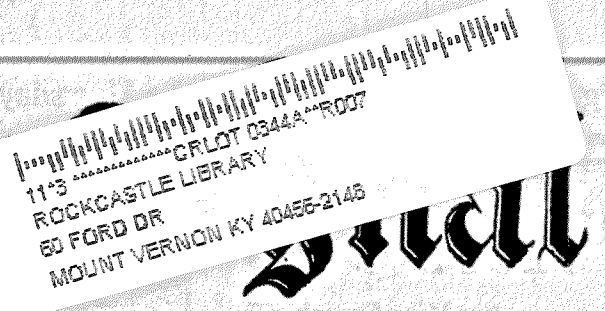


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First responders at both Mount Vernon and Brodhead fire departments were called to this structure fire on Reverend Green Loop in Mount Vernon last Thursday, January 30. Upon arrival at the scene, fire fighters found the home engulfed in flames and were able to keep the flames from spreading into nearby brush and woods. No injuries were reported but the structure is being called a complete loss.

Passenger thrown on roof of house Driver killed when truck crashes into home in Conway

By: Mike French
Editor

A chaotic scene unfolded last Saturday night, January 31 about 9:30, in the Conway area as a single truck-crash into a residence, caused a man inside to be hit by a falling deer head and a woman passenger in the truck to be thrown onto the roof of the home.

Also, as a result of the crash another passenger, a man, was thrown into the yard of the residence and seriously injured and the driver, a local woman, was killed.

According to a Ken-

tucky State Police (KSP) report, the driver of the truck, Courtney Duff, 26, of Mount Vernon, was pronounced dead at the Berea Hospital by the Madison County Coroner's office after she crashed into a home in the Conway area of Rockcastle County.

According to the report, Post 11 trooper Ethan Lewis was traveling north on US 25 in the Conway community of Rockcastle County Saturday night when he passed the Duff vehicle traveling south. Lewis engaged his emergency lights in an attempt to stop the truck.

However, when the officer engaged the cruiser's emergency lighting to let the driver know he wanted them to stop, Duff sped away, passing several other vehicles. Duff then lost control of the vehicle and ran off the roadway caus-

(See "Crash" on A7)

Flu causes two-day school closure

— Thursday and Friday

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County Schools will be closed Thursday and Friday due to illness.

Just last week, average attendance in the Rockcastle County School District was still in the 90 percent range, according to Carrie Ballinger, Director of Student Services. However, this year's strain of the flu has moved quickly across the county.

Local residents are discussing the spread of the flu within the county even during public meetings this week. Corey Craig told RCIDA Board members that his children are ill and that school nurses reported seeing over 100 students absentees by Tuesday morning.

Officials with the Rockcastle County

Health Department say this year's strain of the flu is bringing a combination of many symptoms from headaches and congestion to vomiting and body aches as well as other symptoms.

Doctors say the flu is especially dangerous for the elderly, the very young and those with existing health problems.

RCIDA member Doctor George Griffith said Tamiflu may help symptoms if the medicine is taken as soon as symptoms occur. "If you have already had symptoms for a couple of days, Tamiflu won't really help anything," he said. "But if you catch it very early, it can shorten the symptoms by a few days."

In fact, health department officials say this year's strain is not the typical 24-hour bug and may last as long as a

week. Wednesday morning, school officials reported attendance had dropped to 83.89 percent.

Ballinger said the cancellation of school on Thursday and Friday is mainly a preventive measure since absenteeism is not as low as it could be.

Typically, school is not cancelled until attendance is in the 70 percent range, according to Ballinger. However, the flu is mov-

ing from one school to another, she said, keeping the average attendance at a higher level.

"Our attendance was lower at one school and the other schools were still in the 90 percent range which kept average attendance higher," said Ballinger. "But as we watch the shift from school to school we decided to cancel classes Thursday and Friday to give our janitors four days

to attack each school."

Ballinger said she watched attendance drop to 89%, then 88%, then 87% until Tuesday when attendance dropped to 85% and Wednesday at 83%.

Ballinger said school workers will clean each school meticulously. "We will perform a deep cleaning over the four days," she said. "By Monday our facilities will be in good condition."

RCIDA addresses several local issues

— Board busier than ever before

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) were joined by Rockcastle County Treasurer Joe Clontz and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Tuesday morning for a detailed discussion about several matters concerning growth and development in the county.

One of the discussions centered around the planned Farmers Market that will be built on Richmond Street.

Chairman Corey Craig announced the finalization of the purchase of the lot next to the site where the building will be located.

The board purchased about 0.2 acres of land and a house at 180 Richmond Street for \$38,000 and agreed to tear down the existing home to allow for better placement

of the new building on the site and better egress and ingress for customers.

According to Craig, the occupants of the home have agreed to move out by March and the house will be demolished.

"This will provide a much safer and more feasible ingress and egress to the Farmers Market building and will greatly help our plan to enhance the attractiveness of the community," Craig said.

According to Craig, there are three priorities in the design of the new building. "First, we need a nice Farmers Market building here. This will benefit the entire community from producers to retailers and customers," he said. "Second, we need a building that can be used by other entities, including 4-H and quilting clubs or whatever group or organization would want to use the space throughout the entire year. And third, we want to enhance the beauty of the community

and provide a safe, clean atmosphere in the area."

A motion from board member Tommy Mink and a unanimous vote, authorized the board to cash in a CD at Community Trust Bank and use those funds for the purchase of the property and the demolition of the existing building.

Board members then began a discussion about recent CDBG grants which are being loaned to Microfoodery and Kentucky Pharmaceuticals.

Craig explained that two such grants are very unusual for a small town and he is proud of the enthusiasm of the board. "This is as active as the RCIDA board has ever been. This creates a lot of stress in dealing with the accounts and reports but Pamela Taylor (board secretary) is doing a wonderful job of keeping everything on track and in line," he said. "There was a time that we didn't have much to talk about in these meetings but now there are a lot of neat things going on and it is very nice to see all this

(See "RCIDA" on A4)

"There was a time that we didn't have much to talk about in these meetings. But now there are a lot of neat things going on..."

Corey Craig

New census may be different than the 2010 Census

— Coming in March or April

By: Mike French
Editor

According to Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, the upcoming 2020 Census can be important for the county.

Holbrook says grant money is often based on population and leaving people out greatly reduces the amount of grants the county may be eligible to receive.

"The general rule of thumb is that a family of five equals about \$10,000 in grant money that the county could be eligible to get," said Holbrook. "Each time a family of five is not counted in the

census, it is potentially costing the county \$10,000 in potential grant money."

And according to Holbrook, there may be a lot of families that were not counted in the last census.

The census is conducted every ten years and the 2010 Census apparently left out a lot of local citizens.

"We have to use the information they give us to go by," Holbrook told members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority this week.

According to

(See "Census" on A4)

Census jobs

For free assistance with online applications or questions about part-time positions in the upcoming census, a census representative will be at the Rockcastle County Public Library Wednesday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More census workers are currently needed.

Massive snow ten years ago

Ten years ago this week a massive snow storm covered the county with nine inches of snow falling in some areas in a single day. This was the ninth time that year that school was closed due to inclement weather.

Traffic Checkpoints

The Kentucky State Police will begin holding traffic safety checkpoints in Rockcastle County. For a complete list of the checkpoint locations visit <http://kentuckystatepolice.org/post-locations/post-11-checkpoints/>.

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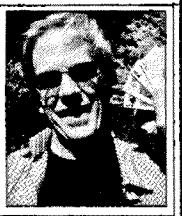
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



What a waste. Good Heavens! How many millions of dollars have been spent by Democrats in the past three years trying to undo an election?

Not only were those millions basically tossed in the trash for nothing (which is just another day for Liberals) but the time spent finding new things to accuse the POTUS of could have been used to actually legislate.

Since Inauguration Day, Democrats have screamed "impeach the \$#%@\$," while other Democrats smiled and laughed and agreed. Now they stand there with a straight face and a fake tear in their eye telling people how they wish they didn't have to do this.

Yes, Rep. Adam Schiff, many American citizens are gullible and easy to fool. But not all of us.

I know we have become conditioned to expect that what a candidate promises and what that candidate delivers once elected are two completely opposite things. We just accept that as truth anymore.

So, I guess it was quite the shock indeed when Trump actually started

doing what he promised he would do.

No wonder they tried to kick him out of office from day one. Who wants a Washington politician who does what he says he will do? Soon, people would start to expect that from every politician. Obviously, that is unacceptable.

They have to be thinking, "Kick him out before he keeps another promise!"

I don't agree with everything Trump does either. I think his Executive Order to ban bump stocks was borderline treason since it was in direct conflict with the Constitution. But that is only my own interpretation of what the founders had in mind when they wrote the Second Amendment.

None the less, I sure didn't spend millions of your dollars arguing with him about it.

I heard Schiff refer to himself many times as our "leader." Actually, he is supposed to be our servant. Our representative. But that's okay. We all know that isn't true. It is supposed to be that way, but it isn't.

Anyway, I don't be-
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Points East

By Ike Adams



I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm ready to talk about gardening. I may be unable to do much of it but, at least so far, Mr. Parkinson has not stopped me from talking about it. I've found that talking about it is infinitely easier than getting it done and rarely makes me raise a sweat.

If you are a long time reader of this column, you know that Loretta and I have had a love affair with Bodacious sweet corn ever since we discovered the variety, more than 30 years ago, in the late 1980s. Simply put, we had never, since then, considered any other variety of sweet corn to be in the same league as Bodacious when it came to mouthwatering taste. It also tastes as well frozen as it does fresh from the garden. There's no better way to get a taste of late July in late January than to open a bag of frozen, Bodacious corn, thaw and heat it up and set it on the dinner table.

At least that's the way we had always felt about it as the years rolled into more than 3 decades. During each and every one of those years, I have planted at least one new variety of sweet corn to compare to Bodacious. All 3 of my younger brothers are lifelong, avid gardeners. They have, individually, been as sold on Kandy Korn, Silver Queen, Ambrosia, Golden Queen, Illini Extra Sweet and one or another other sweet corn varieties as I have, consistently, favored Bodacious. I have tried them all and none have ever appealed to my taste buds as well as the latter. Bodacious sweet corn is one of the few things that my wife and I have never argued with one another.

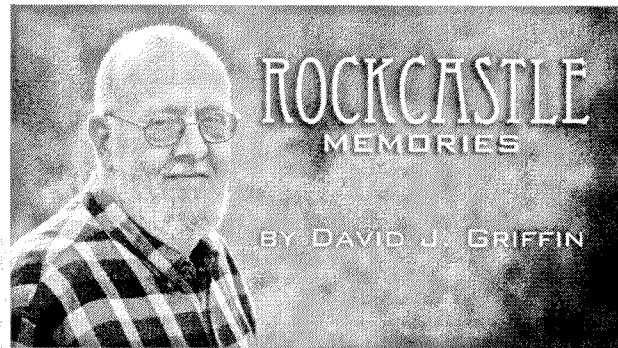
Then, last year, we both conceded that there was a new, dead-serious contender for boss of the sweet corn patch. If my brother, Andy, is willing and able to run the Troybilt Horse again this year, we will put both Bodacious and the new variety, "Glacial" to a fairer competition than they had last year, where Glacial won, hands down, both fresh and frozen, as the best sweet corn we had ever tasted.

On the other hand, last year's crop of Bodacious, for all practical purposes, failed to get a fair shake. Andy and I decided to plant it late because, over the years, I have determined that it grows and tastes better when it is harvested in September

than it does in July or August. You may recall that last September was the driest month on record for central Kentucky. August was not much wetter. We only managed to get a couple dozen "nubbins" from the Bodacious planting after the Glacial crop had turned out seed catalog, picture perfect. We even beat the %%%!!! Raccoons to the Glacial crop.

In the meantime, Loretta was not concerned about the Bodacious because, as she put it, referring to the new Glacial variety, "sweet corn does not get any better than this!" She allowed that Bodacious had more "eye appeal" because it is yellow and Glacial is snow white, but that was

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Thank the Lord for Aspirin

I was recently surfing the internet and found the following statement: "Can you imagine having the flu and not having aspirin to reduce your fever?" It sparked my memories about aspirin and my childhood years.

When I was a very young boy, my mother (Bee) treated the flu and even the common cold with Bayer aspirin for pain and fever reduction, Vicks salve for soothing coughs, and hot tea to combat chills. I thought her medical expertise was equal to a visit from our physician, Dr. George Griffith! As all of us old folks recall, in those days, the good doctor would come to your home if standard home remedies

proved inefficient.

As a former science teacher, the aspirin story made me want to review the history of acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin). It actually dates back to ancient Egypt and even before. Hippocrates referred to the use of salicylic tea to reduce fevers around 400 BC. Willow bark extract became recognized for its specific effects on fever, pain, and inflammation during the mid-eighteenth century.

In 1853, chemist Charles Gerhardt treated acetyl chloride with sodium salicylate to produce acetylsalicylic acid for the first time. In 1897, scientists from Bayer identified a new way to synthesize the product. By 1899, Bayer had dubbed the combination as "aspirin" and was selling it around the world.

During the late 50's and early 60's, aspirin's popularity declined due to the development of acetaminophen and ibuprofen. In the early 1980's, aspirin's use and efficacy as an anti-clotting agent that reduced the risk of clotting diseases, increased its use significantly. Aspirin sales revived considerably in the late 20th and early 21st centuries with widespread use as a preventive treatment for heart attacks and strokes.

When I was teaching human anatomy and physiology at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, I developed a laboratory exercise to produce aspirin in my classroom. We researched

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Finding One of the Joys of Childhood

Dear Journal,

Often, maybe too often, my mind goes back to another time and place and all of the wonderful things experienced there. I remember several years ago I was telling Stanley of a little "mom and pop" place in Somerset that served some of the best hamburgers I've ever eaten. I had heard that they were closed, but someone surely was running this restaurant...after all, it had been there for just about ever. One day soon after, when we weren't doing anything else, I had him drive me over there to get some of those wonderful little burgers.

Much to my surprise and disappointment, they were still out of business. They had been closed for quite a while I learned. There stood a part of my childhood gone forever. Mom and Pop got old and had to close and their children didn't have any interest in carrying on the tradition of an old restaurant in Somerset. They had been serving hamburgers for at least thirty or forty years, as well as other things, but they were known for their hamburgers. I would never taste the unique flavor of these little burgers

again. We drove home and it was like going back home only to find your old homeplace gone. Some of my favorite times in this whole world took place there.

Last Friday, we had to do some business in Somerset and part of it took us downtown. I looked, from a distance, and saw what I thought to be my little "mom and pop" restaurant open. It couldn't be, I thought. It had been closed for probably twenty years or longer. I asked a local

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“Aces”

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lieve they will stop looking for ways to kick Trump out. They are small children, dressed up in suits and handed a microphone.

Get a Karaoke machine, turn it up loud and hand the mic to a five year-old child and watch what happens. That is what I saw during this

entire impeachment process.

And now Nancy Pelosi has proven my point. Like a five year-old crying child throwing their toy across the room or holding their breath to punish their mean old mommy, she ripped up the President’s State of the Union speech that talked about dying American veterans and their families and the

fight against the opioid crisis.

And that pouty little child is supposed to be a representative. Then when you mention how childish and disrespectful that was of her, instead of admitting it and recognizing it, Democrats say “oh yeah? Well so-and-so did something childish once too. So there!” Gee, good argument about not acting childish.

There are two charges against Trump. They repeated those two charges once for each star in the Heavens. I heard them say the same thing a thousand times. Of course, I believe both things to be completely and utterly bogus. But even if they weren’t, they still could have just repeated it a hundred times. That would have been plenty.

Dear elected officials, please move on. Decrease spending, lower taxes on the middle class, get out of the health care business, leave the Constitution alone, stop supporting terrorist countries that hate America, finish building the wall that the people voted for, support our veterans, use the money you are giving to people who won’t work to fix our infrastructure, stop spending \$3 million for an inauguration stage, and get out of my President’s way so he can keep the rest of his promises.

“T. J.’s”

(Cont. from A2)

about it and yes, it was open. Holsomback’s was alive and well.

There was more business to do, so Stanley dropped me off and I went inside. Wow! I was back “home”. I’d gone back in time to about 1965 and that era. NOTHING had changed. To look back, I thought I was in an episode of The Twilight Zone. There was the same old black and white tile floor, the same wallpaper, black chrome tables and chrome chairs, wooden bar stools, and even the same grill. There was the same old stairs that led to where Mom and Pop Holsomback lived upstairs. I just about cried right then and there.

They were about to close, but they stayed open just a little longer for me. If they hadn’t, I know I’d have cried. I ordered eight hamburgers, four for me and four for Stanley. They are small, about two inch square...Crystal or White Castle size. They are simple, just hamburger on a bun with onions, pickles, and mustard. I got a Coke. Years ago it would have been served in a bottle with a paper

straw. The burgers are served on a piece of waxed paper, two to a pack. We would always get about a dozen to take home. That old brown paper bag would be soaked in grease by the time we got back to London.

I learned that the meat used to be so lean that “Pop” had to put a big dollop of lard on the grill to keep them from sticking. On any given day, hundreds of burgers were sold. There was a walk-up window for to-go orders, too. On a Saturday, there were probably thousands sold. The line of customers would have stretched down the street. The hamburgers used to be a dime or a quarter and the Coke was a dime. Now the burgers are a dollar each and the Coke was two.

“Pop” Holsomback took the secret recipe for his hamburgers to the grave, but the new owners have experimented and got their recipe very close. It isn’t very often that you get to go back in time like this, and this time I took Stanley with me. If anyone else wants to go back in time, go to Maple Street in downtown Somerset and look for “Granny’s Grab and Go”.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

the only downside.

Both varieties were originally introduced, at least to us, by Twilley’s Seed Catalogue. I’m guessing that Bodacious came along in 1987 or 88 and, for the first few years, I was the only person in central Kentucky, that I knew about, growing it. I was raving about it, in this column, even then. By the mid 1990s the seed was available practically anywhere that sold garden seeds. Glacial was, I believe, only introduced in 2019. At least that was the first time I noticed it and I’ve been trying a new variety from Twilley’s for the last 38 years. The company sells so many varieties of sweet corn that it would have been easy to miss one.

I doubt that you will be able to find Glacial at your favorite seed store or, for that matter, anywhere besides Twilley’s. However, it is in their catalog and I have already placed my order just in case they run out of seed.

You can find OtisTwilley’s Seed Company on the internet and order from their online catalogue. They will also send you a paper copy in the mail. If you don’t have internet access, call someone who does and have them request a catalogue for you. It’s worth the effort. This year the catalogue lists over 1,400 varieties of flower and vegetable seeds.

“Memories”

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the chemicals involved and learned how to combine them safely. My students were impressed when we produced a fine, white power of acetylsalicylic acid. I even allowed my students to taste a tiny amount to see if the powder actually tasted like aspirin. They were duly impressed and so was the superintendent of schools, whose son was in my class.

Today, I am mighty thankful that I did not live

in a world without aspirin. Its use as a pain reliever, fever reducer, and an anti-clotting agent make it an extremely useful medical supplement. And as we continue to age and develop even more aches and pains, I become ever more grateful for the mercy granted to us via its use. My bet is that one day, you will, too!

(You can reach me at themnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

• Our Readers Write •

Illegals are messing in our elections...

Dear Editor,

How can these ignorant Democrats say they don’t want a foreign country messing in our elections?

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want to let illegal aliens vote in our elections.

What the heck is this but interference by foreign aliens in our elections?

Bob Lunsford
(P.S. Remember Obama promised Russia, on a hot mike, he would do more for them after the election.)

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Retired Teachers Meeting is Feb. 19th
Rockcastle Retired Teachers will meet at Limestone Grille on Wednesday, February 19th at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Suzanne Gault with JACO Limo Tours and Charters, Knoxville, TN. This promises to be a special meeting, so mark your calendar. You won’t want to miss this one!

KPR Meeting is Feb. 11th
The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, February 11th at Golden Corral Restaurant in London. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be Kay Hensley, a Republican candidate for 21st District State Senator in the May 19th primary election. Any retiree (and spouse) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or is available on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

DBCAA Board Meeting
The Daniel Boone Community Action Agency will hold a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Hot Rod Sign-Ups
Hot Rod T-Ball sign-ups for 3-5 year-olds will be held the first and second weekends in April at Wendy’s from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 606-308-5319 for more information.

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 Item
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. ***Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting
The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

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.

Kiwanis Club Meetings
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grille. Everyone is invited.

American Legion Post 71
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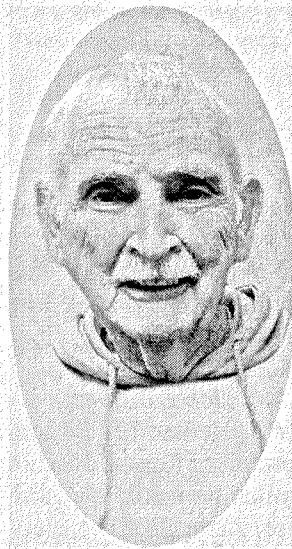


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Obituaries

Estel Paul Hamm

Estel Paul Hamm, 87, of Brodhead, died Monday, February 3, 2020 at Veteran Medical Center in Lexington. He was born December 14, 1932 in Bandy, a



son of the late William Oscar Hamm and Mollie Ellen Brown Hamm. He was a Tool and Die Maker, having been employed at Cumberland Tool and Die for 50 years and Lincoln Tool and Die. He served his country in the US Air Force, as Airman 1st Class. He found great pleasure in UK basketball, playing poker, and genealogy. On March 31, 1956 he was united in marriage to Martha Blevins, and from that union came

three daughters, Kathy Lynn, Karen Louise and Kandi Lee.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 63 years, Martha Blevins Hamm of Brodhead; daughters, Kathy Lynn Hamm (Bobby) Dees of Brodhead, Karen Louise Hamm (Phillip) Coleman of Dacula, GA, and Kandi Lee (George) Hylton of Berea; grandchildren, Natalee Eaton, Neisha Cameron, Kristi Lynn Brown, Seth Thomas Taylor, Mahala Caroline Coleman, Garrett Paul Ellis Coleman and Eli Joseph Hylton; great grandchildren, Hayden Lynelle Powell, Christopher Izaiah Thomas Frederick, Mollie Elynn Taylor, Levi Austin Cameron, Lilly Ann Cameron, and Brooks Thigpin; a brother, John Wayne Hamm of Waynesville, OH; a sister, Wilma Elizabeth Craig of West Chester, OH; as well as a host of nieces/ nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: brothers, Denver Ray, David Kendall and William Theodore Hamm; one sister, Alma Joyce Hamm Sutton; and a special nephew, Billy Hamm.

At Paul's request, cremation rites are being honored.

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

James Edgar Martin

James Edgar Martin, 54, of Cincinnati, OH, died there Wednesday, January 22, 2020. He was born in Cincinnati, OH on December 12, 1965, the son of Melvin Martin and Marjorie Gamble. He was a US Army Veteran.

He is survived by: his daughters, Rachel Martin of Richmond and Rebecca (Tyler) Pratt of Huntington, WV; his mother, Marjorie Gamble of Cincinnati, OH; a sister, Susan Ogden of Cincinnati, OH; and two brothers, Charles Martin and Raymond Martin, Sr., both of Cincinnati, OH. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Anita Faye Martin; his father, Melvin Martin; and a sister, Marcia Sinclair.



Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in Bales Cemetery in Livingston by Bro. Bruce Ross.

Pallbearers were: Tony Bevins, Charles Martin, Chuck Martin, Raymond Martin, Jr., Tyler Pratt, and Brandon Randolph.

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Our True Value

Being free moral agents, we are free to think, and do any way we want. But we need to realize that our true value depends on what God thinks of us, whether God is happy with what we think, say and do.

The scriptures are given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This being true we can make a comparison of what we know of ourselves, to what has been revealed, in the Holy Scriptures given to us by our Lord. Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness, with our spirit, that we are the children of God. There is a peace that begins to grow with inside of us if we are truly the children of God. Phil. 4:4-9 rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and mind through Christ Jesus. Finally my brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things which we have both learned, and received and heard, and seen in me, and do, and the God of peace shall be with you. What ever happened to the idea of doing what is right, it has its own virtue and reward. This idea should be in the heart of every Christian, is to do what is right and to always tell the truth, doing anything less shows to this world our religion is not serious. Galatians 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, then he shall have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Ask yourselves, do you want to have that peace, that only God gives, treat others the way you want to be treated and love the Lord with all your soul, mind, body and strength. Thank you for reading this article. I pray God has blessed you with the things you need and has kept you safe. We would love for you to come and visit us at the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, Mt. Vernon, Ky. or friend on Facebook at Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Church, you can contact us at these numbers. Bro. Dale McNew -859-582-4021- Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104.

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William "Bill" Henry Fowler Jr.

William "Bill" Henry Fowler, Jr., 73, of Berea, died Monday, February 3, 2020, at St. Joseph Health Care in Lexington. He was born September 9, 1946, in Paris.

to the late William Henry and Nancy (Clinkenbeard) Fowler. He served in the

U.S. Army, was a machinist at Rexroth for 49

years, and was a member of the Fairview Baptist Church. He enjoyed his family, grandchildren, UK basketball, fishing, collecting guns and knives, and was a member of Bourbon County F & AM Masonic Lodge. He married Martha Powell on June 12, 1970, and from that union came two children, Gwyn and William.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 49 years, Martha Fowler; children, Gwyn (Ron) Bernot of Lawrenceburg, and "Billy" (Alice) Fowler of Cartersville; five grandchildren, Joshua McNew, Pvt. Paige Fowler, RJ Bernot, Briely Fowler, and Kash Fowler; one brother, Kenneth (Linda Carol) Fowler of Paris; and one sister-in-law, Patricia Fowler.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Julian Fowler.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday, February 6, from 6-9 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Church with Masonic Rites at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday, February 7, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Church with Bro. Vaughn Rasor officiating. Burial will follow in Powell Family Cemetery with Military Honors.

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Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

Monthly Singing

Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold their monthly singing Sunday, February 23rd, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Featured singers will be Standing in the Gap gospel singing.

Everyone is invited.

Church services are held Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Special Service

There will be a special service at the Berea Gospel Tabernacle on Friday night, Feb. 14th, beginning at 7 o'clock with Jack Carpenter speaking.

Everyone is invited and welcome.

Weekend Revival

McNew Chapel Baptist Church will hold a Weekend revival beginning Friday night, February 7th at 7 o'clock.

Evangelist will be Bro. Kenneth Thompson from Wayne County.

Everyone is invited.

"RCIDA"

(Continued from front) activity in our community."

Craig said the two grants will provide the community with funds for decades to come that will aid in growth and development and can be loaned out to other potential businesses as a low-interest loan.

According to Craig the money cannot be reloaned until the company that borrowed it from RCIDA originally has met the job requirements of the loan. "Once Microfoodery has 50 employees, we can loan the same money out to other businesses that will provide more jobs and bring more interest. It is a continuing process that will help our county's growth for years," he said.

"We are in a very good place right now," said Craig. "We have the disadvantage of being a small town so we have to work a little harder and be a little more creative. Some communities have half a million people to draw from. Here we have 17,000 people. But we can do it. In fact, we are doing it."

While discussing Kentucky Pharmaceuticals, board member Dr. George Griffith had some questions about the business's potential success.

"The truth is, this hemp processing is a new thing, and hemp company's are announcing bankruptcy almost every day. When vaping first came out, it grew and was very successful. But then as more information about vaping became available, it's not very good for you," said Dr. Griffith. "I'm not saying this will happen to the hemp processing industry. But I am asking how we know it will not happen."

Craig then presented a very detailed explanation of his thoughts on the subject. "That is a wonderful question," he said. "We have given this a lot of thought. Life is full of risks. We take them every day. Even driving your car you are within a few feet of a ton of metal, glass and gasoline passing you at 60 miles per hour."

"But, you stay in your lane, you wear a seatbelt. You have safety features on the car. You are taking a risk, but it is a calculated risk. That is all we can do. Anything could happen and no one knows the future. But you calculate your risks, you take steps to minimize your risks and you prepare for the outcome."

Craig also said that the owners of Kentucky Pharmaceuticals have a plan to provide a safety net to keep the industry from taking a negative hit.

"When you purchase something at the store, you read the label and know what you are getting. The CBD oil industry does not have that federal oversight currently. So, the owners plan to create a product with integrity and follow the process from the first seed, to the plant itself, to the harvesting activities and through the processing procedures," said Craig. "The owners of Kentucky Pharmaceuticals are going to create a product that can be trusted."

Board members continued several other discussions, including the 2020 Census which

Judge/Executive Holbrook said he expects will show "a lot more people in Rockcastle County this time."

The board also addressed the progress of the new Marathon Station locating in Livingston. Officials say the foundation of the building is now complete and the structure is actually the same building that has been located at exit 104 (Athens/Boonesboro exit) in Lexington for many years. Craig said owners have taken that building down now and plan to rebuild it on the site in Livingston.

Board members then discussed the Executive Director's Report before closing the meeting.

The next RCIDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

"Census"

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Holbrook the Census paperwork will start being delivered at the end of March or the first of April. Then the Ccnsus is to be completed by the end of June.

Holbrook told the RCIDA Board that there are many ways that the census will reach the people but workers are still needed to help in different areas.

"The last time they did the census, we got their map back and it showed 'zero residents' in populated areas in several places," he said. "We knew people who lived in those areas and the census showed zero residents."

Not only has the population assumed to have grown over the past ten years, but once the new census includes those who were missed in the last census, Holbrook said he expects well more than a thousand additional names. "The last Census showed our population at 17,056. This one should show a lot more."

Holbrook encourages everyone to take part in the upcoming census and says participation will help everyone in the county.

Holbrook says he has not yet seen the questions on the upcoming census but he is told they will be different this year. "There are people who say it isn't anyone's business how many guns they own or they have problems with other questions," he said. "But I understand the questions are different this year."

Federal law can impose a \$5,000 fine for ignoring the census and a \$10,000 fine for giving false information, according to the Census Bureau Public Information website.

Pizza and Bingo

The Rockcastle Regional Hospital is hosting a Valentine's Day Pizza and Bingo event on Monday, February 10 at First Baptist Church beginning at 6 p.m. "Rhock Out" events are open to anyone with past or present cancer diagnosis. For more information, call (606) 256-7486.

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SPORTS

Avenge earlier season 56-47 loss

Lady Rockets beat Lady Maroons 56-50

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets avenged an earlier season 56-47 district loss to the Pulaski Co. Lady Maroons last Friday night when they came away with a 56-50 win, their 16th of the season against only six losses.

The Lady Maroons took the first quarter 13-10 and were up 25-22 at the half. Freshman Keelee King tied the score on her three point shot to begin the third quarter at 25 all. The Rockets kept pace with the Lady Maroons all through the third period and were ahead 36-35 at the third quarter stop.

In the final period, the Rockets outscored the Lady Maroons 9-2 to take a 45-37 lead. However, the Lady Maroons pulled to within three at 49-46 but Junior Lindsey Jones then hit a big three, only the second one of the night for the Rockets, to give her team a 52-46 lead. Jones then stole the ball and got it to junior Casey Coleman who was fouled and hit one of the free throws to extend the lead to 53-46. The Lady Maroons retaliated with a three point basket but there was only 26 seconds left on the clock. The game finished with a foul shot by senior Shelby Newland and two more by Coleman, and one by PC, for the final 56-50.

Coleman led her team in scoring with 18 points; King got 11; Newland 10; senior Kenzi Himes had seven; freshman Hallie Brown got four, along with Jones and junior Aliyah Lopez also scored a basket.

The Lady Rockets hit 15 of 21 free throws and

three three point baskets while the Lady Maroons made good on 6 of 11 free throws and hit eight threes.

Lady Rockets 60 Clay Co. 28

Monday night, the Lady Rockets hosted the Clay Co. Tigers and weren't, actually, very good hosts, beating the Tigers 60-28.

Coach Chrysti Noble got to clear her bench in the contest with 10 Lady Rockets getting into the scoring column.

Despite getting down 7-0 to the Lady Tigers in the first quarter, the Lady Rockets came back to take the quarter 16-13, were ahead 28-15 at the half and 43-21 at the third quarter stop.

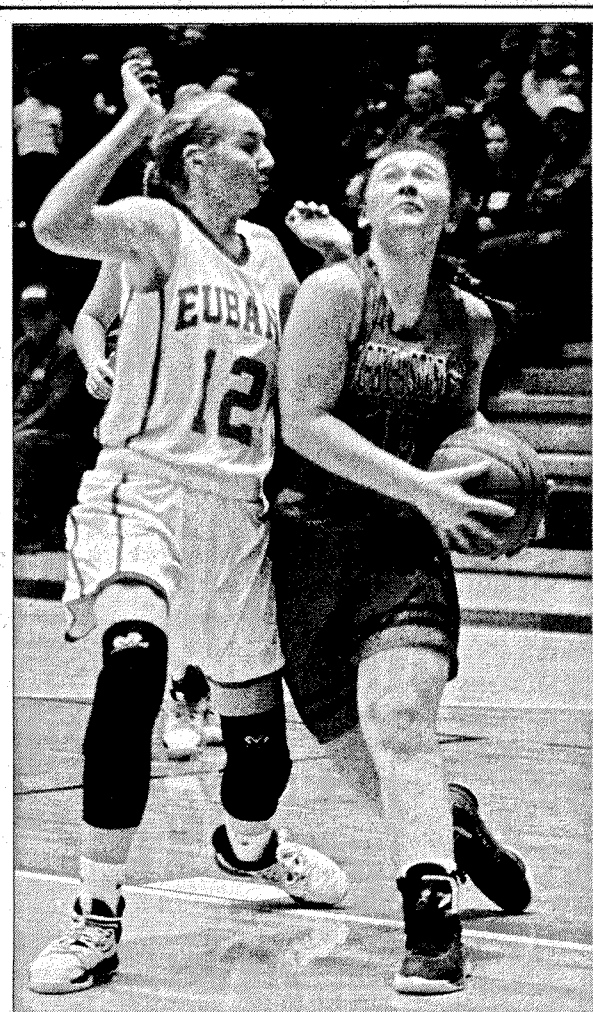
King led the scoring in the game with 16 points. She also had two steals. Other Rockets scoring were: Casey Coleman with 10 points, three rebounds, four assists and two steals; Brown got eight points and five rebounds; Newland and Jordan Harper had six points each; Himes scored five points and pulled in six rebounds; Jones got three points and Bailee Allen, Darby Smith and Calliegh Burdette each scored two points.

Lady Rockets 58 Jackson Co. 46

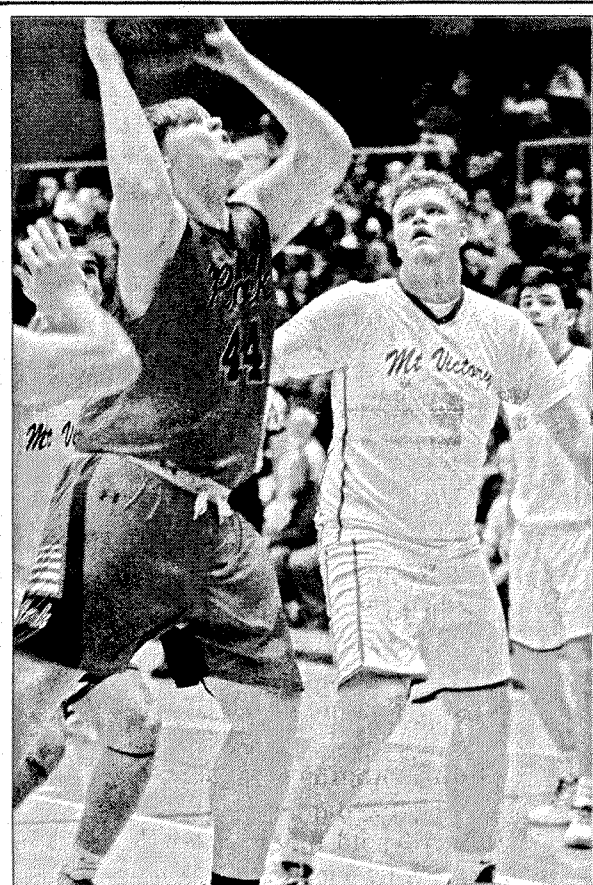
Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets traveled to Jackson County and picked up their 18th win of the season 58-46.

The Rockets were down four 16-12 at the first quarter stop but up by one at the half 26-25. However, they

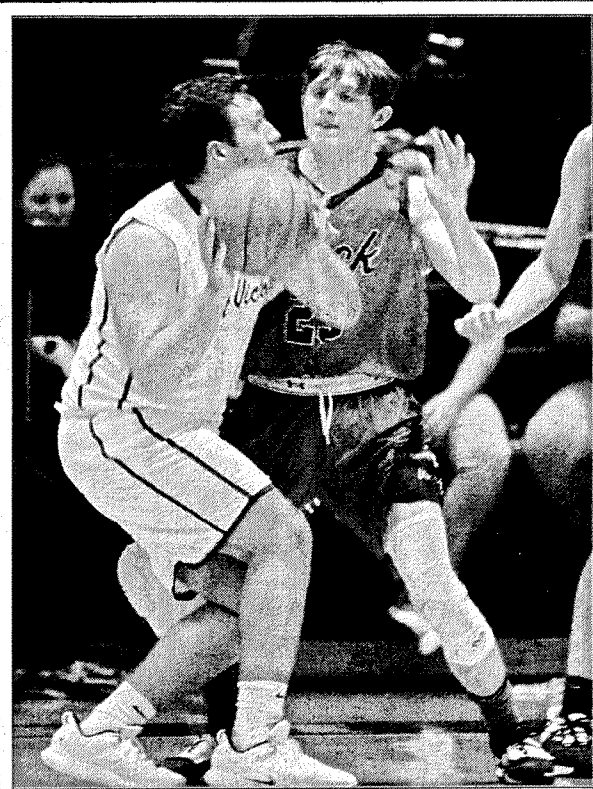
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Junior Aliyah Lopez drives to the basket during the Lady Rockets' 56-50 win over Pulaski County last Friday night.



Sophomore Jake Sanders goes up for two in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Friday night. The Rockets travel to Berea Friday night and host Jackson County next Tuesday.



Matthew Chasteen applies defense during the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Friday night.

Coguer gets 41 in loss to Southwestern JV

Monday night, the Rockets freshman and JV teams traveled to Somerset to play the Southwestern Warriors and sophomore Reese Coguer scored 41 points in his team's 70-55 loss.

Southwestern led the entire game, ahead 20-14 at the end of the first quarter, 35 to 25 at the half and 51-41 at the third quarter stop.

Besides Coguer's 41 points, freshman Kaden Kidwell got five; junior Nick Chasteen scored four points; junior Rylee DeLeon got three and sophomore Landon Dillingham got two points.

The Rockets got four three point baskets to Southwestern's seven and were 11-15 from the free throw line to Southwestern's 10-12.

Rockets lose to PC and Pineville; now 6-17

The Rockets lost their 16th game of the season Friday night to the Pulaski County Maroons 74-46.

The Maroons jumped out to an early 26-14 first quarter lead and the game was never in question with PC up 47 to 29 at the half and 60-40 at the third quarter stop.

Sophomore Daniel Mullins led the scoring for his team with 17 points, which included four three point baskets; eighth grader Will Bishop got nine; sophomore Jake Sanders seven; sophomore Drew Hopkins six; senior Logan Noel five (all free throws) and sophomore Reese Coguer

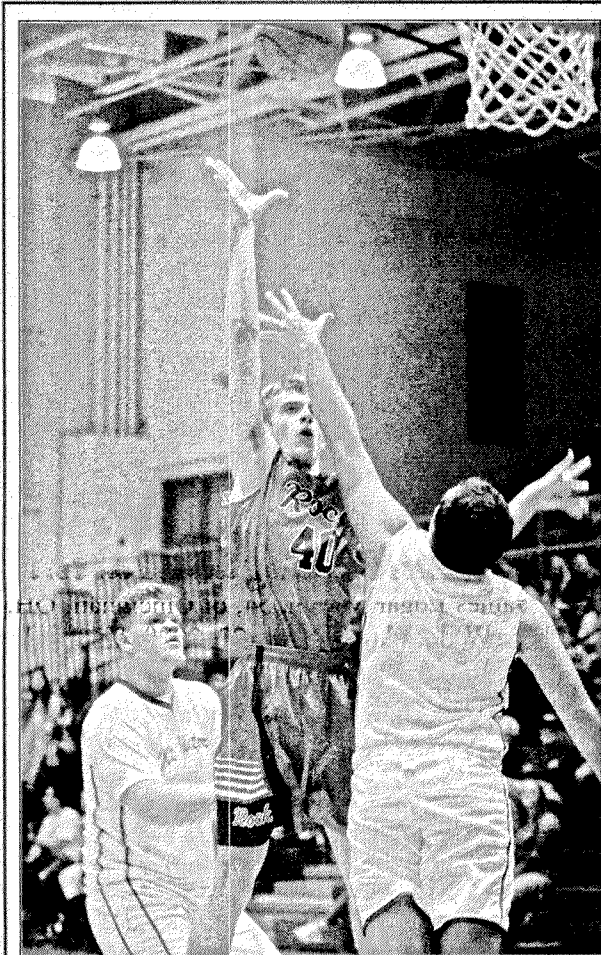
two. The Rockets were 8-16 from the free throw line to PC's 6-8 and had four three point baskets to PC's six.

The Rockets also lost the services of sophomore Silas Shaffer for the remainder of the season. Shaffer suffered a broken fibula in the game and will reportedly be out of action for eight weeks.

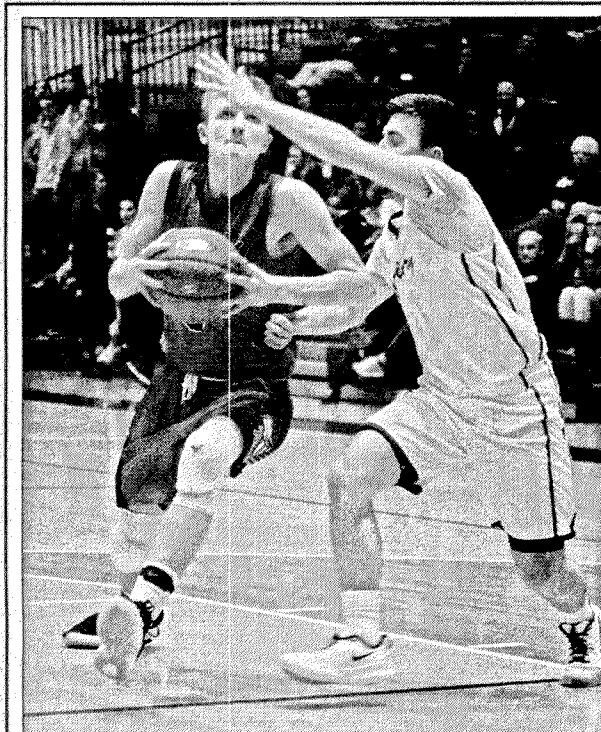
Tuesday night, the Rockets traveled to Pineville to take on the 7-12 Mountain Lions and lost 56-53.

After being down 16 at the half, the Rockets mounted a 37-24 come-

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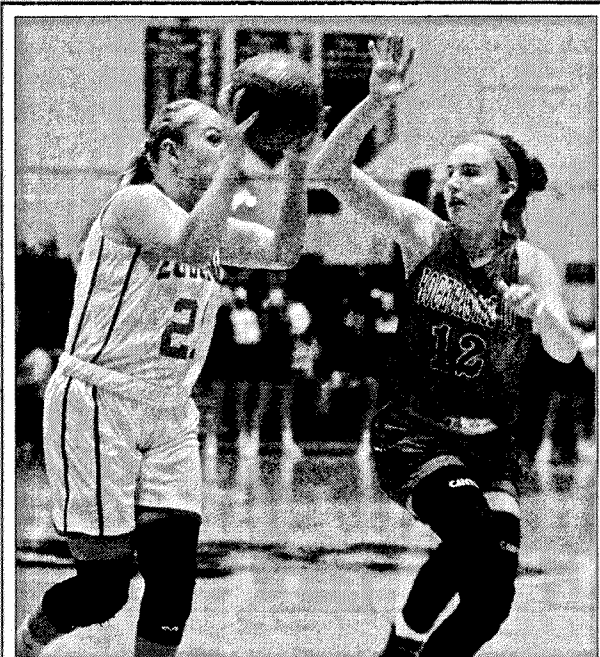
Will Bishop goes up for two of his nine points in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Friday night.



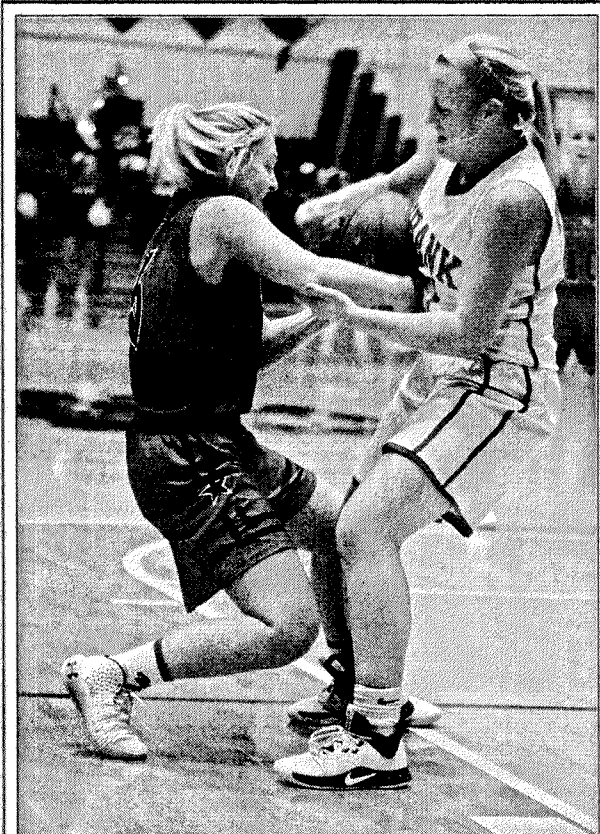
Drew Hopkins fights to get to the basket during the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Friday night.



Senior Bailee Allen stops a driving Clay County Tiger during the Lady Rockets' 60-28 win Monday night.



Casey Coleman stops a driving Pulaski County Lady Maroon during the Lady Rockets' win Friday night.



Shelby Newland forces a jump ball during the Lady Rockets' win Friday night over Pulaski County.

Lady Rockets Freshman/JV Update

Freshmen

Rockets v. Somerset
 RCHS 9 2 7 5 23
 SOM. 10 15 7 14 46
 Calliegh Burdette 8; Karlee Smith 4; Camryn Cash 3; Haven King, Kylee Burns, Riley Smith, 2 each.

Rockets v. Whitley Co.
 RCHS 6 4 13 11 34
 WCHS12 12 13 10 47
 Burdette 11; Mackenzie Lopez and Burns, 7; K. Smith 6; King 3.

Rockets v. Lex. Catholic
 RCHS 7 4 7 10 28
 LCHS 4 9 11 8 32
 King 7; Abby DeLeon 6; Burdette 5; Lopez 4; K. Cameron, Burns, Markley Richards, 2 each.

Rockets v. S. Laurel
 RCHS 9 4 10 2 40
 SLHS 12 13 15 11 51
 M. Lopez 7; Burdette 6; K. Smith, Burns 3 ea; K. Cameron 2.

Rockets v. Lincoln
 RCHS 6 8 5 5 24
 LCHS 7 10 9 9 35
 Burns 9; Burdette 7; K. Smith, Lopez, Allie Todd, 2 each; Cash, King 1 ea.

Rockets v. Mercer Co.
 RCHS 8 13 8 3 13 45
 MCHS11 3 6 12 10 42
 Burdette 20; K. Smith 12; King 4; Burns 3; Cash, Cameron, Lopez, 2 each.

Rockets v. N. Laurel
 RCHS 9 6 5 6 26
 NLHS 8 5 9 14 36
 K. Smith 10; Burdette 9; Lopez 4, Santo 3.

Rockets v. Lincoln
 RCHS10 8 9 9 36
 LCHS 5 4 21 10 40
 Burdette 9; Cash 7; King and Burns, 6 ea; K. Smith 3; Cameron and Santo, 2 each.

Rockets v. N. Laurel
 RCHS 8 7 9 16 40
 NLHS 7 10 2 10 29
 Burns 13; Burdette 11; Cash 9; King 3; K. Smith and Lopez, 2 ea.

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Rockets v. Somerset
 RCHS 8 9 8 9 34
 SOM. 9 15 17 13 54
 Camryn Cash 7; Natalee Dillingham 5; Haley Thacker and Karlee Smith 4 each; Calliegh Burdette, Kylee Burns, Mackenzie Lopez, Kaylee Cameron, Savannah Santo, 2 each.

Rockets v. Bates Creek
 RCHS 5 6 6 5 22
 TCHS 5 10 6 4 25
 Haven King 5; Burdette & D. Smith, 4 each; Thacker, K. Cameron, Santo and Cash, 2 each; K. Smith 1.

Rockets v. Whitley Co.
 RCHS 6 7 4 6 23
 WCHS13 8 15 7 43
 Addison McClure 7; Burdette 5; D. Smith 4; Thacker, Dillingham, Burns, 2 each; Santo 1.

Rockets v. Lex. Catholic
 RCHS 9 11 10 6 36
 LCHS 4 10 7 11 32
 McClure 10; Thacker 7; Burdette and Burns, 4 each; Dillingham and K. Cameron 2 each.

Rockets v. Anderson Co.
 RCHS 2 1 2 4 9
 ACHS21 13 7 11 52
 Burdette 5, D. Smith and Cash, 2 each.

Rockets v. Pulaski Co.
 RCHS11 9 10 8 38
 PCHS 4 7 11 5 27
 D. Smith 10; Thacker 9; Dillingham 7; Burdette 6; McClure, K. Smith, Lopez, 2 each.

Rockets v. S. Laurel
 RCHS 5 14 13 2 34
 SLHS 13 9 20 16 59
 K. Smith 14; D. Smith 8; King 16; Burdette 4; McClure 2.

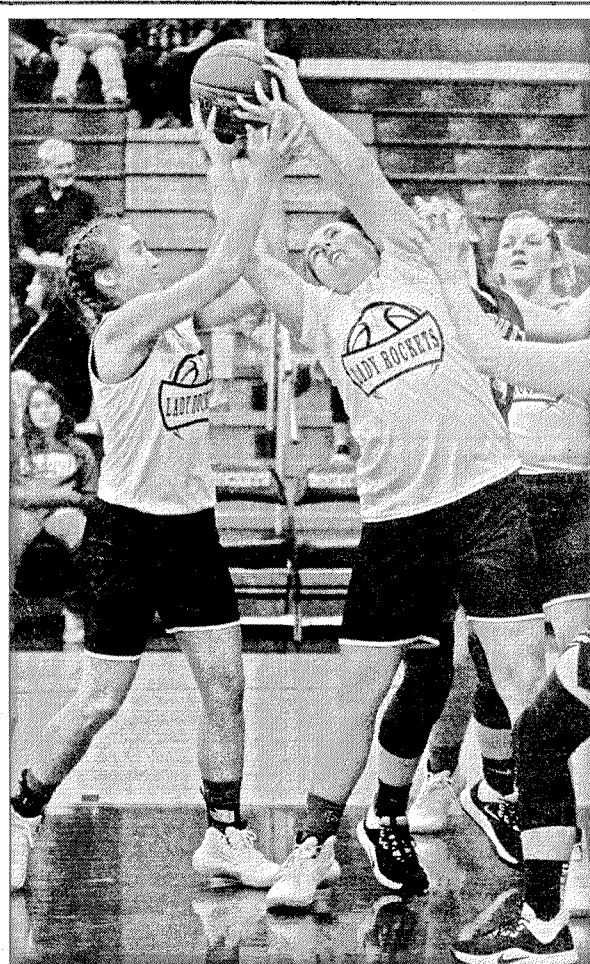
Rockets v. McCreary Co.
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 MCHS 9 2 9 4 24
 D. Smith 8; McClure 7; Burdette 5; Dillingham and K. Smith 4; Lopez 2; Burns 1.

Rockets v. N. Laurel
 RCHS 7 7 14 8 36
 NLHS14 5 13 10 42
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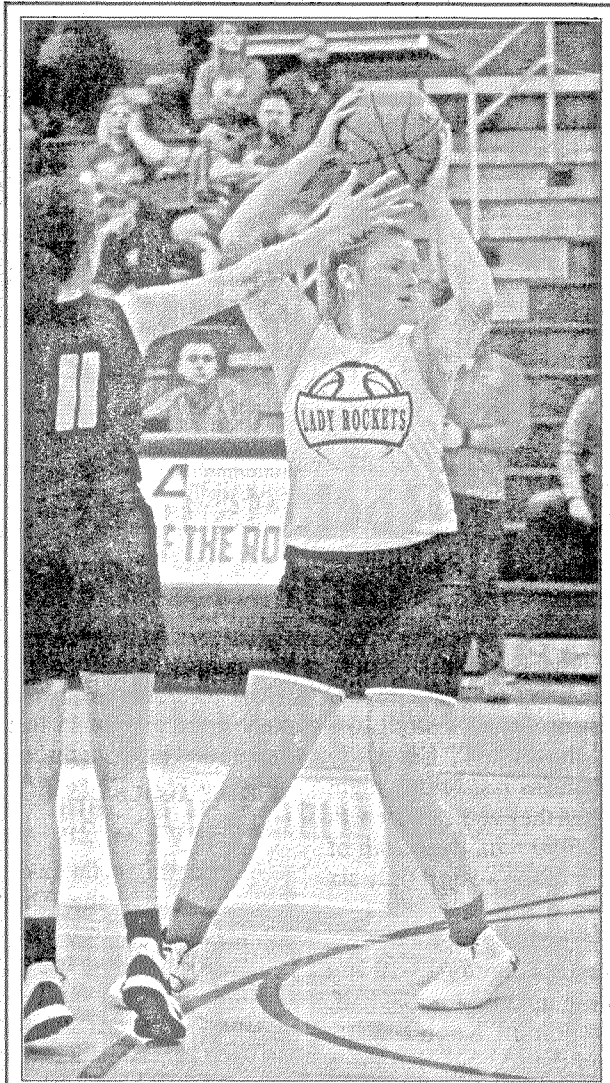
Rockets v. Lincoln Co.
 RCHS 9 9 8 9 35
 LCHS17 13 15 10 55
 McClure 11; Burdette 10; Burns 5; D. Smith 4; K. Smith 3; Lopez 3.

Rockets v. N. Laurel
 RCHS 1 12 12 6 31
 NLHS10 11 12 3 36
 Burdette 12; Jordan Harper 10; D. Smith 6; Dillingham 2; K. Smith 1.

Rockets v. Clay County
 RCHS10 5 11 4 30
 CCHS 6 6 9 8 29
 Dillingham 8; D. Smith 7; Harper and Burdette 5 each; McClure 3; K. Smith 2.



Darby Smith and Calliegh Burdette work hard for a rebound during the Lady Rocket Junior Varsity's 30-29 win over Clay County Monday night.



Natalee Dillingham looks for a teammate during the Lady Rocket Junior Varsity's win over Clay County Monday. Dillingham led her team with eight points.



Karlee Smith applies defense during the Lady Rocket Junior Varsity's win over Clay County Monday.

RCHS Swim Seniors honored



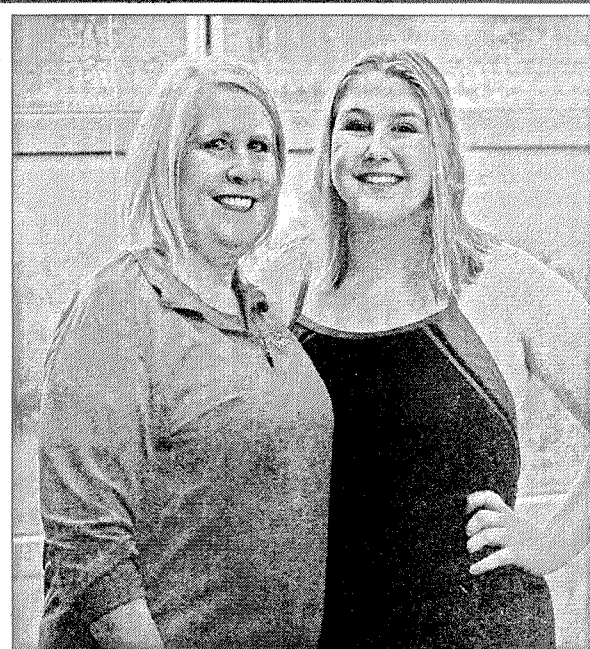
Senior Reese Sherrow and his parents, Matt and Gina Sherrow and sister, Riley.



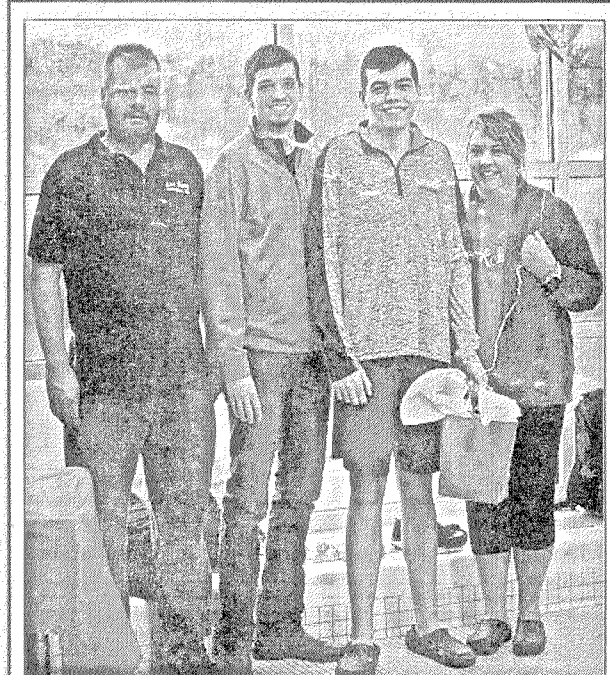
The RCHS swim team honored their seniors at their last regular season swim meet. Senior Vashaun Alexander is shown above with his mother, Renee Creech. The swim team will compete in the regional swim meet this Friday at ECU beginning at 10:30 a.m.



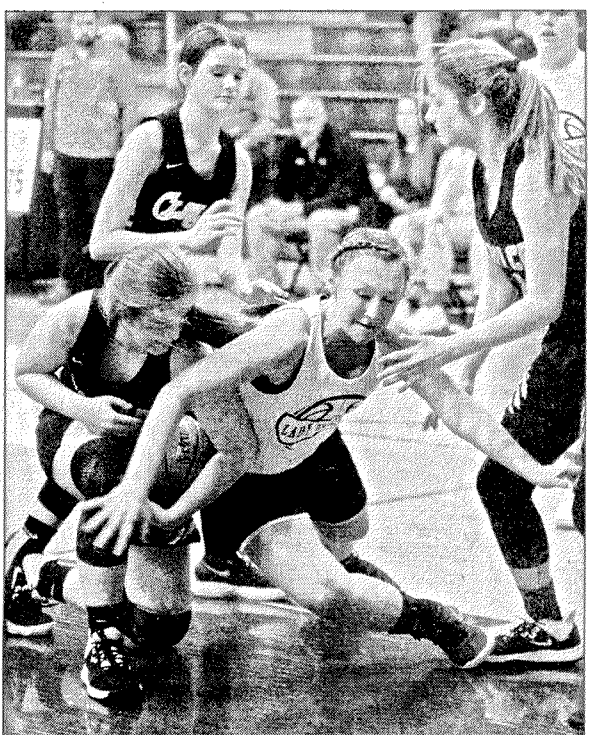
Jordan Harper drives to the basket during the Lady Rocket Junior Varsity's win over Clay County.



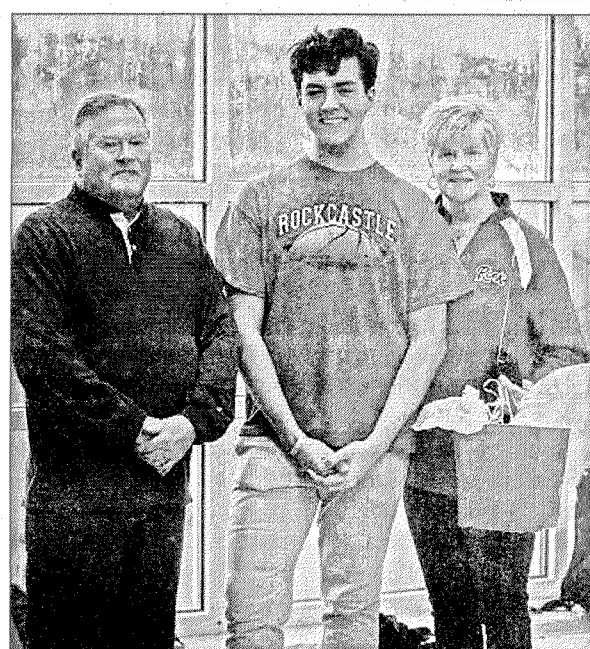
Senior Emilee Thomas and her mother, Angie Thomas.



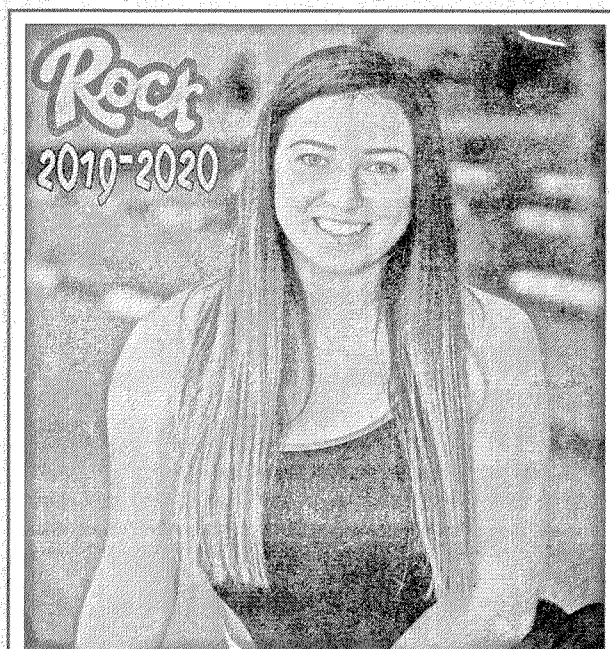
Senior Dawson Nicely shown with his parents, Juan and Amy Nicely and brother, Douglas.



Mackenzie Lopez fights for a loose ball during the Lady Rocket Junior Varsity's win over Clay County.



Senior Tristan Winstead, shown with his grandparents, Dale and Laverne Winstead.



Senior Autumn King. Autumn is the daughter of Bert and Angie King.



Congratulations to the RCMS Archery team for placing 2nd with a team score of 2989 at the New Year's Rocket Blast Off Tournament on January 24th at Rockcastle Middle School and for shooting a team high score of 3035 and placing 3rd in the 2020 Jamie Gilliam Smile Tournament on February 1st at Bush Elementary. Pictured are front row from left: Ezekiel Graves, Timothy Caldwell, A.J. Cromer, MaKaylee McNally, and Dwayne Clark. Second row from left: Austin Ashcraft, Micah Hughes, Susanne Graves, Ethan S. Smith, Caitlyn Kirby, Alivia Kirby, and Katie Dobbs. Back row from left: Gavin Betsworth, Callie Benge, Paige Cash, Wyatt Martin, Jaden Cameron, Marcos Benge, Joseph Elam, Landon Collins, and Coach Brittany Adams. Not pictured: Adrianna Graves and Hailey Johnson.

RCMS Archery takes second at home tourney

Congratulations to the RCMS Archery team for placing second with a team score of 2989 at the New Year's Rocket Blast Off Tournament on January 24th at Rockcastle Middle School.

Dwayne Clark shot a 266. Paige Cash placed second in the females division with a 262. Caitlyn Kirby placed fourth in the female division with a 260.

Rounding out the team score was Landon Collins, Makaylee McNally, Wyatt

Martin, Adrianna Graves, Timothy Caldwell, Hailey Johnson, Callie Benge, Gavin Betsworth, Ezekiel Graves, Jaden Cameron, A.J. Cromer, Alivia Kirby, Austin Ashcraft, Marcos Benge, Ethan S. Smith, Katie Dobbs, Micah Hughes.

RCMS Archery also shot a team high score of 3035 and placed third in the 2020 Jamie Gilliam Smile Tournament on February 1st at Bush Elementary.

Dwayne Clark led the way with a score of 273,

Gavin Betsworth shot a 269, Timothy Caldwell and Landon Collins, both improved their personal best to a 262.

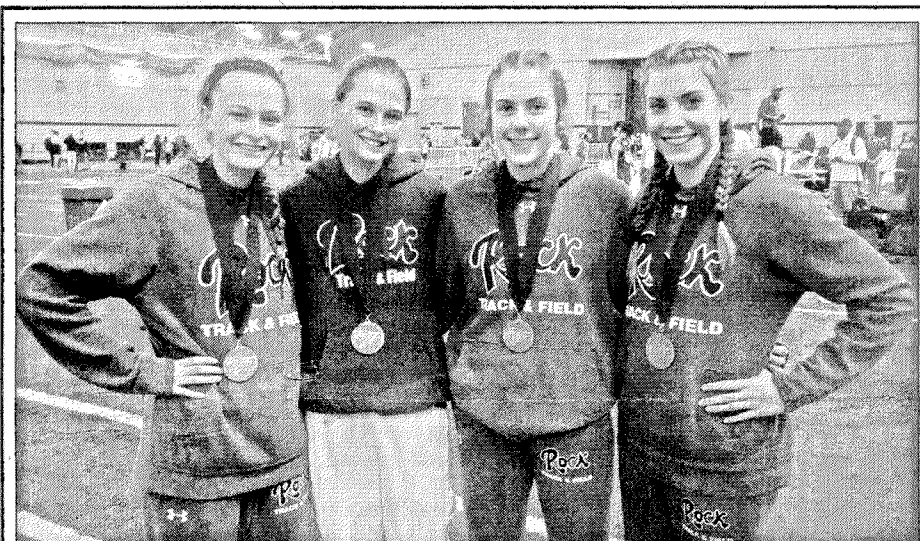
Rounding out the team score was Paige Cash, Caitlyn Kirby, Callie Benge, Wyatt Martin, Adrianna Graves, Ezekiel Graves, Makaylee McNally, Marcos Benge, Alivia Kirby, Jaden Cameron, Joseph Elam, Katie Dobbs, Ethan S. Smith, Micah Hughes, A.J. Cromer, Suzanne Mullins.



RCMS honored their eighth grade ball players last Thursday night. Eighth graders are shown above, with their coach Zach Gentry, from left: Harper McCool, Jake Cromer, Ashton Sanders, Lance Coffey, coach Gentry, Dalton Simpson, Landon Reppert, Skylar Durham and Ben Brown.



RCMS honored their eighth grade cheerleaders last Thursday night. Eighth graders are shown above, with their coaches, Joanie Alexander and Rachel Johnson. Eighth graders, from left: coach Johnson, Bailey Terry, Alexis Martin, Kameryn Medley, Raychel Carpenter, Alivia Shepherd, Ashleigh Abney, Chelsea Laswell and coach Alexander.



The RCMS girls are off to a great start in indoor track. The team had their second meet of the season on Saturday at the University of Kentucky Wildcat Classic in Lexington. Team members are: Tori Dotson, Lexi Dotson, Allie Martin, and Emma Watson. Not pictured: Reina Lykins, Valerie Kendrick, Jessalyn Burton, and Alyssa Hodge.

RCMS girls off to great start in indoor track

The RCMS girls' indoor track team had their second meet of the season on Saturday at the University of Kentucky Wildcat Classic in Lexington.

Most of the state's best athletes and teams were on hand, including over 1600 athletes that competed.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Tori Dotson, Lexi Dotson, Allie Martin, and Emma Watson placed 2nd overall with an amazing early season time of 4:14.26. The team broke the all-time Class 2A indoor state record in the event two weeks ago with an incredible winning time of 4:12.74, approximately 13 seconds faster than the previous all-time RCMS school record in the event.

In the 60-meter dash, Allie led the way for RCMS

in 8.43 seconds, just missing the school record by 0.25 seconds, while Emma equaled her all-time indoor personal best with a time off 8.75 seconds.

In the 400, Allie placed 7th with an amazing indoor all-time personal best of 1:01.61, just missing the all-time RCMS indoor record by only 8 hundredths of a second. Emma placed 18th, just missing her indoor all-time personal best with a great time of 1:04.72, despite having missed several days of practice for the flu and strep.

Seventh grader Alyssa Hodge competed in her first-ever high school track meet, finishing with an all-time personal best of 1:09.9 in the 400. She also had an all-time personal best in long jump with a great jump

of 12'11".

Despite missing two of her three jumps due to her 60-meter dash participation, Allie placed 7th in long jump with a leap of 14'10.75". She recently won long jump in the first meet of the season with an all-time indoor personal best of 16'10". Emma jumped 13'9.75' despite almost no jumping for over a week.

In the shot put competition, Valerie Kendrick placed 5th with a great throw of 32'2", while Jessalyn Burton placed 8th with a great throw of 29'8".

Tori and Lexi Dotson had outstanding performances in the distance events for the Lady Rockets. Tori placed 2nd in the 800-meter run with an awesome time of 2:18.65. She won the event two weeks ago in the team's first meet. Lexi Dotson placed 6th in the mile run with an amazing all-time indoor personal best of 5:28.73. She was equally impressive in the 800-meter run, placing 11th overall with a great time of 2:30.64.

The team missed hurdler, Reina Lykins, who has been working extremely hard, but attended the meet as a spectator due to a recent injury. She will be back in action next Saturday at Mason County.

The girls are off to a great start as they seek their 13th Class 2A indoor state title in March. Team members are Tori Dotson, Lexi Dotson, Allie Martin, and Emma Watson, Reina Lykins, Valerie Kendrick, Jessalyn Burton, and Alyssa Hodge.



The RCMS boys' indoor track team had their first meet of the season on Saturday at the University of Kentucky Wildcat Classic in Lexington. Team members are: Ethan Fain, Aaron Clark, Carson King, Logan Bullock, and Dylan Bullen.

Lady Rockets

(Cont. from A5)

came on strong in the second half, behind five three point baskets by Keelee King and 13 points by Casey Coleman to outscore the Lady Generals 32 to 21 for the win, their 18th of the season.

Coleman led the scoring for the game with 23 points, including going 11/12 from the free throw line and dishing out five assists; King, who was 6/9 from three point range, got 18 points; Himes had eight points; Jones six; Newland two and Brown one besides hauling in four rebounds.

The girls were 12/17 from the free throw line to 11/18 for the Lady Generals and had six threes to Jackson Co.'s one.

The Lady Rockets will now host Mercer County next Monday and travel to Madison Central next Thursday night.

Rockets

(Cont. from A5)

back in the second half, behind 11 points by Mullins and 10 by Bishop, that fell just short.

Bishop led the scoring with 16 points; Mullins had 15; senior Jake Loudermilk seven; Sanders six; Noel five and Hopkins and Coguer two each.

Each team had five three point baskets. The Rockets were 6/8 from the charity stripe to Pineville's 11/22.

The Rockets will travel to Berea Friday night and will host Jackson County next Tuesday night.

RCMS boys open indoor track at UK

The RCMS boys' indoor track team had their first meet of the season on Saturday at the University of Kentucky Wildcat Classic in Lexington.

Most of the state's best athletes and teams were on hand, including over 1600 athletes that competed.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Aaron Clark, Carson King, Dylan Bullen, and Logan Bullock placed 14th and came within 0.32 seconds of the all-time RCMS indoor record in the event with an outstanding time of 3:51.40.

In the 60-meter dash, Aaron led the way for RCMS in 7.62 seconds, while Ethan Fain finished in 8.22.

Carson ran a 25.7 in the 200-meter dash and Ethan crossed the line in 27.21.

In the 400, Logan ran a 57.08, Carson - 58.15 and Ethan - 1:02.79.

Dylan had two great performances in the distance events, finishing the mile run in 4:58.59 and the 800 in 2:10.65.

A recent Lindsey Wilson signee, Logan recorded a top 20 finish in the mile, placing 18th with a fast early season time of 4:48.72.

Aaron also had a great first indoor season long jump of 18'4.5" after recently recovering from an injured ankle.

Despite having a small team, the boys are hoping to improve upon last year's Class 2A indoor state runner-up finish, also achieved with a team of only five competitors. Team mem-

bers were Ethan Fain, Aaron Clark, Carson King, Logan Bullock, and Dylan Bullen.

"Crash"

(Continued from front)

ing the vehicle to roll over several times before striking the home.

During the roll over, all three occupants of the truck were ejected and, according to reports, passenger Takina Cottrell was thrown onto the roof of the home. Duff and the other passenger, Zach Poynter, were also ejected from the truck.

When the truck hit the home, the collision caused a deer head, mounted on the wall, to fall onto the single occupant of the house.

When police arrived at the scene, Cottrell was found on the roof of the home and first responders needed to use a ladder to reach her.

Cottrell and Poynter were flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center with serious injuries and Duff was transported to a hospital in Berea where she was pronounced dead.

The occupant of the home, who was not identified by police, was also transported to a hospital for minor injuries.

The police report says alcohol and drugs are suspected in the ongoing investigation by Trooper Lewis.

Assisting at the scene were KSP Post 11 personnel, EMS, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, Mount Vernon Fire Department and the Madison County Coroner's office.

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Second Section

Thursday, February 6, 2020

SBDM election underway at RCMS

By: Mike French
Editor

The May Primary elections and the November general elections are on the minds of voters nationwide. However, officials would like to remind residents that some local elections can be just as important in one's daily life.

For example, the Site Based Decision Making Council (SBDM) makes decisions that directly affect Rockcastle County students and parents each month. And those elections are about to happen. In fact, the deadline for application, as a candidate for the RCMS SBDM Council's parent member, is Friday, February 7 at 3 p.m.

Due to the recent resignation of a parent member of the council, this special election is being held.

Any parent or guardian, who has a child enrolled at RCMS, is eligible to be nominated or to nominate anyone for the election.

Each school in the district holds their own SBDM elections at different times through the year, but the RCMS election will be held on Friday, February 21 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the

front lobby of the school.

The 2019-20 parent member must be nominated in writing by Friday, February 7.

The SBDM Council includes two parents, three teachers and the Principal of the school.

According to Carrie Ballinger, Rockcastle County Schools Director of Student Services, the SBDM is designed to promote "shared leadership among stakeholders that are closely vested in the school and its students."

Ballinger said teachers elect the teacher representatives and parents elect the parent representatives and each term is for one year.

The council sets school policy and makes decisions that help each student. "Their decisions are designed to provide an environment that enhances student achievement and assists students in meeting academic goals," said Ballinger.

All SBDM members are required by law to receive special training. New members will receive six hours of training while returning members will receive three hours.

If you have a parent nominee in mind, officials ask that you submit the form to the school by this Friday.

Sheriff's department audit is typical report

By: Mike French
Editor

Officials with the office of Mike Harmon, Auditor of Public Accounts, say the recent audit of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department under former Sheriff Mike Peters, was a "normal" audit.

The audit of 2018 taxes from April 17 to December 31 cover the financial statements of former Sheriff Mike Peters and officials say all is well.

Though the audit shows two areas of concern, Mike Goins, Communications Director of Harmon's office, says the two discrepancies are "typical of smaller town sheriff departments."

One discrepancy shows a "lack of adequate segregation of duties" while the other shows the financial report "did not include \$235,406 in franchise tax collections on the outgoing tax settlement."

Though at first glance, laymen may become concerned about the unlisted funds, Goins said there was nothing out of order about the report.

"We find this quite often and there was nothing

out of order about it," said Goins. "If anything had been criminal we would have immediately informed the authorities," he said.

The problem, according to Goins, was that there were not enough employees in the Sheriff's Department to delegate (segregate) duties. Goins said the Office of Public Accounts prefers that two different people be in charge of certain duties in a "checks and balance" system.

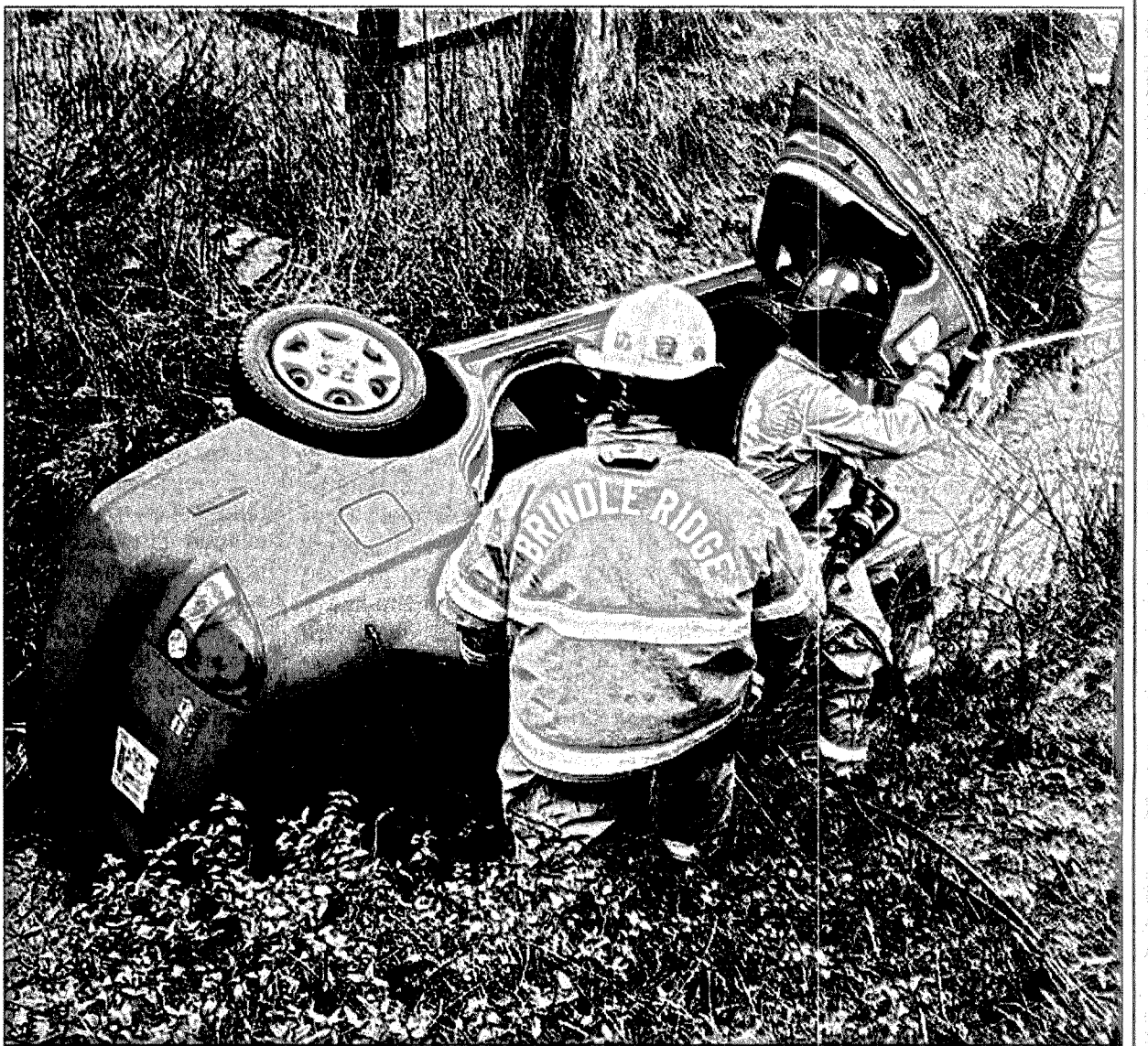
However, with only one full time and one part time office employee, certain duties could not be segregated.

"We prefer that the same person who takes in the money, not be the person who records those funds," he said. "It's just good practice and oversight."

However, with short staff, Goins says this same deficiency shows up in sheriff departments often.

"We found nothing criminal in nature. It was just an accounting mistake that we see occasionally," said Goins.

Goins said the \$235,406 is not "missing" but instead will simply show up in other areas of the financial reports.



Mount Vernon Fire Department and Brindle Ridge Fire Department responded to a single vehicle accident on Brindle Ridge Road Tuesday with a car overturned in a creek. The driver had to be extricated from the vehicle but only received minor injuries. Also on the scene were Rockcastle EMS and the Rockcastle Sheriff's office.

Rockcastle makes KTC list of improvements

By: Mike French
Editor

The City of Mount Vernon and the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, as well as fiscal court, have brought up the issue of widening KY 461 several times during discussions of growth and development in the county over the past two years.

Jim Gray, Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, has now released the 2020 Recommended Highway Plan detailing which major highway improvement projects for the next six years are recommended for consideration by the Kentucky General Assembly during the 2020 legislative session.

The plan outlines scheduled highway project activities for fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2026, according to the press release, and Rockcastle County is part of the plan.

According to the release, the plan is based on an estimated \$6.1B in available funding. The funding consists of \$1.1B to address the backlog of paving and bridge needs, \$0.9B in federally dedicated funds and another \$0.5B for federal GARVEE debt service payments.

The release says this leaves \$3.6B for highway project funding through fiscal year 2026.

The six-year plan lists

three projects in Rockcastle County. The first addresses general paving in the county to be completed in 2021 with \$3.575M allotted.

Also listed is the half mile of planned guard railing on KY 1229 at a cost of \$102,000.

The plan also lists \$15,450,000 to improve KY 461 from US 150 to the existing four lane approach at US 25.

Officials say they are proud of the plan which covers the state.

"The 2020 Recommended Highway Plan

provides a core group of projects to responsibly address infrastructure priorities across Kentucky. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is proud to present a fiscally responsible, regionally diverse, prioritized highway program."

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Barrel Lid Painting class will be taught at the Extension office on February 21st from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There are only 10 spaces in the class; participants must pay the \$15 fee for their lid and paint to reserve a space. There are four different designs to choose from.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Ricky W. and Shelia Holman, and others, property in Copper Creek Community, to Anthony and Megan Noel. No tax
 Robert L. Howard, II, Executor, property in Rockcastle County, to Robert L. Howard II and Tammy D. Howard. Tax \$90
 Donald and Carolyn Collins, property in Rockcastle County, to Fred Hampton III and Racheal Hampton. Tax \$135
 Debra S. Fain, property in Rockcastle County, to David and Traci Lannum. Tax \$116
 Mark and Theresa Dooley, property in Rockcastle County, to Makaya Melody McGuire. Tax \$3
 Joanie G. Thomas, and others, property on Burnt Ridge Road, to Mark W. Kidd II. Tax \$2
 Marcus and Danielle Reppert, property on Richmond St., to RCIDA.

District Civil Suits

Midland Funding LLC v. Amber Barrett, \$1,829 plus claimed due. C-00030

Circuit Civil Suits

Cabinet for Health and Family Services v. Angel Smith, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Ashley Sizemore, et al v. Christopher S. Sizemore, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Elizabeth Edward, et al v. Atlas Van Lines, et al, complaint.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Andrea Johnson, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Samantha McKinney, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00017

gence in accident, \$100 fine plus costs.

Colby Drake Bishop: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/license suspended.

Brandon Brown: license to be in possession, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Speeding: Joshua S. Christian, Jennifer Sue Earley, \$50 fine plus costs; Samantha G. Allen, \$18 fine plus costs; Kadarron D. Anderson, Madison Taylor Corbin, Bryant Adam Craig, thomas Shane Hatfield, Katelyn Marie Herald, Jason Ambrose Jones, Shianne Renee Larson, Jason Lee Lindsey, Hardik V. Patel, William Reed, Deborah S. Resnick, David Allen Smith, Ricky Dale Ivey, license suspended for fta; Ronnie J. Kruser, license suspended;

Jonathon H. Sizemore: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
 Billy Ray Gadd: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Clifford Arnold Healy: instructional permit, \$25 fine plus costs.

Scott A. Hermann: speeding, no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Emily Beth Hislope: no operators/moped license, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, improper display of registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Sammy Isaacs: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Tammy Lynn Jackson: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, improper display of registration plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/sec., failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Jesus Munoz: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; Pt 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two counts), \$25 fine each count; Viol Part 390, Federal safety Regs - General Policy, \$25 fine; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine plus costs.

Ashley-Diane Sanders: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

David L. Weatherhead: operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax license, bw issued for fta.

Jeremy Schroeder: driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 12 months operator license suspension, seven days in jail.

Derek E. Smith: no registration receipt-plate, \$25 fine each count; failure to maintain req. insurance/security, \$50 fine/\$450 suspended on condition; failure to produce insurance card, one headlight, improper display of license plate, failure to notify address change, display of illegal plate, \$25 fine each charge plus one cost.

Thomas E. Lutten: giving officer false identifying information and falsely reporting an accident, 10 days/each charge/concurrent plus one cost.

Courtney A. Barnes: possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia-advertisement, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 90 days/each charge/probated 24 months on condition plus one cost.

Heather Brooke Bradley: hindering prosecution or apprehension, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess (two counts), 360 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition.

Jocelyn Fletcher: assault, bw issued for fta.

Ricky C. Gray: fines/fees due (\$20), bw issued for fta/1 day in jail or payment in full.

Shawn Marie Mink: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine/suspended on condition.

Velviena J. Russell: passing loading/unloading school/church bus, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Kimberly S. Taylor: no/expired registration plates and failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 2 days in jail/each count/plus one cost.

Johnathan Keith Towns: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

James D. Wynn: receiving stolen property, bw issued.

Leroy Turner: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, driving of motor vehicle (two counts) and part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for drivers, bw issued for fta.

Gary Lynn Willocks, Jr: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Jerry Dwayne Barron: public intoxication, 10 days in jail; criminal trespassing, 10 days in jail/concurrent plus one cost.

Morgan A. Dixon: controlled substance prescription not in orig. container, possession controlled substance, theft by unlawful taking, illegal possession legend drug, 90 days in jail/each count/concurrent and concurrent w/state sentence.

Kimberly Sue Taylor: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, 2 days in jail/each count/costs merged.

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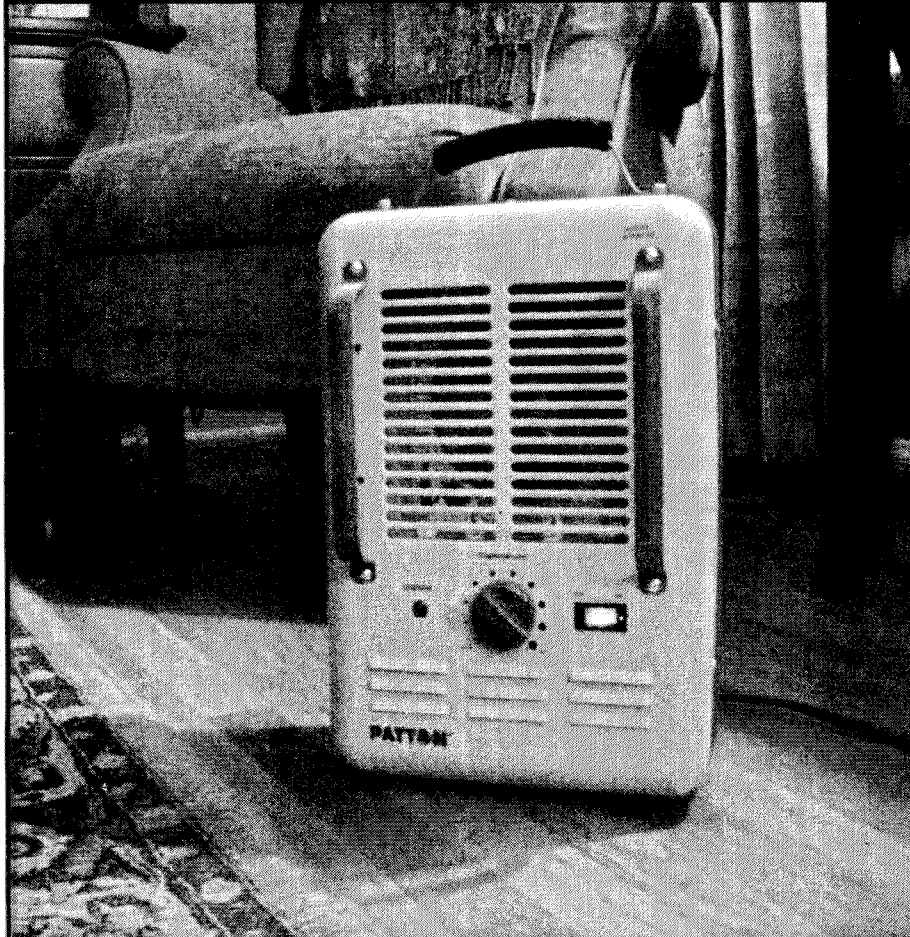
Angelina Goodin, 42, Orlando, Hitachi and Jesse Paul Martin, 37, Orlando, line operator. 1/27/20

District Court

Jan. 27-29, 2020
 Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
 Casara Rose Begley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; driving without license/negli-

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NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 24, 2020 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 02/100 (\$28,777.02) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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Said property being more particularly described as follows:
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Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Archery practice is Wednesday February 5 from 3:15 until 5:00.

Archery Regional Competition will be Sunday, February 9 at Lincoln County High School.

Academic Team practices each Tuesday from 3:15 until 4:15.

Academic Team Governor's Cup District Competition will be on Saturday, February 8 at Roundstone Elementary School.

Girl Scouts meet every Thursday.

After school tutoring will be each Thursday from 3:15 until 4:30.

MVES Student Council meets Thursday, February 6.

There will be a Cub Scout boys and girls information meeting at Roundstone Elementary School on Thursday, February 6th and 6:00.

MVES PTG will meet on Thursday, February

6th at 5:15. Please make plans to attend.

Jump Rope Club meets every Monday in February from 3:15 until 4:30.

Class News

Mrs. Ream's fourth graders wore their favorite hoodies for our Spirit Day.

Mrs. Robin Bowman's 1st grade students participate in 100th Day of School activities

Mrs. Kami and Ms. Lisa's 100th day of school dress up and 101 day of school. On the 100th day we dressed as 100 years old and on the 101 day of school we dressed as 101 Dalmatians.

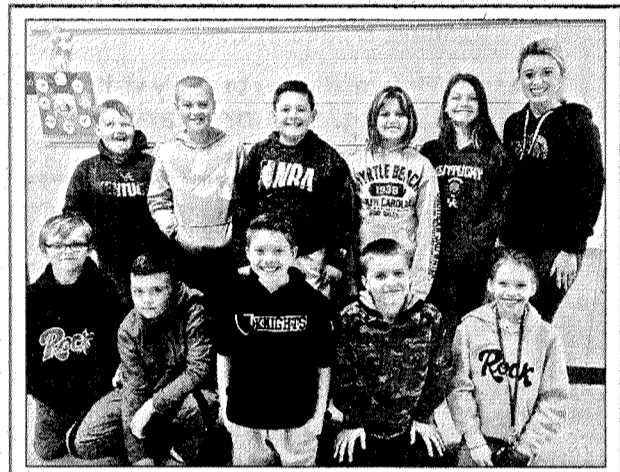
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Mrs. Kami and Ms. Lisa's 100th day of school dress up and 101st day of school. On the 100th day, students dressed as 100 years old and on the 101st day of school, they dressed as 101 Dalmatians.



Mrs. Ream's fourth graders at MVES wore their favorite hoodies for Spirit Day.

Students should take FAFSA verification process seriously

The federal government requires many students who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to verify the information included on the FAFSA. The students requiring verification are chosen by the U.S. Department of Education.

Used to apply for most federal and many state student aid programs, the FAFSA asks detailed questions about the income and financial resources of students. The parents of dependent students must also provide that information. Students are considered dependent if they are undergraduates under 24 years old, not married, have no dependents, are not veterans, or were not orphans or wards of the court until age 19.

The college or an agency working with the school will let students know if their information is being verified.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Unknown Spouses of the Unknown Heirs Devisees and Legatees, if any of Lora Jane Howard. You are hereby notified of an action against you in civil case number: 20-CI-00002 filed in the Rockcastle Circuit Court Division II. Christopher Reed, warning order attorney, must file a report with the Court concerning his efforts to notify the Unknown Spouses of the Unknown Heirs Devisees and Legatees, if any of Lora Jane Howard. You must file an Answer with the Rockcastle Circuit Court, Rockcastle County Courthouse Annex, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 on or before February 21st, 2020. You should consult an attorney as soon as possible. Please contact Christopher Reed at 324 West Main Street, Stanford, Kentucky 40484, (606) 365-2739, hire an attorney, or contact the Rockcastle Circuit Court, Division II at the Rockcastle County Judicial Center, this must be done by February 21st, 2020. Information regarding this action may be obtained at the Law Office of Christopher Reed or at the Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 18-CI-00095

Mid South Capital Partners, LP Plaintiff
V.

Estate of Jane Bales, et al, unknown spouses, if any, of Chester Bales, unknown heirs, if any, of Chester Bales, County of Rockcastle, Virginia Walden Bales, Tax Merchants, LLC Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 24, 2020 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS AND 55/100 (\$2,904.55) 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 14, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA MAP NO. #087-00-035
Snowy Road, Livingston, KY 40445

Being the same property conveyed to Jane Bales, widow, by Deed dated February 4, 1932 and of record in Deed Book 52, page 625, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
4. 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.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 19-CI-00207

PBK Bank Plaintiff

V.

Rachel Cromer (aka Rachel Miller), the unknown spouse, if any, of Rachel Cromer; Wendy Miller, the unknown spouse, if any, of Wendy Miller; Pamela G. Helms, the unknown spouse, if any, of Pamela G. Helms; and Midland Funding LLC, a foreign limited liability company Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 24, 2020 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FOURTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 32/100 (\$14,667.32) 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 14, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA MAP NO. #025-00-005-04
403 Deborde Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 including a 1976 mark Mobile Home (Vin No. 5520)
PARCEL NO. 1

Beginning at an elm in the line of Darrell Whitaker and being a corner between James Poynter and Delmas Poynter; thence going with the line of Darrell Whitaker S 25 44'30" W, 817.01 feet to an oak stump and stone, said point being a corner between Whitaker and Robert H. Bustle; thence going with the Bustle line S 44 13'48" W 859.58 feet to a maple; thence S 07 24'58" W, 200.61 feet to a black oak; thence S 00 21'57" W, 105.17 feet to a white oak; thence S 04 07'48" W 239.42 feet to a twin buckeye, said point being a corner between Bustle and James McKinney; thence going with the line of James McKinney S 05 28'46" W, 57.65 feet to a white oak; thence S 04 13'00" W, 89.58 feet to a hickory in the north right-of-way of a county road and a corner to James McKinney; thence going with said right-of-way N 61 42'53" W, 24.71 feet to a black oak in said right-of-way and a corner to James McKinney; thence leaving said right-of-way and going with the line of McKinney the following calls: N 04 55'31" E, 76.22 feet to a buckeye; N 05 32'09" E, 181.57 feet to a white oak; N 03 45'00" E 441.98 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773; N 44 13'48" E, 350.00 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RS #2773; N 58 25'31" W, 256.92 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773; N 03 45'00" E, 403.39 feet to a black oak; N 07 21'37" W, 62.92 feet to a cedar; said point being a corner between McKinney and James Poynter; thence going with the Poynter line N 62 45'00" E, 1052.34 feet to the point of beginning and containing 11.24 acres.

Further, the grantors Darrell Whitaker and wife, Helen Whitaker, their heirs and assigns, reserve a 25' wide easement for the purpose of ingress and egress leading from the Deborde Road through the above described property to the property of Darrell and Helen Whitaker.

PARCEL NO. 2

Beginning at a maple in the line of Robert H. Bustle and being a corner to Ezeke Miller; thence going with the line of Bustle S 04 59'33" W, 305.26 feet to a white oak in the line of Bustle and a corner to Miller; thence going with the Miller line N 00 21'57" E 105.17 feet to a black oak; thence N 07 24'58" E, 200.61 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.03 acres.

Together with a 1976 Mark 5520 mobile home that sits upon the above described property.

Parcel No. 1 Being the same property conveyed to "Ezeke Miller" and wife, Nancy Miller by Deed dated February 28, 1996, executed by Darrell Whitaker and wife, Helen Whitaker, of record in Deed Book 160, Page 571, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Parcel No. 2 being the same real property conveyed to Ezeke Miller and wife, Nancy Miller, by Deed dated February 28, 1996, executed by Robert H. Bustle, single, of record in Deed Book 160, page 574, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Nancy Miller passed away and pursuant to the survivorship clause in the aforementioned deeds, fee simple title to the subject property vested in her husband, Ezeke Miller (a/k/a Ezekiel F. Miller, a/k/a Ezekiel Miller). Ezekiel Miller departed this life intestate, a resident of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, on or about March 29, 2019. At the time of his death, he left three surviving children and heirs at law, Rachel Cromer, Pamela G. Helms and Wendy Miller, who each inherited a one-third interest in the above described property. See also, Affidavit of Descent of Ezekiel Miller, of record in Deed Book 286 at page 553, Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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

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Notice is hereby given that Jessica Elaine Lawson, 177 W. Main St., P.O. Box 311, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Mark Anthony Lawson on the 22nd day of January, 2020. Any person having claimst against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jessica Elaine Lawson on or before July 22, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Martha Begley, P.O. Box 887, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Collins on the 22nd day of January, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Martha

Begley or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, 205 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 22, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Martha Begley, P.O. Box 887, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Tommy Collins on the 22nd day of January, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Martha Begley or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, 205 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 22, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Shawn Bray, 851 Greenwood Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45011 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Marian Bray Brummett on the 27th day of January, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Shawn Bray or to Hon. Jerry J. Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 2x3

Notice is hereby given that Lola Roberts, 678 Buffalo Hollow Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the estate of Millard Gordon Richmond, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on March 2, 2020 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 2x1

Notice is hereby given that Libby Burdette, 111 Purr Rigsby Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Burdette on the 15th day of January, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Libby Burdette or to Hon. Liddell Vaughn, P.O. Box 517, Louisville, Ky. 40201-0517.



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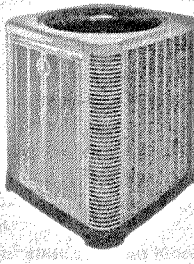
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Legislative Update...

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

Discussions of bills, budgets, and barber shop choirs echoed in the Capitol as we concluded the fourth week of the 2020 Regular Session. While legislation continued to move steadily through the Senate over the course of the week, we were welcomed by a variety of talented constituents in the chamber.



Biennial budget discussions officially began while the Governor delivered his two-year budget proposal to the Kentucky General Assembly on Tuesday. The budget address is one of the first steps in preparing the state's two-year financial plan. Now that the Governor has outlined his budget proposal, the House of Representatives now gets the first opportunity to move budget bills in the legislature. Once the House passes its budget proposal, it will then advance to the Senate for further discussion and consideration. We still face several weeks of studies, negotiations, and public hearings before we reach an official budget draft. The final budget document will likely look much different than what was proposed this week by the Governor, but the driving force behind it remains the same—we must move the Commonwealth forward on a path that is financially sound.

Senate priority legislation aimed at ending pension spiking, Senate Bill 6, advanced to the House this week following a unanimous vote on the Senate floor. Senate Bill 6 would prohibit state lawmakers who contributed to the Legislators' Retirement Plan from June 20, 2005, through December 31, 2013, from using salary credited in another Kentucky retirement system to determine final compensation in the legislators' plan.

Other priority measures moving through the legislative process are Senate Bills 1, 8, and 9. Senate Bill 1, also known as the Federal Immigration Cooperation Act of 2020, passed through the Senate Judiciary Committee. This bill would require law enforcement and other public agencies to support the enforcement of federal immigration law. The amended version of this bill includes expanded exemp-

tions to local school districts to rape crisis centers, domestic violence centers, and other groups that provide social services.

Senate Bills 8 and 9 were both passed through to the House this week. Senate Bill 8 would amend the current school safety statute to expand school personnel with the designation of a school safety coordinator for each district, one school-based mental health counselor per 250 students, and a trained and certified armed school resource officer. Senate Bill 9, also known as the "Born Alive Infant Protection Act," is a pro-life measure that requires a physician to take all medically appropriate and reasonable steps to preserve the life and health of a born-alive infant.

The Senate passed its first House measure, House Bill 236, legislation that incorporates hemp federal guidelines, sets requirements for the transportation of products, and establishes testing procedures. This bill included a Senate Floor Amendment, which now requires the House to either approve of the bill in its current form or continue the legislative process required to get concurrence from both chambers. If approved with the Senate Floor Amendment, House Bill 236 will then head to the Governor's desk for his consideration.

We also passed a number of other bills in the Senate including, Senate Bill 79, a measure relating to background checks for school employees who have been assigned an administrative hearing for potential child abuse or neglect, and Senate Bill 94 updates Kentucky law to comply with federal regulations, which changed last year to allow gasoline blended with up to 15 percent ethanol to be sold year-round.

To those who have reached out to my office in the past weeks, thank you for staying engaged during these early weeks of session. It's an honor to serve you in Frankfort.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.legislature.ky.gov.

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- Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship. KEES lets high school students earn money by getting good grades
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ship. This scholarship is available to high school and home school students who take dual credit.

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For more information about financial aid and college admissions, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative
Health and children's issues get attention, budget work begins

As I file this update from my Capitol desk, it is hard to believe that January is over and we are almost a third through with this year's legislative session. We continue working on meaningful legislation, sending bills and resolutions to the Senate for that body's consideration. In fact, the first bill passed by both chambers is also on its way to the Governor's desk. This week we focused a good bit on health and children's issues, while our budget committees and staff began reviewing the budget draft presented by Governor Beshear on Tuesday.

Let me start with an overview of some of the legislation that moved this week. For example, the Senate will now consider legislation that closes a loophole in our existing registered sex offender statutes. Existing laws prohibit registered sex offenders from being on the grounds of, or living within 1,000 feet of, a public playground. The House voted 86-9 on Tuesday to expand, those requirements to publically operated playgrounds on leased property.

Members of the Health and Family Services Committee approved legislation with the potential to boost efforts to find cures to major diseases. The measure, HB 5,

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would set Kentucky on course to improve public health, save taxpayer money, and promote medical research. The bill creates a multistate compact to offer prizes for curing major diseases; the prize would be equal to five years of taxpayer savings. There is no risk to taxpayers because, if there is no cure, there would be no payment from the compact. The bill now goes to the full House for a vote.



Severe mental health conditions were also the topic of discussion during the Health and Family Services meeting. Members approved HCR 49, which creates a Severe Mental Illness Task Force to look at how accessible mental health services are for adults with severe mental illness. We recognize this is a significant issue in health care, but need more specific information about what we can do from the state policy level. The task force would report its findings and recommendations before we convene the 2021 session.

Legislation that would make arts education a priority in our elementary and middle schools was also approved by the Education Committee. The bill, HB 37, extends the requirement that high schools provide visual and performing arts classes to younger grades. For many

schools, this will simply mean that they include arts education in their existing planning rather than developing new programming or hiring new teachers.

School maintenance projects would be more efficient and cost-effective if a bill approved by the House becomes law. Under the provisions of HB 151, the minimum amount for advertising and bidding school building and maintenance projects would increase from \$7,500 to \$30,000. The legislature made an identical change to the bidding threshold for school supplies, streamlining that process and helping schools focus less on red tape and paperwork and more on the children in our classrooms.

On Tuesday, Governor Andy Beshear presented his much-awaited budget proposal to members of the House and Senate. This is the first step in a process that will take the better part of this session.

The final product of this work is a spending plan that provides funding for state agencies and programs over the next two fiscal years. I am reviewing the document Governor Beshear presented, which is filed for consideration as HB 352. I will continue to update you on the budget process over the next few weeks.


As you can see, we are off to a busy start. If you have any questions or comments about this session, I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.legislature.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Facebook @RepRTravisBrenda71 or on Twitter @RBrenda71.

Notice of Public Meeting

City of Mount Vernon
9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 27th
Mount Vernon City Hall

A public hearing will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 27th at Mount Vernon City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to provide general information to the public regarding purchasing a rescue vehicle for the Mount Vernon Fire Department through USDA Rural Development funding. The public is invited to attend the meeting and comment on any issues related to the proposed subject.

By: City of Mount Vernon



MIKE HARMON
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Shannon Franklin, Rockcastle County Sheriff
Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement
We have audited the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Settlement - 2018 Taxes for the period January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Rockcastle County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

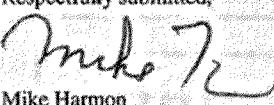
The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Rockcastle County Sheriff, for the period January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019 of the Rockcastle County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 14, 2019, on our consideration of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:
2018-001 The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts And Disbursements

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

November 14, 2019
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