as possible as they have amassed 1,210 yards on 133 carries in their wins over Pineville, Harlan, Williamsburg and Leslie County.

"This is going to be the first true test we face of a team running right at us this year," added Larkey of this week's opponent. "They are big and fast and don't throw very much. They are the complete opposite from last year. It's going to be a tough game because of that and it's at Clay Co. We will have to play mistake free and turnover free. We have to do better on our extra point and field goal attempts. We didn't do a great job last week and need to get that fixed." Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

"Heritage"

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11:28).

In building a good heritage, we must come to value life as God values it. We must teach our children to value life as God values it. Children can tell if they are valued or not. They know! People can tell if they are appreciated or valued. "Children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward" (Psalm 127:3). We should value life as given by God.

Our world does not value life. Many people across the earth do not value life. Millions have been murdered, casualties of genocide, ethnic cleansing and war. In our country there have been millions (approximately 1.5 million per year) sacrificed through abortion. A sad reality that abortion testifies is that children are inconvenient. If a little unborn baby will inconvenience us financially or socially, why not kill it? Are we any better than our ancestors who sacrificed babies to idols? Psalm 106:36-39 speaks of this awful problem. We must regain the value of life, every life.

Without God there cannot

be the founding of a good heritage. We should learn from one who lived what he confessed. Alexander Solzhenitsyn was asked why all the atrocities occurred in the Soviet Union. He replied, "If I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous Revolution that swallowed up some sixty million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: 'Men have forgotten God'; that's why all this has happened."

Let's be thankful we live in a free land, but realize that we could easily lose it. Each new generation must be vigilant. We must not forget God! I would like to hear from you about our heritage and what you think we ought to be and do. This exchange will extend and expand our "community conversation" about what really matters in our lives and society. I would appreciate you sharing your thoughts on life values and civil relationships with me. You may contact me by email at drjerryhopkins@yahoo.com.

Dr. Jerry Hopkins is a historian and retired university professor

Are you prepared for eternity?

People who don't give any thought to what happens to one's soul when they die often live as if they think this life is going to go on forever. Which poses a question, do you want to live forever on earth?

If so, what's wrong with that concept? Here are just a few thoughts about that type of thinking and many people live like this life is going to last forever. These physical bodies have limitations, they grow old and tired. They do not have eternal existence, only temporal. The spiritual body is different in that it is eternal. Physical bodies have infirmities, we see them all around us. People who have health issues cancer, covid, heart diseases, not to mention all the heart break we see in this world. There's a difference than where our souls will spend eternity, if we have made preparation for an eternity with God. Because in heaven we won't have days that we feel bad, or days that we feel tired, or days that we hurt. No there won't be any heartbreak in that land.

Paul explains this better in first Corinthians 15:42-44. So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. V 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. V 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

As these physical bodies grow older and tired, and we feel some pain in our joints, taking on a new body seems like a good proposition! There is a great peace that comes from knowing that your ready for eternity.

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2024

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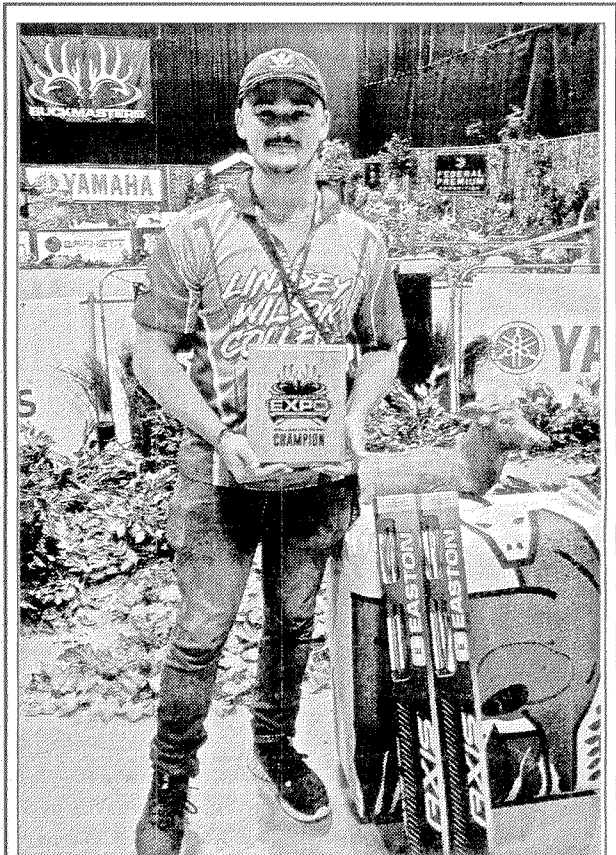
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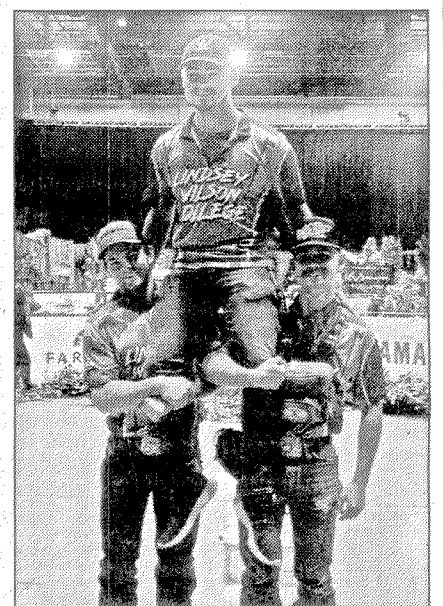
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Face amount	Nov. 2, 2024	Dec. 31, 2024
5% Penalty	Jan. 1, 2025	Jan. 31, 2025
10% Penalty+	Feb. 1, 2025	Apr. 15, 2025
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On the weekend of August 16-18, T.J. Ramsey, along with two teammates from Lindsey Wilson's archery team, Gus and Wyatt Brutt, were in Montgomery, AL to participate in the Buck Masters Collegiate Archery Competition. T.J. finished third overall in individual competition and qualified for the college team round where he took first place.



Lindsey Wilson's team. T.J. is a 2022 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and a former member of the school's archery team. He is shown in the top photo with his first place plaque and in the bottom photo with teammates, Gus and Wyatt Brutt.

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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.
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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**

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859-986-7027**NOTICE**

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice that it is filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2024-00272 a request for an increase in the amount of its Qualified Infrastructure Program Rider ("QIP Rider"). The filing will be made no later than August 31, 2024 with a request for the new QIP Rider to be effective on January 1, 2025. The QIP Rider as of August 15, 2024 is 6.58%. The amount as of September 1, 2024 is expected to be 6.41% and calculations herein are based on that amount. The proposed increase is an addition of 1.84% for QIP 6 investments to be made during calendar year 2025 and a 3.04% balancing adjustment for the QIP 4 period of twelve-months ended June 30, 2024 for a cumulative proposed QIP Rider of 11.29%. The QIP Rider applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority, Sales for Resale, and Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant customers. The additional revenue to be requested in this QIP Rider filing is \$2,213,890. The balancing adjustment requested in this filing is \$3,866,335. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the QIP Rider applies is: Residential: 38; Commercial: 355; Industrial: 18,327; Other Public Authority: 1,294; Sales for Resale: 11,837; Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant: 0. The effect on the current average monthly bill for each customer class to which the increased fee applies is: Residential: \$1.98 (4.87%); Commercial: \$10.78 (4.87%); Industrial: \$432.28 (4.87%); Other Public Authority: \$39.87 (4.87%); Sales for Resale \$310.51 (4.87%); Public Fire Hydrant: \$2.63 (4.87%); Private Fire Service 6": \$4.24 (4.87%); and Private Fire Hydrant: \$4.13 (4.87%). Any person may examine this filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Reunion

Our Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Reunion held on September 14th, 2024 was a huge success.

This year we honored the classes of 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969; we are pleased to say that

each class was represented by at least one classmate and other classes had multiple classmates to attend.

We would like to thank all those who attended along with the Rockcastle Board of Education for the use of the Mount Vernon Middle School cafeteria, the janitorial staff, our servers, Mrs. Tammy Cammel & the students in Family Career Community Leader of America, Danny Ford our MC, our community businesses who placed an ad in our program, our caterer Cody Noe of Home Grown Occasions for a wonderful meal, Ken Messer (of Bentley Cromer's music) provided

great music "oldies from the past" along with our sound system, PBK Bank who provided the beautiful "Mums" for our table decorations, Rockcastle Regional Hospital for the hand sanitizers plus the many folks, the multiple individuals and businesses that provided the wonderful "door prize" giveaways and last but not least those committee members who worked tirelessly to make this year's reunion another great memory to all who attended.

Wall of Fame Inductees this year were: Roland Mullins, David Joe Griffin, Loretta Kirby Powell and Betty Cameron Frederick.

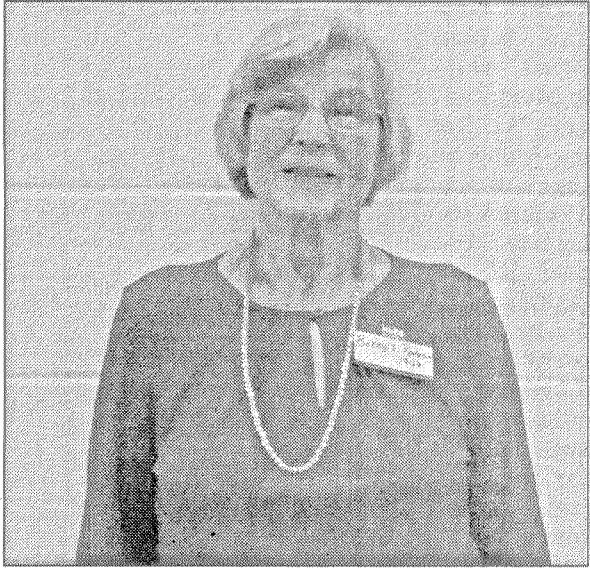
If you did not get a copy of your class photo and you would like to have one, we do have some that weren't picked up, just reach out to one of our committee members and we will get back with you and get your information.

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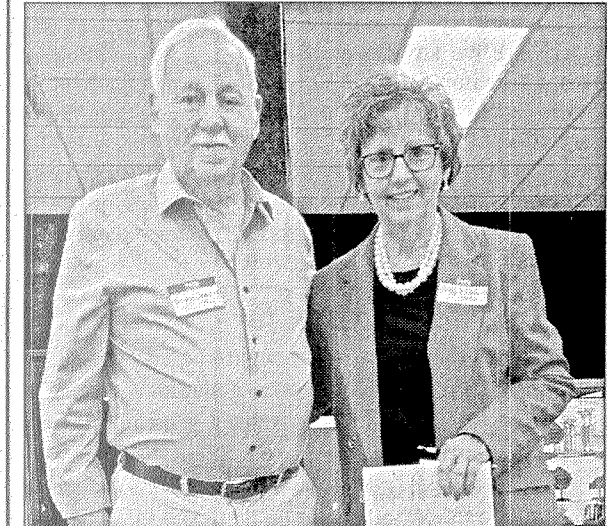
correct address or if you know of a classmate who did not receive their invitation, please contact one of the committee members and we will get that correction made so next year's invitations will not be hindered or missed due to incorrect information.



Mt. Vernon High School Class of 1954 - Mildred (Midge) Cromer Cummins and Charles Wayne Hines.



Mt. Vernon High School Class of 1949 - Betty Jones Ramsey.



Brother and sister attended the reunion: Wayne Cameron, Class of 1968 and Betty Cameron Frederick, Class of 1972.



Mt. Vernon High School Class of 1967 - Sarah Grace Clark Miracle, Linda Hale McClure, Joyce French Jewell, Laverne Chasteen Winstead, Brenda Clark McNew, Glen VanWinkle and Kenneth Taylor.



Mt. Vernon High School Class of 1959 - Lester Sandusky, Carol Cummins Pybas, Linda Ramsey Ashley, and Joyce Hines Bullock.



Mt. Vernon High School Class of 1968 - Mae Mink Renner, Marsha Whitaker VanWinkle, Lucy York Payne, Wayne Cameron and Kenneth Berry.



Mt. Vernon High School Class of 1969 - Front from left: Jesse Powell, Loretta Kirby Powell, Barbara Wheat Reppert and Brenda Thacker Chappell. Back row from left: Howard Saylor, Connie Shepherd Woods, Janice Coffey VanZant and Keith Smith.



2024 Reunion Committee - Betty Cameron Frederick, Loretta Kirby Powell, Brenda Jones Hayes, Sarah Grace Clark Miracle, Mae Mink Renner, Carol Cummins Pybas, and Joan Maggard Spurlock. Not pictured: Glen VanWinkle.



Mt. Vernon High School Class of 1964 - Front from left: Brenda Gale Osborne Blanton, Terry Owens and Frances Irene Isaacs Wilson. Second row from left: Bernice Mullins Beasley, Judy Carol Winstead Lawless, Brenda VanWinkle Harris and Delores Allen Carpenter. Back row from left: Bobby Hayes, Charles McNew, Sammy Ford, Gary Wayne Towery and Jerry Wendell Makin.

2024 ELECTION REMINDERS

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF KY

SEP 21

ABSENTEE BALLOT PORTAL OPENS

OCT 30

IN-PERSON EXCUSED ABSENTEE VOTING ENDS

OCT 7

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

OCT 31

NO-EXCUSE EARLY VOTING BEGINS

OCT 22

LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

NOV 2

NO-EXCUSE EARLY VOTING ENDS

OCT 23

IN-PERSON EXCUSED ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS

NOV 5

ELECTION DAY 6 AM - 6 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO FIND YOUR VOTING LOCATION, VISIT [GOVOTE.KY.GOV](https://govote.ky.gov).

VanHook presents new idea for Mount Vernon water supply

By: Mike French
Editor

RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook presented an idea to the Mount Vernon City Council that he says could potentially save the city millions of dollars, provide more water and cost customers less than planned.

VanHook, along with Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray and Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., have worked on the idea for several months and VanHook explained it to the council during last week's regular monthly meeting.

For the past several years the Mount Vernon City Council, department heads and city administrators along withpast and current Mayor Tim Roberts have discussed the upcoming need for more water service in the area. Officials have said Mount Vernon's source of water (Lake Linville) is a limited source and the existing water plant is nearing maximum capacity.

Over the past two years there has been some discussion of a potential new multi-million dollar water treatment plant, especially as a new industrial megasite and new industrial park, along with other development projects, have been established. Officials' say if growth and development come as expected, within the next ten years, the existing water plant would be woefully inadequate.

Discussions have included a potential hike in water rates to pay back the loans required for a multi-million dollar plant. "If the \$4 million new basin raised customer prices recently, imagine the hike needed to pay for a new water plant," said VanHook. "Plus the cost of the pipeline infrastructure required for new industry and new homes that would be in the area."

So VanHook, Bray and Holbrook have spent the past few month working with the Danville water system and bouncing ideas that could help the situation. "Working with Danville and Lincoln and Garrard County in our recent regional projects, we figured out that Danville has a capacity to serve 17 million gallons of water per day. But they only use seven million. If we can work this out, they have agreed to designate four to six million gallons to us," VanHook said. This would leave Danville with about

four million gallons for their own growth and development.

VanHook said Danville's water comes from Lake Herington which is where Rockcastle County rainwater ends up. "It's really some of our own water anyway," he said.

The plan would include building a pipeline, similar to the recent natural gas line from Lincoln County, beginning at the Danville Water Plant. Then the city of Mount Vernon could contract with the City of Danville and serve some of the customers along the way to Mount Vernon. "Instead of dividing the cost up among a few thousand homes in Rockcastle County, it would divide the cost up among 40,000 customers making it cheaper, bringing more revenue to the city and recycling our own water," VanHook said. "Not to mention, there is no river flowing into Lake Linville. It is a limited water source. Lake Herington is basically an endless inflow of water. This is the perfect example of a win, win scenario."

VanHook also pointed out that using only one source of water could be devastating if an unexpected emergency occurred. "God forbid what if there were some chemical spill or something," VanHook said. "With only one water source, some catastrophe at Lake Linville could shut down the city."

VanHook says the city of Mount Vernon would have to build infrastructure anyway with a new plant. With this plan the infrastructure would come from Danville and serve the industrial sites, Brodhead, Crab Orchard and others and would not further strain the limits of Lake Linville or the local water plant.

Council member Shelley Lewis asked how this would affect the local water plant. "This water plant is Mount Vernon's source of revenue," she said. "We can't give that up." However VanHook said the plan would have no effect on the existing plant or the revenue from that plant.

The first step in the project would be to form a commission that would begin seeking grant possibilities and other funding for the project, VanHook said. "The ideal goal is to have this new system not cost the City of Mount Vernon a cent, and to be a

very minimal cost to customers, while increasing our water supply by millions of gallons per day," VanHook said.

Holbrook agreed the idea seem plausible. "We have worked hard over the past several months to see if we could make this happen," said Holbrook. "If it

can happen, and I believe it can, this could save everyone involved a lot of time and expense and yet service customers and the city even better,"

The council appeared receptive to the idea and VanHook said he will look deeper into the next step and keep the council in-

formed of any progress. Mayor Tim Roberts invited VanHook back to the next regular meeting for an update. VanHook also invited the full council and Mayor to the RCIDA meetings where the project will be discussed.

"Again, this is an example of thinking region-

ally. Working together with others," said VanHook. "If we get out of this local, serve ourselves view, big things can happen through cooperation. This is a phenomenal opportunity and we are trying to look 30 years ahead. This kind of thinking can save the city millions."

DAR Community Service Awards

The Community Service Award is an opportunity for DAR to recognize worthy individuals in our community for unpaid voluntary achievements in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors. The recipient of this award must have contributed to the community in an outstanding manner through voluntary heroic, civic, benevolent service or by organizing or participating in community activities within the last five years.

This year's recipients are long time members of the community. Billy Dowell has served 40+ years as a deacon of his church being actively involved in projects such as the renovating of the facility chapel, serving as head of grounds and building committee and would pick up elderly members of the church and drive them to services. He served as past president and eyeglass chairman of the Lions Club and serves on the Elmwood and

Creswell Cemetery Boards.

The second recipient of this award is Shelley Parkerson. When she is not working as a librarian, she is always giving of herself and her time to bettering the lives of community members. She has worked on grants which resulted in summer reading camps in the county; served on the Rockcastle Arts Council; spearheaded a free pantry with the local catholic church and volunteered with Nancy's Closet, a clothing ministry through Olive Branch Church. She also served with Micah's nursery ministry to provide diapers and baby supplies to help mothers in need and serves on the ADL steering committee representing the Diocese of Lexington as secretary.

Rockcastle Chapter Regent Karen Adams presented both recipients their awardat the September meeting of the DAR. If you know of an individual or group who may qualify for this award, please contact the Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com.



Billy Dowell and Chapter Regent Karen Adams.



Shelley Parkerson and Chapter Regent Karen Adams.

ORDINANCE 24-09-23A

INTENT AND DESIRE TO ANNEX

ANNEXATION NOTICE: ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Pursuant to KRS 83A.060, KRS 424.120, and all other applicable law, please take notice that the City of Brodhead is hereby informing the owners(s) of the real property contained in the area proposed to be annexed by the City of Brodhead, said property being portion of the right-of-way of KY old US HWY 150 and KY HWY 150, being on the western edge of the original City of Brodhead Annexation Limits, being on the northern right-of-way line of old US HWY 150, Having KY State Plane coordinates of N=2034192.48, E=2024792.09, and more particularly described in the Ordinance Number 24-07-08W, a complete copy which is available in print upon request in the City Clerk's Office. Said owner(s) has the right to present a valid petition to the City of Brodhead's Mayor to have the issue of annexation placed upon a ballot. Such a petition must be filed within 60 (sixty) days from the publication date of the "intent to annex" ordinance regarding said property. A valid petition under KRS requires either 50% of the resident voters, or 50% of the landowners, to file a petition with the Mayor to have the issue placed on a ballot of the next regular election. If no proper, bona fide petition is presented to the Mayor as stated herein and according to applicable law within the 60 days noted, per KRS and all other applicable law the City of Brodhead may enact an Annexation Ordinance annexing the subject property. To the best of the City's knowledge, the property is exclusively Kentucky Highway Department (KYDOT) owned right-of-way/territory, all in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and all of which are contiguous to present city corporate limits.

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY, SETTING FOR THE CITY'S INTENT AND DESIRE TO ANNEX A CORRIDOR OF HIGHWAY.

The intent and desire to annex contains descriptions in the above listed notice and a full description upon request at City Clerk's Office exhibit 24-07-08W, : being on the western edge of the original City of Brodhead Annexation limits; being on the northern right-of-way line of old US HWY 150; being approximately 3,450 ft southeast of the intersection of centerlines of US HWY 150 and old US HWY 150

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, THE INTENT AND DESIRE TO ANNEX ABOVE LISTED DESCRIPTION STATED IN ABOVE ANNEXATION NOTICE

THE ABOVE LISTED INTENT AND DESIRE TO ANNEX ORDINANCE SHALL COME INTO EFFECT UPON PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION BY LAW.

First Read : 9-23-24

Second Read:

Approved: Mayor
Jerry Wayne Adams, Mayor, City of Brodhead

Approved: Clerk

KSDAR Award



KSDAR Chair for DAR Service to Veterans Kathy Bobo was awarded the Outstanding State DAR Member Award from the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration for her efforts to ensure that all of the VVA Centers in Kentucky participated in the commemoration. KSDAR Commemorative Events Chair Susan Kalmey and Rockcastle Chapter Regent Karen Adams presented the award to Mrs. Bobo at the September meeting of the chapter.

Barti Mae Farm



The Rockcastle Chamber held a ribbon cutting at the Barti Mae Farm on Wednesday, September 18th at 1375 Dorman Creek Rd. in Brodhead.. The owner, Telisa Harris, has acres of land dedicated to Fall family fun. Activites include two corn mazes, playground area for toddlers, swings, slides, peddle car race truck, animal petting pen and more. The new business is open 11 - 7pm, Wednesday thru Sunday. For more information, call Telisa at 606-273-5581.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
It's Planting Time

There seems to be perpetual confusion on the "best time to plant", and that is complicated by self-serving advertising by those with lots of plants they need to move (sell). So when is the best time to plant, and how do you actually know, since there is no definite consensus to be found?

Having planted with acceptable success percentages all months of the year, I can tell you that it's always planting time. At least it is for the knowledgeable professional. Yet, there truly are times that are better than others. Let's investigate this a little in today's column.

In eastern Kentucky and Tennessee and in western Carolinas and other similar locales, September and October are great times to plant. Farther south, it might be November. Even December in zones 9 and 10. And for some trees and most smaller plants, late February through early April may be your best option.

If there were agreement on 'best' planting time, are we saying best from the standpoint of the plant, or what's best based on our own schedule? Perhaps best is when the best nursery stock is for sale, or maybe it's after a drought has passed or soggy soils have dried out, or frozen ground can be dug? For some, best is when plants are on sale or close-

out. Some of us plant when we have a break in a hectic schedule—vacation or holidays, perhaps, or when overtime has been cut at our jobs, or when it is cooler/warmer outdoors. So, things that make any time the best can easily make that a fact for any one of us.

Fall planting of bigger trees and shrubs allows the roots to keep growing even as air temperatures have shut down additional top growth on deciduous plants. And this is good. But, too late in the fall and this advantage disappears. (If you want to plant a tree in the early fall, a potted tree or a balled&burlapped tree dug in the previous witer and for sale at the garden center any time, it's a sensible purchase. But, if it has to be dug and moved, much better to wait until the leaves have fallen—which means missing the best part of the fall planting window.). Evergreens can be dug anytime—just be aware the sun can cook the new tip growth—so a little shade and plenty of watering may be required if moving them in summer. Spruce trees, holly trees, arborvitae—these are examples of evergreens that can be dug just fine at any time and will survive with a little extra care.

Spring is better for planting small plants that might actually rive up out of the ground from freezing and thawing actions over winter.

Also, sometimes wet and soggy conditions during a time the plant can't absorb and use that moisture for growth, are a compelling argument for waiting until spring to plant.

As already mentioned, the best planting time for you may not be the best planting time for the plant.

And most landscapers plant all year, they're too busy to say yes to all the phone calls they get in April.

While it may be difficult to dig a planting hole in dry late summer, for example, it

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CONEY SAUCE for HOT DOGS

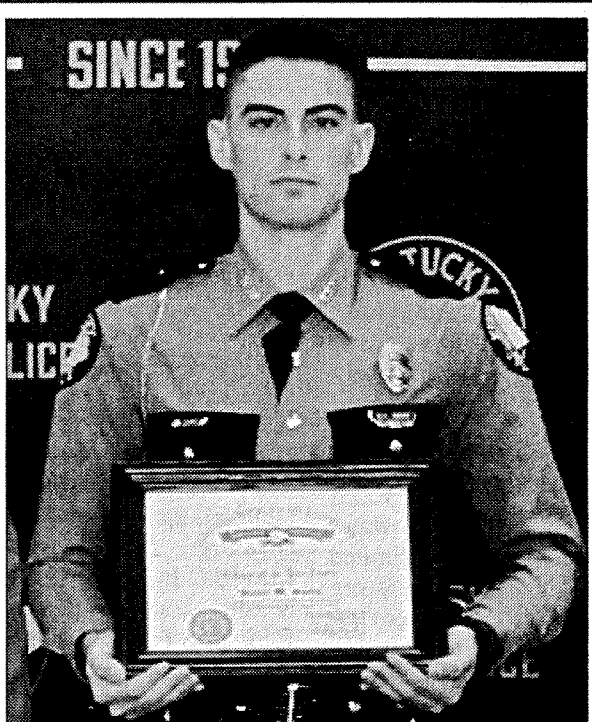
1 and 1/4 pounds lean ground beef
1 large onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup chili powder
1/2 cup ketchup
1 and 1/2 cups water
Mix hamburger and onion in skillet; brown until hamburger is no longer pink. Drain the grease if needed. Discard grease. Put mixture back in skillet and add remaining ingredients. Simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

CHILI DOG CASSEROLE

1 pound ground beef
1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce
3 ounces tomato paste (about 5 tablespoons)
2 tablespoons ketchup (or sub with barbecue sauce)
1 tablespoon yellow mustard
8 ounces hot dogs, cut into 1/2-inch slices
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon light brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
salt and pepper, to taste
1 and 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese, divided
1 box (8.5 oz) corn muffin mix (I use Jiffy brand)
1/2 cup milk
1 egg
Preheat oven to 400°. In a 10-inch oven-proof skillet, cook ground beef over medium-high heat until no longer pink, about 5-7 minutes. Drain off excess grease. Stir in tomato sauce, tomato paste, ketchup, mustard, hot dogs, chili powder,

brown sugar, garlic powder, and onion powder. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Reduce the heat to low; simmer for about 5 minutes, or until the mixture thickens slightly. Smooth into an even layer in the pan. Sprinkle with half of the cheese. In a separate bowl, stir together the corn muffin mix, milk, egg, and remaining cheese. Pour over the filling in the skillet. Use a spatula to spread the top-

ping in an even layer, covering and sealing in the meat mixture so that it doesn't bubble through the top. Notes If you don't have a cast iron skillet (or other oven-proof skillet), or if you plan to prepare the casserole in advance for freezing, you can assemble the casserole in an 8-inch or 9-inch square baking dish, a deep-dish pie plate, or any other 2-quart casserole dish. Insert a toothpick in the center of your casserole to make sure that the cornbread crust is completely cooked through before removing the dish from the oven.



Trooper Daniel Smith was named the Post 15 Trooper of the Year. He is a 3-year veteran of the agency. Trooper Smith is from Rockcastle County. The Kentucky State Police (KSP) honored 55 troopers and officers who are dedicated to protecting Kentucky's 120 counties with a mission of creating a safer commonwealth for future generations during the 2023 Sworn Awards. The awards presented were for heroic acts of service that occurred in 2023.

can be done successfully, and watering regularly the first weeks after planting in such conditions can be a time consuming chore, it could be the best time to plant if that's when you can find someone to do it!

Some folks jump soon as their garden center gets a bunch of new stock in, buying and planting.

Others jump when a major markdown happens in hot weather, or when the need to clear space for spooks, pumpkins and cut evergreen trees motivates the merchant to get rid of unsold

plants at or even below their cost. As you can see, there are lots of reasons for why now is or isn't the best time to plant.

Plants are pretty forgiving, so most of the time they live and thrive even if the timing of their planting isn't the perfect one.

Early fall and early spring may be ideal planting times, but it's actually planting time all the time if the ground is not frozen. Oh, wait, I planted a thousand bulbs one year when the ground was frozen solid! Yes, I was able to obtain a truck load

of sifted topsoil that wasn't frozen, so I just plopped the bulbs down and covered them to the appropriate depth with good topsoil despite the ground being unworkable. The pictures on social media shared by the homeowner of the mass of pretty blossoms come April attested to the success of planting in winter conditions. Yes, it's planting time!

The author is a landscaper. Comments invited: rockcastles@gmail.com

ORDINANCE 24-09-23

INTENT AND DESIRE TO ANNEX

ANNEXATION NOTICE: ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Pursuant to KRS 83A.060, KRS424.120, and all other applicable law, please take notice that the City of Brodhead is hereby informing the owner(s) of the real property contained in the area proposed to be annexed by the City of Brodhead, said property being portions of right-of-way US HWY 150, state Plane coordinates of N=2019870.17, E=2029220.42, and more particularly described in the Ordinance Number 24-07-08E, a complete copy which is available in print upon request in the City clerk's Office. Said owner(s) has the right to present a valid petition to the City of Brodhead's Mayor to have the issue of annexation placed upon a ballot. Such a petition must be filed within 60 (sixty) days from the publication date of the "intent to annex" ordinance regarding said property. A valid petition under KRS requires either 50% of the resident voters, or 50% of the landowners, to file a petition with the Mayor to have the issue placed on a ballot of the next regular election. If no proper, bona fide petition is presented to the Mayor as stated herein and according to applicable law within the 60 days noted, per KRS and all other applicable law the City of Brodhead may enact an Annexation Ordinance annexing the subject property. To the best of the City's knowledge, the property is exclusively Kentucky Highway department (KYDOT) owned right-of-way/ territory, all in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and all of which are present city corporate limits.

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY, SETTING FOR THE City's intent and desire to annex a corridor of highway.

The intent and desire to annex contains descriptions in the above listed notice and a full description upon request at City Clerk's Office exhibit 24-07-08E, : being on the southern edge of the City of Brodhead Annexation Limits, being on the Western edge of right-of-way of US HWY 150: being approximately 295 ft southwest of the intersection of centerlines of US HWY 150 and KY HWY 1250

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, THE INTENT AND DESIRE TO ANNEX ABOVE LISTED DESCRIPTION STATED IN ABOVE ANNEXATION NOTICE

THE ABOVE LISTED INTENET AND DESIRE TO ANNEX ORDINANE SHALL COME INTO EFFECT UPON PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION BY LAW

First Read: 9.23.24

Second Read:

Approved: Jerry Wayne Adams, Mayor, City of Brodhead

Attest: clerk

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Bailey, (left) the female Border Collie who is 7 months old and friendly but a little shy, and Bernie, the 4 year old male, Poodle mix who is also 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.

Classifieds

CLASSIFIED RATES

- Local Rates - \$5 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word
 - Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch
- Deadline for Classifieds is 4 p.m. Monday**

For Rent

Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912; TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

For Rent
Maple Street Storage of Brodhead
606-308-3032
606-392-8654

Property For Sale

30 Acre Stand of Timber. Sawmill nearby. Call 606-594-8990. 33xntf

Miscellaneous For Sale

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

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Joanie Woodall
606-308-3190

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\$23⁰⁰ per month with Curb Cart

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All Types of Mechanic Work
Call 606-386-0435

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.

Yard Sales

Yard Sale: 1503 Lambert Rd., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9 to 5 each day. Cigar boxes, canning supplies, home decor, clothing, rain or shine.

Miscellaneous For Sale

For Sale: Six full sets scaffolding with/white board. \$270. Ditch-Witch, needs some repair, \$1,500 or best offer. Two-sided tool boxes, \$25 each. 606-758-9312. If no answer, leave message.

Professional Services

Clean Air - Spring into Savings!! AC Coil & Dryer Cleaning Combo - \$100. Water Heater Flush - \$80. Free estimates for general home maintenance. Call 606-392-8925. 3x8
Gravel Hauling and spreading. Call 606-308-1858 or 254-289-2913.

Owens Monument: Located behind Owens Funeral Home in Brodhead. Open Mon-Fri. 8 to 5 and Sat. 9 a.m. to noon. 606-758-9600. 14xntf

Cresthaven Cemetery Plots

Call Will Bishop @ 606-308-2490 or Shannon Bishop @ 606-308-9988

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

Notice is hereby given that Kenton Scott Parkey, 650 Capps Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Marion Kenton Parkey, deceased, on the 19th day of September, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Kenton Scott Parkey or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before March 19, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 32x3

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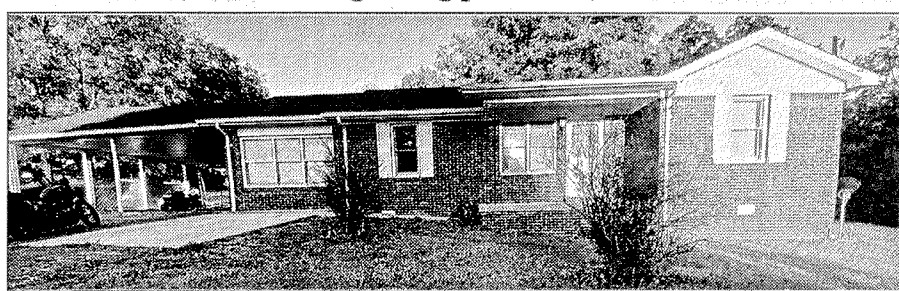
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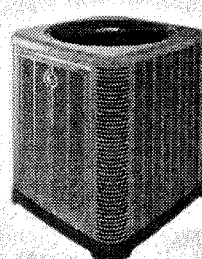
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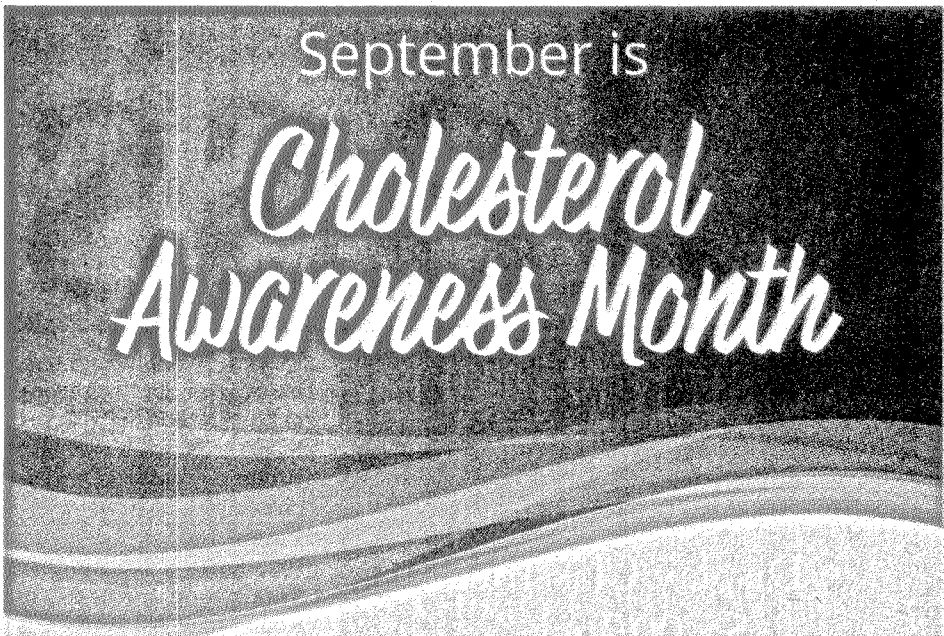
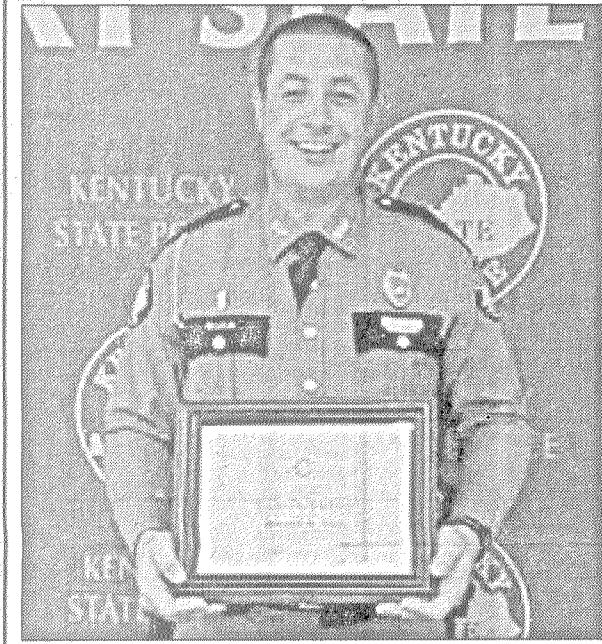
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The RCHS Homecoming Court for king are shown above, from left: Jackson Stallworth, Brandon Valle and Connor Hunt.

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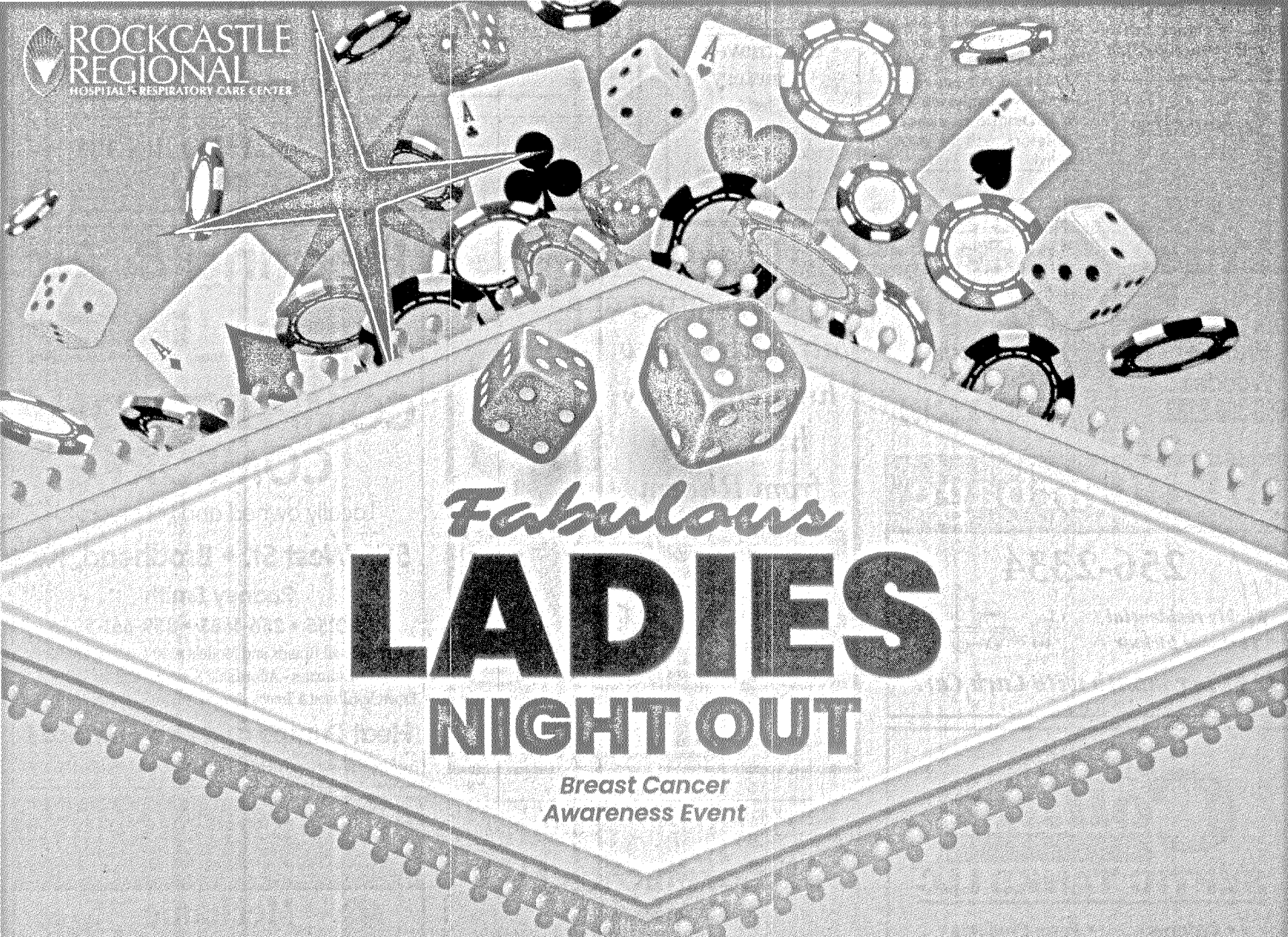

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