



COVID increase

One additional COVID-related death was reported this week in Rockcastle County. The county is still in the red zone this week, with an incident rating of 42. In the past seven days there have been 26 confirmed new cases and 23 probable new cases in the county, according to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department. A total of 36 COVID-related deaths have been reported here since the pandemic began.

Operation Give Hope planned

Don't forget this year's Give Hope ministry Saturday, December 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the RCHS parking lot. Children will receive a filled backpack for Christmas and each family will receive a blanket. The child must be present to receive a backpack. For more information, contact Kathryn Pope at 606-308-3099.

Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission will hold their regular scheduled monthly meeting Monday, December 13 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Fiscal court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 14 at 5 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Mt. Vernon meeting

The Mount Vernon City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, December 16 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Parades/Night Market are massive success



Shown above are two of the many children who enjoyed Santa Claus at the Noel Night Market last Saturday.



The Touch of Class Hair Design float won first place in the business category during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade. Other float winners will appear in the Signal's December 23rd Christmas issue.



The RCHS Band was a big hit at both parades. Carrying the banner are members Hunter Payne and Gracie Burdette. See our Christmas issue on December 23rd for all photos from all parades and Noel Night Market.

Successful year

RCIDA discusses several projects over past year

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority held their final regular meeting of the year Tuesday and took the opportunity to look back over

the board's 2021 accomplishments.

After approving the budget and financial statements, Executive Director Jeff VanHook told the board the Farmers Market project is very close to completion. "I think once the blacktop base is down, that will be enough for the occupancy permit and the propane tank will be here soon," he said.

The final layer of blacktop may not be completed until the spring of 2022 since the temperature must be above a certain degree to properly lay the substance, VanHook said.

The board discussed the project at length. "I really don't believe there are very many people who could have handled all the grants and subs and architects and engineers the way Jeff has done," said board member Roland Mullins. "He has been an amazing asset for this project."

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Ten indictments handed down by Grand Jury

10 individuals were named in 10 indictments handed down by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury Friday, November 29th. Named in the indictments and their offense/s were:

James D. Irvin, 52, of Brodhead indicted for the offense of sexual abuse first degree of a minor.

His bond was set at \$250,000 cash/property

(c/p);

Daniel R. Griffin, 30, of Stanford, was indicted for escape of the Rockcastle Detention Center and as a persistent felony offender.

His bond was set at \$50,000 c/p;

Jeffery Earl Hall, 40, of Crab Orchard was indicted for fleeing or evading police, four counts of

(See "Indict" on A5)

Mount Vernon/Brodhead hold holiday events

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County residents must have been good in 2021 since Santa himself attended both the Brodhead and the Mount Vernon parade, as well as the Noel Night Market. And so did more people than ever before. Main Street was described as "shoulder to shoulder" throughout the night by several in the crowd.

Officials say the last participant in the parade was still waiting to begin

nearly half of a mile away even after the front of the parade reached Main Street in Mount Vernon.

All the events were held Saturday, December 4 and both towns were filled with citizens enjoying the festivities throughout the afternoon and evening.

"The parade and Noel Night Market were absolutely over the top," said Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant. "One of the

(See "Events" on A5)

Mask mandate ends for local school district

By: Mike French Editor

Students and staff of the Rockcastle County School district may finally breathe easier without taking in carbon dioxide.

The Rockcastle County School Board voted unanimously to end the local mask mandate, regardless of vaccine status, during a special called meeting last Friday. The mandate ended as of Monday of this week.

With the mask mandate as the only item on

the agenda, the board asked the advice of board member Angie Woods, who recommended the district end the mandate against the CDC (Center for Disease Control) recommendation that everyone continue to wear a mask at all times while indoors. "I have given the issue thought and more thought and have talked with parents and students and staff and I believe that now that the vaccine is available to everyone over five years old, we should make masks op-

(See "Mask" on A5)

Calls pull fire trucks from parade routes

By: Mike French Editor

It may be an understatement to say Rockcastle County first responders were busy Saturday afternoon.

While preparing the trucks and equipment for two Christmas Parades Saturday at 2 and 4 p.m., there were four separate calls for service between 2 and 3 p.m. As bystanders lined the streets of Brodhead, awaiting the start of the parade, fire trucks rushed by much

faster than the crowd expected on their way to a fire alarm call.

At 1:50, moments before the parade was scheduled to begin, the fire alarm at the local Chapin Manufacturing plant went off, causing Mount Vernon Fire Department personnel to rush from the parade line up, down the parade route and to the scene. However, once at the scene, crews discovered the call was a false alarm.

(See "Fires" on A5)

Deputy fights man who had slingblade

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County Deputy Sam Brock was compelled to use physical force to subdue Richard Lovell, 25, of Orlando, after a domestic abuse incident last week.

According to a uniform citation, Deputy Brock was called to Big Cave Road where a male and female had been reported fighting. Upon ar-

riving at the scene, Brock witnessed Lovell and a female "swinging a stick and a sling blade at one another."

When Deputy Brock activated his emergency lights, the citation says Lovell ran. In a foot chase, Brock fired his tazer but one port missed Lovell and the suspect continued to run.

Brock was able to

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Last week, I led my column with the news that Dr. Bill Frank Stewart, would be leaving his position as a doctor at Rockcastle Regional on December 3.

I was wrong. I was right at the time I wrote it but circumstances, that happened after I wrote the column, allowed Dr. Stewart to remain at Rockcastle Regional, for now.

After I wrote the column Tuesday morning, a federal judge blocked the vaccine mandate for healthcare workers in 10 states, of which Kentucky was not one. Later that night, while bowling in our league with Jane, Paige and Kayla, daughter Jamie texted me and told me that Kentucky was one of the states included in the order. That was true, but that was after five states were added to the original ten and then, Wednesday morn-

ing, I awoke to the news that a Louisiana Federal Judge had issued an order blocking the mandate nationwide.

I was extremely happy, a little embarrassed but consoled myself that I would be able to explain it this week.

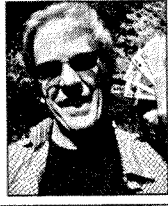
Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger told Editor Mike French Monday that the vaccine mandate for certified and classified school personnel had also been put on hold and would not be enforced at this time.

The non-vaccinated, such as myself, are taking the brunt of the blame for breakthrough cases in the vaxxed when, in truth, the vaccinated can also spread the virus. And, how do we know it's not the exempt part of the population that is spreading

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



You may have heard the phrase "it's like riding a bicycle." People use this saying to suggest that once you learn to do something, you never truly forget it. Once you learn to ride a bicycle, you always know how to ride a bicycle.

I discovered this week, this isn't necessarily true.

Over the holiday eating season my better half had decided she would like to have a bicycle. "A bicycle?" I asked. Such a thought hadn't entered my mind. "Yes. A bicycle. I would ride it every day and stay in much better shape and enjoy the wind in my hair." I tried to explain that it is cold out side. She didn't mind. I tried to explain that there are nuts out there anymore. She can handle herself, she said. I tried to explain that we hadn't been doing a lot of physical work lately and she may get tired. "Why I'll just pull over and rest a minute."

So, off to Walmart we went. Similar to the Goldilocks and three bears, we found several that were okay, some too fancy, but only one that was just right. But, all of them had flat tires. So, after a 20-minute search for a worker to help us dislocate the bicycle from it's Fort Knox safety area, we took the one she wanted to the auto service department where a young man blew the tires up for us.

Now, before we actually bought the bike, she asked me to adjust the

seat, adjust the basket on the front, put it in the right gear and clear the isle in front of her so that she could try it out first. All my tasks complete, she climbed up onto the bike and she seemed slightly surprised. Knowing her as I do, her expression said to me, "Hmmm. This doesn't feel like I remember it feeling."

"Are you sure about this baby?" I asked. "You can get hurt awful bad on a bicycle."

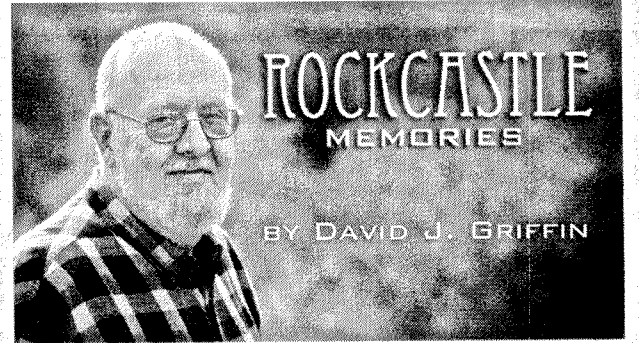
The next expression let me know I should just shut up and let her go.

She spun the pedals round and round and twisted on the seat some and fiddled with the gears as though she were preparing herself. Finally, off she went. Down the isle at Walmart. About four feet. Once she got just barely away from me, her legs went straight to the ground and she stopped an inch away from a large stack of televisions. She looked at me as if to say "That didn't go well did it?"

I must have had a "told you so" look on my face because I saw determination on her expression. Scooching the bike back out to the center of the isle and pointed away from the expensive TV sets, she was about to try again. "Ok, here goes."

Have you ever seen a cat trying to walk a tight-rope? That's what it reminded me of. She was everywhere. Walmart

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Column History

Several of my regular readers have inquired about when I first began to submit a weekly column to the Signal. It had been so long ago that, frankly, I did not even know the correct answer. Therefore, I had to do some minor research.

Some time during the final months of 2004 or the beginning of 2005, I was visiting with my brother, Dwight, in his home in Mt. Vernon. We were sitting at his kitchen table when a friend of his stopped by for a visit. It was Rick Anderkin. I had not met Rick before that time and was glad to make his acquaintance.

For the next hour, or so, the three of us shared our memories of living in Mt. Vernon. Rick's family had owned the local newspaper (Signal) for a

very long time. He explained that the paper had been in operation since 1887.

We discussed how the Signal had influenced each of us. My family had subscribed to the paper for as long as I could remember. It was our means of keeping up with the local news of the county. We usually received it on Thursday, and each of us took turns consuming it for hours.

Dwight discussed how he remembered reading about the local sports events at the high school. He also explained how Daddy had loved reading the paper. He had been a former Rockcastle County magistrate.

As we talked about the paper, Rick proposed that I should consider

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To the Citizens of Mt. Vernon - my home town: "Across the Miles, Happy Holidays!"

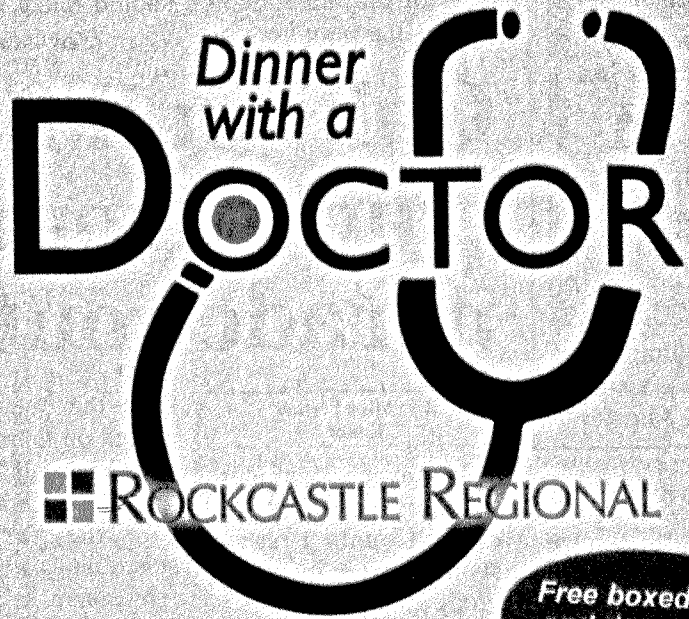
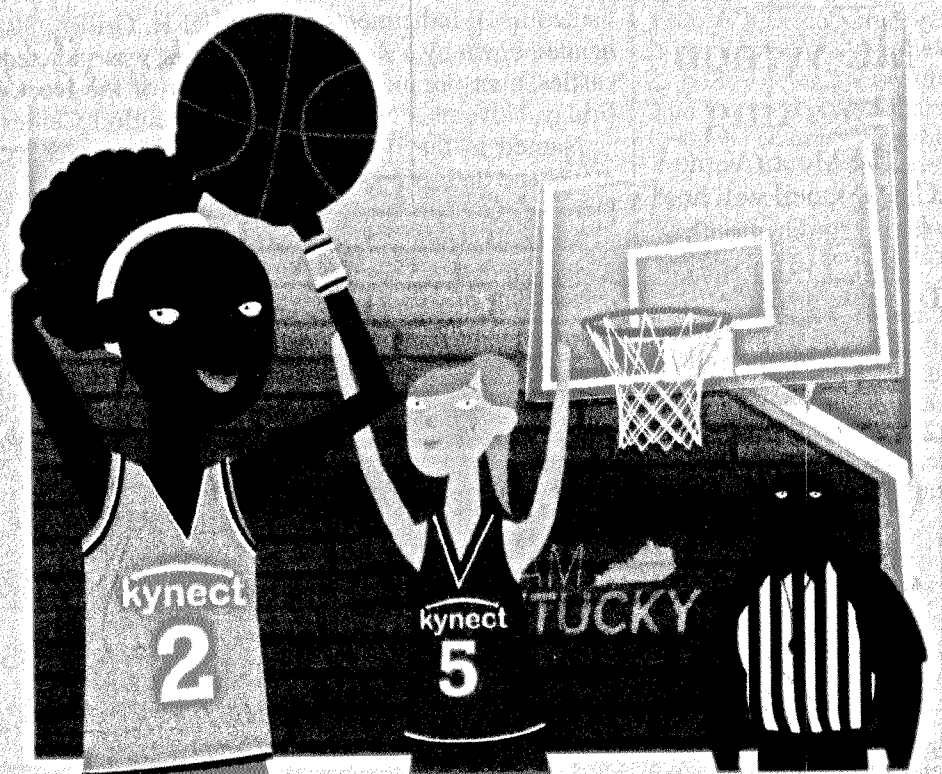
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‘Ramblings’

(Continued from A2) the virus such as: postal workers (648,000), the legislative and judiciary branches of government, along with the Whitehouse staff, CDC, FDA and WHO employees, welfare recipients, the homeless and the 1.7M+ illegals the government has dispersed all over the country, without being tested or vaxed, or maybe the 100,000 Afghani refugees brought into our country during the withdrawal fiasco from Afghan.

And, that brings up something else I often think about, the fact that

there has never been an interview that I have seen with any American that was supposedly rescued from Afghanistan. I assume there were but wouldn't you think there would be at least one news outlet seeking an interview with them to discuss how hard (impossible for many) it was to get out?

Anyway, one question I've had recently on Covid19 mandates is, why aren't other states following the example of Florida, who **doesn't have any vax or mask mandate** but has the lowest infection rate in the nation. I'll wait...

I have been con-

cerned for some time now about the supply chain crisis affecting our medicine supply since so much of our medications (94% of our antibiotics) come from China.

There was never anything said about it until this week when, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the supply chain crisis is now causing shortages of important medications at pharmacies. The FDA says there are currently medications on back order, including heart medications, antibiotics and cancer drugs.

But, remember, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who recently returned to work after a two month family leave, said the supply crisis would all be worked out when "everyone is vaccinated." Hmm, don't quite see the connection but maybe that's just me.

All of the vax hype isn't just from our country and, mostly, the Biden Administration. Ursula Van Der Leyen, chief of the European Union Commission, told the press on Wednesday last that she would like to see the long-standing Nuremberg Code ignored completely in favor of allowing countries to **force vaccinate** anyone who is refusing to take the experimental jab. Her comments came on the heels of Austria and Germany locking down the unvaccinated.

The Nuremberg Code was made International Law (and signed onto by our country) in 1947 because of the horrific medical experiments and human rights atrocities by Nazis during the Holocaust.

I am still having a hard time wrapping my head around the logic for mandating the vaccine. The vaxxed can still get it and can still spread it so what is the upside? I have been assured that if you're vaxxed and get Covid that your case will be much milder than if you're unvaxxed, but, surely that still makes it an individual decision and not an appropriate area for a mandate.

New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio thinks everything is appropriate for a mandate since he recently mandated that every employee of a private business in New York City must be vaxxed by December 27th and that all children five and up must be vaxxed to enter indoor dining, entertainment and fitness centers in New York. Newly-elected Mayor Eric Adams will be taking office shortly, we'll see if he has any more commonsense.

According to *The Epoch Times*, at least 10

cases of Covid 19 have been reported on a Norwegian Cruise line ship disembarking in New Orleans.

All crew members and passengers were fully vaccinated, according to the Louisiana Department of Health.

The American Heart Association recently published an article, in one of its medical journals, containing research linking mRNA Covid 19 jabs to heart inflammation.

Twitter called the American Heart Foundation website "unsafe" for linking mRNA vaccine to heart inflammation and that it was "misleading content that could lead to real-world harm."

So, in other words, don't believe your lying eyes.

At least 29 people were shot, six fatally in weekend shootings across Chicago and Chicago has reached their 800th murder of the year for the first time since 1995.

But, never fear, Chicago schools are on top of the problems in their schools. They recently decided to make all bathrooms gender neutral. In other words, students can use the bathroom of whichever sex they identify as.

They learned absolutely nothing from the Loudon County School District in Virginia where a freshman girl was raped, in a bathroom, by a transgender girl and the board denied that it happened. The transgender girl was transferred to another school and committed the same act there. The superintendent was eventually forced to resign, I believe.

And, if you want to know how smart our mainstream media actually is, Adolf Hitler was *Time Magazine's* "Man of the Year" in 1938!

Please remember,

1) The hundreds of January 6th political prisoners that have been held for almost a year in, reportedly, awful conditions in a jail in our nation's capital. Our justice department concluded that there were no firearms present among the "insurrectionists" on January 6th but there have been very few of the cases resolved, to date, with most charges being for trespassing;

2) Also remember that an unarmed vet Ashley Babbitt was killed, in cold blood, on that same day by a capitol guard who has not had to answer any questions as to the circumstances of the killing. Her family deserves better than they have gotten, thus far, from our government.

‘Aces’

(Continued from A2) workers were practically diving out of the way and customers instantly turned down the closest isle before they got to her. Since I was walking beside her and holding the bike up as she rode (She thinks she was riding it alone) I was able to catch everything she was knocking off the isles as she passed each display.

Finally, her legs went back to the ground and she sat there. Just sat there staring at the front wheel of the bike. "I think something is wrong with this thing."

"Baby, are you sure you want to do this? I mean you could get hurt really quickly." She thought a moment and then looked at me sadly. "I don't think I better," she said.

It was a stark reality. Unfortunately, as we age our bodies change, our balance changes, our response time slows, our vision decreases and our willingness to risk life and limb diminishes. She had made the right choice and we limped, heads bowed, defeated out of the store.

We were quiet for a while on the ride home and I finally said, it was probably a cheap bike and didn't handle right. We need to find you a good, high quality bike." Dora nodded in agreement but I could tell she felt old. She isn't. She is MUCH younger than I. In fact, I am within a couple years of her father's age. But still, she isn't 10 anymore either.

Luckily, I think the idea has faded and I only hope this column doesn't spark her "nothing can beat me" attitude and force her to want one at all risks. But I think we both learned a lesson...or two...or three.

Sometimes we have to accept that time moves on in order to keep all of our bones in the proper order.

I think we have decided walking is a fun way to spend an evening. Besides, we can do that together. She wasn't getting me on a bike.

‘Memories’

(Continued from A2) submitting a weekly column to be published in his paper. He was acting as the Editor at the time. He suggested that he and I meet for lunch the following week in order to talk about his proposal.

On that Monday, Rick and I met for lunch at a steakhouse near Renfro Valley. He gave me more suggestions about the column, its deadlines, length, and topics. He said I could write about any topic that I chose. I agreed to submit my first column the next week.

For almost two decades, I have been sending the Signal my column on a weekly basis. Over the years, I have not missed publishing my column since Rick first made the suggestion.

A few years ago, I was awarded a Kentucky Press Association award for my weekly column. I was pleased and surprised. I was also receiving approximately 75 emails each week about my column. Many of those emails and calls were to suggest topics for my consideration or to make comments about my latest submission. My friends and classmates regularly made suggestions about future columns.

After completing almost 900 weekly columns, I am finding that a choice of topics is proving to be more and more difficult. Several of my friends occasionally make suggestions for me to write about. I appreciate any and all suggestions.

I am very grateful to Rick for the opportunity to write and thankful for all the readers who have continued to follow my weekly column. Only the Lord knows for how long we will be able to keep each other company. Hopefully, a while longer yet.

(You can reach me at thenutman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, Dec. 13th: Child Development Center, Lisa's Little People, Tic Toc Pre-School and Seek 'n Learn.
Tuesday, Dec. 14th: Scaffld Cane, Clear Creek and Willailla.
Wednesday, Dec. 15th: Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax.

Christmas Bazaar at Broughtontown
Broughtontown Community Center would like to welcome all to their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 11th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The community center is located at 8305 KY 1781, Crab Orchard. Santa will be on hand and their will be lots of vendors plus concessions will also be available.

CVFD Annual Board Meeting
The Climax Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold their annual board meeting on Friday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

Retired Teachers Assn. Notice
The Rockcastle County Retired Teacher Assn. will NOT meet again until February 16, 2022.

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service
CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

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 members, those qualified to be members and family members. The post is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to close. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, the post hosts a Vet Help group for those veterans who are struggling. 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 William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882, Post Commander Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360 or Service Office Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

American Legion Post News
The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Don Gabbard at 859-200-2204 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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

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

Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Mount Vernon City Park. Contact 859-308-8900

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

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.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 35 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-COED 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.

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

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Obituaries

Alfred Ray McNew

Alfred Ray McNew, 77, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Berea on January 14, 1944, the son of Homer Clay and Nellie Irene Coffey McNew. He was a retired US Postal Service employee and attended Brindle Ridge Baptist Church. He retired from the US Army following two tours in Vietnam and 22 years of service. He was a past commander of the American Legion, a member of the VFW Lodge 5908, and was a past president of the Mt. Vernon Lions Club.



He is survived by: his wife, Mary McNew; a son, Danny (Becky) McNew of Brodhead; a granddaughter, Danielle McNew of Brodhead; a brother, Ellis McNew of Mt. Vernon; and a sister, Barbara Thacker of Mt. Vernon. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a daughter, Jessica; a sister, Faye Fletcher; and two brothers, Wayne McNew and Dwight McNew.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Gary Fletcher and Ron Roberts. Burial was in Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Kyle Childress, David Coffey, Brad McNew, Clayton McNew, Josh McNew, and Eric Watson. Honorary pallbearers were members of Mt. Vernon Lions Club.

The family requests contributions to the Mt. Vernon Lions Club, PO Box 34, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 or to the Rockcastle County Veterans Honor Guard, PO Box 143, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

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

Curtis Joseph Carpenter

Curtis Joseph Carpenter, 57, died Sunday, November 28, 2021 at Good Samaritan Hospital surrounded by loved ones. He was born June 5, 1964 in Dayton, OH to Jasper and Mardella Carpenter.



Curtis was an active member of the Livingston Pentecostal Church. He spent 49 years in Livingston on Red Hill. He enjoyed fishing, squirrel hunting and playing guitar, but his greatest joy was his family.

Curtis is survived by: his wife of 37 years, Diana Carpenter of Livingston; one child, Casey (Matthew) Isaacs of Mt. Vernon; and one brother, Calvin (Carolyn) Carpenter of Mt. Vernon.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Jasper and Mardella Carpenter; brother, Craig Carpenter; and one niece, Jessica Carpenter.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 3, 2021 at Livingston Pentecostal Church with Bro. James Miller and Bro. Jack Carpenter officiating. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Alex Martin, Eugene Martin, Jason Martin, Matthew Isaacs, Lester Carpenter and Cody Carpenter. Honorary pallbearers were: J.D. Miller, Eugene Radford, JR Blanton and Dale McClure.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Calvin Marler

Calvin Marler, 73, formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at his residence in Cincinnati, OH. He was born in Mt. Vernon on April 16, 1948, a son of the late Glen Andrew Marler and Opha Christine Kirby. In 1966, he and Darlene Louise Tiemeyer were united in holy matrimony, and of that marriage came two children, Rhonda and LaRhonda. Calvin was of the Christian faith. Some of his past times included playing cards, riding his motorcycle, working on cars, fishing, and taking spur of the moment trips with Darlene, prior to her passing.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his two daughters, Rhonda Lynn Coburn, and LaRhonda Kay Clifford, both of Cincinnati, OH; five grandchildren, Eric Lucas, Jessica Brewer and Matthew, Brittany Byrd, Jacob Byrd, and Owen Byrd; a great grandchild, Maddie Lynn Marie Phillips; a sister, Margie Harris and James Fletcher of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of other family, many friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife of 49 years, Darlene Louise Tiemeyer Marler; and three brothers, Ronnie Lee Marler, Gary Dewayne Marler, and Tony W. Kirby.

Services were held Friday, December 3, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals on Friday, December 3, 2021 with Eugene Gentry officiating. Burial was in Kirby Cemetery on Chestnut Ridge.

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

Hollis Edward Marcum

Hollis Edward Marcum, 76, husband of Linda, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at his residence. Hollis was born November 19, 1945, in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late Paul Lawrence Marcum and Geneva Mae McKinney. He and Linda Brown were united in Holy Matrimony on May 25, 1967. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam era, as a sergeant in the US Army. He retired from working many years as a diesel mechanic. He was of the Baptist faith, and was a devoted member of the Bethany Baptist Church in Somerset. In his free time, Hollis enjoyed mushroom and ginseng hunting, gardening, and mowing and weed eating.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 54 years, Linda Brown Marcum, of Mt. Vernon; Holly Lynn Moore and Bobby of Somerset, Laurie Cole of Brodhead, and Paula Amyx and James of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren, Chanler Cole, Kyra Ramsey, Marley Ramsey, Trey Cole, and Bentley Moore; a sister, Glenda Mae Anderson of Somerset; as well as a host of family, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Denver Ray Marcum.

Services were held Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Zandel Hasty officiating. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: James Amyx, Bobby Moore, Brian Cole, Levi Gentry, Chanler Cole, and Michael Brown. Honorary casketbearers were Jerry Waters and William Brown.

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

Janice Kathy Winkler

Janice Kathy Winkler, 67, of Brodhead, died Thursday, December 2, 2021, at the Rockcastle County Regional Hospital. She was born February 10, 1954, in Danville, a daughter of the late Carl Winkler, and Dovie Alcorn. She was a member of Mt. Vernon Church of God and enjoyed singing and playing guitar.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughters, Mary Kathryn Browning of Richmond, and Gayle Browning of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Phillip Dwayne Cody, Tiffany Nicole Cody, Breann Marie Clark, and Michael Huston Clark; two great grandchildren, Gabriella Rose and Ellen Grace; three brothers, Clethith Winkler and Linda of Bee Lick, Carl Mike Winkler and Darlene of Eubank and Rick Winkler of Brodhead; two sisters, Linda Lou Sanders of Climax, and Geraldine McGuire and Boyd of Brodhead; as well as a host of many family, friends, and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were held Monday, December 6, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bobby Owens officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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

Lonnie Wayne Anglin

Lonnie Wayne Anglin, 69, of Brodhead, husband of Vickey Lear Anglin, died Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 1 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel and will be live-streamed. Burial will follow in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home after 11 a.m. Thursday.

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

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

David Gene Alcorn

David Gene Alcorn, 35, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 2, 2021, at his residence. He was born October 3, 1987, in London, to David Ray and Sharon Rogers Alcorn. He enjoyed UK Basketball, hunting, and fishing.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his parents, David Ray and Sharon Alcorn; and two sisters, Angela Gail Alcorn of Georgetown, and Sebrina Alcorn of Somerset.

Cremation was chosen. A family service will be planned later.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Janice Elaine Wilson

Janice Elaine Luster Wilson, 78, of Livingston, wife of Bobby Wilson, died Thursday, December 2, 2021 at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in the Turner Cemetery.

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

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

Nellie McClure

Nellie McClure, 87, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Emmett McClure and mother of Clinton McClure, died Monday, December 6, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 1 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel and will be live-streamed. Burial will follow in High Dry Cemetery.

Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home after 11 a.m. Saturday.

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

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Card of Thanks

Paul Edwin Cummins

The family of Paul Edwin Cummins would like to thank all of those who comforted them during the recent loss of their father, father-in-law, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle. The concern and caring of the community, family and friends was humbling as we mourn the loss of a man who was a friend, confidante and encourager to many.

We are grateful for those who visited, brought food, sent flowers, cards and gifts. Every act of kindness is a treasured reminder of the love and support given to us during our time of loss and grief. Thank you for the monetary donations to The Grateful Bread Food Panty, Christian Appalachian Project.

A special thank you to Bible Baptist Church, Brother Travis Gilbert and the church family who served us with food, sound, video, parking, facilities, clean up and all the ways they made us welcome in their church home.

Thank you to Marvin Owens and staff, Jill Franklin, Rockcastle County Sheriff and Pastor Shannon Franklin, Honorable Jeffrey T. Burdette, Jeff King, Jerry Burke, Joe Matekovich, John Sweitzer, David Fain, Henry J. Rader and to all who participated in the portrayal and celebration of Paul's life.

Please continue to pray for us in our loss. We are blessed by your prayers.

Family of Paul Edwin Cummins



The preciousness of the Lord's Church!

We understand what preciousness is, for example a little baby so cute and lovable. We might think of a family passing down something through several generations as being precious, not necessarily because of a monetary value but more because it has sentimental value.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ wants us to look at his Church as being precious. After all, look at what it has provided for all of humanity. In *Matthew 16:18*, after Peter's confession, this is what Christ says, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. We know that the confession was that Christ was the son of God? We see that he was going to build his church on that basic principle and that church was going to made up of all nationalities.

In *1 Cor. 6:20* it says, for you are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. Christ paid the ultimate price for his church to be established. He obviously thought it was precious.

Christ also referred to the church as his bride, the most important relationship a man will have in this life is the one with his wife. Christ uses this example, and it is something we can all relate to.

Eph. 5:25-27 says, Husbands love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her VS26 To make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, VS 27 And to might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

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Providence
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Come Worship With Us! Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:15 - Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

The Cup Is The New Testament

Luke 22:20 This cup is the New Testament in my blood which is shed for many. Many want you to believe the cup has no significance in the Lord's Supper. Jesus said that the cup was the New Testament. This is one reason we believe in using one cup in the Lord's Supper. There is only one covenant, that is between God and his people, represented by that cup.

The cup is the New Testament in my blood. Luke 22:20
The cup is the New Testament in my blood. 1 Corinthians 11:25
Definition of cup: (Greek) Poterium or drinking vessel.
Thayer: a drinking vessel- Bullinger: a drinking vessel
Therefore, we know Jesus took a literal drinking vessel, a cup, with literal contents.

Goodspeed: The cup is the new agreement ratified by my blood.
Mark 14:23-25 He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them and they all drank from it. And he said to them, this is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many. I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day I drink it a new in the Kingdom of God. From these verses of scripture they confirm, the fruit of the vine is the blood, ratified by the New Testament, while the cup is the New Testament, which was ratified by the blood of Christ.

Most Churches had one drinking vessel on the Lord's table until the 1950s, what changed was it the word of God or was it the faith of the believers, did Christians become more concerned about their physical health than their spiritual health.

When Jesus invites us to his table to commune with Him, in a sense we are renewing our covenant with Him, each time we take the cup. We promise to be faithful to the covenant.

Judas was unfaithful: Psalms 41:9 Yea mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted his heel against me. We should ask ourselves are we being a friend to Jesus by having multiple cups on the Lord's table and crackers, that is not the Lord's supper, that is a supper invented by men.

What does it mean to walk by faith and not by sight? 2 Corinthians 5:7 It means we trust God for our salvation completely. James 2:18 Yea a man says, thou hast faith, and I have works, shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing the word of God. When you read the word of God do you hear cup or cups or do you hear loaf or crackers?

Thank you for reading, I pray you have been blessed with the things you need, if you would like to get in touch with someone from the church you can contact at these # 606-224-1480 or 859-582-4021

Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ

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

Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021

Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

“Fires”

(Continued from front)

Then, moments later, a call concerning a brush fire in the Rainbow Ridge area, called members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department and Brindle Ridge Fire Department to the scene where nearly an acre had burned.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze without injury to property or persons.

Upon planning to return to the parade, another call came at 2:26 p.m. concerning a possible gas leak at the Shell/Little Ceasars business. Officials searched for a gas leak but none was found.

The Brodhead Christmas Parade was then over and as firefighters made their way to the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade, another call came concerning a fire on West Main Street in Mount Vernon.

Once at the scene, firefighters were able to extinguish a fire that had started in a ditchline along the side of the street. Again, no property was damaged and no injuries were reported.

Firefighters were eventually able to make it to the Mount Vernon Parade and take part in what officials say may have been the longest and the busiest parade in

“Event”

(Continued from front)

longest parades we have ever had, around 60 street vendors, animals and ice skating and food trucks for everyone's enjoyment. A big hand to the Rockcastle Arts Association for putting it all together. It was a delight for the city to support and partner in this year's activities. We owe a special thanks to Lynn Tatum, our city crews and our local garden club for this year's Christmas decorations.

The mayor rode in the 1937 Ford Howe truck, that was the first official fire truck used by the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

The Brodhead Christmas Parade began at 2 p.m. with Main Street lined with local residents, both young and old, enjoying the many floats, classic cars and tractors. Dignitaries were seen throughout the parade and Santa himself was among those tossing treats to the children cheering on the roadside.

The Mount Vernon Christmas parade began at 4 p.m. and as usual, Santa and his elves were able to be both places.

Main Street in Mount Vernon was also lined with residents, who enjoyed the many entrants in the massive parade, possibly the longest in history. Organizers say they were well pleased with the number of participants this year.

Immediately after the parade, those same festive residents were treated with many vendors, food trucks and events at the Noel Night Market in downtown Mount Vernon. The streets were filled with smiles throughout the event.

Walking along Main Street, on their way to the countless craft vendors throughout town, one would stroll up to a live camel or other rare animal.

“The festivities lasted into the night and the crowd stayed with us until the very end.” said

Bryant.

The Noel Night Market included some additional festivities, including an ice skating rink this year and citizens young and old were seen throughout the night gliding on ice. Some youngsters, as well as local officials, were seen on their backs but others seemed to be more experienced at the task.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. said he was pleased with the events in more ways than one.

“As Judge/Executive it was very nice to see the entire community enjoying fellowship and laughter and the Christmas spirit,” Holbrook said. “But as a citizen of Rockcastle County, I enjoyed everything going on as much as anyone else. Those who organized these events did a fantastic job and it was wonderful to see the holiday celebrated with such caring and loving citizens. Rockcastle County is a wonderful place and events like these serve to show it.”

The Livingston Parade and *Hot Chocolate with Santa* is scheduled for Saturday, December 18 at 6 p.m. Line up for the parade will be at 5. Everyone is invited to attend.

“Mask”

(Continued from front) tional,” said Woods. “We should not do away with or forbid or discourage masks for anyone who chooses to wear one. But we can leave it up to the individual and allow parents, teachers and staff to make their own choice.”

Woods continued to inform the board that most Kentucky schools have already removed the mask mandate and she feels that now that the vaccine is available, everyone is more protected. Superintendent Carrie Ballinger agreed. “When we installed the mask mandate, the vaccine was not available to everyone,” she said. “Now, anyone five years old and up has the vaccine available and we have the ‘Tests to Stay’ program which has been a great success. I agree that we should make masks optional for everyone. We are not ending masks or discouraging masks. We should simply leave it up to the individual.”

All who spoke about the issue expressed concern about the new Omicron variant. “We will have to watch this variant closely and if cases begin to increase again we can meet again and reinstall the mandate,” said Ballinger.

Board member Larry Hammond agreed enthusiastically. “Yes. Yes I can definitely support this and I make a motion that the district make masks optional.”

Hammond then asked for more details concerning the end of the mandate including school bus mandates and vaccine status. Ballinger addressed each question saying, “masks are still mandated on school buses since that is a federal mandate and we do not have the authority to end that mandate. But if you agree to end our mandate, students and staff will not be required to wear a mask in our buildings, or at school events, regardless of their vaccine status.”

The board discussed how difficult it has been to enforce the mask mandate over the past year. “The issue has been at

sporting events or other night time events,” said Ballinger. “We had people coming from other counties and we simply weren't able to enforce our mandate at night time events.”

Woods reiterated her recommendations. “The CDC still recommends masks at all times and I want everyone to know that we are not taking masks away and we strongly suggest everyone take the vaccine. This decision only makes masks optional for everyone,” she said.

Chairman Angela Mink asked Ballinger to send every parent a note concerning the issue. “We need more than just the website,” she said. “We need to send on paper this new status to every parent and include a list of places where they can have their child vaccinated.” Ballinger agreed.

According to Marcus Reppert, Director of Student Affairs, cases have steadily dropped at the school. Reppert listed each month's reported cases and said there are currently 22 students quarantined (as of last Friday.)

Ballinger continued to explain that the mandate was in effect only while the county was in the red or orange incident rate zone. “Unfortunately, the county has been in red or orange almost all the time. And if we see an uptick we can reinstall the mandate at any time,” she said.

Before the board held the official vote, Hammond noted that the Area Technology Center does not fall under the district's authority and the mask mandate will still be in effect for those students. “I predict this will cause an issue,” he said. “Students across the hall will be required to wear a mask while others are not. This kind of thing can cause a problem.”

Ballinger agreed but said the board does not have the authority to lift that mask mandate at the ATC. “All we can do is what we are allowed to do by law,” she said.

The board then held the unanimous vote to end the mask mandate in Rockcastle County school buildings and offices.

On Monday, officials say a large majority of students chose to go through their school day without a mask. “We don't have an exact number but it is certainly safe to say a majority of students did not wear a mask Monday,” said Ballinger.

“Fight”

(Continued from front) close the distance between himself and Lovell eventually catching him and knocking him to the ground. Lovell continued to fight and Brock was forced to strike Lovell with closed hand, as the fight continued, the citation says.

Mount Vernon officer Shay Helton then arrived to assist and together they were able to subdue Lovell.

The citation says upon a search, deputy Brock discovered a hypodermic needle in Lovell's front pocket.

Lovell was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with disorderly conduct, public intoxication/controlled substance, fleeing or evading police, criminal trespassing, resisting ar-

rest, violations of conditions of release and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to officials, his bond was set at \$400 cash.

“RCIDA”

(Continued from front) project was possible only because so many worked to make it happen. “Mark Dyehouse, Gary Witt, Howell Holbrook, and so many others have all made major contributions to the project that many aren't even aware of,” VanHook said. “People like Gary (Witt) who allowed the project an easement on his property so that the entrance could be wide enough. That's just one person. This entire community made that project a success.”

VanHook said members of the community took part in the success throughout the entire project. “A very good article in the *Signal* two weeks ago demonstrated how many groups and organizations and public entities and individual citizens worked together to make that project happen,” he said.

Chairman Corey Craig agreed that the RCIDA board and VanHook have had a successful year with the help of the fiscal court and others. “The same holds true for the Chapin plant,” Craig said. “I'm not sure everyone sees what a major boost that project has provided for this community.”

The rest of the board echoed accolades towards VanHook and the fiscal court for working together.

“The Chapin project has provided us with a testament of our ability to work with such large companies and shows the strength of our local workforce as well as the ability for the city and county and RCIDA to all work together,” VanHook said.

Chapin has currently created 113 new jobs and has announced plans for more growth very soon.

The discussion then shifted to the debilitating expense of the local detention center.

“Do you realize that if the reimbursement system for the local jail wasn't the same as it was in the 1970s, the county would have over a million dollars in the budget every year for more economic development and improvements?” asked VanHook.

Holbrook said the detention center costs the county well in excess of \$1 million per year. “The instant someone is arrested, it becomes the county's responsibility to provide for them. That includes their insurance, health issues, hospital trips, food and more,” he said.

VanHook said the county is “somewhat handcuffed” by the “antiquated system” that the state uses to reimburse jails. “Out of the entire state of Kentucky, only five jails actually pay for themselves and that's because they get federal funding,” he said.

Upon question about the development project on US 461 below Wendy's, Craig said the project is being held up until the 461 widening project makes it into the state budget. “No one is going to invest \$10 million down there until we can show that cars will be able to get to it,” he said. “Our two biggest goals for 2022 should be the 461 widening project and the gas line into our county.”

The board then heard the Executive Director's Report listing many of those who have helped the RCIDA throughout the year on projects within the county and the region.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4 in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

“Indict”

(Continued from front) wanton endangerment (of law enforcement officers) and criminal mischief, in connection with intentionally or wantonly damaging or destroying property belonging to the City of Brodhead. His bond was set at \$15,000 c/p; Andrew W. Thomas,

31, of Georgetown was indicted for flagrant non-support, by failing to provide for minor child/children in the amount of \$5,725.

Her bond was set at \$5,000;

Irene M. Redeye, 52, of Maple St., Brodhead was indicted for welfare fraud.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Charlotte Nicole Lake, 29, of West Main St., Mt. Vernon was also indicted for welfare fraud.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Joshua C. Emerson, 40, of KY Hwy 3245, Brodhead was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Anthony Wayne Barnett, 38, of Brush Creek Circle, Orlando was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and as a persistent felony offender.

His bond was set at \$15,000 c/p;

Cassandra Lashay Smith, 19, of Old Railway Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p, and

Dennis Jarrod Williams, 49, of Green Pond Ridge Road, Orlando was indicted on three counts of Wanton Endangerment.

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p.

In National Championship Midwest Regional Parkey and Jackson selected to represent Team Kentucky

Rockcastle County eighth graders Rex Parkey and Isaiah Jackson were recently selected to represent Team Kentucky in the Football University National Championship Midwest Regional. Team Kentucky took on Team Indiana Saturday at St. Pius X High School in Kansas City, Missouri.

Parkey and Jackson were integral parts of the Rockcastle County 8th Grade football team making school history by playing in the Kentucky Middle School Football Association Division 2 state semifinals in early November.



“Old Man” gets an acorn!

Grand Opening Weekend

490 Richmond Street
Mount Vernon, Kentucky

December 17th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
December 18th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

SPORTS

Lady Rockets defeat Lady Indians in season opener

It was a shaky start for the Lady Rockets last Friday night, when they hosted the Madison Central Lady Indians in their season opener.

Rockcastle turned the ball over on their first five possessions, before junior Keelee King hit a free throw, allowing Madison Central to build up a 6-1 lead.

However, the Lady Rockets bounced back and tied the score at 12 all at the end of the first quarter and then took a 30-20 lead to the dressing room at the half.

The lead was 46-26 at the third quarter stop and the Lady Rockets won comfortably, 62-47.

King poured in four threes on her way to 21 points to lead the scoring for her team; sophomore Talyne Shearer was next with 10 points;

eight grader Taylor King got eight points; the only senior on the squad, Addison McClure, got seven points; Junior Karlee Smith scored six points; sophomore Camryn Cash got five; junior Savanna Santo scored two points and sophomore Haven King, eighth grader Macy Spivey and sophomore Kelsey Rowe all scored one free throw.

The Lady Rockets had 18 turnovers to Central's 13; hit 16 of 29 free throws to Madison Central's 10 of 14 and the Rockets got six three point baskets to Madison Central's five.

The Lady Rockets will play a doubleheader with the Rockets at home against Somerset on Thursday night and will also host Boyle County on December

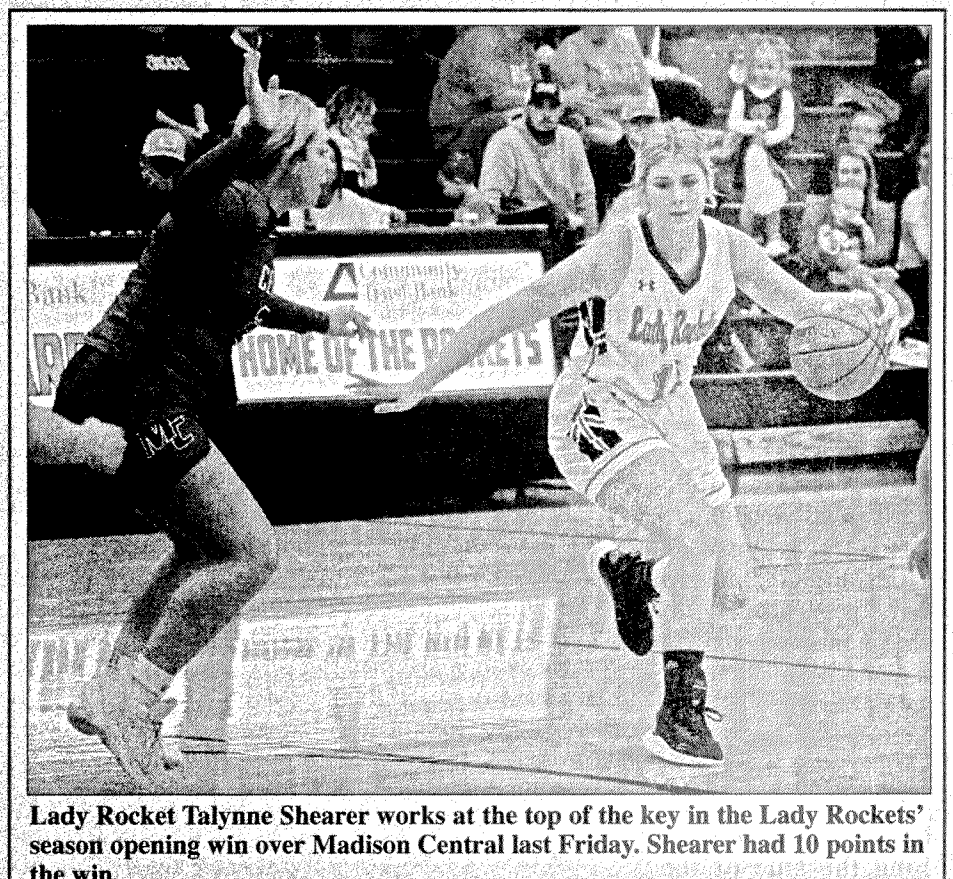
14th and Casey on December 17th, along with the Rockets.

Chasteen has two solid performances

Alice Lloyd freshman and former RCHS all-time great sprinter and 200-meter dash record holder, Nik Chasteen, had two outstanding performances in his first-ever collegiate competition at the Marietta First Glimpse Meet in Ohio.

In the 55-meter dash, he placed 20th overall with an all-time personal best of 7.06 seconds.

In the 200-meter dash, he finished 18th overall in 25.17 seconds.



Lady Rocket Talyne Shearer works at the top of the key in the Lady Rockets' season opening win over Madison Central last Friday. Shearer had 10 points in the win.

Rockets beat Warriors, lose to McCreary and Harlan

The 2021-22 edition of the Rockcastle County Rockets opened their season in style Tuesday night, November 30th, when they hosted the Southwestern Warriors and came away with a 67-55 win.

The Rockets pretty much controlled the tempo from the start, with senior Daniel Mullins leading the way with 19 points. Three other Rockets scored in double figures: Jake Sanders got 16, Reese Coguer 12 and Drew Hopkins 11.

Kaden Kidwell came off the bench to score five points and Matthew Chasteen and Skyler

Durham rounded out the scoring with two points each.

Mullins and Chasteen led the team in rebounding with six each, closely followed by Hopkins with five.

The Rockets hit six three point baskets on the night and were 9 for 13 in free throws.

Mullins was inducted into the 1,000 Point Club after his 19 point performance against the Warriors.

However, last Friday night, the Rockets traveled to McCreary Central for a regional match-up and came away with their first loss of the season 68-59, despite a

32 point effort by Mullins which included five three point baskets.

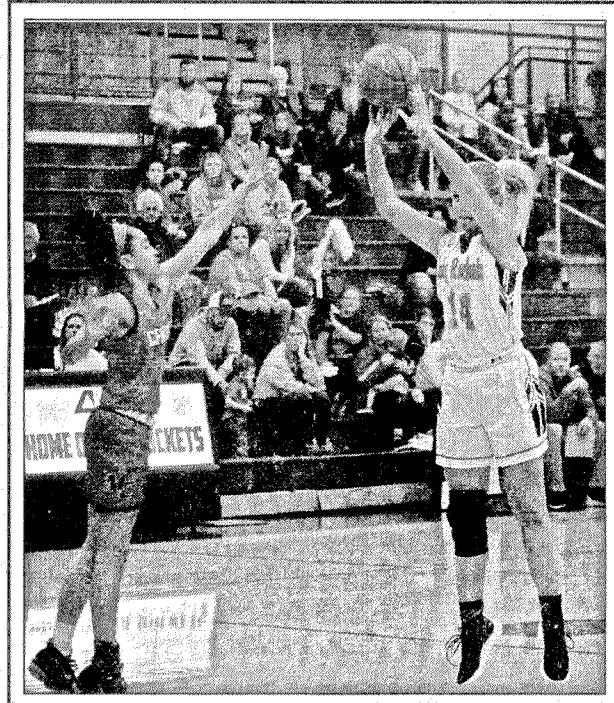
The Rockets got down 19 to 15 in the first quarter and could never get over the hump, losing the next three quarters 16-13, 13-12 and 20-19.

Besides Mullins 32,

Coguer had 10; Sanders 7; Hopkins 6 and Chasteen and Durham 2 each. They were eight for 18 from three point range.

Chasteen and Sanders tied for rebounding honors with five each and Mullins pulled down three.

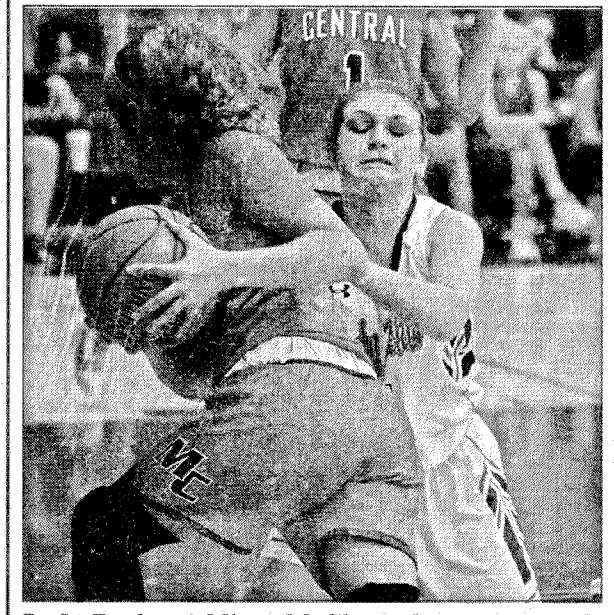
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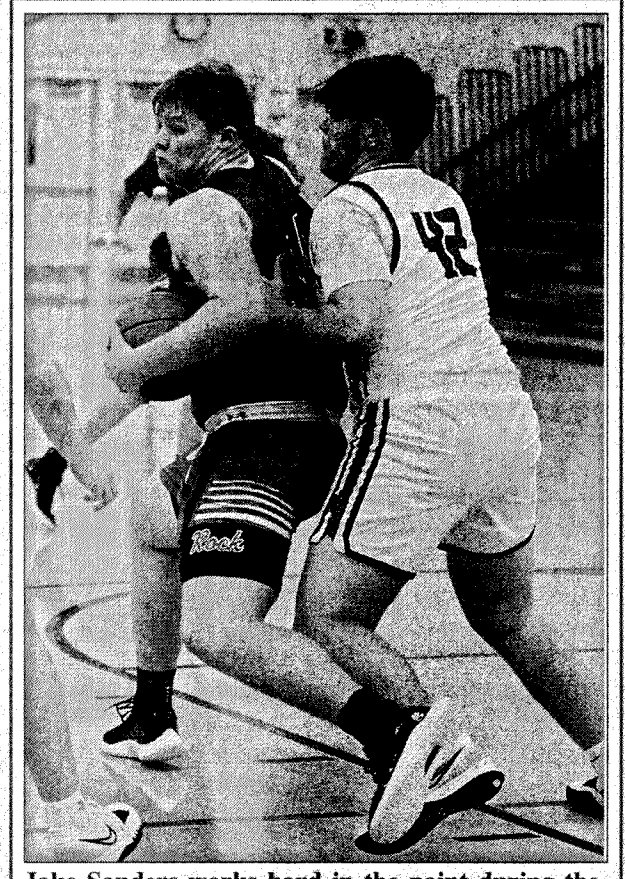
Junior Keelee King makes one of her four threes in the Lady Rockets' win over Madison Central last Friday. King led her team in scoring with 21 points. The Lady Rockets will now host Somerset Thursday night in a doubleheader with the Rockets.



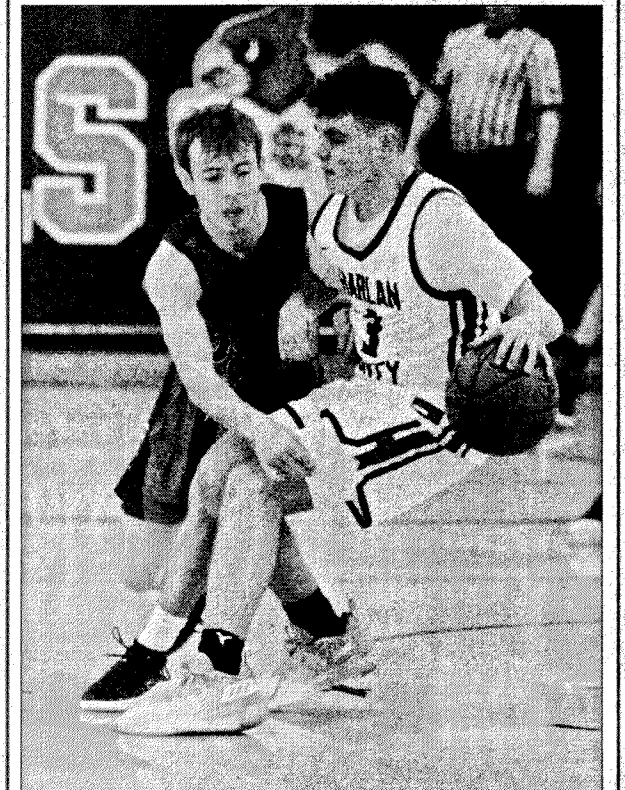
Lady Rocket Karlee Smith works around a defender in the Lady Rockets' season opening win over Madison Central last Friday.



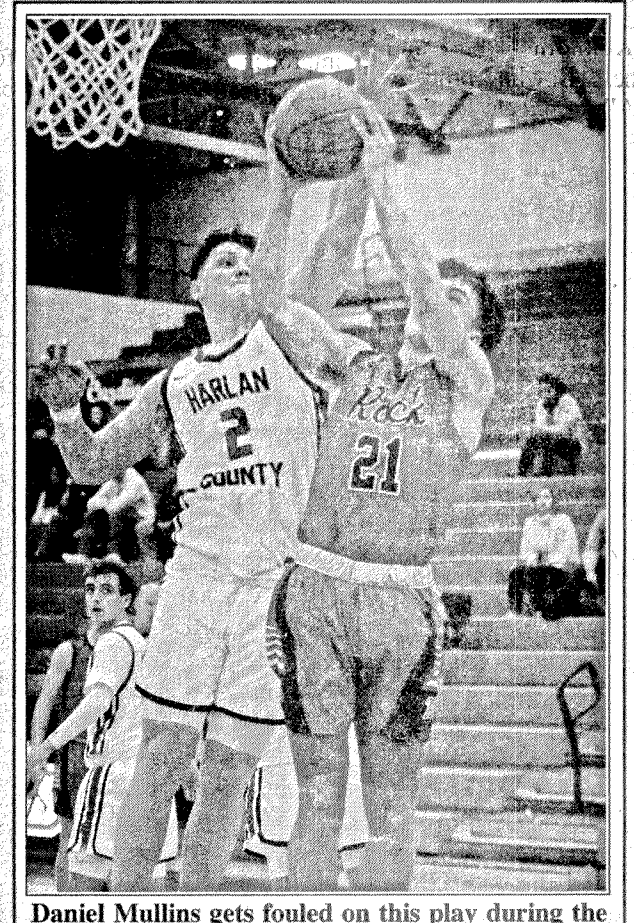
Lady Rocket Addison McClure plays some tough defense in the Lady Rockets' 62-47 win over Madison Central last Friday.



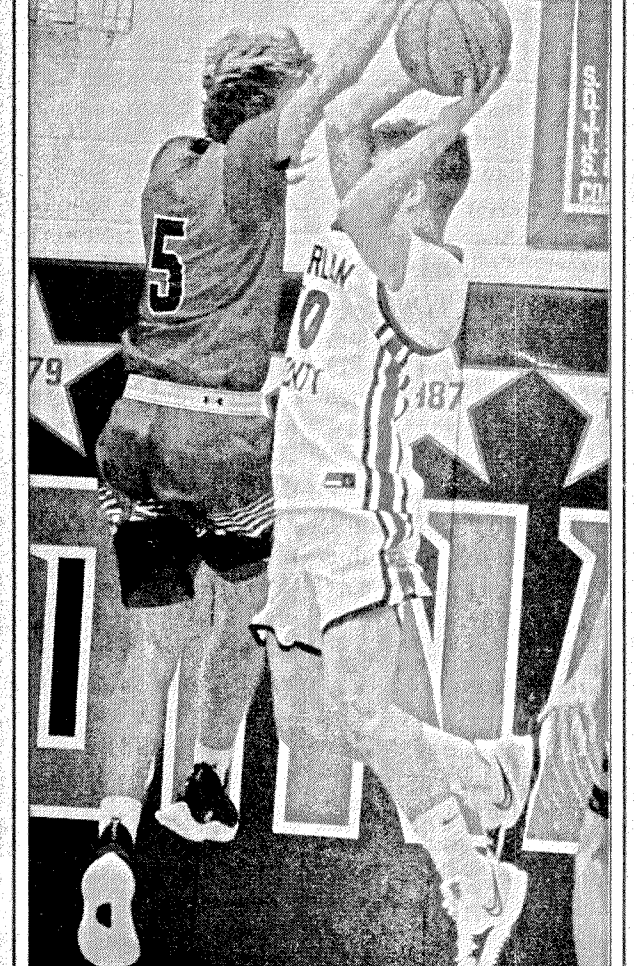
Jake Sanders works hard in the paint during the Rockets' loss to Harlan Saturday night.



Reese Coguer stops the dribble drive during the Rockets' loss to Harlan Saturday night.



Daniel Mullins gets fouled on this play during the Rockets' loss to Harlan Saturday night. Mullins led his team with 19 points and was inducted into the RCHS 1,000 Point Club after the Rockets' win over Southwestern last Tuesday.



Drew Hopkins tries to stop a Harlan player at the basket in the Rockets' loss Saturday night.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Barbara Barger, property on Old Barnett Road, to Michael and Marlena Tussey. No tax

Cameron Poperties, property in Owens Subdv., to Michael Grovetti and Jessica Leean Ingram. Tax \$155

Stella Marie Newcomb, property in Fugate Subdv., to Larry Christopher Newcomb. No tax

Wood and Waters with M&S L&P, property on Lear Lane, to MYKYHOME Corp. Tax \$35

Charles and Berniece Sowder, property on KY 618, to Ray W. and Sandi J. Oram. Tax \$330.

Katherine J. Parsons, property on KY 1505, to Brian Evans. Tax \$2

John and Suzanne LaRue Haladyne, property on Pike St., to Timothy Alan Wilson and Jennifer Louise Canter. Tax \$49

Chris J. Reddington, property in Rockcastle county, to Charlotte N. Lake. Tax \$35

James W. Ferguson, property on Copper Creek Road, to Garry W. Ramey. Tax \$300

Franklin and Tiffany Bradley, property on Copper Creek Road, to Richard and Tava Barrows. Tax \$140

Jimmie Daniel and Becky Jones and Jennifer and Brian Terry, property in Rockcastle County, to Chris and Judy Mason. Tax \$32 (69)

Kenneth W. and Vanessa Bowling, property on Albright St., to Matthew Blevins. Tax \$159

Jack and Dawn Stallsworth, property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Shelly Alcorn. Tax \$36

Estate of Lucienda Atwell, property on Hwy. 2549, to Terri Sanders. Tax \$18.50

Danny and Sue Ford and John and Angela Ford, property in Rockcastle County, to Donna Louise Cantin and Barry D. and Lauren E. Ray. Tax \$29

Danny and Sue Ford and John and Angela Ford, property in Rockcastle County, to Donna Louise Cantin. Tax \$29

Woods and Waters with M&S LLP, property on Leer Lane, to Robert Allen and Suzanne Brinegar. Tax \$35

Billy and Tammy Hensley, property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Jerry Denny, Jr. No tax

Michael Kevin Rowe and CVarla Jeannette Rowe, property on Old Mt. Vernon-Somerset Road, to Kevin Burdine. Tax \$55

Nina Mink, property in Mt. Vernon, to Kenny and Zelma Gabbard and Stacie Graham. Tax \$20

James and Juanita Chasteen, property in Rockcastle County, to Jordan Kyle and Sara Nicole Chasteen. Tax \$95

Calvin Oscar Barnett, property in Rockcastle County, to Smith Hall. Tax \$8

Patsy K. Thomas, property near Pine Hill, to Roger Thomas. No tax

George William and Leanne Parrett and Martha Parrett and Thomas Richard Board, Jr., property in Rockcastle County, to Philip and Loraine Bates and Philip M. and Martha Bates. Tax \$475

Peter Bockert and Tina M. Pfeiffer, property in Rockcastle County, to Earl Brockman. Tax \$635

Jamie Lynn Mullins and James E. Worley, property near Big Hill Road, to James Nathan and Rhonda Mullins. No tax

James Nathan and Rhonda Mullins, property

on Greenway Drive, to Jamie Lynn Mullins Worley. No tax

Kevin Smith and Jennifer Smith, property on Snowflake Lane, to Kevin Smith. No tax

Joshua M. and Mandy Dillion, property on Hammonds Fork Road, to Steven W. and Leah Drew. Tax \$175

Keith and Caroline Graves, property on West St., to Chelsie Willis and Heather Barnes. Tax \$199

Robert A. and Suzanne Brinegar, property on Scaffold Cane Road, to Lana Rawley-Mediak and Zachary Adam Mediak. Tax \$252

Sherry Decker, property in Orlando, to Michelle Decker-Callahan and Tina Blanton. No tax

Marriage Licenses

Amie Hale, 26, Mt. Vernon, administrative assistant and James Wayne Fulks, 35, Berea, manager. 11/22/21. Nancy Lee Elberty, 57, Newberry, FL, student and Dennis Dee Clevenger, 60, Mt. Vernon, builder. 11/29/21

District Court

11/22/21
Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Jarrad Burdett: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs and six others, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/license suspended.

Devin Duane Didonato: improper registration plate, no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Keri Lynn Godin: failure to wear seat belts, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, license suspended for failure to appear.

Jonathan E. Houk: no operators/moped license, license suspended for fta.

Virgil Bradley Mullins: operating motor vehicle under influence of substances, complete R.I.D.E. program.

Dewayne Slusher: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$400 on condition; possession controlled substance, 30 days/probated 12 months on condition; controlled substance prescription not in original container, \$100 fine plus costs.

Speeding: Jason R. Brownlee, Dagan H. Robison, license suspended for fta.

Felix Alicea-Gonzalez: careless driving, agreed order entered.

Stephanie J. Fitzsimon: speeding and improper passing, dismissed on condition.

Lloyd Nelson Ashley: careless driving, \$50 fine plus costs.

Veronica Bray: no operators/moped license and driving without license/negligence in accident, 90 days (each charge)/probated 24 months on condition plus pay reasonable restitution; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 30 days/concurrent/costs merged.

Jacqueline Renee Harding: no/expired registration plates-receipt, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Austin Wayne Lamb: alcohol intoxication in a public place (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Rebecca Jane Newcomb: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Robert Rose: no operators/moped license, 10 days to serve/concurrent/costs merged.

Cassie Torres: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and eight other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Speeding: Oshga Marie Clark, paid; Nathan William Long, tendered agreed order.

Bobby Deaton: promoting contraband, 10 days/to serve w/credit for time served/costs merged.

Rodney Allan Bottoms: fines/fees due (\$318), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full.

Daniel L. Brosnan: driving on DUI suspended license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Jason E. Carpenter: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine/suspended and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Christopher Fleming: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

James Christian Grizzell: fines/fees due (\$239), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Kimberly Hamlin: fines/fees due (\$773), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Sherry Harding: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Steven D. Hensley: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Jonathan E. Houk: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Clinton Howard: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta; fines/fees due (\$368), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Mary Michelle Hyatt: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, controlled substance prescription not in original container, possession controlled substance, bw issued for fta.

Felicity Robin Landrum: fines/fees due (\$133), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

Johnny Darel McClure: fines/fees due (\$193), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Anthony J. Naylor: fines/fees due (\$636.93), bw issued for fta.

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

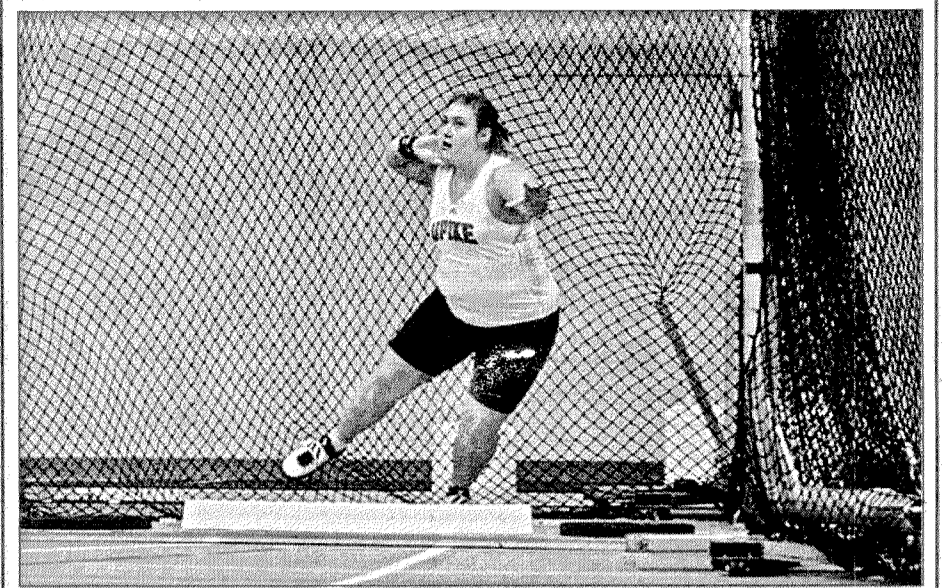
Melvin Prude, Jr: fines/fees due (\$133), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

Cody M. Robinson: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

Paul W. Senters: failure to wear seat belts, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Michael Lee Sims: fines/fees due (\$98), bw issued for fta/two days in jail or payment in full.

Gabriel Valadez-Vazquez: fines/fees due (\$133), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.



University of Pikeville freshman and former RCHS state champion and all-time great thrower, Valerie Kendrick, won gold in her first-ever collegiate shot put competition with an awesome new all-time personal best throw of 42'7.5" at the Marietta First Glimpse Meet in Ohio. She broke the school record in the event and just missed qualifying for nationals by only 1 mm.

10 Rockets selected to All-District Team

A total of ten players from the Rockcastle County High School football team were honored recently by being selected to the Class 3A District 5 All-District Team as voted on by the head coaches within the district.

Matthew Chasteen, Isaiah Dehart, Jake Sanders, Landon Dillingham, Landon Broaddus, Ethan Tyree and Reese Coguer were all selected as All-District 1st Team members.

Garrett Hamilton, Anthony Goodin and Jayvon Bowden made the All-District Honorable Mention Team.

The Rockets went 6-5 this season on the field and were led by a core group of seniors that laid it all on the line each and every time they buckled their chinstraps.

Chasteen had his best season offensively rushing for 1,279 yards and 12 touchdowns on 222 carries. On the defensive side of the ball, Chasteen was a force to be reck-

oned with leading the team in tackles with 93 to go along with seven tackles for loss, three sacks, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries with one being returned for a touchdown that keyed the Rockets to a big district win over Estill County.

Dehart was a valuable member of both the offensive and defensive lines. On defense, Dehart totaled 25 tackles, seven tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks and a fumble recovery.

Sanders made his presence felt on both sides of the ball as well with his sheer size and talent for pushing through the opponent whether on offense of defense. Defensively, Sanders was third on the team in tackles with 43 to go along with six tackles for loss, a sack and a fumble recovery.

Dillingham saw significantly more action this season on the offensive side of the ball and was just as effective on defense as well. Offensively, Dillingham had 39 rushes for 225 yards and three touchdowns that were accompanied by a team-best 26 receptions for 286 yards and three more touchdowns.

Dillingham's defensive stats were just as impressive with 51 tackles that were good enough for the second highest on the team. Dillingham also reeled in three tackles for loss, a forced fumble and two interceptions with one being returned for a touchdown.

Broaddus may have seen his senior season cut short with an injury, but he was a weapon teams had to look out for other than Chasteen on both sides of the ball. Broaddus was second on the team in rushing yards with 302 on 64 carries and five touchdowns and defensively he tallied 27 tackles, two tackles for

loss, a half sack, a forced fumble and two interceptions.

Tyree stepped up and had a wonderful season on defense with 33 tackles, five tackles for loss and an interception.

Coguer caught ten passes for 110 yards and one touchdown from his wide receiver position but it was his contributions that couldn't be overlooked when he notched 26 tackles, two tackles for loss, a team-best three interceptions and one interception return for touchdown.

Hamilton was an anchor at the offensive center position keeping the family tradition alive as his older brother (J.D.) and father (Michael) were all centers when they donned a Rockcastle jersey.

Bowden was primarily a defensive lineman but would sometimes be called upon to play on the offensive line and even at tight end as an extra blocker with his size and strength. On defense Bowden tallied 18 tackles, seven tackles for loss 2.5 sacks and a fumble recovery.

Goodin seemed to be on the field for every play whether it be offense, defense or special teams. On offense, Goodin was primarily a lead blocker from the fullback position, but he was able to make the most of his touches averaging 6.3 yards per carry (13 carries for 82 yards) with one touchdown.

Goodin's 10 tackles for loss were not only good enough for the top spot in the category on the team, but the total was the second-best mark in the district among all defenders. Goodin also led the Rockets with six sacks to go along with 36 total tackles and a forced fumble.

"Rockets"

(Cont. from A6)

Saturday night, the Rockets traveled to South Laurel to take on the Harlan Black Bears and the Black Bears came out on top 78-55.

The Rockets had several turnovers in the game (14) to the Black Bears 10 but it was in the three point shooting department that Harlan dominated, hitting 15 of their attempts while the Rockets could only manage six.

The Rockets were down 22-16 at the first quarter stop; 34 to 26 at the half and 48-39 at the end of the third quarter but the Black Bears went on a scoring rampage at the first of the fourth quarter, sinking three unanswered three point baskets to take a 57-39 lead that the Rockets could never overtake.

Mullins again led the scoring with 19 points, including three three point baskets; Sanders scored 16; Hopkins got 14, including two threes; Kaden Kidwell scored a three; Durham got two and Coguer hit a free throw.

The Rockets shot 40% for the game, 18 for 45.

Sanders had a stellar night rebounding, pulling down 10 of the 29 total. Mullins and Chasteen accounted for four each.

The Rockets hosted Burgin Tuesday night, after press time, will host district rival Somerset this Thursday night, along with the Lady Rockets, will travel to Berea College Friday night to take on Madison Southern at 6 p.m.

Next Tuesday, December 14th, the Rockets and Lady Rockets will host

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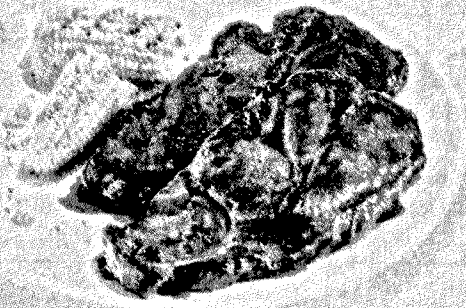
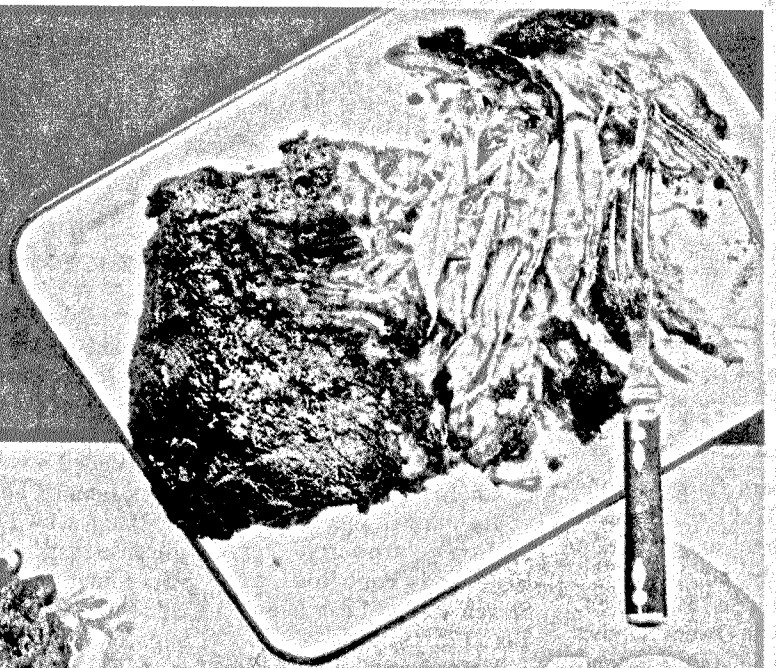
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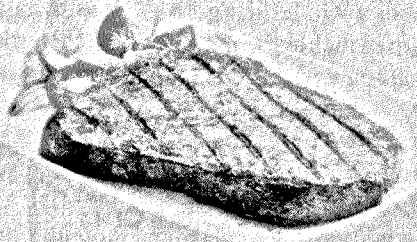


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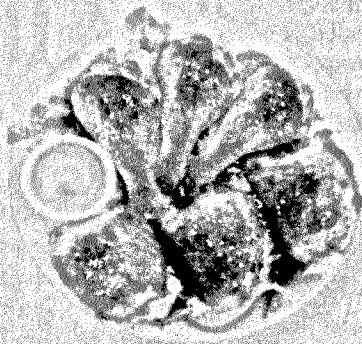


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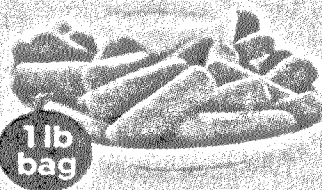
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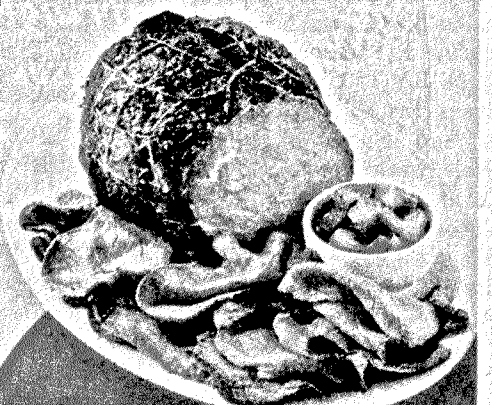
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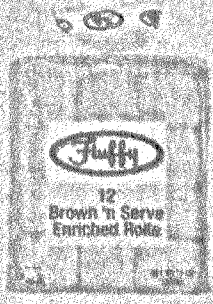
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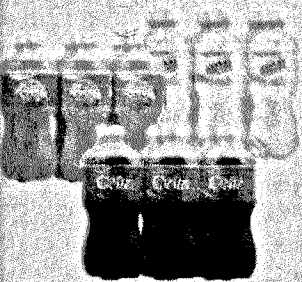
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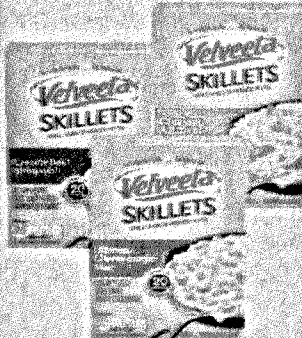
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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Barndance performers to be added to KMHF with "Honorable Mention"

After leaving Rockcastle County, to enter the music field at WLS in Chicago and, later, WLW in Cincinnati, John Lair returned home to Rockcastle County with a dream -- the Renfro Valley Barndance.

A huge barn was built on acreage in Renfro Valley. It is said that local residents were so skeptical at first that they believed the beautiful facility would become a tobacco barn.

They were proven wrong, however, when Renfro Valley became a place known throughout the country as the home of one of the most popular country music shows ever established. The huge area of Renfro Valley became home to Mr. Lair, and he labeled it "The valley where time stands still."

Mr. Lair chose local talent and adopted a country theme, with the first Renfro Valley Barndance officially opening on Saturday night, November 4, 1939. He was very particular about choosing just the right entertainers, and quite a variety, to help make his dream come true. Broadcast initially on the WLW radio station, word about this new country music show reached far and wide. It wasn't long until the barn was filled with people from all across the United States, eager to see this new country music event. The Barndance always began with Mr. Lair's "Howdy, Folks" welcome. The wide variety of entertainment was an important part of the success of the Barndance.

Throughout the years of the Barndance, many entertainers have stood on that legendary stage and entertained audiences. These entertainers certainly played a vital role in making Mr. Lair's dream come true. They gave their talents to the shows and their hearts to Renfro Valley.

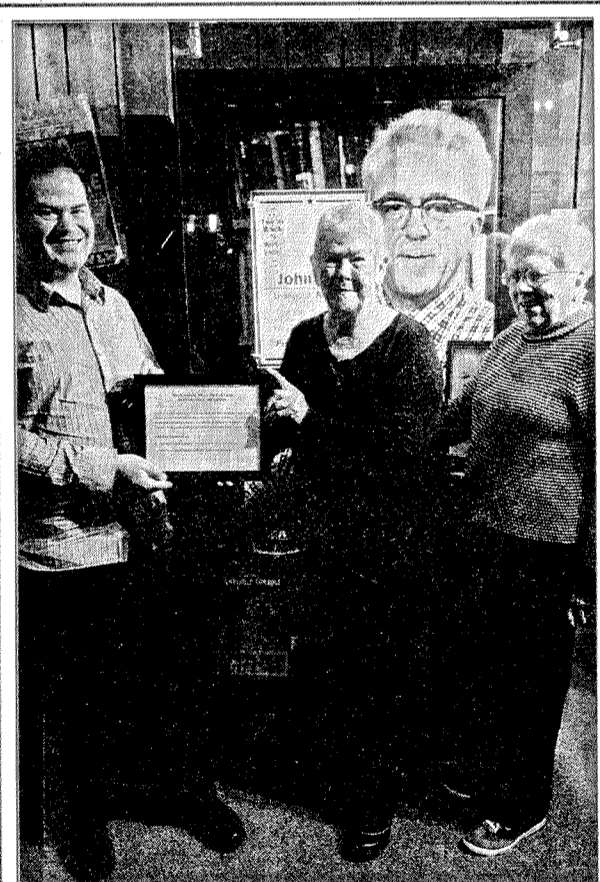
The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame is pleased to recognize these performers by including them in the Museum with "Honorable Mention."

On November 30, 2021, Jeremy Edwards, Entertainment Director at the Hall of Fame, presented a plaque to Kathee Brown Staton, the Renfro Valley Barndance Alumni Coordinator, with Mr. Lair's daughter, Ann Lair Henderson, in attendance. The plaque was then placed permanently in the Renfro Valley section of the Hall of Fame.

The Renfro Valley Entertainment Center is still in operation and is owned by John and Julie Enneking and the Huber Family, all of Ohio.

Although the Center was closed for quite some time, due to the Pandemic, shows have now resumed in the renovated New Barn theatre. Nashville artists are so popular that most shows are quickly sold out. 2022 brings the Center back to full operation with an outstanding variety of shows. Check out the Center's website for a schedule of events and tickets.

For information regarding the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, contact Jeremy Edwards, Entertainment Director, at 606-256-1000.



Shown presenting the Honorable Mention Plaque of honoring former performers at Renfro Valley to Kathee Brown Staton, Renfro Valley Barndance Alumni Coordinator is Jeremy Edwards, Entertainment Director of the KMHF. Also in attendance for the occasion was Ann Lair Henderson, daughter of John Lair, the founder of Renfro Valley. The plaque will be placed in the Renfro Valley section of the KMHF.

• Noel Night Market •



Officials say the largest crowd ever attended the Noel Night Market/Christmas Parade last Saturday in downtown Mount Vernon. An estimated 5,000 enjoyed the night's events. More photos from Noel Night will appear in our December 23rd Christmas issue.



The new ice skating rink was a huge success during the Noel Night Market last Saturday. The area stayed busy throughout the evening and young and old alike took their turn on the plastic ice.



The Noel Night Market event had more displays and events than ever before including this camel which seemed to attract a crowd throughout the night.

Community meeting hosted by Kiwanis

Judge Burdette honored

By: Mike French
Editor

The Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle County hosted the annual Community Meeting last Thursday at Limestone Grille.

During the meeting, spokesperson and Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York Hansel, Kiwanis Chairperson Gertha Mink and retired Kentucky State Representative Danny Ford, announced retired chief circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette as Charter Member of the Year.

Mink told the crowd of local dignitaries of Burdette's countless accomplishments, including his concentrated efforts to bring 911 to Rockcastle County. "There was a time that every community on the I-75 corridor had 911 service except Rockcastle County," said Mink. "Judge Burdette wouldn't quit until we had 911 and

he has saved lives in our community because of it."

Mink continued to list Burdette's accomplishments and contributions to the community and then Burdette spoke to the crowd. The retired judge said he was honored to serve his community and he is now spending more time with his family and is enjoying

retirement.

Kentucky Senator Jared Carpenter then addressed the crowd, saying he is proud to work with Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray and reminded everyone that he did not gain power with his position. "People think this position gets you power but the truth is, there are still 128 others

(See Kiwanis" on B4)

Santa visits local jail

By: Mike French
Editor

With the restrictions and safety precautions involved, Santa can't come down the chimney of the local detention center. So the local jailer has to do Santa's job each year, according to Rockcastle County Jailer Nathan Carter.

"It may not be just like home around the tree, but

everyone should be able to celebrate Christmas," he said.

With about 80 inmates in the local detention center this month, Carter said he performs the job of Santa on Christmas Eve every year.

"I use funds from the commissary and buy two bags of candy for each inmate and (Deputy Jailer) Howard (Haddix)

and I go around each cell delivering it to them," said Carter. "That way we know that everyone got something for Christmas."

The inmates also have a special meal for certain holidays. "We had turkey for our Thanksgiving dinner for the inmates and I think we will have

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Kentucky State Senator Jared Carpenter, left, is shown with Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray and retired 28th Chief Circuit Judge Jeffrey Burdette after the Kiwanis Club community meeting last week at Limestone Grill.

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Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 28x26

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Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47ftn

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf
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Notice is hereby given that Nelson McFerron, 122 Black St., P.O. Box 333, Livingston, Ky. 40445 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Kimberly L. McFerron on the 17th day of November, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Nelson McFerron or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 43x3

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Notice is hereby given that Robert Allen Howard, 247 Bryant Ridge Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administrator without a will of the Estate of Bob R. Howard on the 7th day of December, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Robert Allen Howard or to Jeremy B. Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 8, 2022. 45x3

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“Kiwanis”

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we have to take our ideas to and they have to agree," he said. "We can't do anything without support from others."

Bray then spoke to the crowd saying it is a pleasure to work with Carpenter and the other conservatives in office. "It is a pleasure to represent everyone in my district and it has been an honor to do this job," he said.

In a group discussion with some questions, both speakers agreed that the conservative movement is growing in recent years. "Madison County used to be almost all Democrat," said Carpenter. "But now almost all of the fiscal court and others are Republican. Our values and ethics are gaining ground and our movement is finally moving north."

After the meal the meeting was adjourned.

“Jail”

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ham for the Christmas dinner," he said.

There are also some local groups and organizations who donate to each inmate as well, according to Carter. "Some local churches and groups bring snacks and candy and we divide it all up

evenly for everyone," he said.

Carter would like family and friends to know that their loved one is not being left out of the holiday season. "We don't have a Christmas Tree or anything, but we make sure everyone celebrates Christmas the best way we can."

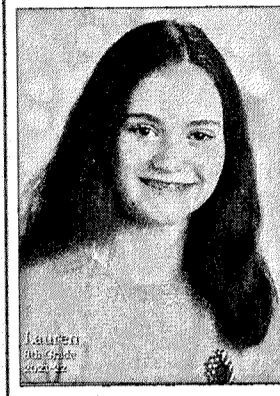
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Academic Team Prac-

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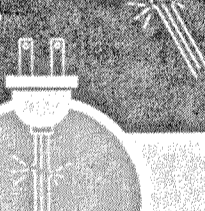
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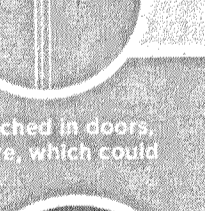
Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and/or loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire.



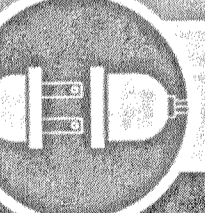
Consider purchasing LED lights, which use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.



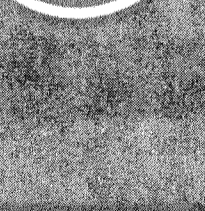
Never mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.



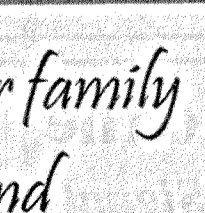
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2021-2022 Edition of the Rockcastle Lady Rockets

Members of the Lady Rockets squad are pictured above, front row, from left: Brooklyn Smith, Camryn Cash, Talynne Shearer, Keelee King, Addison McClure, Karlee Smith, Makayla Coffey and Ella McKinney. Back row from left: Taylor King, Rylee Smith, Macy Spivey, Haven King, Calliegh Burdette, Savanna Santo, Brylee Mullins and Markley Richards.

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Members of the Rockets basketball squad are pictured above, front row, from left: Drew Hopkins, Daniel Mullins, Jake Sanders, Reese Coguer, Matthew Chasteen and Landon Dillingham. Back row from left: mgr. Parker Kidwell, Jace Rogers, Broedy Dunaway, Kaden Kidwell, Walker Craig, Skyler Durham, Bryson Atkin and mgr. Sean Cash.

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Rockets looking for more in 2021-2022

By Chad Hensley

A season after an appearance in the 12th Region tournament, thanks to an upset of Somerset in the 47th District tournament, the Rockcastle County High School boys' basketball team is primed for another run in postseason with over 97% of the team's scoring offense returning for the 2021-22 season.

Andrew Cash may only have a record of 22-54 at the helm of the varsity squad, but the fourth-year head coach saw his team finish 9-8 in the 2020-21 season and are the fifth-ranked team in the 12th Region, according to the 12th Region *Sports Twitter* account.

Rockcastle returns its top five scorers in Daniel Mullins, Drew Hopkins, Jake Sanders, Matthew Chasteen and Reese Coguer, all of whom are seniors.

"We have a lot of experience back from last season and we are looking forward to an exciting year this year, hopefully without any cancellations," stated Cash. "Last year we relied heavily on 5-6 guys. This season, we will have a lot more depth with some of the younger guys really coming along. We should be able to throw a lot of different looks and different lineups on the floor. Our size should cause teams problems this season. This is one of the biggest teams we have ever had at Rockcastle.

"During our first scrimmage against Bullitt Central, at the King of The Bluegrass Pre-Season Jamboree, we looked a little rusty, but we had only had our football guys back about five days (at that point). They aren't in basketball shape yet but it won't take them much longer to get where we need them to be. These guys have played together so long and are a very unselfish group."

Mullins averaged 21.5 points in scoring 366 points in 17 games

and added three rebounds per game while Hopkins added 13.4 points and 3.2 rebounds per game.

Sanders notched 8.8 points and 5.4 rebounds per game while Chasteen and Coguer averaged 6.2 points per contest. Chasteen's 7.1 rebounds per game led all regular players and Coguer hauled in 3.9 rebounds per game.

"Daniel and Drew scored the ball really well for us last year and the guys looked to put them in situations to score," Cash added. "Daniel worked really hard last season to get stronger and has continued to get stronger this off season. That strength has given him confidence to put the ball off the deck and attack the basket. He has become a more well-rounded player. Drew plays really well off the ball and is always spotted up ready to score. He's crafty in getting to the basket. Last season, we switched these two with their positions, moved, Daniel to the point and Drew to the wing. Making that switch has worked out really well for us."

Heading into last season's 47th District tournament semifinal battle with Somerset, the Rockets had lost the previous eight meetings with the Briar Jumpers, including a 66-49 decision to open the season on Jan. 5, 2021.

"The Somerset game was a great win for our guys and for our program," Cash said about his team pulling off the upset of one of the favorites to win the region last season and going 1-2 in district seeding games. "It wasn't the start we were looking for, but these guys have a no quit mentality and refused to lay down. We kept eating away at Somerset's lead and you could tell in timeouts our guys were locked in. Reese, Jake and Matthew were great defensively and on the glass. They really turned

the intensity up and got us going. That game proved to them that we can play with anybody. We have to lock in and be focused every game this season. If we come out and execute what we want to do night in and night out, our name will be right there in the mix for the 12th region title."

Cash will look to a young but talented bench to step up and add depth to the roster and put pressure on the returning seniors to play well.

"We have most everybody back from last season with another year under their belt," remarked Cash. "Kaden Kidwell and Skyler Durham have both grown a little and improved their games over the summer. They will be able to step in at multiple positions and help out. Broedy Dunaway and Walker Craig have both had good off seasons. Broedy is a physical, long, athletic kid that can step in and help us out on the perimeter or down in the post. Walker is a long, athletic kid that will be able to help out at multiple positions and shoots the ball really well. We expect to have more depth this year and be able to put several different lineups on the floor."

Kidwell is a junior forward that saw action in eight games last season while Durham is a sophomore forward that tallied 1.1 points and 1.2 rebounds per game last season.

Both Dunaway and Craig were members of the middle school basketball team last season with Craig deciding to play up this season as an eighth grader.

Caleb Moore, a sophomore guard, was also added to the roster after transferring to The Rock from Berea Community and helping the Pirates to an 8-8 season in the spring.

The competition within the 47th District is always tough and

while the named talent may not be as strong as it was last season, the Rockets will still see tough competition in all six district seeding contests as well as in the district tournament that is slated to be hosted by Casey County.

"The 47th District year in and year out is a tough district," mentioned Cash. "This season I feel it is us and Pulaski that have the stronger teams. Somerset and Casey both lost a lot, and both got new coaches (Ryan Young at Somerset and William Carson III at Casey County). I know both of those guys and their teams will play extremely hard. They won't just lay down and hand it to us. If we go out and play our game, we will have the opportunity to bring the district title home."

Should the Rockets make it out of the ever tough 47th District, they would advance to the 12th Region tournament that will be hosted by Pulaski County. The region is stacked with 5-6 teams that can win and represent the region in the Sweet 16 at Rupp Arena.

"I think there are five or six teams that are capable of winning our region," Cash stated. "I feel we are right there in the mix of that list. Pulaski will be right there in the hunt as well as Boyle, Lincoln, McCreary and West Jessamine. All of these teams have veteran leadership and experience. You have to be clicking at the right time and have a little bit of luck on your side. This will be a fun year. It's always excit-

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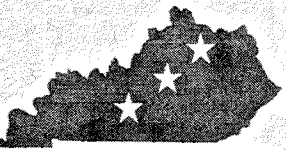
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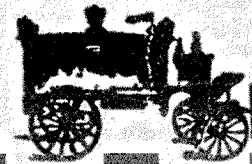
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Lady Rockets look to improve on 11-8 record

By Chad Hensley

The 2021-22 Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets basketball team will look to improve upon an 11-8 record from the 2020-21 season and will do so with a coaching legend entering her 32nd season at the helm.

Chrysti Noble has been the woman in charge of the Lady Rockets since the 1990-91 season and is currently the second-longest tenured active coach in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association only behind Jeff Haile, who has led the Henderson County girls program for 35 seasons.

Noble is a consummate professional at the sport, but despite needing just 21 wins to break the 600-win career mark, she is as humble as she was when she first took the reins of the program not long after graduating from Morehead State University.

"The thing that makes me the proudest is to see my girls being successful adults," Noble stated proudly. "I am so thankful Rockcastle County took a chance on me. Of course, winning a state championship was pretty incredible but remember that the girls win the games. I would also like to take the opportunity to talk about how many people have been a part of this successful program we have built here at The Rock.

"We would never be where we are now without the help of the good Lord himself, my family, my assistant coaches, my managers, bookkeepers/statisticians, my administrators, my teachers I work with, my bus drivers, the coaches who worked before me, the best fans in the whole state, the best support from our community, the best families, and most importantly, I want everyone to know how blessed I have been to have had an opportunity to coach and love so many girls

over the last 32 years."

Entering her 32nd season as the head coach of the Lady Rockets has been a smoother transition than when she entered her 31st season that was affected by so many rules and regulations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stringing together a long win streak was tough, with having to start and stop practices and games with players having to be quarantined at various points throughout the season, but Noble is still proud of the effort that last season's team gave, especially the four seniors (Casey Coleman, Jordan Harper, Lindsey Jones and Aliyah Lopez) on the team.

"The girls stuck it out," Noble mentioned. "I am proud of them for hanging in there. It was a very difficult time, and we never could get any consistency. Unfortunately, we will never know what

a regular season would have looked like."

Consistency is key to building winning programs and there have been few coaches as consistent as Noble has been throughout her tenure at Rockcastle County. This season has the potential to be another strong team despite only having one senior on the roster, Addison McClure.

The sophomore-dominated roster will see a junior as the returning leading scorer in Keelee King. King tallied 256 points in 17 games for a 15.1 points per game average.

King, who is a star on the RCHS volleyball team also, calling the shots from her setter position, is the top returning field goal, three point and free throw shooter among those that saw significant playing time last sea-

son. King was 92-for-178 from the field for a 51.7 shooting percentage with an impressive 46.3 shooting percentage (50-for-108) from long range, the highest percentage in the entire state. King was just as impressive from the charity stripe going 22-of-27 for 81.5 percent.

Talynne Shearer will look to increase her scoring contribution after having her first full offseason with the program, after transferring to Rockcastle from Lincoln County just prior to the start of last season.

Shearer averaged 6.9 points and a team-high among returners in rebounds with 3.6 per contest.

"We need Keelee King and Talynne Shearer to be aggressive offensively," Noble emphasized. "We need their leadership on the

court because of their experience. Calliegh Burdette, Addison McClure, Karlee Smith, Camryn Cash, Haven King and Taylor King will all be big contributors to this year's team as well. As every coach knows, every player is important."

Among the seven other players Noble mentioned, Burdette has the highest average in points (2.5) and rebounds (2.2) per game so the importance of having other players step up in key situations will be huge for Noble knowing that she has to replace the bulk of her team's scoring with five of the top seven scorers from last season either graduating or deciding to no longer play.

Coleman, who is now playing for the University of the

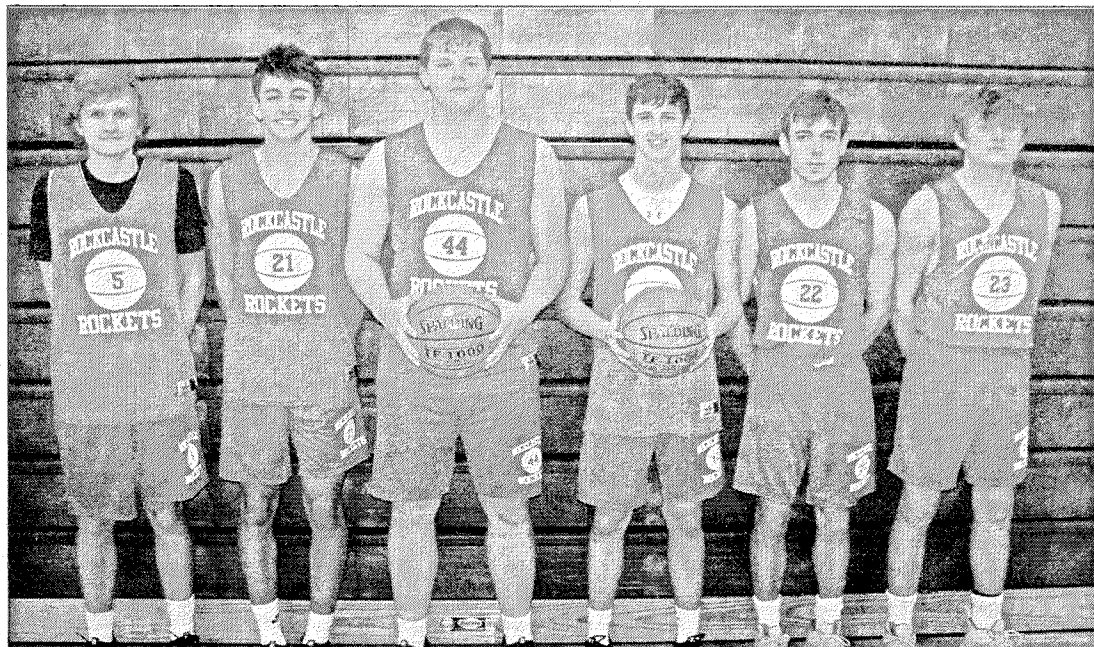
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Rockets and Lady Rockets Seniors



Senior members of the Rockcastle Rockets are shown above, from left: Drew Hopkins, Daniel Mullins, Jake Sanders, Landon Dillingham, Reese Coguer and Matthew Chasteen.



Addison McClure is the lone senior member of the Rockcastle Lady Rockets for 2021-2022.

Good Luck ROCK



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11-30	SW Pulaski	Home	7:30
12-3	McCreary Central	Away	7:30
12-4	Harlan	@ S. Laurel	8:00
<i>(13th Region Media Network Ted Cook Classic)</i>			
12-7	Burgin	Home	7:30
12-9	Somerset	Home	7:30
12-10	Madison Southern	@Berea Coll.	7:30
12-14	Boyle County	Home	7:30
12-17	Casey County	Home	7:30
12-18	West Carter	@Rowan	TBA
<i>(Kentucky Bank Challenge)</i>			
12-21	Cooper	@S. Laurel	TBA
<i>(Legacy Nissan Dribble Drive Challenge)</i>			
12-28	Apollo	@Larue Co.	3:00
<i>(Magnolia Bank Holiday Classic)</i>			
1-4	Somerset	Away	7:30
1-8	Whitley County	@S. Laurel	2:30
<i>(Raymond Reed Classic)</i>			
1-11	Anderson County	Home	7:30
1-14	Casey County	Away	7:30
1-18	Wayne County	Home	7:30
1-21	Pulaski County	Home	TBA
1-22	Carroll County		
1-25	Berea	Home	7:30
2-4	Pulaski County	Away	7:30
2-11	Mercer County	Away	7:30
2-12	Bell County	Home	4:00
2-18	Russell County	Home	7:30



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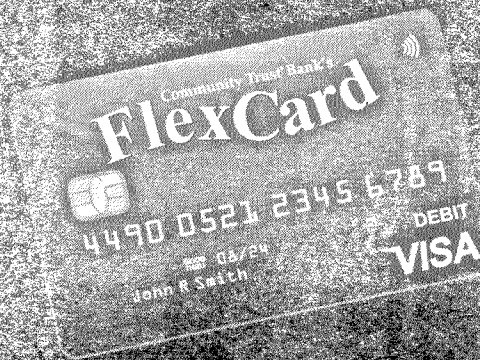


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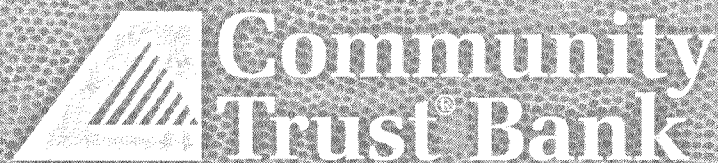
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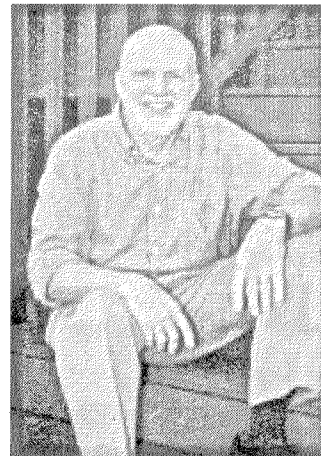
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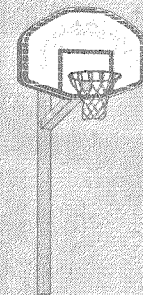


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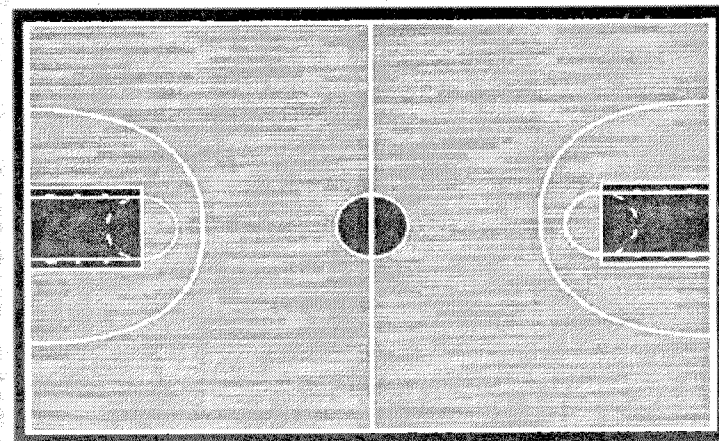


Lady Rockets

Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
12-3	Madison Central	Home	7:30
12-9	Somerset	Home	6:00
12-14	Boyle County	Home	6:00
12-17	Casey County	Home	6:00
12-18	Middlesboro	@Mad. Cent.	3:30
12-19	Knott Co. Central	@Mad. Cent.	3:00
12-20	Lafayette	@Mad. Cent.	1:45
<i>(Jack Burford Chevy Christmas Classic)</i>			
12-28	Owensboro	@S. Warren	4:00
12-29	Oldham County	@S. Warren	3:00
12-29	Marshall County	@S. Warren	7:00
12-30	TBA	@S. Warren	TBA
<i>(FirstBank Holiday Bash)</i>			
1-4	Somerset	Away	6:00
1-8	Conner	@Franklin Co	3:30
<i>(Penn Station Shootout)</i>			
1-11	North Laurel	Away	7:30
1-14	Casey County	Away	6:00
1-18	Wayne County	Home	6:00
1-21	Pulaski County	Home	6:00
1-22	Marion County	Away	6:00
<i>(Autism Classic)</i>			
1-24	McCreary Central	Home	7:30
1-28	Shelby Valley	Home	7:30
1-29	Corbin	Home	
2-1	Clay County	Home	7:30
2-4	Pulaski County	Away	6:00
2-10	South Laurel	Away	7:30
2-11	Mercer County	Away	6:00
2-12	Bell County	Home	4:00
2-14	Garrard County	Home	7:30
2-18	Russell County	Home	6:00

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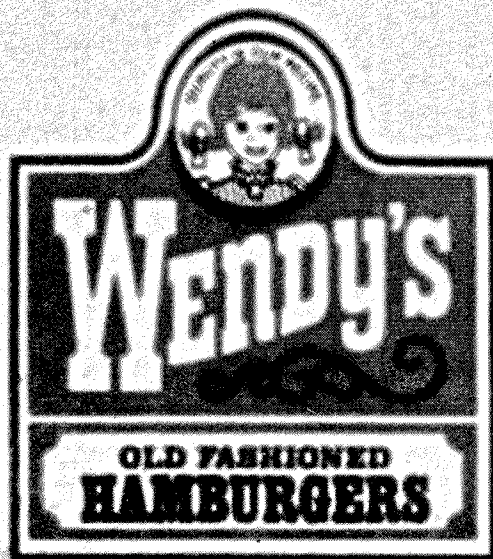
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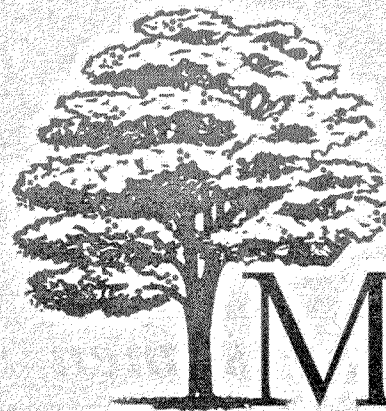
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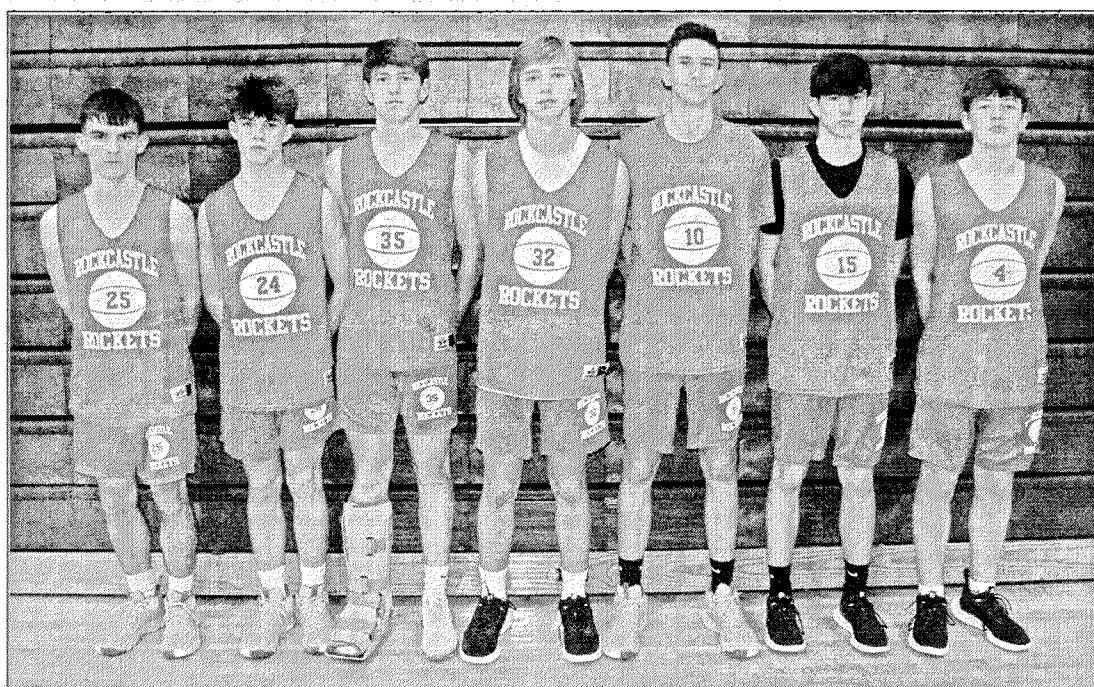


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Members of the Rockcastle Rockets freshmen squad are pictured above, from left: Kaleb Alexander, Conner Winstead, Broedy Dunaway, Connor Hunt, Walker Craig, Maddux Parsons and Jace Rogers.

RCHS Rockets

JV/Freshman Schedule

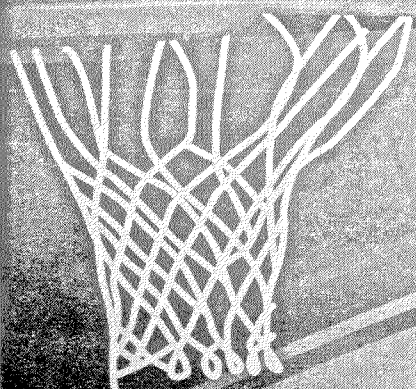
Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Teams
12-4	10:00	Somerset	Home	F/JV
12-13	6:30	Garrard	Home	F/JV
12-18	10:00	Pulaski/Mercer	Home	F
12-22	10:00	Boyle	Home	F/JV
12-27	TBA	Casey/Jackson	Home	F/JV
1-6	6:30	Williamsburg	Home	F/JV
1-15	TBA	Montgomery Co.	Away	F
1-17	6:30	Casey Co.	Away	F/JV
1-22	9:00	Pulaski Co.	Away	F/JV
1-24	6:30	Garrard Co.	Away	F/JV
2-5	10:00	Regional	Home	JV
2-12	TBA	Regional	Somerset	F

RCHS Lady Rockets

JV/Freshman Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Teams
12-13	6:30	Mad. Southern	Home	F
12-16	6:30	GRC	Home	F
12-23	10:00	Somerset/Casey	Home	F
1-10	6:30	Pulaski Co.	Home	F/JV
1-15	10:00	Garrard/North	Home	F
1-27	6:30	Mad. Southern	Home	F
2-8	6:30	South Laurel	Home	F/JV

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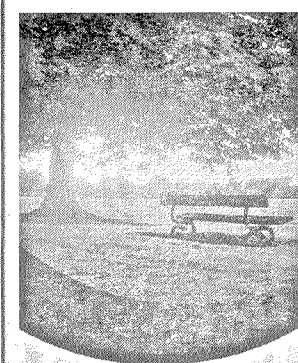


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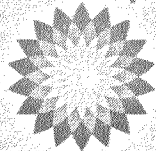
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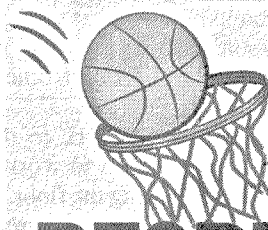
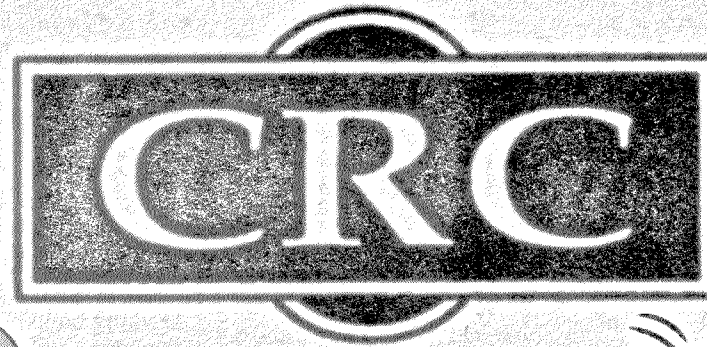
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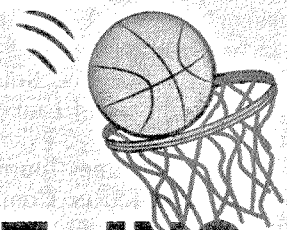
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“Rockets”

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ing to see that many teams that are capable of coming out on top.”

To get ready for the district and region opponents on the schedule, Cash has stacked the schedule with talented teams from all corners of the state including teams such as Apollo, Cooper, Carroll County, Madison Southern, West Carter, Harlan County and Anderson County.

The Rockets will be taking part in three different single-day classics with two at South Laurel against Harlan County and Whitley County and one at Rowan County against West Carter.

Rockcastle will face off against Cooper at a pre-Christmas tournament at South Laurel that will include other teams such as Harlan, Dixie Heights, South Laurel, Lafayette and Lincoln County.

The post-Christmas tournament will be at LaRue County where the Rockets will take on Apollo and have potential matchups with Grayson County, Logan County, LaRue County, Crittenden County, Whitley County and Nelson County.

To say that Cash and company will be facing stiff competition is putting it lightly.

“It’s always important to play tough non-region teams to help prepare you for tournament time,” added Cash. “When you come out of the district and into the region, you will have to string together three good games. If you’re playing tougher competition in these non-region games, you will always feel like you are prepared for the toughest tests.”

When all is said and done, we should all be thankful for a full slate of games from early December through at least the end of February and maybe into March. Every Rocket fan should head out to Rock Arena and even an away game or two to support these young men as they put forth their talents on the court just as they do in the classroom each day.

“These young men have worked extremely hard on the court, in the weight room and, most importantly, in the classroom,” Cash said excitedly. “I want to encourage everyone to come out each night and support these young men. This is an exciting, hard-working group to watch and hopeful for a successful season. Go Rockets!”

“Lady Rockets”

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Cumberlands, was a standout from the time she first donned a Rockcastle varsity uniform and tallied nearly 1,500 points during her career that spanned six seasons, including being the team’s leading scorer as a freshman, sophomore and junior.

Jones, Harper and Lopez combined for 17.2 points and 6.4 rebounds per contest and were key cogs in helping the wheels continue to turn, while the uncertainty of the season loomed large from the get-go.

“Losing four seniors is a big hit to your team on and off the court,” Noble added.

Regardless of who steps up and fills the void, they will have to do so against a stacked in-region and even statewide schedule that Noble has masterfully put together to help her players get better, as they eventually head into postseason play.

With games against Middlesboro, Lafayette and Knott County Central in the Jack Burford Chevy Christmas Classic at Madison Central, Owensboro, Marshall County and Oldham County in the First Bank Holiday Bash at South Warren as well as single-day events against Marion County, Shelby Valley, Conner, Clay County and North Laurel among others, Noble has set her team up to play some of the best competition from 12 of the state’s 16 regions.

“Our schedule is filled with good opponents,” emphasized Noble. “Each game is important but having a tough non-region schedule, including the likes of

Knott Co. Central, Shelby Valley, North Laurel, South Laurel, Mercer County, Lafayette and Marshall Co., will help us coming postseason time.”

The competition within the 47th District will once again be challenging, with all four teams having a chance of taking home the district title come late February.

“All three of the other 47th District teams are returning experienced players,” said Noble. “Somerset hired a great new coach in Cassandra McWhorter who was previously at Lincoln County and won two regional titles there. All three teams have nice young players to add to their experience.”

At this point in preparing for the season, the Lady Rockets would have participated in two scrimmages and have found things that the coaching staff likes as well as things that they know they need to spend extra time working on in practice that they otherwise would not have known had they just played against each other in practice.

“We have lots of work to do,” Noble stated. “We need to work on rebounding and running the floor. We also need to do a better job communicating on the floor. We handled

some very physical play and speed in our first scrimmage. We did a good job of moving the basketball, but we need to cut down on turnovers and take better care of the basketball. We also need to learn how to use screens on offense and how to guard screens on defense.”

There will be plenty of home games this season and Noble definitely wants to see as many fans pack Rock Arena as possible, including the always raucous student section. She also wants everyone to know of the plans to celebrate past teams and players this season.

“We plan on celebrating our 2011 state championship team on December 17,” Noble remarked. “We will also have Little Rocket Night. We will be doing lots of things to help get more fans out to our games. We can’t wait to play in front of the best fans in the state and look forward to having a raucous student section that rivals any student section in the state. I would also love to eventually have a picture wall of all my players that played in college, so if any-

one has any photos from when they were in college, please send those to me by email chrystinoble@rockcastle.kyschools.us.”

No matter how this season goes, one can’t help but think of the legacy of not only a coach that Noble will leave behind, whenever she decides to hang up her whistle, but as a second mother figure to the many that have come through the system, whether they be a player or manager/statistician like myself.

“I really am the luckiest and most blessed person in the world,” Noble said emotionally. “To all my former Lady Rockets, I love you so much and thank you so much for all your hard work. I always tell my seniors that I know they are going to be successful on their next journey if they work as hard towards their goal as they have worked for me. This year has been really special, I actually have some players whose mothers played for me. During Little League, a few of my girls are coaching their daughters. It fills my heart with joy. I always tell the girls the bond they form while being a Lady Rocket will last forever.”

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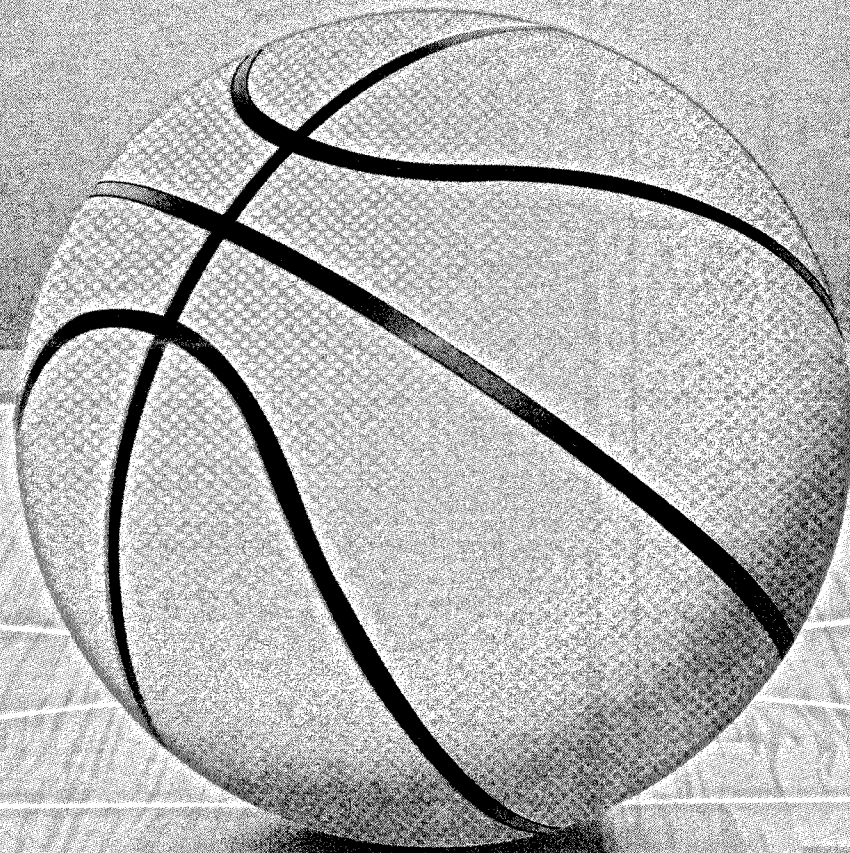
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