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COVID improving
 For the first time in three months, there are some orange zones in Kentucky. Though Rockcastle is still listed as a "red zone" with an incident rating of 80.4, according to the KYCOVID website, that is considerably lower than last week's rating of 162. A county must rate at 25 or less to be considered in the orange zone.

Mount Vernon meeting
 The Mount Vernon City Council monthly meeting is planned for tonight, Thursday, February 24 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The regular meeting time last month was planned as a Zoom meeting but was then changed to in-person and then postponed to tonight. The public is invited to tonight's special called meeting. The deadline to choose the new council member is tonight.

RCIDA meeting
 The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority is scheduled for Monday, March 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Shooting

Local man shot in chest

By: Mike French
 Editor

Donnie Lamb, 57, of Mount Vernon was arrested Saturday, after he allegedly shot George Davis, 74, of Mount Vernon.

According to a Kentucky State Police press release, 911 received a call Saturday evening

concerning a dispute between neighbors on Three Oaks Road in Rockcastle County. Upon arrival, an investigation led officers of KSP Post 11 to believe that Lamb had shot Davis in the chest one time.

Lamb was arrested at the scene and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where

he is currently held on a charge of assault in the first degree.

Davis was transported to the Rockcastle landing site in the Roundstone area where he was picked up and flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Davis

(See "Shooting" on A5)

Two juveniles accused of arson

Search underway

By: Mike French
 Editor

The Brodhead Police Department and fire department personnel are on the lookout for two juveniles suspected of arson, according to a report from

the Brodhead Fire Department.

The Brodhead Fire Department (BFD) was called to the Copper Creek Road area Sunday after a report of "two juveniles setting fires along Copper Creek Road," the report said.

While traveling to the suspected area, fire personnel were flagged by a resident in the area who told firefighters he had already extinguished one fire and he directed the firefighters to two other small fires that had been started along the road.

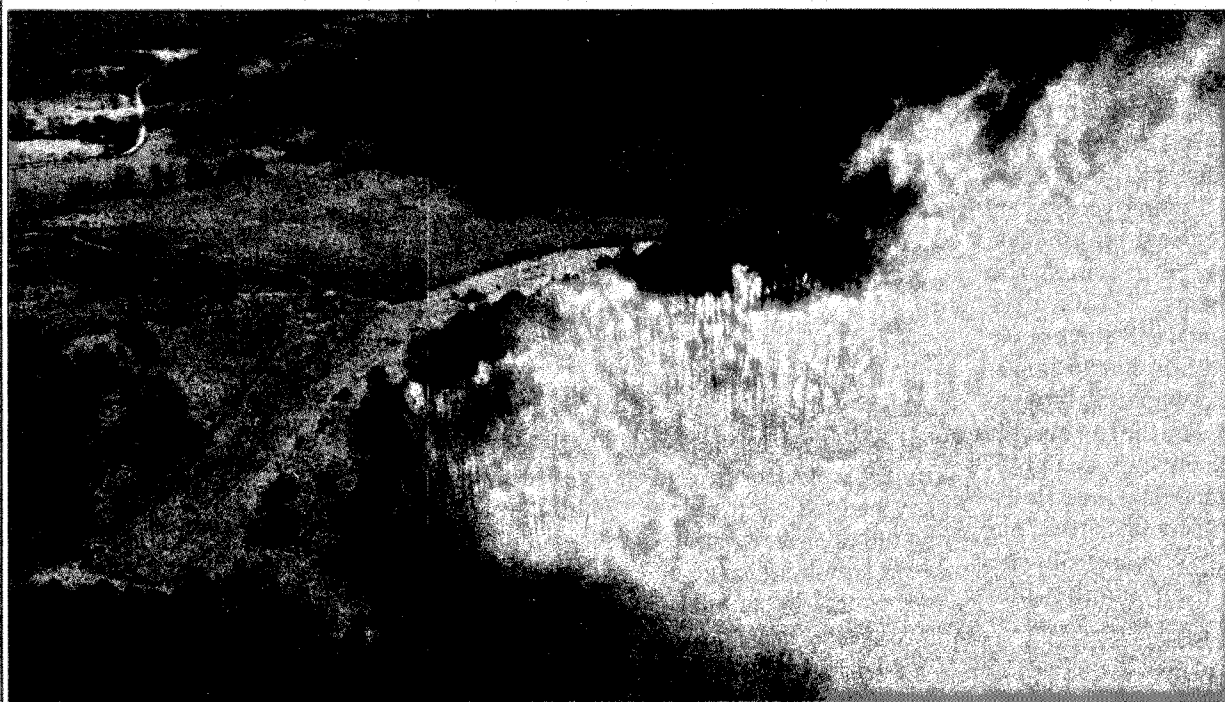
Firefighters located the other small fires and extinguished them without incident, according to their report, but the two juveniles were not located.

A search by the Brodhead Police Department and Lincoln County law enforcement for the two juveniles was conducted. Local residents say the two youths were last seen entering a thicket near a forest on Copper Creek Road.

The BFD was called to a structure fire on Copper Creek Road three days earlier. Upon arrival the structure was completely engulfed in flames. No injuries were reported but the structure was destroyed. The two inci-

(See "Arson" on A5)

Forest fire burns nearly 60 acres



By: Mike French
 Editor

High winds caused the unintentional grounding of a high voltage electrical transmission line, sparking a wild fire in the Sand Springs area Thursday, February 17th.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department rushed

to the scene and called the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Climax Fire Department and Brodhead Fire Department for assistance in containing the wind-driven fire.

All agencies had all available personnel on the scene fighting the quickly-spreading blaze.

Hanson Aggregates sent two bulldozers and

a local land owner volunteered his dozer to fight the fire.

Jackson Energy and Davis H. Elliot Line Crews worked repairing the burned lines and poles while firefighters fought the blaze with hand tools and heavy equipment.

After a seven hour battle, and the coopera-

tion of all crews, the blaze was extinguished and power was restored.

Major Adam Bales of the Mount Vernon Fire Department said every team worked together to fight the fire.

Over 50 acres of grassland and brushland burned.

Henshaw II gets 25 years in prison

For murder of step mother, tampering with evidence

By: Mike French
 Editor

George Henshaw II, 42, of Rockcastle County, has been sentenced to 25 Years in

prison for the murder of his stepmother Lois Henshaw, and tampering with evidence.

Commonwealth Attorney David Dalton said the

case was a difficult one. "This case was a tragedy all the way around," he said. "Mr. Henshaw is going to prison for a long, long time and maybe this

will give his father a chance to begin healing."

Henshaw II shot his stepmother at their residence on Potter Road in Rockcastle County in November of 2020. After an investigation by Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk, it was found that Henshaw II had used a 30.06 rifle to shoot his stepmother in the face after an argument.

Henshaw had admitted to using Methamphetamine and told police he would not have committed the crime "but for the Meth."

An investigation by the Kentucky State Police, the Mount Vernon Police Department and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department determined that Henshaw II had used the rifle that was confiscated during the investigation though he had claimed to have used a handgun.

A year later, Dalton announced that Henshaw II had pled guilty and the state would recommend a

25-year sentence. "We were fully prepared to go to trial," Dalton said. "The investigation was handled exactly the way it should have been and Detective Loudermilk and the police in every agency did a wonderful job. But when Mr. Henshaw (father of Henshaw II) was willing to let his son plead guilty, we just went in that direction so that the father could begin the healing process."

Dalton indicated the state may have been seeking much more than 25 years originally but was willing to accept the plea. "I can't imagine the position this father was in," Dalton said. "He misses his wife and now his son is going to prison. It is a tragic situation for him."

According to Dalton, Henshaw II received 20 years for the murder of his stepmother and five years for tampering with evidence. "The way it worked out, he will have

(See "Henshaw" on A5)

"I can't imagine the position this father was in,"
 David Dalton

Seventeen indicted by Grand Jury

A Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned 16 indictments Friday, January 28

Those indicted, and their offense/s were: Larry Cecil Hubbard, Jr., 43, of Brodhead, who was indicted for the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance including Fentanyl and Methamphetamine (meth), two counts while armed with a firearm.

His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Jacob J. Pearson, 27, of Mount Vernon, who was indicted for the offense of trafficking a controlled substance, including meth and possession of a fire arm by a convicted felon.

His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or prop-

erty. Randy W. Allen, 32, of Mount Vernon, was indicted for the offense of burglary, theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief. No bond was set at the indictment hearing.

Raymond Zachary Rose, 22, of Mount Vernon, was indicted for the offense of bail jumping.

His bond was set at

\$5,000 cash or property.

James R. Bretz, 54, of Brodhead, was indicted for the offense of rape by engaging in sexual intercourse with a female minor 12 years of age.

His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Darren Joe Bennett, 43, of Mount Vernon was indicted for the offense of wanton

endangerment for shooting a firearm in the direction of a person, two counts.

His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Frances K. Hensley, 35, and Darren Joe Bennett, 43, both of Mount Vernon were also both named in an indictment for the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance, including Fentanyl.

Their bonds were set at \$10,000 each, cash or property.

John Chris Newland, 43, of Brodhead, was indicted for the offense of possession of meth.

His bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property.

Jarrod Austin Poynter, 25, of Brodhead, was indicted for

(See "Indict" on A5)

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.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I am finally back in the office after a six-week hiatus to something, I'm still not sure what, that laid me low.

I tested negative for Covid so that was not the cause but whatever it was, at one point, I called the children and informed them that they needed to get there quickly if they wanted to see their poor old mother before her death. No kidding (I have the guilt trip format down pat by now), I felt that badly. They all responded, even Travis from Lexington, Allison from Springfield and Jane from Nicholasville besides the local three, Paige, Sara and Jamie.

I refused to go to the ER in the ambulance Allison called, I'm not quite sure why at this point, but then, with considerable fanfare, wound up in Dr. Stewart's office and then underwent several tests at the hospital for 10 hours. They were not conclusive but I decided at the end of that drama that I actually wasn't due to end my time on this earth. I managed to prolong the pampering by my children for several more weeks though.

Anyway, I am finally back to work and though a little "toddly," as my mother used to say, I think "the reports of my death were greatly exaggerated." (Mark Twain, maybe?)

One of the probably worst side effects of the illness, was that I had more time than usual to pursue my hobby of researching just how bad things are getting for Americans—under the

leadership of our "installed" (in my opinion) President Joe Biden.

Besides the worst inflation rate in decades, our southern border wide open for a couple of million of illegal immigrants, enforcement of a vaccine that in reality doesn't work at all as Americans are accustomed to vaccines working for polio, measles, whooping cough, etc and the penalties being enacted by our government on those of us who chose not to allow an experimental vaccine to be injected into our bodies.

The irony is that the vaccinated, and the government, are strident in their accusations that those of us who rejected the vaccine are responsible for the continuance of the alleged pandemic. They conveniently ignore those for whom THEY carved out exemptions from the vaccine for, such as 648,000 postal employees, pharmaceutical employees, FDA employees, the homeless, welfare recipients and the couple of million illegal immigrants who have crossed our southern border since Biden's inauguration and then been flown into different parts of our country, many of who use their outstanding warrant notifications for ID.

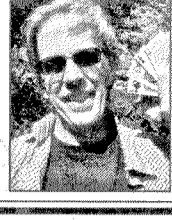
And, of course, don't forget that our government gave the vaccine makers a waiver exempting them from being held liable for any injury or death caused by the vaccine.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



It just sat there. It's not like it accomplishes anything really. I was never proud of it or disgruntled with it. In fact, it didn't really matter to me whether it was there or not. I barely even noticed it.

It was just a bedroom dresser. A piece of furniture. A rather dull brown dresser with four big drawers that held mom's and dad's socks and long underwear and other items. Two more smaller drawers were at the top side by side that held a hundred little things like old watches, and ink pens and a magnifying glass. I think I remember some hair pins and a tiny box with some earrings in it and, of course, an old black and white photo or two with coffee stains and ruffled edges.

It sat there as long as I can remember. All my childhood it was there and, as I grew older and moved away, it was still sitting there every time I came home to visit. Still, I never really noticed it.

Years ago, mom and dad bought a television for their bedroom and they had me set it up on the old dresser. I remember a couple of rings on the top that looked like a glass had set there and the wood had become wet. The television sat there on that old dresser and brought them entertainment at the foot of their bed every night.

I have no idea where it came from but it was always there so I know it must have been moved into the home of a newly married couple with their entire lives in front of them. It was most likely something they were proud to have as they decided where to put it and gently placed all their items in each drawer. 'I love our new dresser, honey,' I can imagine hearing.

Then, for the next 60 years, that same old dresser protected their items. They have opened those drawers thousands of times and dad even hid some money in there

from time to time.

Still, in all that time, I barely even noticed the dresser at all. It was just another piece of furniture.

Saturday was different. Saturday I stood in front of that dresser and stared at it for nearly half an hour. I noticed every tiny scratch or scuff mark. I opened the empty drawers and could almost picture mom's soft, fuzzy nightgown that she wore each night as we watched tv as a family. I could almost smell the scented candle that used to sit on top and I touched every brass handle and let it fall back into place.

Standing there in the Goodwill Store, I finally gently closed the drawers back and used my hand to wipe dust from the top one last time.

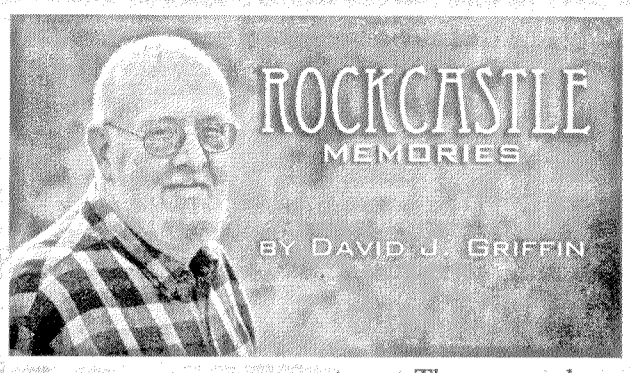
When we are young, we really have no idea how many things around us will be a huge part of our memory. What item near you at this moment will someday trigger a thousand memories? Memories not of things and items but of a time and place.

Dad passed away in 2011 and we have since sold the farm that he built with a shovel and a wheelbarrow. And, just last month, mom was placed in a facility where she can have the 24-hour care that she has to have.

So, we gathered up all her old furniture and coffee pots and clothes and tables and chairs and couches and lamps and countless other things, and took it all to the Goodwill store. We tried to give it all to friends and relatives but no one needed it and at least now someone will get use out of mom's stuff.

Of course I kept the old Bibles with personal notes inside, and the photos and a few things that I simply could not let go. But the old

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The Oldies Keep Coming

As noted in a previous column, my wife and I continue to notice the use of golden oldies in current television commercials. It seems that they keep reaching into the oldies bag, even relying on songs that pre-date our heydays. Here are the tunes we have made note of recently:

A summer anthem from 1968, "Grazing in the Grass" by South African jazz artist Hugh Masekela is featured in ads for Allstate insurance. Those from our generation remember the distinct sound of the cow bell which introduces the

tune. There was also a version of the song from 1969 performed by the Friends of Distinction, which added lyrics to the original instrumental.

Ketchup maker Heinz is using "This Magic Moment" for its ads. A release from the iconic Atlantic label, the song was first recorded by Ben E. King and The Drifters in 1960. It was released again in 1968 by Jay and the Americans.

A true oldie from the 1950's, "Hey Mambo" (aka "Mambo Italiano") is backing up commercials from Air B&B. Originally written for Kentucky's own Rose-

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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 devisees 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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blessed to live in Mt. Vernon...

Dear Editor,
 I am so blessed to be a Mt. Vernon resident. I wanted to be closer to Heaven and God so I moved here.

My name is John Joseph Skidmore, formerly of Trenton, MI and Zephyrhills, FL.

Years ago, I was thoroughly impressed with the area as have so many others been from around the world. I just love to sit at all the local restaurants and listen to the families say 'I made my money at Renfro Valley, along with my dear mother and grandmother.' I see so much potential for Renfro Valley as Boxcar Willie did

for Branson, MO and you know how that decision turned out for Branson.

I love to sit on my front porch and look across the street and see the picture of Dolly Parton and look at downtown and close my eyes and imagine an everything made in Kentucky store, an old fashion butcher shop, an old fashion candy store, a clothing store, a quilting store, a bakery and so much more. I would also love to see all the apartments above all the shops full.

God bless us all,
 John Joseph Skidmore
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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Waking up to a Special Day

Dear Journal,
 Last Monday was Valentine's Day. My Valentine's Day started when I got up and found my way to the kitchen. I don't usually really wake up until I've been stirring for about an hour. I usually go all the way through the house holding my back or legs or whatever is the afflicted member of the day and saying "O, my back", or whatever it is. "O, God I'm as stiff as a board this morning", and all of the rest that comes with it. Stanley had already gone to the kitchen and had begun letting the dogs out. Upon seeing me, he said, "Happy Valentine's Day", and gave me a box of candy and a very beautiful card. It was in the style he knew I would really love. It was a Victorian style and looked like it could have been made about a hundred years ago or more. He had written

some very touching sentiments on the inside as well. It was a nice start to my day and very appreciated. We had planned to go out to eat when the restaurants wouldn't be so crowded with people wanting to celebrate the day.

Later in the day I became curious and did some research on the celebrated day to see about the origins. Indeed there was a Saint Valentine who is currently recognized by the Catholic Church. He was born in the year 226 and died in the year 269. Even before St. Valentine there was Lupercalia. This Roman celebration involved animal sacrifices and the beating of women with the animal hides. It lasted from February thirteenth through the fifteenth and also involved the pairing of random couples for the

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Aces

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dresser was one of the items that will serve another family now.
Perhaps some newly married, young couple just starting out will be able to pay the \$15 price they have on it. I'm sure it will store items for them and someday their child will notice the socks and fingernail clippers in the drawers. Maybe even for another 60 years it will be there at the foot of someone's bed.
The dresser is unimportant. This column mentions the dresser many times but the story is not about a dresser. It

is about time. I am thinking of days long gone and how something that seems so unimportant can be such a central part of everyone's life. We never know what we touch today that will someday spark a memory and a feeling and emotions in our family. Memories that no one will ever know existed. Little things that seem so insignificant are actually part of our lives and part of our memories.
My hope is that we can all appreciate all the people and things around us more every day. We should get the story. Ask your parents, 'where did that old dresser come

from?' or 'How did we get this old chair?' It is stuff we will probably like to know someday.

ramblings

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Disease Control) has even admitted that they have withheld critical Covid information from the public, including data about breakthrough infections, over fears of "vaccine hesitancy."
And, something else of concern going on in our country, is that, according to a report conducted by the Department of Defense's Inspector General, the Biden administration brought dozens of Afghans to the U.S. without properly vetting them and many of whom are deemed "significant security concerns" have since gone missing.

I pray every day for our country. I pray for the citizens of Canada who are presently dealing with a tyrannical government that is denying them their rights as free citizens to advance their fascist agenda. I pray for the hundreds of political prisoners, some of whom have been held for over a year in our nation's capitol, without due process, in supposedly horrible conditions. I pray that the 2022 midterm elections will be free of cheating. I pray for the upcoming trucker convoy set to descend on DC that it will not trigger actions by our government that it has in Canada.

I have never been as fearful for our nation as I am at this point and it is untelling what our country will look like at the end of the most radical administration we have ever endured.

On a lighter note, maybe, 2/22/22 (Tuesday) was reportedly a once-in-a-248 year event.

Pluto is going to conjunct (return to) the United States. The last time this happened was on July 4, 1776, the exact founding day of our nation.

Astrologically, Pluto brings Destruction and Rebirth.

Rome fell when Pluto returned. *Taken from a Twitter posting.*

Letters

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Appreciate Roxanne Hammond's column...
Dear Editor,

I just want to express my enthusiasm for the series of articles being presented by Roxanne Hammond!

She is pursuing a subject that has been a passion of mine and, no doubt, others, by birth, transplant, implant, displant or whatever part we might have played in

the scheme of things. But, it seems, most of us have a piece of the "rock" embedded somewhere deep inside that keeps bringing us back as time and circumstances permit.

Being a native, I'm sure Ms. Hammond already has a list of stars ready and waiting to refresh our memory; those who will remember that Rockcastle Co. as the place where time and life took a turn for the future. But whatever the course chosen, life does not stand still for those with ambition!

I shall always agree with Roxanne that the real star is the great rock; the one that gave us its name.

*Flossie Christine McKinney
513-777-8545*

Agree with Mike French...

Dear Editor,
I found myself agreeing with Mike French's 'Aces Over' column this past week (and that's maybe a first for me - Ha!).

Firstly, I thought I had a sweet tooth until I read his addiction to sugary treats. Does he really drink that much Pepsi daily and has stayed slim? Impressive. I thought I had a bad habit when I enjoy maybe one soft drink a week - and that's a heavy drinking week!

I grew up in a home where the sight of a soft drink (glass bottle in those days) was extremely unusual. We sold Coke and Seven Up about fifty to a hundred cases per week - but my brothers and sisters were allowed only one small bottle per week. After school snacks consisted of a can of sardines or a whole cucumber, or stalks of celery. Really! A far easier kitchen task and healthier to boot.

But to Mike French's BIG GAME halftime show critique...I agree! The couples I watched it with (no, we still have no television at home) all agreed: 1: The show was not worthy of the pre-game hype; 2: It was not entertaining (at least to our age group); 3: We all agreed if that were a good show, we're outdated and don't understand; and, 4: After watching the commercials we couldn't figure out what they were trying to get us to buy. But enjoyed the game, even though our team lost.

Buzz Carloftis

T.J.s

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duration of the celebration with the expectations of sexual performances between the couples. Sounds like a wild time to me. A far cry to the celebrations of today...I guess, or hopefully, any-

way. It had origins of "love" but sounds more like unrestrained lust.

I remember having little Valentine parties in elementary school. I always loved them. We would have all kinds of refreshments and pop to drink. All of the kids would exchange Valentine cards and the best of all the classes came to an end for about half of the day. To look back now, it is times like that that really made childhood special.

Memories

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Mary Clooney, it was a Top Ten Hit for her in 1955. However, most of us usually remember Dean Martin's version that is used in the ad, which was released in the same year.

Farmers Dog Food is featuring "What You See Is What You Get" by the Dramatics from 1971. The song has a great opening line: "Some people are made of plastic; some people are made of wood..." But the number eventually reveals itself as a love song with the lyrics, "If what you're looking for is real lovin,' then what you see is what you get."

A huge hit from 1972, "Superstition" is captured for use by Heineken beer.

It was the first number one on Billboard's Hot 100 for Stevie Wonder since his hit "Fingertips" in 1963. It earned him two Grammys, and the hits just kept coming. This song is included on the Rolling Stone 500 Greatest Song List at number 12.

Another golden oldie from crooner Dean Martin has been put to use by Olive Garden. "I've Got

My Love to Keep Me Warm" reaches all the way back to 1937, when it was written by the legendary Irvin Berlin. Multiple versions have been recorded over the decades of time since, including those by Les Brown (instrumental), Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Rosemary Clooney, Dinah Washington, The Mills Brothers, Bette Midler, and even Rod Stewart. Having achieved the level of popularity of what is labeled as a "pop standard," this tune is often included in holiday recordings.

And finally, my wife's favorite of this recent batch is Sly and the Family Stone's "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Again)." By the way, that really is the official title of the song. Released in 1969, the original cut ran a much-longer-than-usual 4 minutes and 48 seconds. It was the flip side of "Everybody is a Star." The "slap technique" electric bass featured throughout the song is credited to Larry Graham, who also contributed to the vocals. A great tune for parties.

Although we could go without Celebrity Cruises high jacking the beloved Louis Armstrong's "It's a Wonderful World," by and large it is a happy occasion to hear so many snippets of old music coming to life again. Sometimes it puts an old favorite tune back into your head and you start humming it again. And, sometimes, that puts a little extra spring into your step.

Keep 'em coming.
You can reach me at themnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, February 28th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.
Tuesday, March 1st: Green Hill, Fairview, Brindle Ridge.
Wednesday, March 2nd: Cave Valley Apartments.

DBCAA Board Meeting
Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will have a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. It can also be viewed by Zoom and a link will be made available. The public is invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

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.

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA
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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.

WRVFD Fundraiser

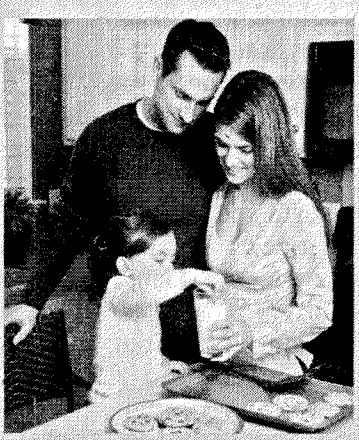
Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a fundraising Soup Bean Supper and Pie and Cake Auction on Saturday, March 5th at Quail Firehouse on Hwy. 70 starting at 6 p.m. Soup beans and fixings are \$6.00 per plate. Anyone wishing to donate something to auction can do so by contacting a member of the fire department and bring it with you to the soup bean supper. The fire department is truly thankful for all the support in the past and appreciate your continued support. Politicians welcome. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and have fun with us at the auction.

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Obituaries

Patricia "Patsy" Fletcher

Patricia "Patsy" Hendrickson Fletcher, 91, of Brodhead, died Sunday, February 20, 2022. She was born May 29, 1930 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Charley Hendrickson and Carter Albright Hendrickson Hoskins. She was a retired merchant having operated Fletcher's Grocery along with her husband Charles. She enjoyed watching University of Kentucky basketball, and spending time with her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. She was anxiously awaiting the birth of another great grandson in June. Patsy was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church.



Survivors are: one daughter, Kimberly Alcorn (Edd) of Berea; one son, Kevin George Fletcher of Mount Vernon; two granddaughters, Patricia Faye Nihoris (Nick) of Richmond and Lindsay Kaye McKenzie (Matt) of Richmond; a grandson, Edwin Tyler Alcorn (Lindsey) of Berea; four great grandsons, Avery and Lucas Nihoris, and Eli and Isaiah McKenzie; two great granddaughters, Georgia McKenzie and Remi Alcorn; two sisters, Birdiann Bullock of Lebanon, OH and Charlene Gentry of Mount Vernon; and a sister-in-law, Donita Hoskins of Louisville. Patsy is also survived by many friends, neighbors and acquaintances. Besides her parents, Patsy is preceded in death by: her husband, Charles Fletcher; one sister, Rhett McDaniel; and a brother, Dwight Hoskins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Brodhead Baptist Church with Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Arrangements are by Cox Funeral Home. Friends may call at the church from 12 noon until time of service on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: The Gideons International at sendtheword.org, or to the Rockcastle Gideons, Post Office Box 477, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhome.com

Linda Hayes McCracken

Linda Hayes McCracken, 66, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Stanford on January 7, 1956, daughter of Ruby Graves Bullock and the late William Hayes, retired Hiatchi Automotive employee, homemaker and member of the Baptist Faith.



In her spare time, Linda enjoyed cooking, vegetable gardening, flower gardening and reading. She was very family oriented and loved her children, grandchildren and great grandson. The Christmas Season was her favorite time of year and she enjoyed decorating for the holidays.

Along with her mother, she is survived by: three children, Angela Kirby (Troy Bullock), Philip Kirby (Terri Noe), and Jennifer Hayes (Luke); six grandchildren, Ashley Newland (Noah Earwood), Shelby Newland, Jordan Noe, Kylie Stewart, Evan Hayes, and Eli Hayes; great grandson, August Earwood; siblings, Barbara Bullens, and Tammy Miller; as well as numerous relatives and friends. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Stacey McCracken; step-father, Bobby Bullock; and sibling, Lisa Renner.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at Reppert Funeral Home with Bro. James Carpenter officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery (Rockcastle County).

Pallbearers were: Phillip Kirby, Luke Hayes, Noah Earwood, Troy Bullock, William Bullens, Logan Bullock, Evan Hayes, and Eli Hayes.

Leave condolences for the family, share a memory, light a memorial candle or plant a tree in Linda's memory at www.reppertfuneralhome.com

Rev. Wayne D. Harding

Rev. Wayne D. Harding, 84, of Scaffold Cane Road, Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at St. Joseph Hospital Berea. He was a Rockcastle County native, born April 7, 1937, son of the late John and Mary Thomas Harding, U. S. Army Veteran, minister of the gospel, retired Phillips Lighting employee and property owner.



Wayne surrendered to preach in 1964, was ordained May 21, 1965 and continued preaching the gospel until his death. He preached in churches in Madison and Rockcastle County, was a member of the Southern Baptist Association, the Rockcastle Baptist Association where he served in numerous capacities including Prayer Coordinator for the Rockcastle Association for the past 25 years. Wayne was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. In his spare time he enjoyed farming, fishing, woodworking, family trips, singing and playing the guitar. He spent every spare minute reading the Bible, studying theology and was widely known for his Biblical knowledge.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 60 years, Thelma Rader Harding; four children, John Harding, Timothy Harding, Rebecca Merriam (Chris), and Denise Closs (Jim); grandchildren, John Matthew (Jacqueline), Jacob (Gina), Jared, Timothy (Bethany), Kayla, Jordan (Launa), Christopher (Lainey), Brooke (Shane), and Hannah (Austin); 19 great grandchildren; siblings, Kathleen Abney, Linda Martin, Bonnie Lewis, David Harding (Kathy), Janice Owens (Ron), and Perry Harding (Phyllis); as well as numerous relatives, friends, neighbors and church family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings Paul Harding, Betty Jane Harding, and Esther Gay.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 20, 2022 at Scaffold Cane Baptist Church (361 Scaffold Cane Loop, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456) with Director of Missions Rev. Randy McPheron officiating. Burial was in Wayne Harding Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: John Matthew Harding, Jacob Harding, Jared Harding, Timothy Harding, Jordan Wilson, Christopher Wilson, and Justin Abney. Honorary pallbearers were: Brooke Cates, Hannah Daniel, Kayla Harding, Chris Merriam, Jim Closs, Dr. Mike Thomas, Harold and Betsie Wilder, Lonnie and Geraldine Reppert, Greg and Mary Pierce, Mark and Patti Wilds, Evelyn Mitchell, Kathy Abney, and Barry Hurst.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions suggested to Rockcastle Baptist Association, P. O. Box 446, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

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Geneva Wyatt Rucker

Geneva Ann Wyatt Rucker, 77, of Centerville, Tennessee, died Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

She was the daughter of the late Hobert and Lottie King Wyatt of Livingston, the seventh of eleven children.

Her parents taught her about our Father in Heaven and the wonders of all His creations. She was a devoted Christian.

As a child, she would run and play in the Daniel Boone National Forest and on the banks of the Rockcastle River. Her first job was at the Indian Village.

She was a loving Mother and, like many mothers, she had to work out of the home to provide for her children. She moved to Tennessee. There she became a nurse and worked as a caregiver to others. She was also a good cook, loved flowers - her favorite was gardenias.

When she would visit her Mom and Dad, we always enjoyed the stories she loved to tell of her childhood. She will be missed.

She leaves behind her two sons, James Rucker of Austell, Georgia and Gary Rucker of Huntsville, Alabama; six siblings Freda Hodge and Carol Niswonger (David), both of Hamilton, OH, Ruth Rogers (Henry) of Chillicothe, IL, Rita Fordyce (Tom) of Shepherdsville, William "Bill" Wyatt (Judy) of Peoria, IL and Ralph Wyatt of Centerville, TN; one sister-in-law Rosemary Wyatt of Livingston; a grandson, David Rucker (Chelsea) of Chattanooga, TN plus a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends to mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers: Roger Wyatt, Ronald Wyatt, Raymond Wyatt and Donald Earl Wyatt.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Disabled American Veterans, 300 DAV Lane, London, Ky. with William "Bill" Wyatt officiating. Interment will be in New Salem Cemetery, London.

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Colossians 3:1 Seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right of God. *Colossians 3:2* Set your mind on things that are above, and not on things of this earth.

The apostle Paul refers to these sins in *Colossians 3:5-9* As members of your body, which are fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and covetousness, which is idolatry, wherein you once walked, when ye lived in these things, but now ye put them all away, anger, wrath, malice, railing shameful speaking out of your mouth: lie not one to another.

These impure and harmful acts to the body are to be put to death when we become Christians, no longer do we allow these sinful traits to exist in our life we work on them every day, by praying, and reading the word of God, and allowing that to have a place in our hearts and life, so there will be less room for evil, and evil speaking. This type of low life is a shame for one who calls himself a born-again Christian. *Colossians 3:10* ye have put off the old man, with his doings, and have put on the new man.

Colossians 3:12-14 Put on therefore, as Gods elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do you. And above all these things put on Charity or love, which is the bond of perfectness. This love the apostle Paul speaks of here is something that is a must for all these other traits to reign in our bodies, this love ties all these traits together to make a bond that that will make us stronger as we live out our life on this earth. Even as Christ forgave us, we are to forgive others. Without this forgiveness for our fellow man, we will never have peace ruling in our hearts. So many today carry with them some grudge or feud, that happened years ago, that is destroying their life, and they cannot have peace neither can they love their fellowman neither can they love Christ.

True love for Christ, will help us to, be transformed, from the person we are now to the person we must become if we expect to see Christ. *Romans 12:2* Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Thank you for reading this article, let us all remember to count our blessings and name them one by one. ovabaker@windstream.net

Never take anything for granted!

We sometimes unknowingly take things for granted, for example, our health comes to mind. When we have good health and feel good, maybe we abuse that a little or at least not take good care of ourselves. But as we get older and develop some health problems then we start realizing how valuable our health is. It's easy to take everyday things for granted, the bounty of good food we have to eat, the nice homes that we have that keep us comfortable or the nice vehicles we drive, etc.

All the people in our lives, all the physical, all the material, all the financial blessings we have, comes from God. Unfortunately, we don't always see that, thus we fail to give God the proper thanks and glory for those blessings. It's almost as if we get to thinking that we are entitled to all the things that we have been blessed with.

God enjoys blessing his people, that's revealed throughout the scriptures he told his people Israel that he would give them a land that flowed with milk and honey, *Exodus 3:8*. In the New Testament, *Matthew 6: 33-34*, But see you first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. *V34* Take therefore no thought for the tomorrow: for tomorrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Here Christ has told his disciples who were worried about their daily provisions, what they were going to eat, what they were going to wear, that if they would put him and his righteousness first that he would provide these things.

God wants his people to prosper and to have his blessings, but never ever lose sight of where they come from. Always giving the glory to God, never taking for granted the one who gives these blessings.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

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Mink serves 39 years on Conservation Board

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In his lifetime Tommy Harold Mink has seen a lot of change in Rockcastle County and the agriculture in our community.

Tommy Harold grew up on a dairy farm, and developed a love for farming at a young age.

After college, he served two tours of active duty with the United States Army. When he returned home, he went back to farming and working off the farm but in 1980 he returned to farming full time.

Over the years not only has he been a devoted Christian, husband, father, grandfather, mentor and farmer but he has always not only known, but exercised the importance of serving his community by holding leadership roles on many committees, and boards in our county.

Among those leadership positions, on January 1, 1983 Mr. Mink became a devoted board member to the Rockcastle County Soil Conservation District. Throughout his 39 years of service to the district he served as both a member and the board chairman. He has put in countless hours, and miles to improve Rockcastle agriculture. With those improvements has also brought hardships which he has endured his fair share of.

On Monday January 24, 2022 Mink handed in his resignation letter to the Conservation District board during their regular meeting as he proudly said "I am 86 years old, and I think it's finally time for me to slow down and hand the reigns over to someone younger". He also said he has "seen a lot over the years, but serving his community has been a true pleasure."

And a pleasure to serve with him is exactly how fellow board members describe their experience of serving with Tommy on the Soil Conservation Board.

On Tuesday, February 15th the Rockcastle County Conservation District honored Mr. Tommy H. Mink for his 39 years of service with a small reception, and the presentation of a rocking chair to commemorate all his hard work and dedication.

"Tommy Harold has been an inspiration to me for many years, and since serving on this board I have looked to Tommy countless times for guidance and direction," said Chairman Roy Reynolds on Tuesday night.

Not only has Tommy Harold been an inspiration for board members everywhere he has served, Tommy has also helped many young farmers in the county over the years.

"Since I've known Tommy Harold, anytime I have a question or have needed guidance on something I know I can always call him," said Mark Dyehouse.

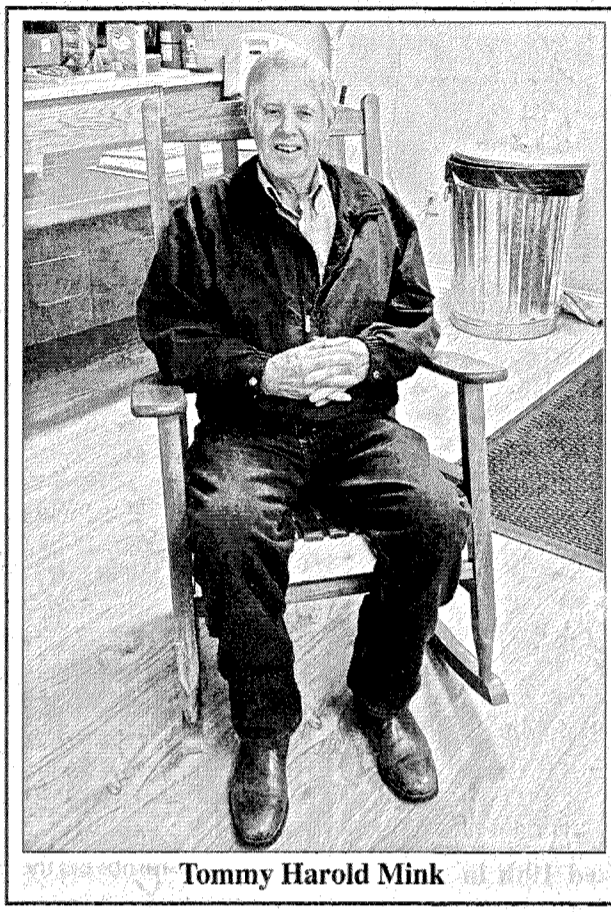
Many others in the agriculture community say Tommy Harold Mink is a true gem, and that his countless hours of service to this county have not gone unnoticed. Although many of us will never truly know just how hard Tommy has worked for the benefit of Rockcastle County and our

agriculture community, we will continue to reap the benefits of that work and dedication for many years to come.

He may no longer be serving on many of the boards he has been serving on all these years but, he's still going to be around. "I'll always be just a phone call away, and will be happy to help in any way I can," said

Mink.

On behalf of the Rockcastle County Conservation District, we want to publicly say THANK YOU, again to Tommy Harold Mink. Filling his shoes will be very hard, but because of his love for farming and his community many men and women have had a great role model and mentor to follow in his footsteps.



Tommy Harold Mink

"Shooting"

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was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Lamb's bond was set at \$25,000 cash and KSP Trooper Cory Jones is investigating the case.

Also on the scene and assisting on the case were the Mount Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston Police Departments, Rockcastle EMS and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office.

"Henshaw"

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to pull 17 years before he is even eligible to be considered for parole," he said.

The plea of guilty had been accepted earlier but sentencing was handed down last week. "I just hope the father can move ahead and the entire family can begin to heal," Dalton said. "Mr. Henshaw demonstrated a great deal of grace for his son by allowing him to plead guilty and avoid trial. This was a truly sad situation for everyone involved."

"Arson"

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dents were apparently not related.

Anyone with information concerning the two juveniles is urged to call 911 or message BFD via their social media page.

"Indict"

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the offense of theft by unlawful taking.

His bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property.

Donnie C. Hopkins, 57, of Stamping Ground, was indicted for the offenses of possession of meth, operating a vehicle under the influence and operating a commercial vehicle under the influence.

His bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property.

Jeffrey K. Marlow, 26, of Mount Vernon, was indicted for the offense of flagrant non support.

His bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property.

Freddie J. Cromer, 57, of Mount Vernon, was indicted for the offense of second degree assault, domestic violence.

His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Scottie D. Hensley, 46, of Mount Vernon was indicted for the offense of possession of meth and drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property.

Jorden Scott McClure, 28, of Livingston, was indicted for the offense of trafficking meth, possession of drug paraphernalia and operating a vehicle under the influence.

His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Joshua C. Emerson, 41, of Mount Vernon, was indicted for the offense of possession of a forged instrument. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

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Ronnie Sutton

For Kentucky fans the most exciting time of the year is here. It's high school basketball tournament time in the Bluegrass. District tournaments started this week. March madness is just around the corner. It's very fitting to highlight our next Rock Star during this season.

Young boys and now girls growing up in the Commonwealth and playing high school basketball have a fierce loyalty to their home school. Once a Tiger, always a Tiger can be said of Ronnie Sutton, or as he is now known in his circles, Dr. Ronnie Sutton, a 1957 graduate of Brodhead High School. A Brodhead Tiger.

I first met Mr Sutton when my daughter, Sara, played basketball at the University of Louisville. He found out she was from Rockcastle county and sought me and my family out at the very beginning. He and my dad, Jim Hammons, enjoyed many talks over the next four years reminiscing of days growing up in Rockcastle county. He remembers well being good friends with Mr Wayne and Bill Stewart.

Mr Sutton retired from an administration role at The University of Louisville in 2005 and has had season tickets to both Men and Women's basketball teams for more than twenty years. As a matter of fact it was a little difficult scheduling an interview because it's basketball season and he's at all the games, men and women. Like so many Rockcastle and Kentucky boys he's still an avid sports fan. He has or has had season tickets to not only UofL, but also UK mens basketball, WKU basketball and baseball as well as the Louisville Bats, AAA affiliate of Cincinnati Reds. His love for baseball came from his three sons, Doug, Steve and Keith. He and his wife, Margaret "Libby", from Henderson, KY, whom he met at WKU, were married for 56+ years before her untimely death last fall. His sons played baseball at WKU and one went on to play professional baseball for Minnesota. (A side note, my son Andrew was just named Baseball Chaplains Association chaplain of the Louisville Bats).

So how did this farm boy from Brodhead end up in administration at UofL?

He is the son of Olney and Ruby Sutton, attended Providence Church of Christ growing up and Brodhead High School. He is a first cousin to Mrs Shirley Martin. I last saw Mr Sutton at her funeral a couple of years ago. He's also a cousin to Mrs Geraldine Robbins and cousin Michael Robbins often stays at his Louisville home when in town for festivals and the state fair.

Ronnie Sutton played basketball at Brodhead for coach Joe Harper. Interestingly enough, his high school English teacher was one Cleston Saylor. He told me that Brodhead High School prepared him well for col-

lege academics.

After graduating from Brodhead in 1957 he received a full basketball scholarship to Western Kentucky University and legendary coach Uncle Ed Diddle. During the 1950's and into the early 1970's college freshmen were ineligible for varsity basketball.

During his inaugural season as a freshman at WKU, Ronnie played forward, played all 25 games, home and travel and was the 2nd leading scorer.

(Another side note of interest, my son Andrew is a character coach (chaplain) for the present WKU Hilltopper basketball team. He's been in that role for several years, serving both Ray Harper and Rick Stansberry.)

Ronnie Sutton earned a Bachelor's degree from WKU in agriculture

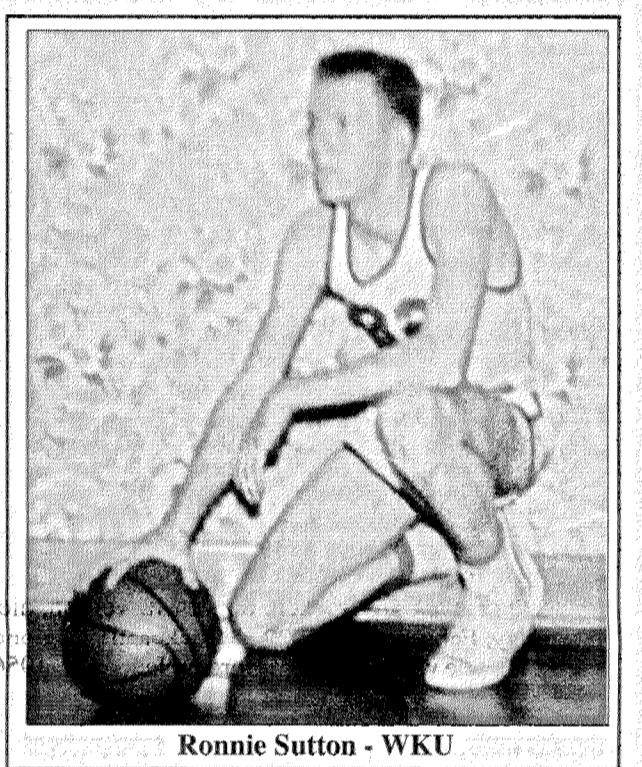
(Dairy Science). He never taught in that discipline, instead going to work in enrollment at WKU, retiring there after 32 years as the Dean of Academic Services. A role he enjoyed serving brief stents also at the University of Memphis, the University of Tennessee and the University of Kentucky before ending up at the University of Louisville.

Dr Sutton received his Masters and Doctorate degrees at the University of Kentucky.

He still resides on Curry Branch Road in Louisville and is huge Cardinal fan, but he cherishes his Rockcastle County roots and will forever be a Brodhead Tiger!



Ronnie Sutton



Ronnie Sutton - WKU

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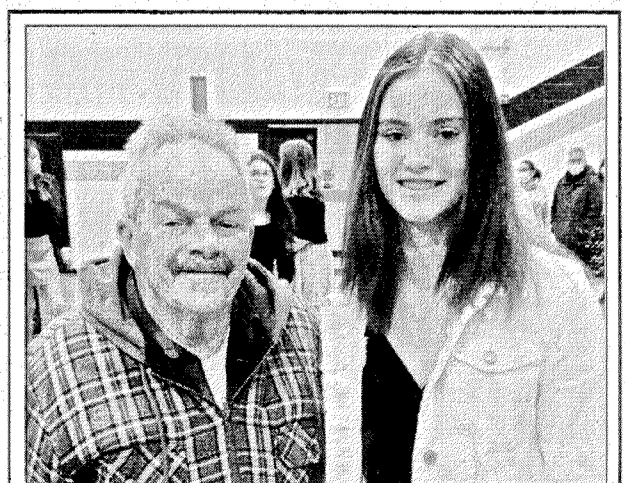
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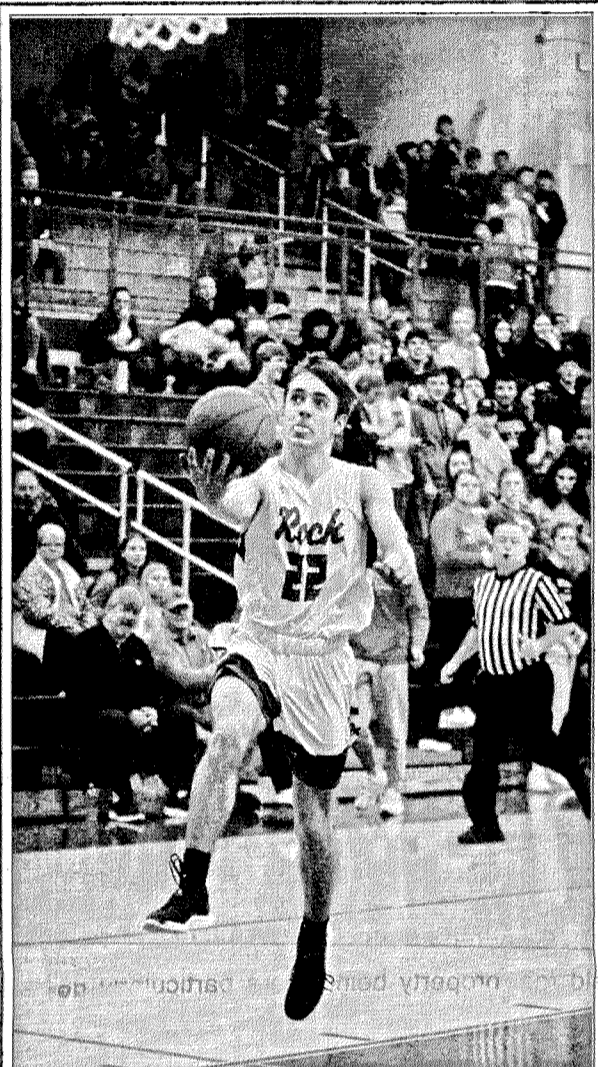
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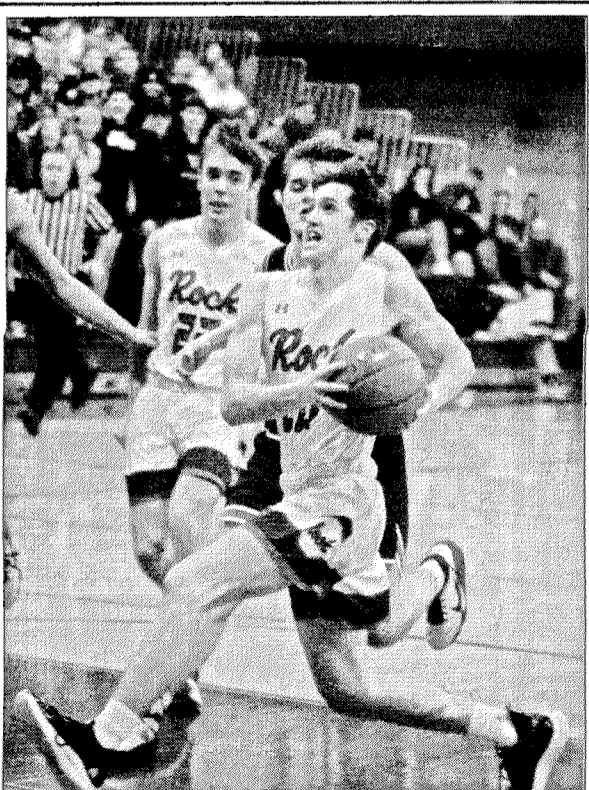
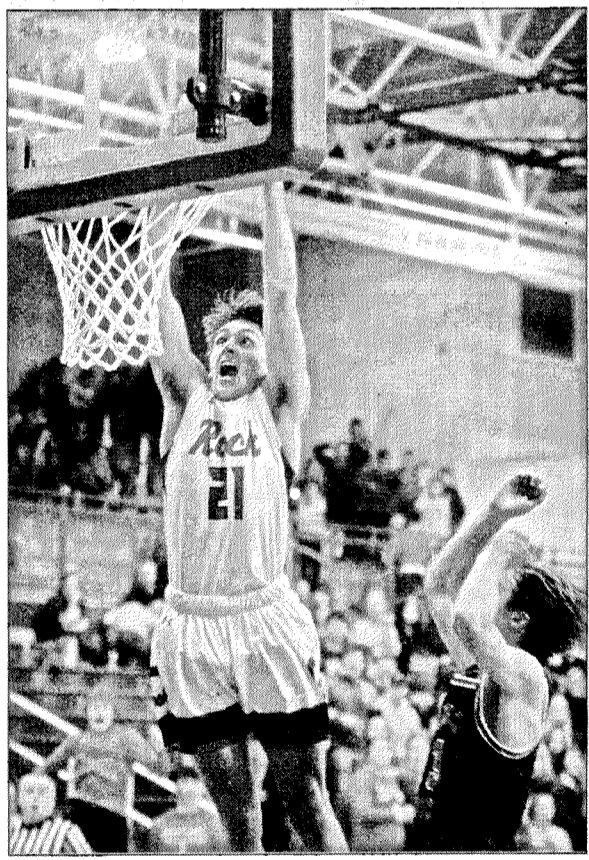
Rockets finish regular season with 19-10 record

The Rockcastle County Rockets finished their regular season with wins over the Wayne County Cardinals last Tuesday night and the Russell Co. Lakers on Senior Night last Friday night adding to their four game winning streak. Tuesday night, against Wayne County, the Rockets prevailed 57-50 with Drew Hopkins leading the scoring for the Rockets with 21 points, including going 6/7 from the free throw line and getting the only three point basket of the game

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Senior Reese Coguer prepares to pick up an assist off the glass to teammate and fellow senior Daniel Mullins with one of his three dunks in the Rockets' senior night win over Russell County. Mullins led the Rockets with 22 points.



Senior Landon Dillingham takes it to the hole during the Rockets' senior night win over Russell County.



Lexi Dotson is now ranked 19th in the U.S. among all sophomore 800 runners.

Ranked 19th in U.S. Dotson runs fastest indoor 800m time in Kentucky

RCHS sophomore Lexi Dotson had two incredible performances against many outstanding distance runners from across the nation at the Kentucky High School Invitational on Saturday.

In the one mile run, Lexi placed 8th out of 42 competitors that qualified for the event. Her awesome time of 5:10.02 was her second fastest ever, just missing her all-time indoor personal best and school record by only thirty-six hundredths of a second. In the 800-meter run, her performance was even more impressive.

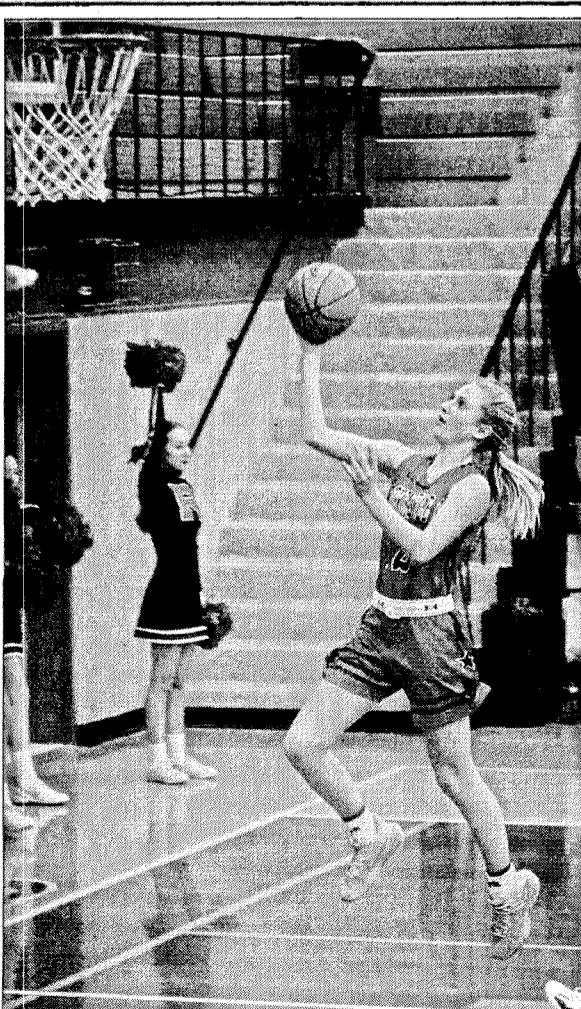
She placed 5th overall out of 39 competitors, shattering her all-time indoor personal best by nearly three seconds with an amazing time of 2:17.27. She now has the #1 ranked time in the event in all three state classes in Kentucky, with over a

two second lead on second place.

Lexi is now ranked 19th in the U.S. among all sophomore 800 runners after her sensational performance. Lexi is also ranked 31st in the mile among sophomore competitors in the U.S. with her school record performance of 5:09.66 from the recent indoor meet hosted by Louisville Eastern. Her impressive mile time currently ranks her 3rd in Class 2A.

The national rankings include the top 1000 sophomore athletes in the nation in each event.

Lexi was also recently named the Milesplit KY Female Performer of the Week for her state best 800-meter run time of 2:20.27 at the recent Louisville Indoor Games. Lexi had over 22,000 votes for her outstanding performance.



Taylor King goes in for two of her eight points in the Lady Rockets' first round loss to Pulaski County in the 47th District Tournament Monday night.

Lady Rockets lose in first round of district tourney

The Lady Rockets ended their 2021-22 season at Casey County, in district action against the Pulaski County Lady Maroons Monday night, losing 67-41.

The game was never in doubt with the Lady Rockets facing a much bigger PC team who kept on a full court press for much of the game.

The Rockets were down 22-14 at the end of the first quarter, 44 to 23 at the half and 54 to 27 at the third quarter stop.

Pulaski hit 10 three point shots to the Rockets two and was 11 of 13 from the free throw line to the Rockets 7 for 14.

The big statistic that hurt the Lady Rockets was the 26 turnovers they committed in the game to nine for the Lady Maroons.

Sophomore Talyne Shearer was the only player in double figures with 13 points; Taylor King got eight; Karlee Smith, Camryn Cash and Macy Spivey scored four points each; Calleigh Burdette and Brooklyn Smith each scored three points and Addy McClure got 2.

Taylor King, Cash and Shearer pulled down three rebounds each and Haven King, Burdette and Smith got two each.

The Lady Rockets ended their season with a 11-17 record.

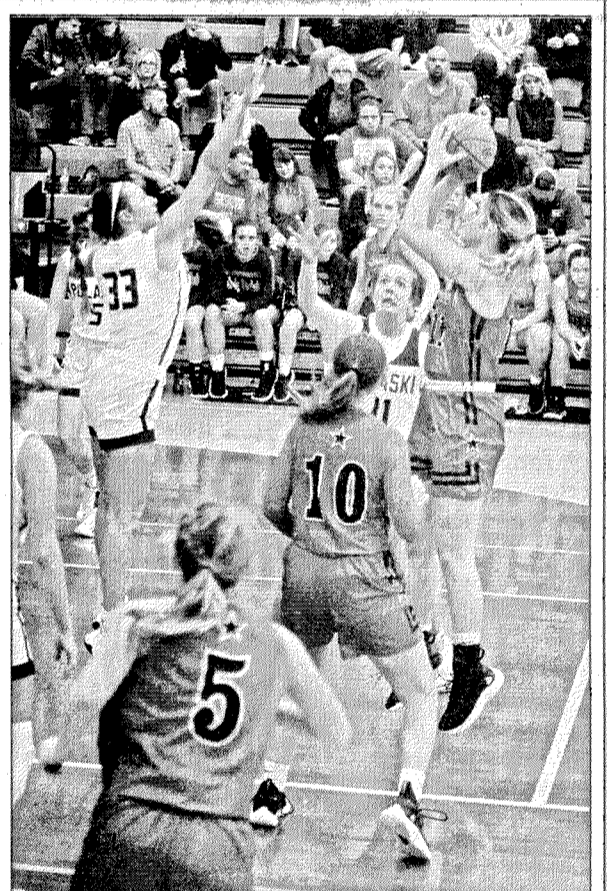
At South Laurel last Tuesday night, the Rockets lost 55-27 with Shearer leading the scoring with 10 points. Taylor King, Karlee Smith and Abby DeLeon each scored four points; Calleigh Burdette and Makayla Coffey each got two points and Cash scored one.

The Rockets were down 15-4 at the end of the first quarter and 33-9 at the half. They were outscored 22-18 in the second half.

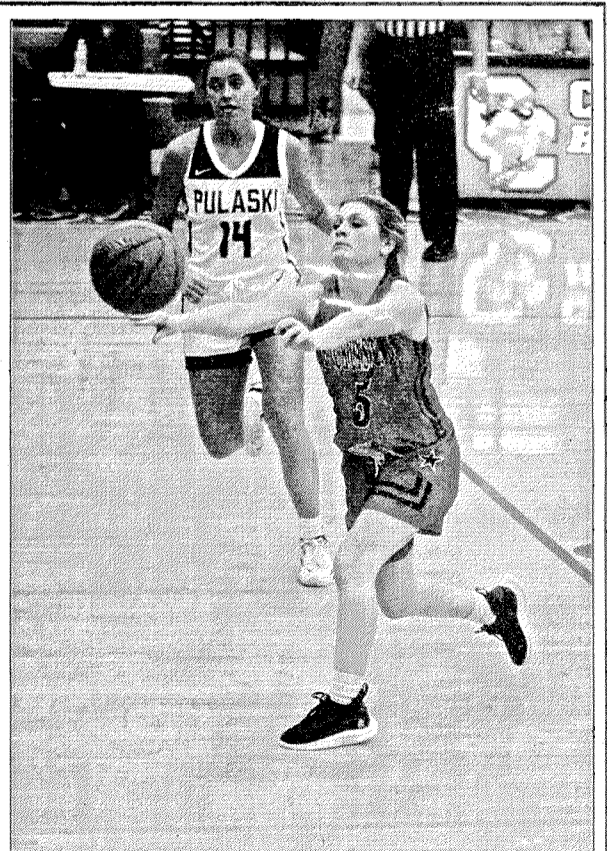
The Rockets were 0-8 from the three point line and nine for 12 from the charity stripe while the Lady Cardinals hit five threes and were 10-13 from the free throw line.

Shearer led in rebounding with five; Haven King and Cash got four each; Smith, Taylor King, Burdette and

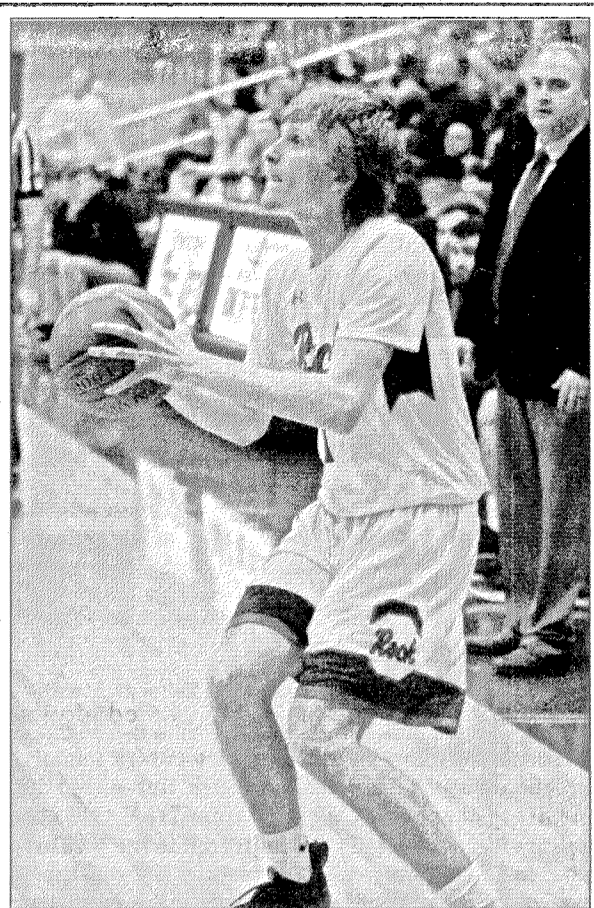
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Talyne Shearer puts up a jump shot in the Lady Rockets' first round loss to Pulaski County in the 47th District Tournament at Casey County. Shearer led her team with 13 points.



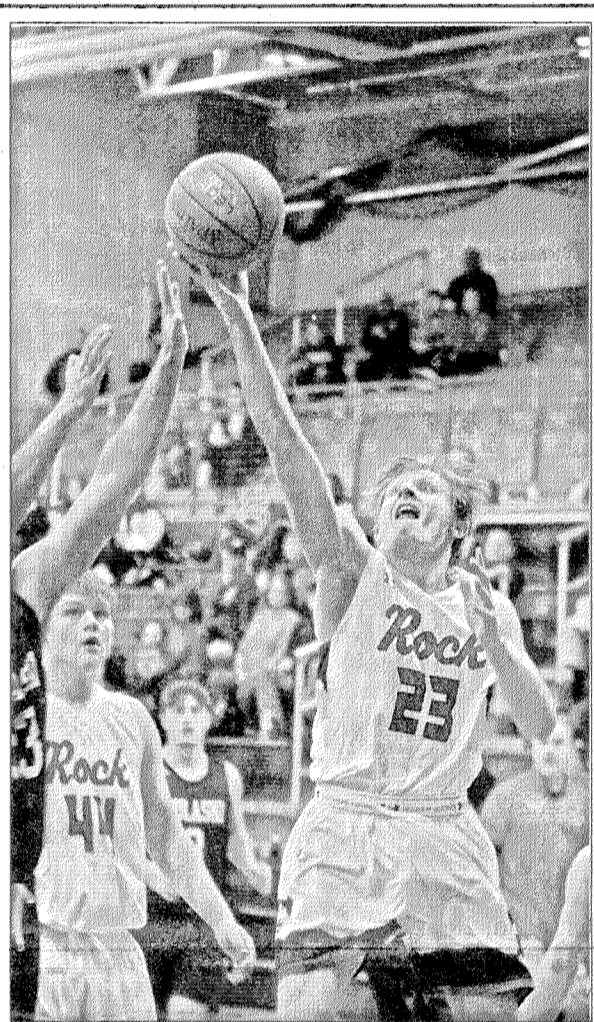
Senior Addison McClure makes a pass in the Lady Rockets' first round loss to Pulaski County in the 47th District Tournament at Casey County.



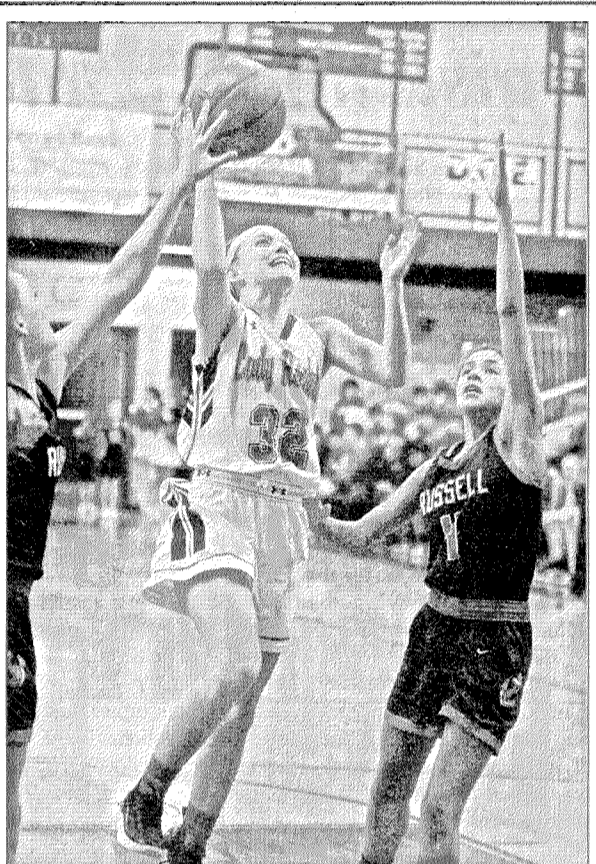
Senior Drew Hopkins prepares to put up a three pointer in the Rockets' senior night win over Russell County.



Senior Jake Sanders works hard in the paint during the Rockets' senior night win over Russell County.



Senior Matthew Chasteen had six rebounds and was three for three during the Rockets' senior night win over Russell County.



Karlee Smith goes for two in the Lady Rockets' win over Russell County last Friday night.

NOTICE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The USDA Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Mt. Vernon. The proposed Phase 3 of WTP Improvements consists of renovations and upgrade to the existing 4 MGD plant by adding a PAC basin, PAC storage building with feed equipment, a PAC feed line, and all related appurtenances.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has accepted the Environmental Assessment as completed on the project by the United States Army Corps of Engineers which has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environmental Statement will not be prepared.

In order to avoid or minimize and adverse environmental impacts, the Rural Utilities Service will require the applicant to incorporate all of the mitigation measures required by the applicant to incorporate all of the mitigation measures required by the USACE Environmental Assessment during the design, construction and operation of the project.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at USDA Rural Development, 100 Fortress Properties Street, Suite #3, London, KY 40741. For further information, call Clay McKnight, Area Specialist at (606) 401-2297. Federal Law prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, marital status, familial status, age, physical or mental disability in this program.

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff
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**

"Rockets"

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for the Rockets. Matthew Chasteen added 12 points; Jake Sanders had 9; Reese Coguer 8 and Daniel Mullins 7.

Chasteen led in rebounds with 14, Sanders got 7 and Hopkins 5.

On Friday night, the Rockets had an easy opponent for Senior Night, when they defeated the Russell Co. Lakers 67-27.

Mullins led the scoring in this game with 22 points, making 9 of 10 two point baskets and was one of five on three point shots. Landon Dillingham and Drew Hopkins contributed the other three point baskets.

12 other Rockets got into the scoring column with Reese Coguer getting seven points; Matthew Chasteen six; Kaden Kidwell, Landon Dillingham and Drew Hopkins, scored five points each; Jace Rogers got 4; Walker Craig 3 and Broedy Dunaway, Jake Sanders, Maddox Parsons, Kaleb Aleander and Conner Hunt all scoring two points each.

Chasteen led the way in rebounding with six; Mullins got five; Hopkins, Skyler Durham and

Dunaway four each; Craig with three; Kidwell with two and Sanders and Coguer with one each.

The boys were scheduled to play Somerset in 47th District Tournament action Tuesday night at Casey County after press time.

"Lady Rock"

(Cont. from A6)

McClure pulled down two each and Coffey and DeLeon got one each.

Against Russell County at home last Friday night, the Rockets won 47-28 with Shearer again taking scoring honors with 16.

The Lady Rockets led at the first quarter stop 10-4, were ahead 21-12 at the half and 31-25 at the third quarter stop.

The Lady Rockets only got three chances at the free throw line in the game and cashed in on all three while the Lady Lakers were 7-8.

Shearer also led in rebounding for her team with five; Haven King got three; Cash two and Taylor King and Burdette pulled down one each.

There were no three point baskets made by either team.

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March 5th 11am - 3pm
Where: Livingston Cafeteria
If you need it delivered call (606) 510-7440
Everyone in the county invited to come eat!

MENU
Pinto Beans
Sour Krout and Wieners
Cornbread
Dessert

NOTICE
Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice that it is filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2022-00032 for an increase in the amount of its Qualified Infrastructure Program Rider ("QIP Rider"). The filing will be made no later than March 1, 2022 with a request for the new amount to be effective on July 1, 2022. The current amount is 2.14%. The proposed increase is an addition of 2.47% for a cumulative proposed amount of 4.61%. The QIP Rider applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority, Sales for Resale, and Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant customers. The additional revenue to be requested in this QIP Rider filing is \$2,490,262. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the QIP Rider applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 342; Industrial: 9,713; Other Public Authority: 1,205; Sales for Resale: 18,720; Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant: 0. The effect on the current average monthly bill for each customer class to which the increased fee applies is: Residential: \$0.92 (2.47%); Commercial: \$4.76 (2.47%); Industrial: \$106.23 (2.47%); Other Public Authority: \$17.23 (2.47%); Sales for Resale \$198.82 (2.47%); Public Fire Hydrant: \$1.20 (2.47%); Private Fire Service: \$1.96 (2.47%); and Private Fire Hydrant: \$1.89 (2.47%). Any person may examine this filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

NOTICE
Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice of its requested adjustment of the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee. The fees contained in this notice are the fees to be proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission no later than March 1, 2022 to be effective on March 31, 2022. The current fee, which applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority and Sales for Resale customers, is \$0.0290 per 100 gallons. The requested fee, which applies to the same customer classes as the current fee, is \$0.0275 per 100 gallons. For all customer classes to which the fee applies, the requested fee is a decrease of \$0.0015, or -5.17%, per 100 gallons. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the fee applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 342; Industrial: 9,713; Other Public Authority: 1,205; and Sales for Resale: 18,720. The effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class to which the decreased fee applies is: Residential: -\$0.06; Commercial: -\$0.51; Industrial: -\$14.57; Other Public Authority: -\$1.81; and Sales for Resale: -\$28.08. Customers in Eastern Rockcastle County are not charged the fee, therefore are excluded from the calculation. Any person may examine this tariff filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.



SFC Graves retires...

Rockcastle County JROTC Program Instructor, Sergeant First Class Keith Graves, retired after 19 years of teaching service on January 31st. The Cadets would like to thank him for his years of service and immense contribution to the Rockcastle County community. He undoubtedly impacted countless lives and motivated a generation to be more involved members of the community.

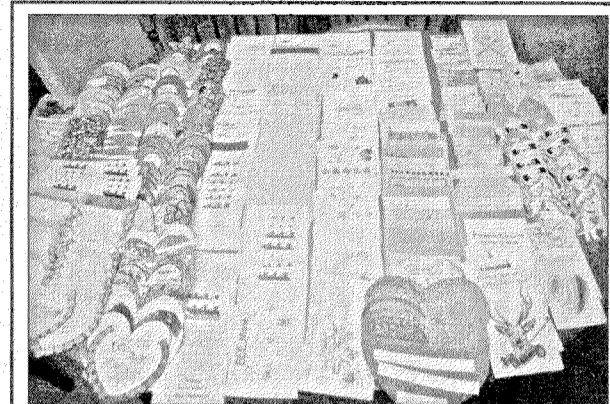
DAR and local students participate in Valentines for Veterans Project

The Rockcastle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, along with local students, participated in the annual Valentines for Veterans Project as part of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Week. The week of February 9th each year is the community's opportunity to say thank you to more than 98,000 Veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for everyday in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliary and nursing homes.

Valentines for Veterans began in 1989 when the

late newspaper columnist, Ann Landers, encouraged her readers to create special valentines for Veterans in care facilities throughout the United States and Canada. She asked her readers to remember the valiant sacrifices of their nation's Veterans by making them personal hand-crafted valentines. Through the efforts of the local elementary schools, Freedom Baptist Church Children in Action, and the members of the Rockcastle Chapter DAR, 597 valentines were collected to be delivered to the VA Hospi-

tal in Lexington. The Chapter would like to express a special thank you to the participating teachers for getting their students and youth groups involved with this project to honor Veterans.



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Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm
State Senator - Week 7

We have officially passed the halfway mark of this year's 60-day legislative session. With a rapid pace, the senate continued to work on policy to move the commonwealth forward.

This week, I had the privilege of hosting a number of students from the district, who took part in our floor proceedings as Senate pages; they are Cordland Mullins from North Laurel Middle School (Laurel Co.), Blaine Baker from South Laurel Middle School (Laurel Co.), and Claire Pergrem from Bath County High School (Bath Co.).

I also enjoyed spending time with guest visitors from several organizations who were recognized in the Senate this week: the Casey County 4-H Leadership Council, Casey County JROTC, the Kentucky Free Masons for All Masons Day and lastly, Laurel County Republican Women for the Kentucky Federation of Republic Women's Legislative Day. John C. Yanes, President of St. Joseph in London was also on the Senate floor.

Three primary matters I want to update you on are motor vehicle taxes, legislation to address the state's nursing shortage, and SB 138, the Teaching America's Principles Act, which cleared the Senate Education Committee on Thursday.

As the Senate unanimously passed Senate Joint Resolution 99 on Friday, February 11, members of the chamber strongly pressured Governor Andy Beshear to do what was right and exempt Kentucky taxpayers from increased motor vehicle taxes. We identified

state law allowing his administration to exempt taxpayers from the artificially inflated taxes. For over a month, he denied he had the authority. In fact, his administration sent out a memorandum acknowledging and detailing the reason for the tax increase. SJR 99 was prepared to force him to take the action he was refusing to.

Fortunately for Kentucky taxpayers, the Governor finally relented from his weeks of assurance that he could not do anything, and finally did as he signed an executive order that is essentially a copy and paste of SJR 99. Thanks to the public pressure placed on the Governor by the state Senate, Kentuckians will now be relieved from their inflated vehicle taxes, and those who have already paid will be issued a refund.

Senate Bill 10 has been designated priority legislation and will address the ongoing nursing shortage that stresses Kentucky's healthcare system.

The nursing shortage is not a new challenge to the commonwealth, but the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the problem. SB 10 aims to alleviate the shortage by tackling several issues within the profession, making it easier to accept nurses from other states and expedite licensing without sacrificing quality of care.

One focus area includes the removal of arbitrary caps on nursing education programs. This codifies and extends provisions of the governor's executive order. SB 10 would also restructure the Kentucky Board of Nursing to be more reflective of Kentucky's geographical diversity and, most importantly, bolster the voices of practicing nurses by requiring 10 board members be practicing nurses. Additionally, the bill implements legislative oversight of nominations by requiring Senate confirmation of members.

Two significant provisions of the bill include reciprocity so more nurses from other states can practice in Kentucky. The Commonwealth currently has a compact with 24 states for reciprocity, but SB 10 opens possibilities for nurses in states beyond the compact. Those from non-

compact states who are in good standing can get an immediate temporary work permit to go straight to work. The bill would recognize out-of-state licenses and create a process for foreign trained nurses who pass the National Council Licensure Examination test or a Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools test to practice in Kentucky.

One of the most dominant topics since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has been education, primarily deriving from parents' concerns about the quality of their child's education and fears that students are being taught what to think rather than how to think. The behavior of special interests to not only ignore parents' concerns, but even mock and ridicule has heightened attention on school curriculums and educational standards. The groundswell from the public has been so strong, even places like San Francisco are recalling school board members. Elections across the nation, most notably the gubernatorial election in Virginia, are demanding lawmakers take seriously the concerns of parents. The senate has identified a way to positively adhere to the desires that the public demands.

Senate Bill 138 is a positive, landmark piece of legislation to preserve alignment of middle and high school instruction with American principles of equality, freedom, and personal agency. It sets out to be inclusive of historical topics, giving a list of "ingredients" which must be taught, but does not exclude any docu-

ments. This allows educators the autonomy to create the "recipe" for teaching American history.

The key tenets of SB 138 are to teach the value of American democratic principles of equality, freedom and individual rights; the understanding that in America, regardless of race, sex, or socioeconomic status, personal agency and resilience afford citizens the power to succeed; and lastly, the understanding that although slavery and post-Civil War laws and discrimination were contrary to our founders' original intent for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that defining racial disparities solely on that legacy is destructive to our nation's unity. It is noteworthy that teaching these principles does not exclude the teaching of controversial aspects of our history.

One of the most important aspects of SB 138 is the requirement to instruct students using core primary source historical documents and speeches, including but not limited to the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address. Through studying the original documents, students are able to get a window into the minds of our country's founders and the ideals that make America the country it is.

SB 138 also sets the parameters for teacher training and allows them to choose whether to engage in diversity-based professional development. It prohibits assign-

ments, projects or extra credit on politics, social-policy or lobbying activities for which a student or their family objects.

As always, if you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please contact me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me Brandon.Storm@lrc.ky.gov. You can also review the legislature's work online at www.legislature.ky.gov.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Archery Practice will be each Friday after school until 5:00.

Dr. Seuss Week will be February 28-March 4.

Check out MVES PTG Facebook Page for lots of pics and activities. Look for Mustangs in Motion!

MVES Academic Team competed in the District Governor's Cup competition and walked away with several awards.

Winners are:

Written Composition-Lila Rigsby-1st place

Mathematics-Beckham Smith-3rd place, Caleb Smith-4th place, Kevin Valle-5th place

Science-Henry Joynce-2nd place, Jasper Reynolds-3rd place

Social Studies-Sawyer Cash-3rd place, Josiah Rodriguez-4th place, A.J.Martin-5th place

Language Arts-Grace Lambert-1st place, Coleson Shepherd-3rd place

Arts and Humanities-Lila Rigsby-3rd place, Grace Lambert-4th place, Jasper Reynolds-5th place

Quick Recall-MVES-2nd place.

Way to go Mustangs!!

MVES Celebrated 100 days of school on Tuesday, February 15th. Pictured below is Mr. Blake McKinney and his class dressed to celebrate.

DAR sponsors Classroom Grant

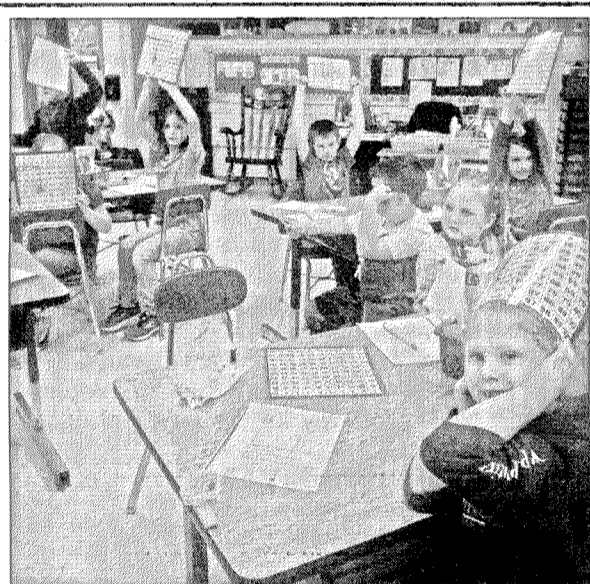
The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant program. This grant program was established in 2017 and provides fifty-one \$500

grants to classroom teachers impacting more than 10,000 students nationwide.

Since 2018, two \$500 grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia. Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, must be endorsed by a local DAR chapter, and complete the grant award application.

Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for supplies, guest speakers, off campus fieldtrips and educational resources, but applicant must show how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR.

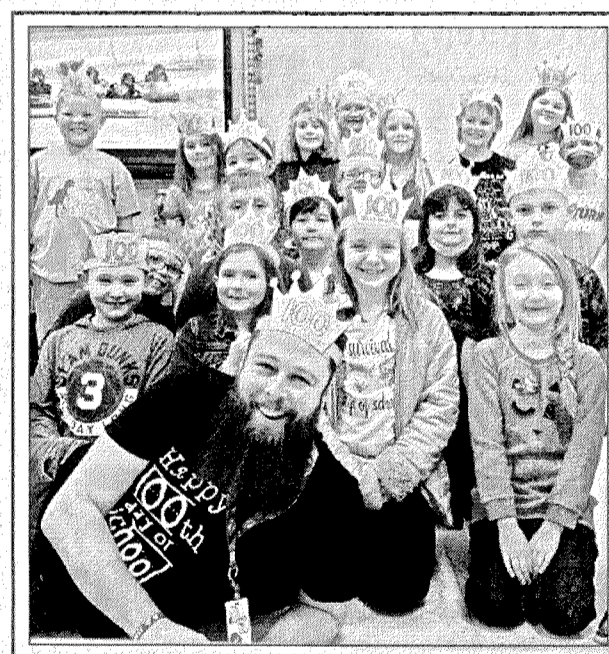
This grant is a one-time award and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years. Application forms for 2022 are now available February 21 through March 25. Any classroom teacher wishing to apply please contact Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com



Over the past few weeks Mrs. Deanna's second grade class at Brodhead Elementary School has been learning a variety of skills and strategies for solving double digit addition and subtraction problems. Some of the skills and strategies students have been learning are how to use mental math by counting on and counting back, ten frames, and how to solve problems on a hundred chart. They have had a lot of fun learning about and using these different skills in class.



Ms. Hannah's first grade class at Brodhead Elementary celebrates the 101st day of school. For the 101st day of school students completed a STEM challenge - designing and building a doghouse for their Dalmatian.



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Members of the MVES Academic Team are pictured, front from left: Beckham Smith, Jacob Dykes, Caleb Smith and Jasper Smith. Second row: Patience Rohrer, Sophie Lewis, Lila Rigsby, Emma King, Lilyanna Asher and Grace Lambert. Back row: Marisa Albright - coach, Kevin Valle, Henry Joynce, Sawyer Cash, Josiah Rodriguez, Coleson Shepard, A.J. Martin and Alaina Taylor - coach.

Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, February 24, 2022

MVFD available grants

By: Mike French
Editor

Many economic development professionals have argued that the success of an organization is based largely upon their ability to write grant applications. Apparently the Mount Vernon Fire Department is very good at that task and getting even better.

According to a release from Chief David Bales and Major Adam Bales, the local department has received over \$400,000 in grant money in just over a decade.

Wednesday, February 2, the department was awarded \$10,000 from the Kentucky Fire Commission for the purchase of five sets of turn out gear. David Bales said such gear includes the specific fire retardant clothing and materials and some equipment that firefighters carry on them when attacking a fire.

The department had already received \$3,200 for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera.

"This is so necessary for the safety of our firefighters and the community as a whole," said David Bales. "Including the grant for the rescue truck, this makes about \$140,000 in grants in the past six months."

Grants received by the local department include \$118,440 for self-contained breathing apparatus, \$42,300 for a compressor, \$27,000 for a Jaws of Live apparatus, grants for extrication,

hoses, blowers, vent fans, struts and jacks, pants, coats, hoods, boots, reels for the brush truck and jump suits for extrication and other equipment. Grants have come from AFG, the State Fire Commission, FEMA, Homeland Security and the State Forestry Department.

But the department is far from slowing down

their grant applications, according to David Bales. "We have submitted applications to FEMA for new self-contained breathing apparatus due to our SCBA going out of date, and a new brush truck for another \$350,000," he said. "The Mount Vernon Fire Department will be applying for any and all grants available."

Lost in Transition

New book edited by
Aaron D. Purcell

The Appalachian region has gone through a lot of changes over the years and now there is a book focusing upon some of the reasons for the altering life styles.

Lost in Transition: Removing, Resettling, and Renewing Appalachia has been edited by Aaron D. Purcell. The book, edited by the Mount Vernon native, is now available through the Chicago Distribution Center and focuses on a chronological exploration of twentieth-century removal and resettlement projects across southern Appalachia.

The book contains seven case studies of public land removal actions (imminent domain) in Virginia, Kentucky, the Carolinas and Tennessee from the 1930s through the 1960s.

The book discusses the methods that governmental agencies used to deal with land acquisitions and

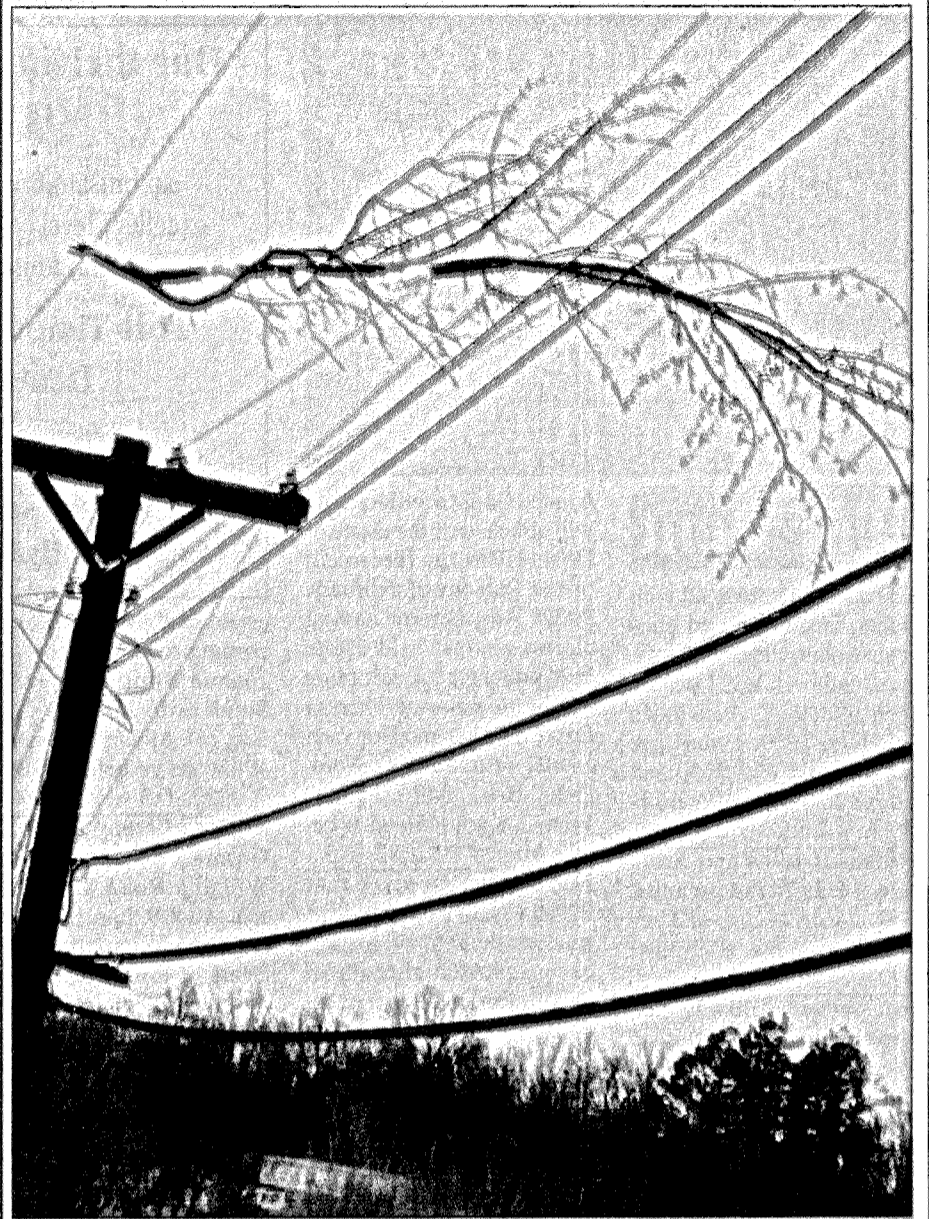
removal of families and communities.

The book includes confrontations between past and present federal agencies and citizens and the original accounts of removal and resettlement and contemporary interpretations.

The book is expected to be a helpful resource to anthropologists, folklorists and Appalachian study scholars and a powerful volume of stories for all readers who reflect upon the importance of place and home.

Purcell is Director of Collections and University Archives at Virginia Tech. He is the author of *White Collar Radicals: TVS's Knoxville Fifteen, The New Deal, and the McCarthy Era* and *Arthur Morgan: a Progressive Vision for American Reform*. He is also the Editor of *The Journal of East Tennessee History*.

Out on a limb



A short power outage in the area around Main Street and Old US 25 in Mount Vernon was caused by a falling limb Tuesday morning. Heavy winds caused limbs to fall Monday and Tuesday and created minor damage to some county residences. This limb caught fire when it fell across two high-powered lines causing an electrical short. The Mount Vernon Fire Department and Kentucky Utilities worked to provide safety in the area and repair the damage.

Blood Drive planned locally

The Kentucky Blood Center will be holding a blood drive Tuesday, March 1 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the First

Baptist Church Gym at 340 West Main in Mount Vernon. Donors will receive a free t-shirt. Go to

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Thank You to the Community

To my wonderful patients:

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your local dentist for the past three years at Rockcastle Family Dental Center. It was a dream of mine, since I was in dental school, to bring dentistry to Rockcastle Regional, and I am proud to say that dentistry is here to stay!

I have been blessed to be able to reconnect with family and friends through dental care in my hometown. Meeting new people and creating lasting friendships with my wonderful patients has been greatly fulfilling. I have truly loved treating each and every one of you.

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,

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Miscellaneous For Sale

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

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Theresa Gayle Thacker, 1197 Wabd Jones Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Hollyann Joyner, 242 Silver Mist Corner, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed

Co-Executrixes/with will attached of the estate of Donald Thacker (deceased) on the 18th day of February, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law to the said Theresa Gayle Thacker and Hollyann Joyner or to John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 18, 2022. 3x3

Notice is hereby given that Bryan Pheanis has filed the final settlement of his accounts as Administrator of the Estate of Betty M. Pheanis, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held March 16, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 3x1

Notice is hereby given that Stacey Blanton has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Lillie Fleming on the 24th day of January 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Stacey Blanton or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 24, 2022.

Notice is hereby given that Shannon Franklin, Rockcastle Co. Sheriff, 205 E. Main St., Box 2, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Public Administrator of the estate of Courtney Duff on the 31st day of January, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Shannon Franklin or to Hon. Gregory E.H. Smith, Flint Law Firm, 2690 Olivet Church Rd., Paducah, KY 42001 on or before August 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. 2x3

Notice is hereby given that Ricky L. Evans, 282 Friendship Road, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Carolyn Sue Evans on the 14th day of February 2022. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Ricky L. Evans or to Hon. John T. Pruitt, Jr., PO Drawer 30, Somerset, KY 42502-0030 on or before August 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. 2x3

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Notice is hereby given that Theresa Bryant, 30 Iroquois Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Susanne "Susie" Bryant on the 7th day of February, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Teresa Bryant or to Hon. Jerald Bryan LeMaster, 105 B North Main St., Somerset, KY 41501 on or before August 8, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Joshua Smith, 93 East Saddlebrook Dr., Somerset, KY 42503 and Jason Smith 253 W. Main St., Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Loretta Smith (deceased) on the 7th day of February, 2022. Any person having claims against said

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Notice is hereby given that Donna Cromer, 4200 Willailla Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of April McGuire on the 14th day of February, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Donna Cromer or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. 2x3

Notice is hereby given that Merita McGuire, 1384 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of

the estate of Christopher Ryan McGuire on the 14th day of February, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Merita McGuire or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. 2x3



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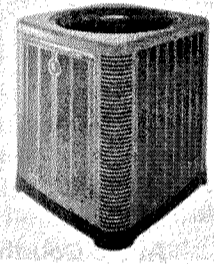
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New security systems coming for all schools

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County Schools will soon have a quicker, easier and safer way for parents and guests to visit every school in the district.

At the request of Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert, a new badge system has been approved by the

board of education that Reppert says will keep students safer and allow visitors quicker access to the buildings.

Raptor Technologies are used at many big venues and corporations to identify anyone in the building and soon all local schools will have the same technology in every building.

With the system, all visitors present their ID when they enter the building. The system runs an instant check and prints an ID badge to be worn inside the building.

"It does not run a background check," said Reppert. "That bothers some people who think the system runs a background check on them,

but it does not run a typical background check on anyone. It simply checks the registry to make sure they are allowed to be there."

According to Reppert, within seconds, the system checks to make sure you are on the list allowed to pick the child up from school and that you are who you claim to be. "I would think any parent interested in their child's safety would be very happy we have such a system to protect all our students," he said. "It is quicker for the visitor, it is more efficient for the school system and it is more safe for the students".

Though there is no real background check, everyone on the national sex offender registry

will be on the checklist so that no one convicted of child molestation or other sex offenses can be allowed in the buildings, according to Reppert. "That is a state law anyway."

The board voted unanimously to use the School Safety grant as part of new legislation to fund the project. Last year the district received slightly over \$70,000 in the grant over two years. Part of that money has been used meeting state requirements that windows be covered so that passers by cannot see into the classrooms.

The new *Raptor Technology* system will use

about \$10,000 for the equipment and software to be installed at every school and then about \$3,000 per year in maintenance fees and updates to keep the system accurate, according to Reppert.

"Visitors will have an ID badge now and will be immediately recognized as a guest that has been allowed in the school via the system," said Reppert. "If you see a stranger in the building wearing that badge, you will know they have been checked in through the system."

The new system is expected before the end of this school year.

Shirley Cummins KTC Hall of Fame inductee

By: Mike French
Editor

Over 35 years ago, Mount Vernon's Shirley Cummins, sat in a small back room of the Rockcastle County Library as a volunteer. Her cluttered desk was evidence of her initiative and her relentless drive to provide food and transportation help to seniors.

Recently, Cummins was inducted into the Kentucky Transportation Hall of Fame for her "foresight, dedication, leadership, perseverance and integrity" in her efforts to "significantly enhance transportation systems in the Commonwealth."

Today, what began in that small office has led Cummins to Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc (RTEC), operating in 15 counties with a fleet of 230 vehicles and a staff of 200 that have served over 230,000 people and traveled over one million miles.

On January 20, 2022, Cummins was inducted into the KTC (Kentucky Transportation Cabinet) Hall of Fame and recognized for her boundless

accomplishments and dedication.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. recently invited Cummins to the fiscal court meeting to recognize her efforts but Cummins was not able to attend the meeting.

Cummins is no stranger to recognition, since she has already been recognized for her important roles in revitalizing downtown Mount Vernon, a public transit award in 2017 and the statewide Human Service Transportation Delivery Outstanding Call Center Award. She has also helped the center receive the Outstanding Grant Administration Award and Broker of the Year Award. She was inducted into the Kentucky Transit Hall of Fame in 2021 and received the Lifetime Achievement in Transit Award, citing her lifelong contributions to the transit industry.

Cummins' achievements in the transportation field go on and on but according to the KTC press release, they include being in the forefront of technological ad-

vancements in transportation and leveraging new systems and software to enhance RTEC's operation and increasing the ease with which clients can use its services.

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

Land Home Financial Services, Inc. Plaintiff

V.

**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.
 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:
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**John D. Ford
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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00033**

Community Trust Bank Plaintiff

V.

**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
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Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

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

301 Tinchter 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. NFLS27AB11560SR12

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**

Special fiscal court meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

Due to timing issues, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Friday, February 17 with three items on the agenda, according to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. "Some of the bills the county receives don't arrive in time for the regular monthly meeting," he said. "In order to avoid late fees, we call a special meeting and we have to vote to pay that bill before it becomes late."

Since there was a special called meeting needed, the agenda also contained two other items.


The magistrates voted to provide \$3,000 to the Kentucky Music Hall of

Fame to help with a part time employee. Holbrook says the court provides such assistance each year but the amount varies.

The court also accepted the annual state recommended salary adjustment for Magistrates and Coroners across the state.

Holbrook said the salaries are based on the Consumer Price Index and calculated by the Department of Local Government. All Magistrates received a raise in pay from \$566 to \$606 per month. The County Coroner pay scale moved from \$518 to \$554 per month.

Holbrook said those salaries are the minimum amounts allowed by KRS 64.527 calculations. The new salary scales were adopted.



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