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## COVID still here

Most Kentucky counties remain in the Red Zone this week, according to the KyCOVID website. Rockcastle County is now at a 162 incident rating, but no additional COVID deaths were recorded this week here. Though numbers are dropping and mandates are being lifted, reports say the virus is still spreading. In Rockcastle County there have been a total of 4,774 positive cases reported and 51 total COVID-related deaths since the pandemic began.

## Mount Vernon meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, February 17 at 6 p.m. However, the meeting will be a zoom meeting. Department reports may be viewed at City Hall.

## Fire Department fundraiser

Soup beans and the fixings are on the menu on March 5 at the Quail Firehouse at 6 p.m. for a Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser. There will be an auction as well. Anyone willing to help or donate or attend the event for food and fellowship, should contact any member of the department.

## Accomplice arrested

### Lamb still at large

Police have arrested the girlfriend of a local man who reportedly robbed and shot a Mount Vernon resident two weeks ago.

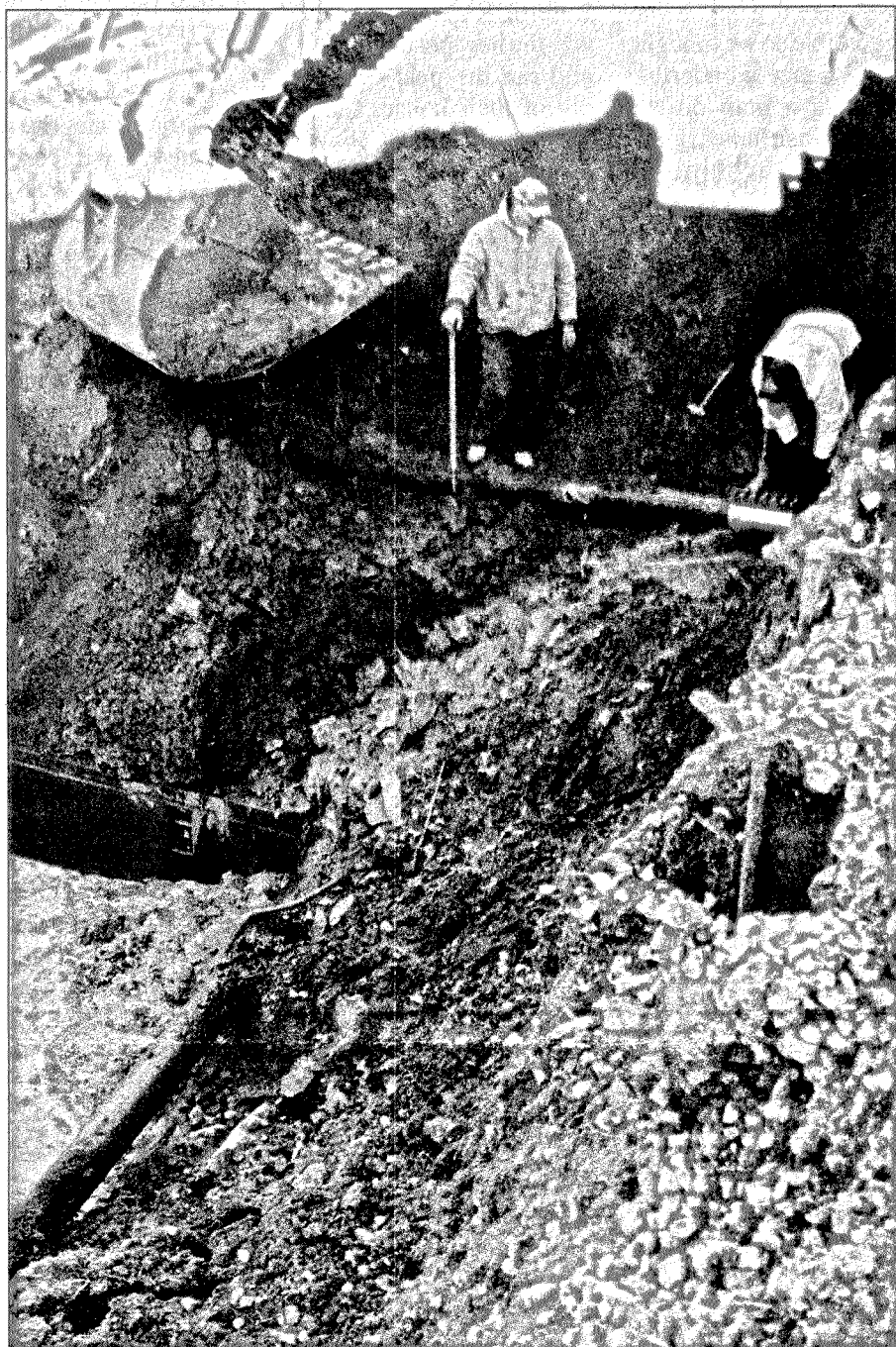
Lindsey Belew, 34, of Mount Vernon was arrested and charged with robbery in the first degree this past weekend. Belew is lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center, after a Judge

found probable cause to hold Belew at a preliminary hearing Monday. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash or property.

On Sunday, January 29, police began the search for Woodrow Lamb, 44, of Mount Vernon, after he allegedly broke into a local home and robbed and

(See "Lamb" on A5)

## Main pump station being replaced



City workers are involved in repairing the City of Mount Vernon's main sewer pump station behind Snack Shack on Richmond Street. The station was damaged several years ago due to flooding and FEMA grants are funding the new pump station, according to city officials. The time needed to complete the work cannot be estimated at this time due to supply chain holdups and weather, according to workers.

## Masks off again

### Parents speak out against mask mandate

By: Mike French  
Editor

Students, parents and staff in Rockcastle County Schools now have the freedom to choose if they wish to wear a mask at school.

With strong voices and emotional pleas, several parents expressed their heartfelt dis-

agreement with the recent decision of the Rockcastle County

School Board to require masks on a limited basis in the local district. Several parents were given three minutes to speak to the board at last week's regular monthly meeting. Board members had apparently received many complaints and concerns about the mandate that was put in place at a special called meeting two weeks ago.

Many parents attended the meeting but were not all allowed to speak. Board Chairman Angela Mink said in order to speak at the board meetings, parents must be on the agenda. "I know there are several others who wish to speak but you must give 24 hour notice to be on the agenda," she told those present. But this rule didn't stop their

applause as other parents spoke out against any form of mask mandates.

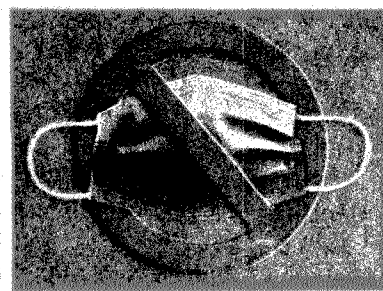
Apparently, suspecting what was about to take place, Mink spoke about her hopes that those present would remain "calm and respectful" as they addressed the board.

"Please choose to be kind," she said. "If you ridicule us, your children see that. Your

opinion doesn't define you but how you express yourself does." Mink and board member Angela Woods defended the board's decision to install the mask mandate two weeks ago but some parents said the decision was politically motivated and "nothing short of criminal," during their allotted three minutes. "In my years on this board, this was the hardest thing I have ever had to do," said Mink speaking about voting in favor of the mask mandate.

While two parents spoke in favor of the mandate, the rest were vocally and adamantly against forcing students to wear a mask at any time. Chere' Hansford told the board she

(See "Masks" on A5)



## Fiscal court monthly meeting

With 23 items on the agenda, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday at the courthouse.

To the cheers of sev-

eral magistrates, RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook informed the court he will be delivering a check for \$1.4 million within days.

With the recent sale of

the Microfoodery plant building in Mount Vernon, owners are paying off the \$1.4 million loan from the county (and another \$1.4 million to the city) that will be placed in a special account, according to Rockcastle County Treasurer Joseph Clontz. The Microfoodery account currently shows \$118,000 in funds but Clontz said the county should open an interest bearing account to hold it until the penalties for early payoff are released and then the county can pay off the loan from KACO.

However, Magistrate Shannon Bishop asked that the court investigate the issue before that decision is final. "I'd like to know the amount of interest that would build up while we wait to pay off the loan as compared to how much the penalty for early payoff is and how much interest the account

would draw during that time," he said. "If the interest over those two years (estimated) is more than the penalty, and the interest the account would draw, then we should go ahead and pay the penalty. If not, we can sit on the money until the

county comes out ahead." Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and Clontz agreed that they suspect the penalty would be more expensive but agreed to investigate before a final decision is made. According to (See "Court" on A5)

## Brodhead upgrading older city equipment

By: Mike French  
Editor

Officials with the City of Brodhead are making some changes and moving forward with the help of funding from the American Recovery Act and some big decisions

by City Commissioners and Mayor Walter Cash. After approving the idea at last month's meeting, the City has purchased a 2009 F450 Utility work truck for \$19,500 for the Water and Sewer Department

and purchased the new pumps for a damaged lift station. But they are not stopping there.

Commissioners also agreed to purchase a \$10,400 Kentucky Hoop Barn to store countless equipment and supplies, a \$61,000 Boyd Cat loader for road and sewer and water work and are negotiating on the purchase of a newer and improved \$161,000 fire truck for the

(See "upgrade" on A7)

## High speed chase ends in Rockcastle

By: Mike French  
Editor

A high speed police chase beginning near London, ended on Lake Linville Road in Mount Vernon Friday morning.

According to reports, Laurel County Sheriff's deputies arrested Richard Haight, 25, of Crab

Orchard, Friday morning after the high speed chase

Police say an attempt to perform a traffic stop on a suspected stolen vehicle, caused Haight to speed away as police chased him. Reports indicate the 100 mph

(See "Chase" on A5)

### Spring Fire Hazard Season

The Spring Fire Hazard Season began on February 15 and will last through April 30. During the Fire Hazard Season, it is illegal to burn within 150 feet of any woodland or brush land from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Boy have I learned a lesson. I will never again tell anyone to just stop eating when they want to lose weight.

All my life I have been amazingly blessed, and didn't realize it. I mean I knew I was lucky but I had no idea to what level until recently. I have always been that guy that could eat anything and everything and as much of it as I wanted, without gaining an ounce. All my life I have heard people around me complain that every bite they eat goes straight to their bottom or their belly and I never really understood it.

Even my own mother fought it all her life. She would take her teeth out before she stepped on the scales. People I knew all my life had talked about stopping eating or eating less. I have seen diets with no bread, no sugar, nothing white, nothing bigger than a mouse, etc. People have fought like crazy to control what they eat.

I can't count the times that I thought to myself, "just don't eat it then, duh!" It seemed like a pretty darn simple thing to me.

I was never able to understand why it was difficult to keep one's hands from picking up food and putting it in one's mouth. After all, people are indeed in charge of what their hands do. People are their own hand's boss.

Most of my friends are aware of my swollen feet problem. They ballooned up to half the size of footballs now and a week ago that swelling moved up my legs to my knees. My

legs now look like Popeye's arms after a bowl of spinach.

My lady says she suspects I have a sugar problem. I have eaten sugar all day, every day for over 40 years. I eat cinnamon rolls for breakfast and I eat about 10 to 12 no-bake cookies per day. I drink Pepsi and eat Reece's Cups and cinnamon toast and more no-bakes every hour of my day.

But just to show her she was mistaken, I decided I would go one day with no sugar. When my feet and legs were still swollen the next day, that would show her.

Well, I amazingly, grossly, overwhelmingly, unbelievably overestimated my ability to do without sugar all day. After only an hour, my entire body began to scream for a no-bake cookie. If my elbows had lips, I would have stuck them in a bowl of sugar. My black coffee tasted like dirt and water is the worst thing I ever put in my mouth. After about two hours, I started thinking 'this is ridiculous.'

I was feeling kind of swoony and my body began to feel weak and shaky. When a Pepsi crossed my mind, I began to shake and could feel my heart moving over into a safer area of my chest.

Okay, I'll go ahead and drink a pop and eat my cinnamon rolls for breakfast, but do without the no-bakes. Ahhhhhh. Man, that is good stuff!

By mid afternoon, I

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### A Drive Back in Time Dear Journal,

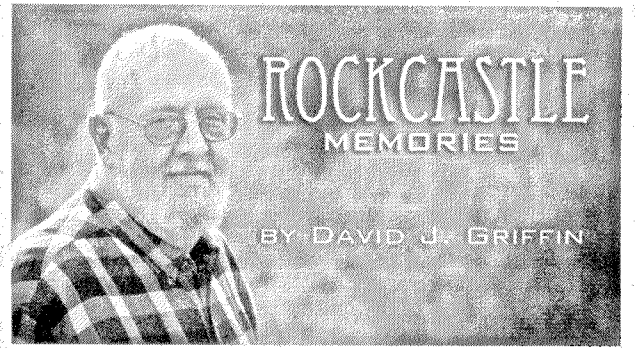
Well, I'm sitting here and munching on a can of Pringles potato chips and thinking about a little drive Stanley and I went on about a week ago. I remember when Pringles chips first came out. I was in about the fifth or sixth grade. I thought they were the most interesting thing to ever to be invented. We were all talking about them at school, even the teachers. We all wondered how they could get the same amount of chips into a can like that as there were in a bag. It was impossible so we thought. Isn't science wonderful? Landing a man on the moon wasn't nearly as thought-provoking or raised as much excitement.

I was just thinking as I munched along about a little drive Stanley and I took a few days ago. It was over in Laurel County in a section where I grew up. The Hawk Creek Road was named after the Haw River down in North Carolina, I believe. Some of my ancestors from North Carolina came through Cumberland Gap and settled in the area naming a creek "Haw Creek". Over the years the "k" was added but is actually incorrect. This road wasn't very far from my old home place and I remember the area well from my childhood days.

Let me take you on a tour through my childhood memories of a portion of my neighborhood. First, we take a turn off of the Old Somerset Road in the heart of the Swiss Colony about four or five miles west of London right between the Swiss Colony Baptist Church where I spent much of my childhood as mom was a regular attendee...about every time their doors were open. Across the road was Ott's General Store that had been in operation by the same family since the 1880s. Behind that was a basketball court and tennis court built by the church for the community youth. In the summer, I would spend several hours a week on that tennis court. Can you believe it now? There

used to be an old stone church there. The stone church was torn down about 1960 or a little before. Behind the little original Swiss Church, built in 1881, was an old two story white frame house. It was built around the same era. The Raney family lived there. Nanny was the post mistress and ran a post office out of her home. Her daughter, Pauline, wasn't very old but was an invalid. When Nannie retired, the post office moved across the street to the home of Carl and Loretta Keller. Loretta was the new postmistress and ran the post office out of their house. Carl was a plumber. The original Swiss settlers brought a Swiss pine tree to plant in their new home land raising it from a sapling. In the late 1980s, Arnold Corey decided that tree should be

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### My Heritage

When I say my daily prayers, I am persistently thankful for being born into a Christian family. My mother (Bee) and my grandmother (Mommie Katie) were regularly found sitting by our Warm Morning stove, reading their Bibles. Both marked passages to study again at a later time. I have my mother's Bible, and I often read the notes and verses marked by her.

I followed my grandfather (Pop) around our small hilltop farm for years as he regularly demonstrated integrity to me. I never witnessed Pop being unfair to anyone. It was his practice to live by Christian principles.

Because of Pop and Mommie Katie, we attended church at the First Baptist Church in Mt.

Vernon every time the doors were opened. Mommie was usually the last person to leave the sanctuary after services were over.

I will never forget one night when Mommie Katie got into the car that she thought was being driven by Pop. She jumped inside and said, "Let's go, Gene!" To her surprise, Mr. Estill McBee responded, "I think you have the wrong car, Mrs. Stokes." Mommie was mortified.

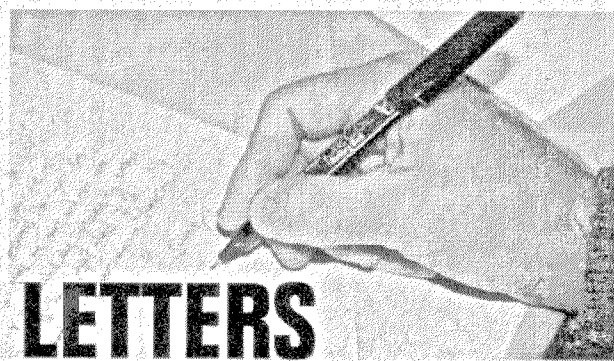
Pop served as the treasurer of our church. After the ushers took up the collection, Pop sat in his office and counted the money, filled out the deposit ticket, and posted the totals on the bulletin board in the sanctuary.

Mommie Katie taught a Sunday School class for women in the church for many years. She was completely dedicated to the preparation of her lesson plans.

She studied for hours each week so that she would be able to present the lesson to her class. For years after her death, the women of the church would tell us how much they loved her Sunday School class. They still do.

I am grateful and thankful that I grew up with the guidance of my mother and grandparents. They always taught me to be fair and honest with my peers. Pop took me for a walk in the woods, near our farm one day, to explain the meaning of integrity. That walk in the woods was very important to Pop. As I enter the winter of my life, that walk is becoming more important to me every day.

(You can reach me at themtman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### New game Hook...

Dear Editor,  
This note is an attempt at satire in the spirit of Voltaire's *Candide* (1759): Think with a sense of humor.

There are a lot of word games: e.g., crossword puzzles, sudoku, and recently wordle. Now there is a new one, "HOOK," named in honor of Jeff VanHook with the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Board, who has to explain amazingly complex stuff.

Here is how you play HOOK. First, you read reports of Jeff's com-

ments in *The Mount Vernon Signal* (aka *Signal*), and you listen to his remarks at County Fiscal Court meetings about the County's economic development. Then you try to figure out what he meant.

Let's play HOOK using an article from last week's *Signal*. Jeff is reported as saying that the MicroFoodery sold, and all bills involving the County were paid. But the *Signal* article leaves it unclear because interest payments remain, grants are changing

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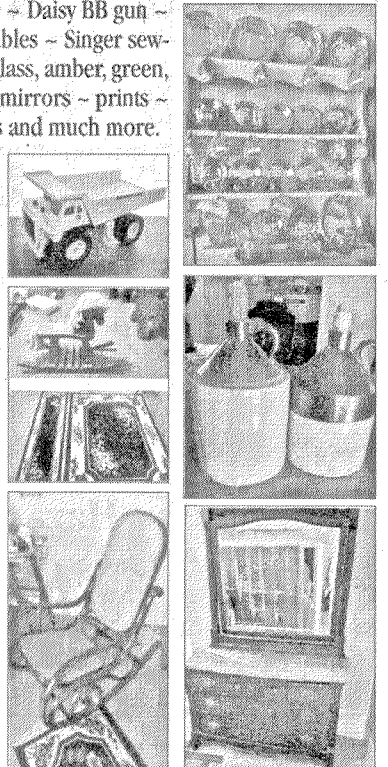
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## Aces

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begin getting so sleepy I couldn't stay awake. I fought that all day long. That night, watching our favorite television program, and drinking an ice cold Pepsi, I swear I actually heard the No-bake cookies whisper my name. It wasn't normal English. It was kind of "cookie language," but I heard it. ... One cookie won't kill me, surely.

I mean what on earth is wrong with one cookie?

Anyway, after the 24 hours of unmanageable grief, it turns out, it isn't a person's hands that cause the problem. It's every other part of the body. The heart, the mind, the stomach. Even my ears longed to hear me chewing on a cookie. I think my soul began to crave chocolate.

So, I have no idea if going without sugar would solve my swelling issue. I didn't make it.

So now I know. All

those people all my life who I watched dieting now have my utmost sympathy. And my most humble of apologies. I get it. I still can't imagine the long-term battle with such things but if 30 days of dieting is 30 times worse than my one day of dieting, you deserve the Nobel Prize and the Medal of Honor and should be King.

Side note of my opinion of the recent halftime show.

Speaking foul language as fast as you can speak while surrounded by mostly naked women and filling a stadium with sexual innuendo, is NOT talent and should not be promoted. The fact that society accepts such vile filth now, doesn't mean it is less filthy. It only means society is more filthy.

## Letters

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hands, and there is no indication of who bought the Microfoodery. So

does the Microfoodery still exist, and is it working to meet the Nation's demand for more beer cheese? In the beginning, did someone promise that the Microfoodery would produce 200 jobs, 100, 50, or 10? How many jobs has the Microfoodery created: 10, 5, 3, or 0?

It is asking too much from a fun word game such as HOOK, but it would be nice if our County Leaders could explain the actual economic impact of projects such as the Microfoodery and "plastics factory." For example, how many jobs have they created, and how much have they added to our fisc. Then, tell us the actual dollar amount after all costs to taxpayers.

In addition, it would be good to learn that our leaders are working on a plan to staunch the County's population decline, especially the loss of young working-class families who have to leave our County to make a living. If this were to happen, I could believe that I live in the best of all possible Kentucky counties.

Elmer Whittler

## T.J.s

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cut down for apparently no good reason at all. He gained enough support and the old tree was cut down. A lot of the descendants were hurt and I'm still mad over it. It was probably the only one of its kind in the state, maybe this whole country. It looked unusual for sure. Going on down the road is the Colony Cemetery. I can walk through it and recall most everyone buried there except the real old-timers from prior to 1900 or soon after. Across from the cemetery is the Robbins' family home. Next to the cemetery is the Daughtery home. My brother Don had several of the boys as friends. Just down from there is my cousin Thelma Linck's new house and her sister Stella Herron is across the road. Thelma cooked at the Colony Elementary and fed generations of kids from the area. On down a short way is the George Vandy home. He had a granddaughter about two or three years older than me. Just down from the Vandy's was Cousin Thelma's old house. The Acton family bought it. He was a barber. Mom got Cousin Thelma to do a lot of sewing for her and she made the first little dress I ever wore to school in first grade. It was a burgundy jumper and blouse with burgundy apples on a cream

background. Across the road from Thelma's old house was a nice new brick house built by some people who had retired and moved back to the area, as my memory serves me. I remember going Trick or Treating there once and got a whole full size Three Musketeers bar from them all to myself. Wow! They cost a dime each at the time. They must be rich to pass out candy like that.

The land in that area is wonderful farm land. There was the Francis Binder family farm on the left of the road and across from it was the Herron family farm. On Saturday mornings my grandma would send me and my Uncle Junior there to get eggs, butter, and milk. I'd hang out with Mrs. Herron in the kitchen. She usually had some pies, cake or bread, etc., and I was her sampler while she got our order together. Imagine that homemade bread with freshly churned butter and the bread was still warm, too. I wasn't a shy child and sometimes that worked for my benefit. Just down the road on the same side was the Louis Binder family farm. He was a brother to Francis. Grandma got her dairy products there sometimes and she delivered. It was too bad for me. I didn't get to sample anything.

Then the Haw "k" Creek Road forked, to the right lead down to Wood Creek Lake after they flooded the area when I was probably ten or twelve years old. That is Mt. Moriah Road. That is the section known as "Brummett Town" due to all of the Brummetts living there. Then on down a mile or so, is the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and Cemetery. I never knew too many folks from that area except some of the Hammacks. If you go far enough, you'll run into the lake, literally.

Now, if you didn't turn to the right, you could go on down the Haw "K" Creek Road. Several Jones families lived down that way and there was an old original log cabin in the area where the Belcher family lived. Before you got there, was the Creech family home. My brother, Don, had several Creech boys as friends, as well. At one time I recall an oil well being in operation across the road from the Creech property. My grandpa Norton's big Democrat buddy, P.L. Hubbard lived just off the road just before you got to the old Hawk Creek Baptist Church and the Oakley family. In about a half mile the road forked to the left and to the right. There

lived the Licklighter and Hicks families. They had about twelve or so kids together. I went to school with most of them. To the right in about a half mile was the Ralph Jervis family. He was a distant cousin by some means and he was a carpenter. He had worked for our family on several occasions. At the end of the road was a huge rock that was as big or bigger than any house and jutted up out of the ground about three or more feet. So that

is where you stop. The left fork was never traveled too much by our family, so I don't know too much about it.

Sometimes, our family would take an impromptu drive and go here and there in the country. I always stood in the middle in the front seat of the car. No car seats for kids and what was a seat belt? I usually got an orange Push Up if we went to a little general store on the drive. No Pringles chips, though.

## Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray  
State Representative  
Putting the brakes on the administration's car tax increase

As a legislator, I receive hundreds of phone calls, emails, letters, and social media messages each week. This session, the one issue that I hear the most about is the motor vehicle tax assessment. You may have already seen news reports about a notice issued by the Department of Revenue in January that advised county Property Valuation Administrators (PVAs) of an increase in the value of motor vehicles. This week, the House acted to prevent that increase from happening, and I am hopeful the bill will clear the remaining hurdles to become law soon.

The news is unprecedented since cars, trucks, and other vehicles rarely increase in value over time. After all, we have all heard the old saying about how cars depreciate the moment you drive them off the lot. However, the increase was even more unusual because it was estimated to be an astonishing 40 percent over last year's assessment value.

This increase is the result of a decision made years ago by the state that did not become evident until the pandemic-related supply shortages led to increased vehicle costs. Vehicles are assessed based on a couple of factors. The first is, of course, what it is worth on the market. However, there is another determinant of these rates—the standard value. Under current law, PVAs must use a standardized measure when assessing the value of motor vehicles for tax purposes, defined by statute as the "average trade-in value." However, since 2009, the Department of Revenue has defined "average trade-in" to mean a higher valuation of "clean trade-in." In simple terms, you might be driving a car in decent condition, but they are taxing you for a vehicle in far better shape.

As I mentioned, this is particularly troubling because we are all aware that the cost of vehicles has increased dramatically over the past year. In fact, economists cite it as one of the leading factors in the inflation we face today.

The bill we approved on Wednesday of this week, HB 6, would require Property Valuation Administrators (PVAs) under the Kentucky Department of Revenue to use the average trade-in value as the standard measure for assessing a vehicle's value for tax purposes. This is a common sense change that simply ensures the administration follows the intent of existing law. As passed, the bill allows taxpayers to pay the 2021 amount in 2022, rather than the increased amount. The measure also requires that the difference between the two amounts be refunded to anyone who already paid motor vehicle tax this year.

HB 6 would clarify that the PVA must have appropriate documentation from the vehicle registrant showing the vehicle does not fit the standard definition if a different value is used to assess a vehicle, for example, when improvements or special features have been added that increase value. Many Kentuckians are already facing rising costs on groceries and other necessities. The last thing they need is for their own state government to get greedy and take advantage of the supply shortage to collect more taxes. HB 6 is now in the Senate awaiting their consideration. I would like to see it move to the Governor's desk quickly to avoid further overpayments by Kentuckians.

As always, I can be reached here at home anytime, or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Josh.Bray@LRC.KY.GOV. If you would like more information, please visit the LRC website www.legislature.ky.gov.



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### Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club meets each Thursday at noon at the Snack Shack dining room. 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.

**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

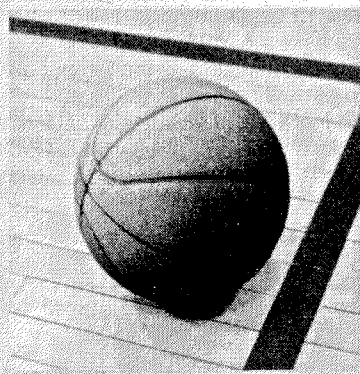
The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

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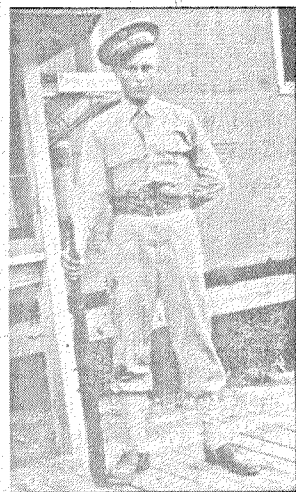
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# Obituaries

## James William Prewitt

James William Prewitt, 96, died Sunday, February 6, 2022. He was born September 22, 1925, the son of Logan and Mary Prewitt. He retired from Sterns and Foster after 32 years and was a World War II Army Veteran and a POW MIA. He was a devoted Christian and father who enjoyed gardening, woodcraft, fishing, and baseball. He even spent some time coaching his grandchildren.



He was the loving father of Billie (Andrea) Prewitt, Joy Ann (Tom) Bowman, and Berlean (the late Robert) Iseral and brother of Charlene Reynolds. James is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great

grandchildren. James is preceded in death by his parents, Logan and Mary Prewitt, his wife Rosie Prewitt, son Ova (Buster) Clonze, and most of his siblings.

Funeral services were held at Hodapp Funeral Home in West Chester, OH on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Burial was in West Chester TWP Cemetery following the service.

The family would like to say a special thank you to The Wood Glen community for all their support and assistance. Memorial donations can be made to Wood Glen or Crossroads Hospice in his honor.

Obituary courtesy of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.hodappfuneralhome.com](http://www.hodappfuneralhome.com) for more information.

## Brenda Kay Holsing

Brenda Kay Holsing, 60, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 7, 2022, at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. She was born September 14, 1961, in Mt. Vernon, to the late Cleborn Russell and Martha Rose (Bullock) Holsing. She was a member of the Cupps Chapel Holiness Church and loved shopping.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her three children, Shawn Holsing, Justin McKinney, and Samantha Naylor, all of

Mt. Vernon; 10 grandchildren, Timothy Holsing, Daniel Holsing, Brianna Holsing, Brittany Holsing, Haley Holsing, Lexus Naylor, Trenton Naylor, Sawyer Dees, Tucker Napier, and Stormie Bishop; one brother, Larry Holsing (Marie) of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Linda Francisco of Livingston; one special niece, Angela Samples (Stephen); as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one grandchild, Ayden Naylor and one sister, Anna Belle Holsing.

Services were held Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Cupps Chapel Holiness Church with Bro. Dwayne Carpenter officiating. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Card of Thanks

Benny Cromer, April Cromer McGuire and Ryan McGuire

The family of Benny Cromer, April Cromer McGuire and Ryan McGuire would like to express our gratitude for the love and kindness shown to us in our time of sorrow. What an awesome community we live in! Thanks to all that sent food, flowers and love, you will never know what you mean to each of us. Thank you to Rockcastle Regional Hospital staff, Dr. David Bullock, and Dr. Mary Saylor Joenborg for your excellent treatment of our loved ones! Thank you to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals (Doug Hughes and Jill Franklin) for your love and compassion during this difficult time. Toby Mullins, Marvin Cromer, Lonnie McGuire, and Christopher McGuire for the loving words of comfort. A Big thank you to Rockcastle County Schools especially Brodhead Elementary for loving our sweet boy Sam! I have always said I could never imagine living anywhere else, the love and support from this community has made this even more true for me.

Again we thank you,  
The Cromer & McGuire Family

## Raymond "J.C." Griffin

Raymond "J.C." Griffin, 74, of Livingston, died Saturday, February 12, 2022, at his residence. He was born September 16, 1947, in Red Hill, a son of the late Henry and Rosa Bond Griffin. After being drafted at the age of 18, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for several years. On June 8, 1969, he was united in holy matrimony to Lela Kay Peters, and they enjoyed 50 years together, prior to her passing in 2020. He retired from Okonite after working there for over 30 years. He was a member of Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his two daughters, Lisa Faye Blackburn and David, and Sherry Ann Newcomb and James, all of Livingston; six grandchildren, Jordan Blackburn, Jessica Miller, Madelyn Newcomb, Caitlyn Campbell, Andrew Newcomb, and Carley Newcomb; great grandchildren, Brent Miller, Jasey Bowles, and Aiden Miller; special nephews, Gary and James Griffin; as well as a host of many friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by nine siblings, Earl, John, Jack, Jr., Charles, Ambrose, Buster, Maude, and Matty Griffin.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Jack Carpenter officiating. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

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### Lack of Knowledge

In the long ago, God visited a core reason why his people had become weak and failed in their life service on this earth. Truth had eluded them at their own choosing. *Hosea 4:6* My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. To be free we know we must obey the truth. *John 8:32* Ye shall know the truth and the truth set you free. A lack of truth will put one into slavery and spiritual bondage. Bondage of the soul gains dominance from a lack of study. Throughout the Bible there are warnings for those who fail to read and study the Bible. We need to exhort one another to read and study our Bibles.

There is not enough time spent today in studying the holy scriptures Jesus said once, *John 5:39* Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Any man who will not search the scriptures to see that Jesus Christ is who he says that he is, truly does not want eternal life, because there is evidence of who Jesus is, from beginning to the end.

The Bible tells us the Bereans were nobler than those at Thessalonica, in so much so they searched the scriptures daily to see if those things the preacher was preaching was so. *Acts 17:11*. I wonder how many folks picks up their Bible daily and studies the word of God, or how many checks to see if what the preacher has preached, is true.

The apostle Paul in his training of Timothy told him, *2 Timothy 2:15* Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. I wish we could see how important it is to study the word of God and grow in the knowledge of this Book, how much better our lives would become. And again, he told Timothy to give himself to reading the scriptures.

We need to remember knowledge is not given, but it is gained through study and prayer, of this holy book. Hopefully, we remember what God told his people of long ago in *Hosea 4:6* My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens). Thank you for reading this article submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. [ovabaker@windstream.net](mailto:ovabaker@windstream.net)

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### What are the Mercies of God?

In *Romans 12:1-2* The apostle says this, Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

V2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let's look at just a few of the mercies of God, hopefully these will make us want to be a living sacrifice unto God:

- 1) Justification from the guilt and penalty of sin because Christ paid our sin debt in full;
- 2) Adoption in Jesus Christ, to be identify with him and to be a joint heir with him;
- 3) Placed under grace, not under the law;
- 4) Giving the Holy Spirit to live within;
- 5) Promise of help in all afflictions;
- 6) Assurance of standing in God's election and receiving a righteous judgement;
- 7) Confidence of the coming glory of heaven, in a place where there is no more death or sadness;
- 8) Confidence of no separation from the love of God;
- 9) Confidence in God's faithfulness and willingness to forgive us, if we are willing to repent;
- 10) The blessings that come from being part of a congregation of the Lord's people.

Again, this is just a few of the mercies of God, you could probably compose your own list as well. God's mercies have been extended to all human beings, what will you do with them?

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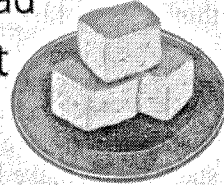
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## Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 21-CI-00003

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff

v.

James D. Howard aka James Darrell Howard, PNC Bank, National Association fka National City Bank, unknown heirs, Legatees and Devises of James D. Howard aka James Darrell Howard Defendants

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 24, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 25/100 (\$74,264.25) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, February 25, 2022  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:45 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot No. 17 of the Valley Manor Subdivision as shown on a plat of record in Plat Book 2, page 69, in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot.  
200 Liberty Drive, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.  
Map No. 046W-15-012

Being the same property conveyed to James D. Howard, single, by Deed dated September 2, 2011 and recorded on September 13, 2011 in Deed Book 236 Page 177 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
  2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
  3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
  4. The purchaser shall pay the 2022 local, county and state property taxes.
  5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
  6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
  7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
  8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
  9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
  10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
    - Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
    - All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.
    - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
- The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court

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## “Masks”

(Continued from front) appreciated board member Misty Lakes' vote against the mandate. "There is nothing that gives anyone the right to force others to wear a mask," she said, paraphrasing Lake's earlier argument against the mandate. "If you mandate masks you have chosen one side of this argument over the other and forced one side to obey the other."

Continuing the theme of angered parents attempting to remain calm, Heather Hancock strongly disagreed with the mandate. "You do not know what my child needs better than I do," she said. "If you don't drop this mandate tonight, I am afraid this fight is just beginning." This met with applause again from those present. Parents continued to disagree with mask mandates and said they would take their children out of the school system as long as masks were required.

Parents presented data and information that indicate masks on children cause more health issues than COVID among children. They also pointed out documented evidence that wearing a mask does not prevent COVID and suggested the mandate was placed without proper consideration of those facts or the parent's wishes. Some suggested the special called meeting was held in an effort to keep parents from attending the meetings to argue their points. Several board members strongly denied that suggestion.

More than one parent expressed that COVID mandates of any kind and such restrictions need to come to an immediate end. "Enough is enough" said Bethany Taylor. Another parent, Devin Taylor, quoted Thomas Jefferson saying, "If a law is unjust, a man is not only right to disobey, he is obligated to do so." Taylor continued "The definition of insanity is to repeat the same action and expect a different result. This is the same BS." referring to the mandate.

Some parents were clearly emotional that the mask mandate had been installed again and were clear that they believe parents have the right to make such decisions for their children, while school board members do not.

After the guests addressed the board, discussion began among board members. Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said when the mandate was installed there were 79 students who tested positive and Tuesday (the day of the meeting) there were 33.

She also presented the results of a survey, which was sent out the day before the meeting, asking parent's opinion on the mask mandate issue. "In that survey, 364 staff responded with 53.3% against the mandate and 46.7% in favor," she said. "There were 792 parents who responded. Of those 66.2% were against the mandate while 33.8% were in favor. "It is my recommendation that we remove the mask mandate and make wearing a mask optional for everyone," she said. The board approved the recommendation unanimously.

This does not apply to buses since wearing a

mask on all school buses is a federal mandate that the school cannot override.

Ballinger said the mandate was dropped the next day and all students and staff and visitors began making their own decision concerning whether to wear a mask. However, the board did agree that the decision was not guaranteed to last. Board members say they still hold the option to reinstall the mandate should there be another COVID outbreak or a new variant that is threatening the safety of the students, parents or staff.

Ballinger explained that this particular mandate installed on January 24 at the special meeting, was a very unusual circumstance. She said the number of teachers and staff that were out due to COVID at the time, had reached a critical point and if the mandate kept just one teacher from catching COVID, schools would not have to be closed. "We all agree that students need to be in school first and foremost," she said. One additional teacher catching COVID may have led to a closure, she said. Such a closure would have caused classes to be held into June.

A Booster Clinic will be available for anyone over the age of five on Friday, February 18, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the RockPed Clinic. The Pfizer booster will be available in cooperation with the Rockcastle Family Wellness Program and RockPeds. Adults may also receive the booster. For more information, go to [rockcastle.kyschools.us](http://rockcastle.kyschools.us).

## “Court”

(Continued from front) Holbrook, the payoff to KACO is about \$1.25 million.

### Courthouse doors

In other action, the court received approval from the Commonwealth of Kentucky to install four doors in the courthouse that would allow courthouse employees and visitors access to the elevator. "This is something we've needed for quite some time," said Holbrook. "We need to provide this access to our visitors." The letter states the cost of \$42,118 has been approved and would be reimbursed if the project is completed by June 30 of 2022. The court agreed to proceed.

### Road guidelines

After discussing several other housekeeping issues, the court discussed amendments to the guidelines for accepting roads into the Rockcastle County road network. There are two final issues before bringing the ordinance up for vote. The court voted to add a limit to where ponds or lakes may be located (within 100 feet of edge of the road) and a minimum bond of \$30,000 for developers. The ordinance is expected to receive first reading at the March regular meeting.

### Finances

The court also heard reports from Clontz concerning several areas of finance.

Clontz said the county was about \$75,000 "in the hole" after paying bills for the month. Clontz requested the court transfer \$175,000 from the occupational tax fund into the General Fund and then transfer \$60,000 from the Gen-

eral Fund into the Jail Fund. Clontz also asked for a transfer of \$5,000 and \$2,500 from the General Fund to the 911 Fund and the Fairgrounds Fund, respectively. The request was approved unanimously.

### Close

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

## “Lamb”

(Continued from front) shot a resident inside while others watched. The event has led police on a two-week search of the homes of some of Lamb's relatives and areas of the county where tips led officers.

Reports of police with searchlights and dogs have come from several residents, indicating a manhunt for Lamb in the Livingston area as well as other parts of the county.

Sources say Lamb has broken into other homes in the county and stolen drugs and money but police say those burglaries typically go unreported.

However, on a tip, police were able to locate one of Lamb's victims over the past two weeks. Upon interviewing that victim, Belew was positively identified as driving the car that brought Lamb to the home. After the victim was robbed at gunpoint, Belew then drove the escape vehicle, according to the complaint warrant.

The warrant said Lamb entered the home of the local victim, brandishing a firearm and de-

manded the victim empty his pockets. After the robbery, Lamb returned to the car and Belew drove away.

Police then received a warrant and arrested Belew but are continuing the search for Lamb. Anyone with information concerning Lamb's whereabouts is urged to contact the Kentucky State Police. As of Tuesday at press time, Lamb was still at large.

## “Chase”

(Continued from front) chase traveled north on I-75 until Haight turned onto exit 59 and then back onto the Interstate to exit 62 in Mount Vernon where the Mount Vernon

Police Department joined the chase.

Reports indicate the chase then led police to Lake Linville Road, where Haight drove into a yard and bailed out of the vehicle. After a foot chase, the suspect was arrested but the abandoned vehicle began to roll nearly striking some of the officers.

Haight was arrested and charged with speeding, fleeing or evading police, reckless driving, two counts of wanton endangerment, suspended license and receiving stolen property.

Haight also has other charges from an outstanding bench warrant. He is lodged in the Laurel County Detention Center.

### Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 21-CI-00118

**Land Home Financial Services, Inc.** Plaintiff  
**Wilfred Joseph Pichette, Jr.,  
Maria Pichette** Defendants

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on August 12, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$183,282.00) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, February 25, 2022  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:30 a.m.**

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:  
4181 Scaffold Cane Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Map ID# 055-00-038.20

Being the same property conveyed to Michael Joseph Pichette, a single person who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Evan Bradley Warrick, a single person and Lexie Elizabeth Warrick, a single person, dated February 27, 2020, recorded March 4, 2020, at Deed Book 272, Page 184, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records. Being the same property conveyed to Wilfred Joseph Pichette, Jr., no marital status shown, and Maria Pichette, no marital status shown who acquired title by virtue of an Affidavit of Descent from Michael Joseph Pichette, deceased, dated June 19, 2020, recorded June 20, 2020, at Deed Book 273, Page 126, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2022 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
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**John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

### Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 19-CI-00033

**Community Trust Bank** Plaintiff  
**Robert Blake Lovell, unknown spouse of  
Robert Blake Lovell, Vanessa Hasty and  
unknown spouse of Vanessa Hasty** Defendants

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 9, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FORTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SIX DOLLARS AND 66/100 (\$44,256.66) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, February 25, 2022  
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said real property and mobile home being more particularly described as follows:

301 Tincher Drive, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Map ID# 023E-03-044

All that parcel of land in city of Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Commonwealth of Kentucky, as more fully described in Deed Book 209, Page 266, ID# 023E-03-044, being known and designated as all that certain tract of land located in county of Rockcastle, State of Kentucky, to-wit:

Being Lot Number 44 as shown by Plat of lot divisions for Benton Bullock, Freedom School Road, dated October 7, 1993, of record in Plat Book 4, Page 162, Rockcastle County Court Clerk's Office. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot.

Mobile Home Description:  
1996 Fleetwood Mobile Home, VIN No. NFL527AB115605R12

Being the same property Grantor obtained by Deed dated July 30, 2003, from Benton Bullock and wife Teresa Bullock, of record in Deed Book 196, Page 34, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. By fee simple deed from Lorene Stephens, single as set forth in Book 209 Page 266 dated 03/02/2006 and recorded 03/08/2006, Rockcastle County Records, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
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**John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court**



# SPORTS

## Rockets defeat Mercer and Bell

The RCHS Rockets picked up two more wins this past week with victories over Mercer County and Bell County.

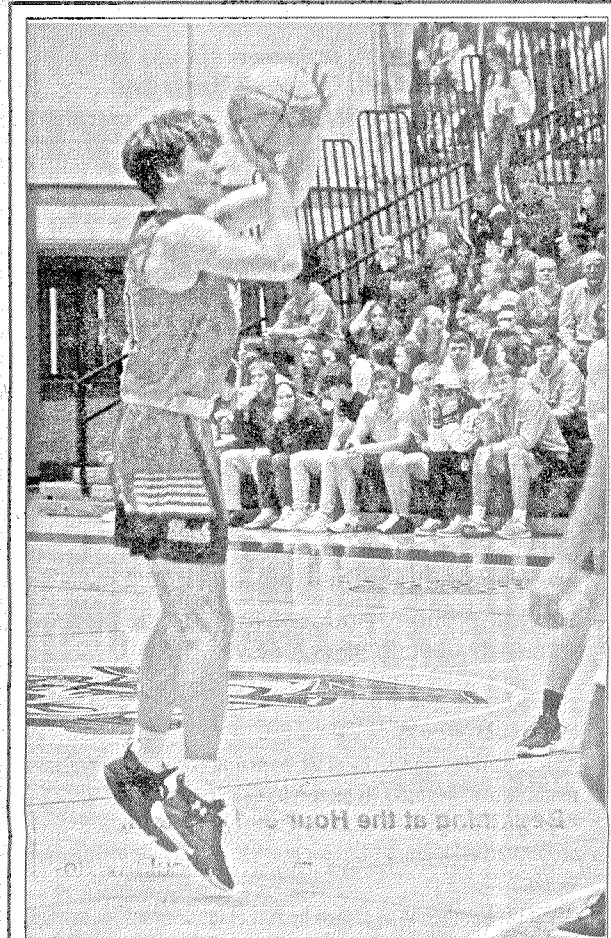
Bell County came to town Saturday and the Rockets handed the Bobcats only their fifth loss of the season with a thrilling 59-66 win in overtime.

Matthew Chasteen led his team with 21 points and 15 rebounds. Daniel Mullins scored 18. Reese

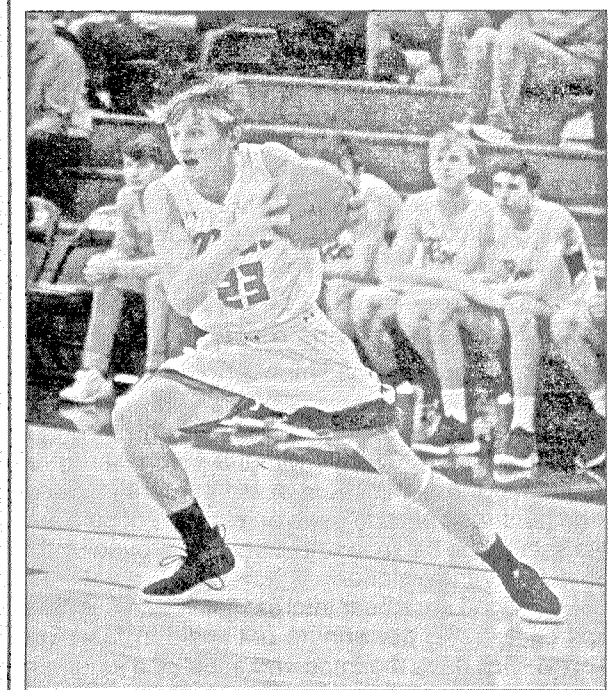
Coguer added 17. Drew Hopkins scored 10 and Jake Sanders added three.

Besides Chasteen's 15 rebounds, Coguer had five, Mullins and Sanders each had four, Kaden Kidwell added three, Hopkins and Skyler Durham each had two and Broedy Dunaway added one.

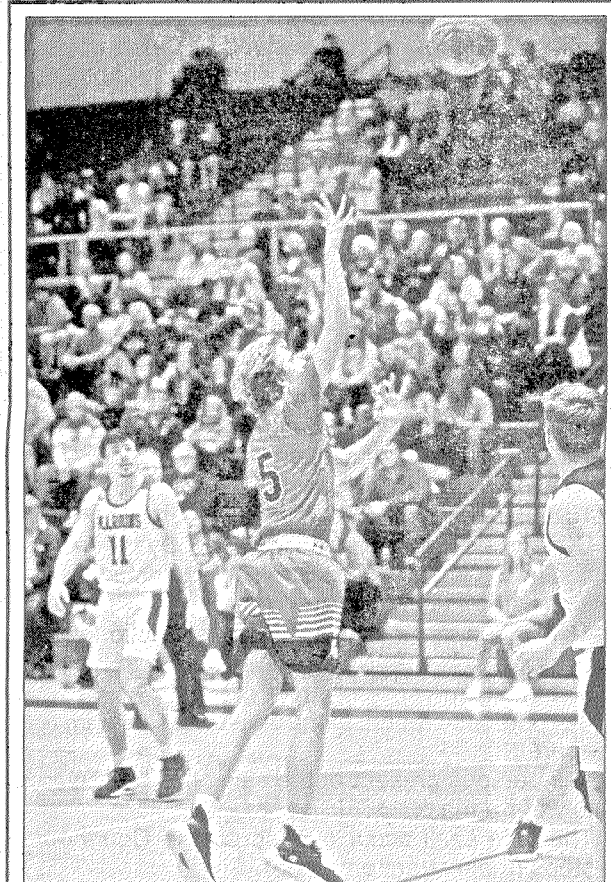
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Daniel Mullins led the Rockets with 26 points including five threes in the Rockets' win over Mercer County.



Matthew Chasteen had 21 points and 15 rebounds in the Rockets' overtime win over Bell County Saturday.



Drew Hopkins scored 22 points in the Rockets' win over Mercer County Friday.



## Coffey earns two first place champion titles

Kyle Coffey, a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and now shoots Collegiate Archery for the Union Bulldogs in Barbourville, traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada to compete in the 2022 Back to Vegas Shoot Indoor World Series Archery Tournament for the World Series Title on February 1st thru 7th. Kyle competed with archers who represented many states as well as different countries.

Kyle competed in the Men's Recurve Barebow 2-day World Series Tournament and walked away with the First Place Champion World Series Title in the Recurve Barebow Collegiate Division. As well as, First Place Champion in the 2nd Flight of the Recurve Barebow Division which consisted of both males and females of all ages.

He received two separate scholarships for his efforts.

Kyle will now compete the USA Archery Nationals in Georgia on February 11th thru the 14th.

Shown in the photo are: Kyle Coffey, Union College (center); Wallace Woodlief, Texas A&M -2nd place; and Vincent Truong, UCI Switzerland - 3rd place.

## Lady Rockets beat Garrard

The RCHS Lady Rockets had a couple of tough losses this past week but found love on Valentine's Day with a 55-40 win over Garrard County Monday.

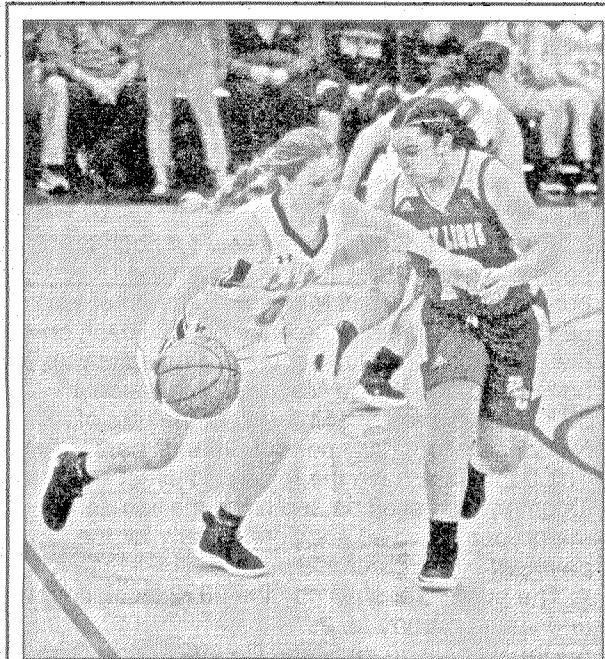
Against Garrard County, the Lady Rockets took a five point lead

### 47th District Tournament starts Monday at Casey

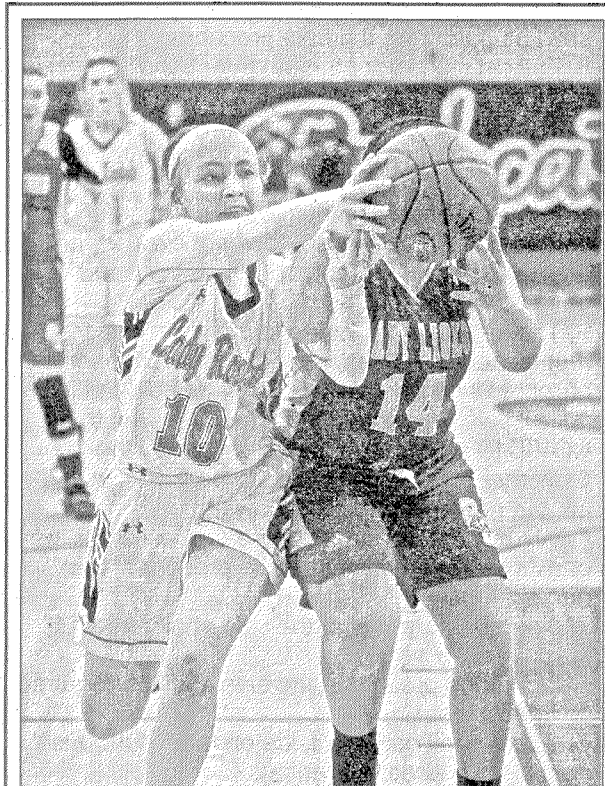
The 47th District Tournament games are set and will begin next Monday at Casey County High School. The Lady Rockets will take on Pulaski County Monday at 6 p.m.

The Rockets will face Somerset on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

The girls' final will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Casey County. The boys' final will be Thursday at 7 p.m. also at Casey County High School.



Makayla Coffey drives around a defender during the Lady Rockets' win over Garrard County.



Camryn Cash fights for a loose ball during the Lady Rockets' win over Garrard County.

into halftime, 30-25 behind some great balanced scoring.

The Rockets doubled up the Lady Lions 14-7 in the third quarter and head coach Chrysti Noble was able to clear her bench in the fourth quarter for the 55-40 win.

Talynne Shearer led her team with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Karlee Smith added 11 points. Camryn Cash scored 10 points. Abby Deleon gave the Lady Rockets a spark in the first half scoring eight points and picking off five rebounds. Addison McClure scored six points and had five boards. Haven King also had six points. Calleigh Burdette scored two points.

The Rockets struggled at the charity stripe hitting 10 of 21 and shot 20 of 45 from the field.

Mercer County handed the Lady Rockets a 68-38 loss Friday night.

The Lady Rockets fell behind 19-13 after the first quarter with Mercer County adding to their lead each quarter.

Karlee Smith was the

lone Lady Rocket in double figures scoring 12. Haven King added seven. Talynne Shearer scored five and pulled down seven rebounds. Calleigh Burdette and Addison McClure each scored four. Camryn Cash added two points and four rebounds. Macy Spivey and Abby Deleon each scored two points.

On Saturday, the Lady Rockets hosted Bell County and just never got their offense going scoring single digits in three of the four quarters.

Bell County took a 17-9 lead after the first quarter and extended their lead to 20 at half, 35-15.

Another big quarter gave the Bobcats a 58-21 lead after three. The fourth quarter was the only quarter the Rockets scored in double figures with 10.

Camryn Cash led her team with 10 points. Talynne Shearer scored seven. Abby Deleon added four. Taylor King, Haven King, Macy Spivey, Karlee Smith and Markley Richards all had

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Abby Deleon drives to the basket during the Lady Rockets' win over Garrard County.



RCHS sophomore Lexi Dotson had an absolutely outstanding day at the Eastern Indoors meet hosted by Louisville Eastern High School at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center on Saturday.

Lexi shattered the all-time school record in the one mile run, competing against an unbelievable field of competitors. Lexi placed 11th overall with an awesome new personal best and all-time indoor RCCHS record of 5:09.66. In the 800-meter run, Lexi had yet another awesome performance, placing 4th overall with an amazing all-time indoor personal best of 2:20.19. Her awesome day culminated with a very fast leg of the girls' 6th place finishing 4x400-meter relay.



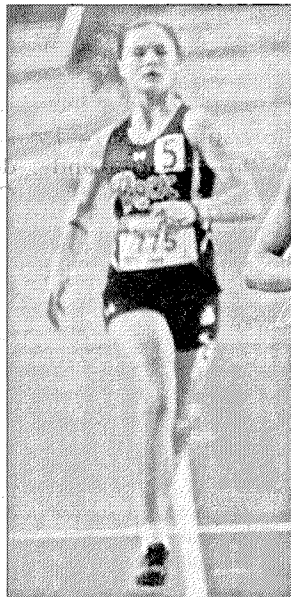
RCCHS junior Emma Watson had an amazing day at the Eastern Indoors meet hosted by Louisville Eastern High School at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center on Saturday.

In the 60-meter dash, Emma placed 22nd overall in a very fast field of competitors from Kentucky, as well as several different states. Her impressive time of 8.40 seconds was an all-time personal best in the event by over a tenth of a second. She followed that with an exceptional season's best performance in the 400-meter dash. She placed 13th overall with an awesome time of 1:04.46. In the 200-meter dash, she shattered her all-time personal best by over half a second, placing 26th overall with a fast indoor time of 28.26 seconds. She completed her awesome meet with a very fast leg of the girls' 6th place finishing 4x400-meter relay.



RCMS 7th grader Maliyah Swinney an amazing day at the Eastern Indoors meet hosted by Louisville Eastern High School at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center on Saturday.

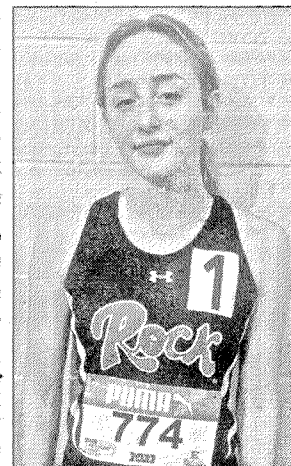
She was one of only a handful of middle school athletes that competed in the meet. In the 400-meter dash, Maliyah placed 26th overall in a very fast field of competitors, with an awesome time of 1:09.66. In triple jump, she made the finals and placed 7th overall with an amazing new overall all-time personal best of 31'10.25". She followed that with another exceptional performance in long jump. She placed 13th overall with an indoor all-time personal best of 14'10", just missing her overall best by 1.25". Maliyah completed her awesome meet with a very fast leg of the girls' 6th place finishing 4x400-meter relay.



The RCCHS girls' 4x400-meter relay team had an outstanding performance at the Eastern Indoors meet hosted by Louisville Eastern High School at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center on Saturday. The team placed 6th overall with an awesome time of 4:21.12, their fastest time ever in the event at the new Norton Center. With a few key team members missing, these four young ladies placed 15th in the overall team standings out of 75 schools that competed. Team members are from left: Lexi Dotson, Maliyah Swinney, Learn Reagan, and Emma Watson.

RCCHS freshman Learn Reagan had an amazing day at the Eastern Indoors meet hosted by Louisville Eastern High School at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center on Saturday.

In the 60-meter hurdles, her first race this season, she placed 11th overall, shattering her all-time personal best in the event by over four tenths of a second with an awesome time of 10.16 seconds. She completed her awesome meet with a fast, all-time personal best leg of the girls' 6th place finishing 4x400-meter relay.



## Rockets

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Friday night, the Rockets traveled to Mercer County and picked up an 80-72 win.

Daniel Mullins led the Rockets with 26, including five threes. Drew Hopkins added 22, including two threes. Jake Sanders scored 13. Matthew Chasteen had eight. Reese Coguer added seven and Broedy Dunaway scored four.

Sanders led the rebounding with seven. Chasteen had five. Hopkins, Mullins, Coguer, Kidwell and Dunaway each had two and Durham picked up one.

The Rockets were scheduled to host Wayne County Tuesday night.

Russell County comes to town Friday night in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets which is also senior night for both teams.

## Lady Rock

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two points each.

In jayvee action, Rockcastle defeated Bell County 58-30.

Camryn Cash led all scorers with 17. Macy Spivey scored nine. Ella McKinney added eight. Brylee Mullins scored six. Taylor King added five. Markley Richards and Haven King each scored four. Abby Deleon and Makayla Coffey each scored two and Savanna Santo scored one.

Monday night, the Lady Rocket jayvee up-ended Garrard County 58-14.

Macy Spivey led all scorers with 19. Taylor King scored 12. Camryn Cash added five. Savanna Santo, Abby Deleon and Rylee Smith each scored four. Markley Richards added three and Haven King scored two.

The Lady Rockets were scheduled to play South Laurel Tuesday and will host Russell County Friday night in a doubleheader with the Rockets. Seniors for both teams will also be honored on Friday.

## Upgrade

(Continued from front)

Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department.

### Utility truck

The state surplus utility truck will be replacing an older vehicle the Water and Sewer Department has been using but was very concerned about its longevity. "We desperately needed this truck and it can be used for a lot of things that the old truck just couldn't handle. It was on its last legs," said Water and Sewer Supervisor Shannon Cash. "Commissioner Brian Bullock agreed. "There is no doubt the city has to have a truck," said Bullock. "We have to repair water leaks and perform maintenance throughout the entire city and you can't do that without a work truck." The truck was paid for with funds received from the American Recovery Act.

### Hoop Barn

Also with funding from the American Recovery Act, the commissioners agreed to purchase a 40x60 hoop barn for \$10,400. "This will store the truck and the bobcat as well as city equipment and countless other items that would otherwise just be left outside," said City Clerk Becky Bussell. Cash said there are many uses for the structure that will save the city noticeable expense. "Also instead of buying

salt by the bag, we can now get a much better price buying in bulk and have a supply of salt stored in the new hoopbarn," he said.

The \$10,400 price tag is about \$4,000 less than the normal price since city workers will erect the structure, according to Bullock.

### Boyd Cat

The commissioners also received three bids on a new Bobcat type loader. Though it was not the lowest bid, Bullock recommended the Boyd Cat for several reasons, he said. "There's no doubt this is the best deal," Bullock said. "Not just because its load weight is more and it better serves our specific needs, but we also have a relationship already with the people we would be working with and they have always been easy to work with when it comes to repairs or ordering parts." At the state contract price of \$61,000, and the additional equipment loads all commissioners agreed this was the best offer. The vote passed unanimously.

### Fire engine

Commissioners also heard from Fire Chief John Dyehouse who had expressed an interest in selling two of the current fire engines to help with the purchase price of a newer, better equipped engine. Dyehouse had found the truck that serves the needs of his department in Texas and asked the commission if they wish for him to move forward.

Commissioners told Dyehouse to move ahead and sell one of the existing trucks and use the money to hold the newer \$161,000 engine until more funding was available. In order to meet state guidelines, the department must keep two fire engines at all times. Dyehouse said he plans to sell two of the three engines currently owned and purchase the newer, improved engine. But he will sell one existing engine to hold the newer engine and then sell the other existing engine once funding has been fully obtained, leaving the department with two, newer, computerized fire engines.

Dyehouse said he believes the community would be better served with two up-to-date computer operated, modernized trucks than with the current three older style engines.

The commission agreed to consider funding options and suggested Dyehouse begin negotiations with the Texas owner for the best possible price and sell one of the existing engines for the deposit.

### Audit

Commissioners also discussed the city audits which are two years behind. Bullock said the audits must be brought up to date by March or other action will be taken. He could not specify details about those options but expressed his discontent with the company that he says should have had the audits done by now.

### Water meters

Commissioner also received the price list for all supplies to install new water meters. The cost for materials was listed at \$754 but Bullock said that does not include the rock, the blacktop or the labor. The commission agreed to raise the price of installing new meters from the current \$750 to \$1,000 each. The last raise in price was about eight years ago, according to Bussell.

### Water leak

The Water and Sewer Department also made a plea to the general public. "It would really help if everyone would keep an eye out for an unusual wet spot in the ground or a loss in water pressure in your home or business. We have a ma-

may take months before they show up on top of the ground. No representative of the police department was available for the meeting but commissioners said they speak with the two officers daily and the department is going very well and the two officers are "making Brodhead a safer place to live." Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 19-CI-00254

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff  
V.  
Christy Lynn Bailey, David Ray Bailey Defendants

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 18, 2022 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND 47/100 (\$80,833.47) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, February 25, 2022  
Beginning at the Hour of 11:15 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Lot #20 as shown on Plat of William K. Cummins, et al., phone No. 2 recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 262 (Slide 487) in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office. Reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

Said lot is improved with a 2000 Sunset Bay, Brilliant 48' X 28' Mobile Home, Serial No. BHAL09495AB. Affidavit of Conversion of record in Misc. Book 45, Page 2, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

108 Shady Lane, Berea, KY 40403.

Map No. 040-00-048.10

Being the same property conveyed to David Ray Bailey and Christy Lynn Bailey, husband and wife, by Deed dated November 19, 2018, of record in Deed Book 267, Page 106-108 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court.

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

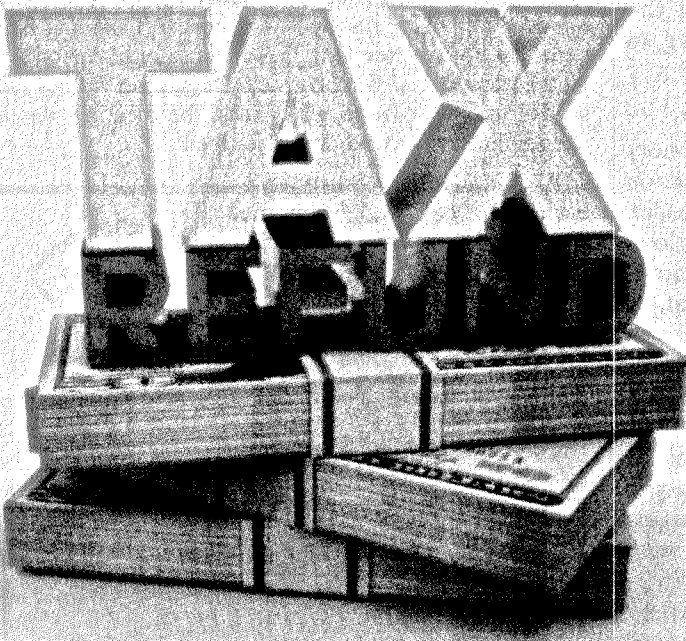
1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
  2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
  3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
  4. The purchaser shall pay the 2022 local, county and state property taxes.
  5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
  6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
  7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
  8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
  9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
  10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
    - Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
    - All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.
    - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
- The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court



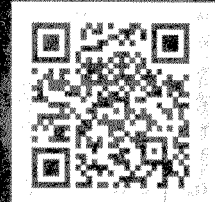
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## A tribute to Rockcastle's James Prewitt

### WWII Prisoner of War

By Jennifer Prewitt Abney

As I was growing up I often heard stories about my dad's brother, James Prewitt, serving in World War II. I studied WWII in history classes throughout elementary, high school and college. In 2008, I had the opportunity to hear my uncle talk about his personal experiences of his tour of duty leading up to and during the war. Until that day, I never understood how terrible one man's experience could be.

James William Prewitt registered with the Selective Services on September 22, 1943, on his eighteenth birthday. Around the first of November of that year, he was called to be examined for the United States Army. He left the small community of Bloss and was sent to Fort Thomas, Kentucky. After a short stay, James went to Camp Croft near Spartanburg, South Carolina for twenty-one weeks of training.

James came home to Mount Vernon for a ten day furlough before going to Camp Atterbury, located just south of Indianapolis in Edinburg, Indiana where he trained for a month. He was then sent to Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he received two sharp shooter awards. There, he was reassigned to the 106th Infantry Division Company B as first gunner. His assignment with the 106th Infantry Division took him to Camp Kilmer in central New Jersey for training before going to England.

James spent approximately six months fighting battles in France before going to Germany. James traveled by train from France to Germany. James' assignment was as first gunner of an 81mm mortar, which is a muzzle-loading high angle of fire assault weapon.

James and his company of approximately five hundred men had dug in and were set to take on a little town called

Bleialf, Germany. Night had fallen, so they decided to wait till break of day before making entry. The next morning, December 16, 1944 the Battle of the Bulge began and his company was sitting in the middle of the German advance.

The Battle of the Bulge was the bloodiest of the battles that U.S. forces experienced in World War II. The 19,000 Americans dead were unsurpassed by those of any other engagement. Most of the American casualties occurred with the first three days of the battle, when two of the U.S. 106th Infantry Division's three regiments were forced to surrender. James recalls that of the five hundred members of his company, only ninety-nine survived the battle and were taken Prisoner of War by the Germans. James suffered a gunshot wound during this battle.

James and the other POWs spent the next seven days and seven nights walking to a train. The weather was freezing cold. They were given nothing to eat or drink. Occasionally they would find water in horse tracks and they would drink from it. They grew weak from walking and nothing to eat. The POWs made it to the train that would take them to a prison camp in Bad Orb, Germany. The camp was called Stalag IX-B.

James described the prison camp as cold, at times thinking he would freeze to death. Their beds were like troughs on the wall, filled with hay or straw to sleep on with no blanket for covering. The beds were stacked three high on the wall with a ladder to climb up.

The prisoners were given little to eat, being fed only once a day. Their plates were their helmets.

Each evening they were given watery potato soup with horse meat and a piece of stale bread. James saw prisoners starve to death, often losing their sanity before dying.

James remembers thinking that he would also die of starvation in the camp. He says he was close to death when his rescue came in late June 1945, six months and fourteen days after being captured. Of the ninety-nine prisoners in his company, less than twenty survived.

The POWs could hear the gun fire within the camp before their rescue. They were so weak: they had to be carried out of the camp. Truckloads of food were brought in, but they were still given small portions of food at first. He said they had to gradually build up their portions to keep from getting sick. Eventually, they could eat a normal size meal.

James weighed approximately 170 to 180 pounds when he left the United States. When he was rescued from the prison camp, he weighed 90 pounds. After returning to the United States, James was allowed to come back home to Mount Vernon for a few weeks. He said when he got home he was still "nothing but skin and bones." As unhealthy as he appeared, his family was glad to see him alive. For more than six months, his family had been told that James had been killed.

When James returned to duty, he was sent to Miami, Florida where he spent the next few months recuperating before going to North Carolina. There, he was honorably discharged from the United States Army and was sent home. Al-

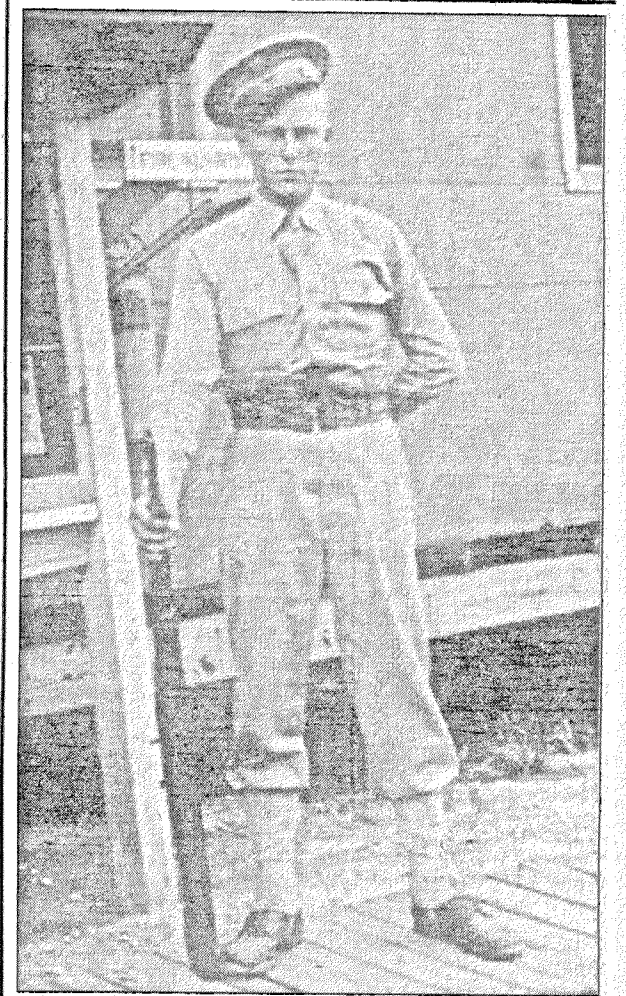
though James wanted to return to the war, his parents, Logan and Mary Prewitt, refused to allow him.

James received two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, a Sharp Shooter Medal, a Sharp Shooter Badge, Good Conduct Medal, European Eastern Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, WWII Victory Medal and an Honorable Service Lapel Button.

On April 2, 1946 James married the former Rosie Mink. They moved to West Chester, Ohio where James retired from Stearns and Foster after 32 years. James and Rosie had two sons, Bill and Buster and two daughters, Joy Ann and Berlean. He was a devoted Christian and father who enjoyed gardening, woodcraft, fishing and baseball. He even spent time coaching his grandchildren.

He lost his wife in 1989. James moved to Rockcastle County in 1993 and enjoyed being near his brother and sisters the next several years. As his health began to deteriorate, James made the move back to Ohio in 2012 to be with his children and grandchildren.

James William Prewitt passed away on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at the age of 96. He was born in Rockcastle County on



James Prewitt served in World War II.

September 22, 1925 to Logan and Mary Bullock Prewitt.

James leaves behind one son, Bill (and Andrea), two daughters, Berlean (and late Robert) Iseral and Joy Ann (and Tom) Bowman. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, one sister, Charlene Reynolds of Mount Vernon, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Rosie Mink Prewitt, one son, Ova (Buster) Clontz, two

brothers, Gilmer Prewitt and J.M. Prewitt and six sisters, Lola Prewitt, Cordie Harper, Irene Reynolds, Rissie Cummins, Bronith Mink and Rosie Cromer.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 10 at Hodapp Funeral Home in West Chester, Ohio. Burial was in the West Chester Township Cemetery.

Though we are deeply saddened by James' passing, we know he is resting in the presence of our Lord and we can all be reunited with him again someday.

## School Board meeting

### Classes on President's Day

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Rockcastle County School Board meeting last week was filled with action concerning the now-cancelled mask mandate (see related story) and good news from Finance Director Jenny Sweet. "The Rockcastle County School District has been approved for a federal grant for \$939,588 from the United States Rural Utilities Service," she said. "This was a very competitive grant and we will be able to do a lot of good with those funds."

The funds must be used in the area of mental health and Sweet said it is also a part of a collaboration with Rockcastle Regional Hospital, RockPed and Somerset Mountain Health Organization. Sweet said she will be discussing possible other grants avail-

able for the school district in the near future.

The meeting opened with Principal Dustin McClure providing over an hour-long presentation explaining in minute detail the workings, operations and procedures of the Rockcastle Academy for Academic Achievement (RAAA).

The board also approved Sweet's recommendation to retain Hartford Insurance at the same \$74,997 rate for the same coverage as last year. Sweet said the insurance is a secondary insurance program that supplements the primary insurance on issues such as parent copays. "This is a big help to a parent and it covers a wide range of needs," she said.

In other action the board also approved an amendment to this year's school calendar. Marcus Reppert, Director of Stu-

dent Services, recommended the students attend school this year on President's Day since there have been 10 missed days already. "We are trying to keep the last day of school from June and if we have school on President's Day and there are no more big surprises, we should be able to have the last day of school on May 27," he said. The board approved the amendment.

The board also held, and approved, the second reading of the 2022-23 school calendar. There were no changes from last month's first reading.

The board also agreed to hire an additional special education teacher at Brodhead Elementary. "There are currently 60 students and four teachers," said Superintendent Carrie Ballinger. "In or-

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**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to Aaron Hansel located at 2834 Ottawa Rd., Brodhead, KY. Violators will be prosecuted. 52x5

**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 52x28

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

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22pd)

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LIL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33x3

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x50p

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

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

**Posted:** Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguier at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

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

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**Notice is hereby given** that Crystal Lee Dees, 3906 Boonesboro Rd., Richmond, KY 40475 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of King ORay Rowland on the 31st day of January, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Crystal Lee Dees or to Blevins Law, 400 Richmond Rd. North, Ste C, Berea, KY 40403 on or before July 31, 2022. 52x3

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**Notice is hereby given** that Tammy Renay Gibbons, 496 Poplar Gap Road, Orlando, KY 40460 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Hardin Gibbons on the 31st day of January, 2022. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Tammy Renay Gibbons or

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**Notice is hereby given** that Bill McKinney 1445 Ottawa School Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409 and Danny McKinney 152 McKinney Heights, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of Darrell McKinney on the 1st day of February, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Bill McKinney and Danny McKinney or to Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 31, 2022. 52x3

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41501 on or before August 8, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m. 1x3

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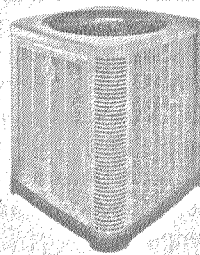
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Richard Mays and Delia Sue Reams-Mays, real property located on West Main St., to Elisha M. York. Tax 145.00

Estate of Luther Bustle, real property located on old Brodhead Rd., to Everett Wayne Mullins. Tax 85.00

Barbara Ballinger, real property located on Buffalo Hollow Rd., to Jeffery Carlton and Sierra Lucina Thomas. Tax 142.00

James Hursey, III, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Dominic Joseph Papafio. Tax 12.00

Larry and Tojnia Kidwell, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Robert Lee Owens, Jr.

Expansion Investments, LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Savannah Neeley and Isaac McClure. Tax 35.00

Roy Miller, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Greg and Sherry Hagan. Tax 10.00

Richard Family Real Estate, LLC, real property located on Red Foley Rd., to Renfro Valley Camp Resort, LLC and Merry E. Motley. Tax 3,615.00

Mark D. Underwood, real property located in

C.L. "Lafe" Owens Subdivision, to John and Nana Beth Tripp. Tax 150.00

James Edward and Casey Todd and Trevor Todd, real property located in Evergreen Estates, to Eddie R. Combs. Tax 185.00

Bryan Herb Pheanis, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jake D. and Jennifer R. Middleton. Tax 260.00

Robert Donald and Carolyn Sue Hopkins, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Stephen J. Wnek. Tax 375.00

Jim Neely, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Danny and Gaylen Settles. Tax 170.00

Expansion Investments, LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to David and Tara Carpenter. Tax 69.00

Patricia S. Pruitt, real property located in City of Brodhead, to Anthony Boone Saylor. Tax 8.00

Amanda P. Hopkins and Kelsey Cummins, real property located on US 25, to Kenneth James Morgan, Jr. Tax 180.00

Marcia Joy Book, and others, real property located in Chiant Lear Farm, to James Paul and Christy Ann Carr. Tax 190.00

Faye Rigsby, real property located in Wildie Quadrangle, to Michael M. and Patricia G. Brown. Tax 3.50

James Miller, and others, real property located in Chiant Lear Farm, to William Jeff and Jamie Lee Isaacs. Tax 125.00

Kaci Brown, real property located in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Nathan Elkins. Tax 270.00

Debbie Woodall, real property located in Mountain View Estates, to Judy Mitchell. Tax 7.00

## Marriage Licenses

Teresa Lynn Caldwell, 53, Mount Vernon, factory, to Fred Daniel Morris, 69, Mount Vernon, retired. 1-27-22

Chastity Renise Sparks, 45, Berea, nurse to Brian Ray Hicks, 41, Berea, truck driver. 2-4-22

## Circuit Civil Suits

Frederick Riffel, et al, vs. Brittany Snedegar, et al, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, et al, vs. Rosalyn B. Broaduss, complaint for child support and medical support.

Courtney Nicole Cockrell vs. Zachary Alexander Cockrell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Westlake Services, LLC vs. Natasha Taylor, complaint.

Credit Corp Solutions, Inc. vs. Karen Lindsey, complaint.

Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Wes Noe, complaint.

Heritage Acceptance Corporation vs. Juanita A. Cope, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Billy J. Chadwell, complaint for child support and medical

support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Robert Watkins, complaint for child support and medical support.

Cabinet for Health and Family, et al, vs. Elbert Harris, complaint.

Lois Michelle Denny Valenzuela vs. Luis Alber Valenzuela, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Joshua Thomas Renner vs. Samantha Christine Lee Renner, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Melinda Healy, et al, complaint.

Mark Hopkins vs. Shana Hopkins, et al, visitation.

Sierra Pacific Mortgage Company, Inc. vs. Mary H Wright, et al, foreclosure.

Hila Katina Brock vs. Eric Brown, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Raymond Z. Poynter vs. Southside Auto Sales, et al, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jason Napier, complaint for child support and medical support.

Wood Finance Inc. dba Premier Acceptance vs. Richard Morgan, complaint.

Central Bank & Trust Co. vs. Sara A. Adams, complaint.

Shafer's Auto Body, LLC vs. Scottie Denney, et al, complaint.

Judy Mitchell vs. Anola Davis, et al, complaint.

Linda Rhodus vs. Dwight Griffie, et al, complaint.

Crystal Owens vs. Debra K. Owens, petition for dissolution of marriage.

George Wagers vs. Stephen R. Hotchkiss, et al, complaint.

## District Civil Suits

Billy J. Howard vs. Raymond Hullins, forcible detainer complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Pamela Sowder, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Barbara Johnson, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Karen Rowe, complaint.

Zac Wynn vs. Tim Anderkin, forcible detainer complaint.

Valley View Apartments vs. Ciana Owens, forcible detainer complaint.

Larry Newcomb vs. Sonya Floyd, forcible detainer complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Estel McFerron, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Thomas Renner, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Jennifer Hardin, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Brittany Smith, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Stacie Smith, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Franklin Daugherty, complaint.

Valley View Apartments vs. Heather Payne, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Joel Lakes, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Rodney Yaden, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Tina Meade, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Gladys Hasty, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Latoya Lamb, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Teresa Herbst, complaint.

## "School"

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der to meet federal and state requirements, we have to add a special ed teacher," she said. "Especially since we expect more students very soon."

The board also heard the Superintendent's Personnel action report. It is as follows:

### Full time certified employees hired

Jennifer Cook, teacher at RES; Kevin Mullins, teacher at RCMS; Lisa Noe, academic interventionist at BES.

### Full time classified employees hired

Rebecca Jones, cook/baker at RCHS; Emily Jones, cook/baker at RCMS; Robert Ledington, assistant baseball coach at RCHS; Aaron McNabb, paraprofessional football coach at RCHS; Jason Alcorn and Chris Hendrickson, volunteer bass fishing team boat captains at RCHS.

### Resignations

Melissa Feldman, Lauryn Carpenter and Steven Nelson, substitute teachers; Savannah Suffridge, substitute bus monitor.

### Retirements

Stacy Gentry, teacher at the academy.

### Certified

#### substitutes hired

Ralph Swenson and Rebecca Swenson, substitute teachers.

### Classified

#### substitutes hired

Donna Mahaffey, substitute bus monitor.

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As of March 2022, I have chosen to pursue new ventures outside of dentistry. I am very happy to welcome another caring, experienced, and hometown dentist, Dr. Lura Cash, to the practice.

Dr. Cash is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School, the University of Kentucky, University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, and she completed a post graduate residency at Miami Valley Hospital. I am fully confident in Dr. Cash's clinical and interpersonal skills, and I know she will be a wonderful successor to lead Rockcastle Family Dental Center.

Please rest assured that your dental care will continue uninterrupted at Rockcastle Family Dental Center as Dr. Cash transitions into the role as lead dentist.

I wish the best for Dr. Cash, Rockcastle Family Dental Center, and Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center in the years to come. I continue to have the greatest confidence in the care of this fantastic group of practitioners, and I will continue to be a patient myself.

Sincerely,

Amy Parsons Partridge, DMD



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