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## Art to be featured in Mount Vernon

By: Mike French  
 Editor

Art is the focus of several plans in Rockcastle County this spring.

The empty space on Main Street in Mount Vernon, caused by the

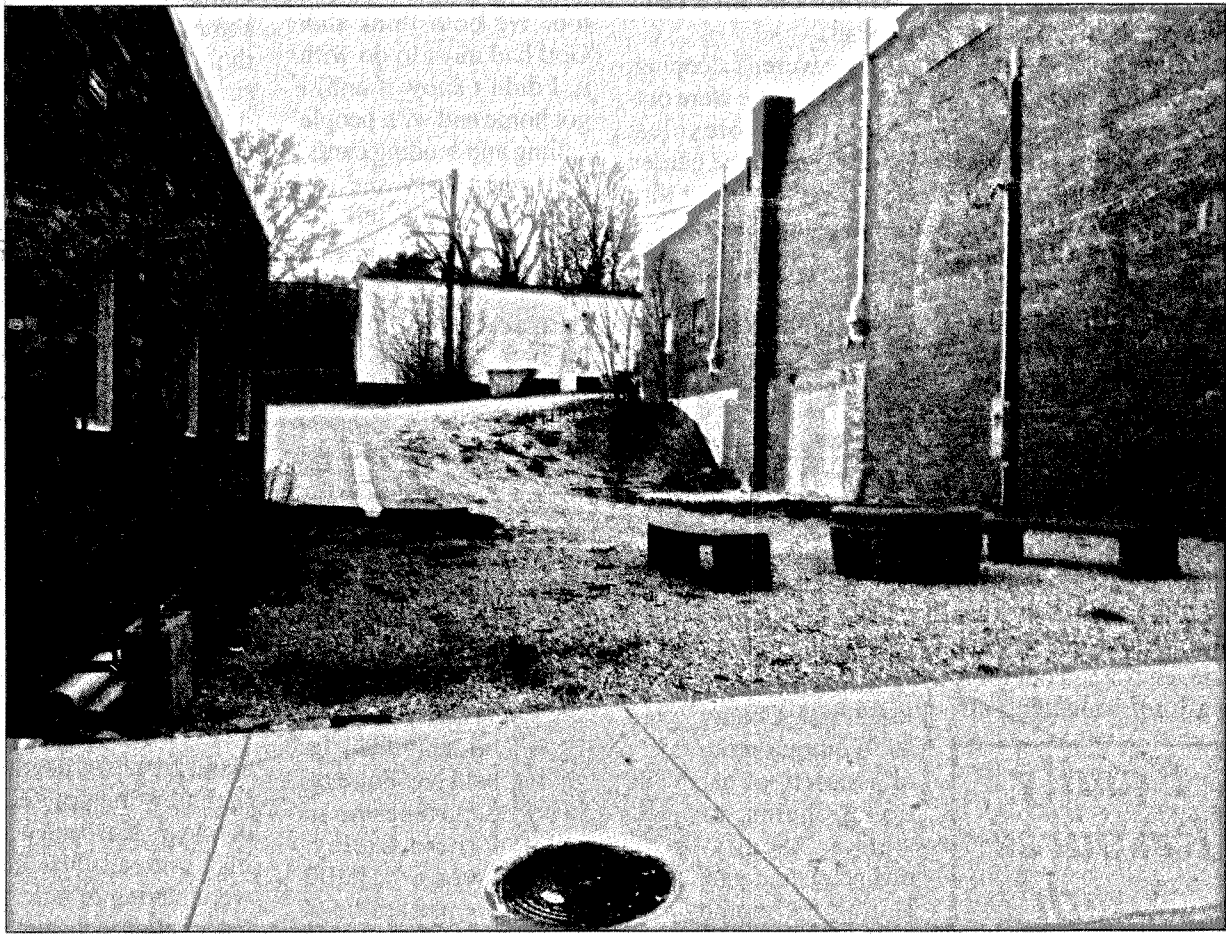
demolition of the old Parsons Building, will now be partly used to display local art work, according to Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum.

Work is currently underway to create an "Art Alley" in the empty

space. CJ Cameron has delivered metal grid panels which will be framed and installed in the vacant space. Tatum says the space will be used for wall space for artwork, planters, benching and

landscaping. The Mount Vernon city crew will be providing labor for the beautification project and the Rockcastle Arts Association will oversee the

(See "Art" on A5)



The space on Main Street in Mount Vernon previously known as the Parsons Building will be used to display art work from the area. The new "Art Alley" will provide landscaping and seating as one of many beautification projects in Mount Vernon.

## Couple indicted in death of local 7-month-old

By: Mike French  
 Editor

According to a Kentucky State Police report, Kirsten Durham, 23, and Johnathon Durbin, 32, both of Mount Vernon, were indicted last week in connection with the death of a seven-month-old child.

The report says the child, Michael Scott Durham, died in August of 2022 and police began an investigation

into his death, resulting in the arrest of the child's mother, Durham, and her then boyfriend Durbin.

Reports indicate the mother had custody of the youth but the father was attempting to regain custody at the time.

The couple told police in August that they had fallen asleep and the child had fallen off the couch causing the injuries that resulted

(See "Couple" on A5)

## ATM machine vandalized during robbery attempt

By: Mike French  
 Editor

Police are searching for a black male who is suspected of attempted theft at a local bank last Tuesday afternoon.

According to a report from Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Sam Brock, the Mount Vernon Police Department officers suspected a man of attempting to take unauthorized funds from the ATM machine at Community Trust Bank on Lake Cumberland Road in Mount Vernon last week.

The driver is also suspected of attempted robbery at two other ATM machines in Kentucky after the Mount Vernon incident.

According to the report, Mount Vernon police began a pursuit of a large box truck after suspecting the theft. The pursuit continued to I-75 northbound and on to Fayette County.

Once in Fayette County, Mount Vernon

officers ended the pursuit due to inclement weather and public safety issues, the report said.

The vehicle was lost when the pursuit ended

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## Officials still working on Brodhead ballfield upgrades

By: Mike French  
 Editor

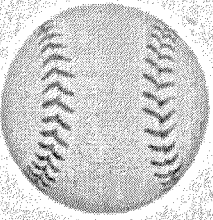
Changes to the Brodhead ballfields could be on the way.

Upgrading the Brodhead ballfields has been a goal of many county officials over the years and there have been plans made before, according to Adam Hensley, Little League Coordinator. But each time growth and development of the park gets close, "It always just goes away," he said.

After a meeting with the Rockcastle County Little League Association early last year, the fiscal court agreed to a \$25,000 expansion and fence improvement project. But, by the time ball season came around, and officials looked deeper into construction requirements and costs, the estimate had risen to well

over \$100,000. Once again, the project was put on hold.

However, at a recent meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, Hensley expressed his concern that some children may not be able to play due to a lack of facilities. "If we don't do something, we just aren't going to have a place for them all to play," he said. "I refuse to ask for donations because it is a shame



that people have to donate to have something that their tax dollars are supposed to provide."

After that meeting, RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook pledged to help organize a plan to expand the area and increase the space.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. also began looking for more funding avenues.

"A week after that meeting I discovered that the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act

provides funds for ballfields," said Holbrook.

After looking at all requirements to expand an existing ballfield, the latest estimate is slightly over \$120,000.

Holbrook is applying for a 50/50 grant through the Water Conservation Fund, leaving about \$60,000 from the fiscal court portion of the expense. However, there are some requirements before becoming eligible

(See "Ball" on A5)

## Ten indictments returned by Grand Jury

A Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned 10 indictments Friday, January 27th against 12 defendants.

Those indicted, and their offense/s were:

Johnathon K. Durbin, 32, and Kirsten A., Durham, 23, were named in a joint indictment and charged with criminal

abuse and manslaughter in the death of their seven-month-old infant (see separate story in this week's Signal).

Both Durbin and Durham were lodged in the Rockcastle Detention Center and each was placed under a \$100,000 cash/property (c/p) bond;

Douglas Thornburg, 44, was indicted for theft by unlawful taking of Copper from the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority, valued at greater than \$10,000 (see separate story in this week's Signal).

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

Robert Lee Samples, 54, of Brindle Ridge

Road, Brodhead, was indicted for assault and as a persistent felony offender.

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

Chyna M. Goff, 22, of Valley View Lane, Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument.

(See "Indict" on A5)

## First responders take to the air to serve public

By: Mike French  
 Editor

A lot has changed in the way first responders serve the public as emergency service has taken to the air.

With modern technology added to intense, modern training techniques, police, fire and rescue personnel are quicker and more successful at saving lives than ever before, according to several local first

responders. The best news for local residents, according to Major Adam Bales of the Mount Vernon Fire Department and Deputy Sam Brock of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, anyone needing

help has a better chance of a successful rescue and more accurate, efficient assistance with the new systems.

Officials at the Mount Vernon Fire Department began using drone technology over a year ago and has already used the system and software technology on numerous cases and investigations.

The sheriff's department put in

their first drone in use last year and now has received funding to help with a second drone.

According to local drone operators, different drones have different capabilities and different uses. The first drone at the sheriff's department is built for accident reconstruction and can provide information that may be impossible to gather otherwise. It also greatly speeds up the information gathering process by

nearly 80%, according to Deputy Brock who is a trained technician in using the specialty drone.

The accident reconstruction drone greatly benefits insurance claims and provides evidence or fault as well as tells the whole story of an accident, Brock said. "The family of a fatal accident deserves to know what really happened to their loved one," he said last

(See "Air" on A5)



### Mount Vernon

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council is scheduled for Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon City Hall.

### Fiscal Court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The monthly fiscal court meeting to discuss the regular meeting agenda is scheduled for Monday, February 13 at 4 p.m. in the same location. The public is invited to both meetings.

### Livingston

The regular monthly meeting of the Livingston City Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m. at Livingston City Hall.

### Brodhead

The regular monthly meeting of the Brodhead City Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. at Brodhead City Hall.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It was a wild and wooly basketball game last Friday night at Berea College when the Rockets and Lady Rockets took on Madison Southern. We won both games. The Lady Rockets vanquished their opponents 60-40 after a close first half but the Rockets game was certainly not without its worrisome moments with the Rockets finally getting the win 82-78.

They were good, fun wins and ones our teams should be proud of. The games were held at Berea College, supposedly a neutral site to help alleviate somewhat the intense rivalry between the two teams and I suppose it did to some extent. Near the end of the game, when the outcome was still very much in question, daughter Jamie decided to move us to a location nearer the exit "just in case." What the move did was put us at the end of the floor where the most action was right at the end of the game which made my poor old heart skip a beat or two before it was all over.

I haven't gotten out to many games this season and it's good to do so every once in a while. It helps to take your mind off of the sorry state of our world these days and realize that there are still simple pleasures that help get us through the day to day grind. Between coping with horrible inflation, our country being invaded by the millions, the white race being denigrated every day and in every way and the moral ideas that we were raised with seeming to have less meaning every day of our lives, it tires the spirit out.

For example, did you know Florida State University is now giving out racially segregated scholarships that white students cannot apply for. This is certainly illegal but no one is challenging it or the fact that colleges are pushing anti-white lesson plans. Critical Race Theory teaches children, in essence, that blacks are oppressed and whites are the oppressors,

a no win situation for both races.

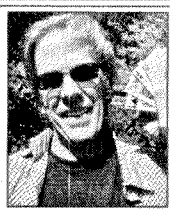
At a recent Senate Confirmation Hearing for judicial candidates, one, a black woman, was asked by Senator John Kennedy of Louisiana what Article 2 of the Constitution pertained to. She could not answer him. She was then asked to explain Article 5 of the Constitution. Again, she could not.

I'm quite often not the brightest bulb in the chandelier and, I'll have to admit, I did not know what Article 5 was without googling it but, even at my advanced age, I clearly remember from my high school civics class that Article 2 establishes the executive branch (the office of president) of the federal government, which carries out and enforces federal law. Article 5, I found, deals with the process for amending the Constitution. I was shocked that a graduate of law school, being considered for a federal judgeship, did not know

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



I grew up in a tiny town in Kentucky and every person in the town knew every other person. There were two little mom and pop grocery stores and a four-way stop for those traveling through. We kids spent our glorious days roaming the alleyways through the neighborhood and playing in the barn or playing basketball in the church parking lots.

Vacation Bible School was the highlight of our summer and everyone in the neighborhood was considered family.

I had no idea how much money my family had, it was never brought up. In fact, such thought never entered my mind.

Fast foods or a restaurant visit was considered a rare treat. Otherwise, mom cooked a meal, including meat and potatoes and another vegetable, or we ate bologna sandwiches or tuna fish. And we loved every bite. It never crossed our mind to ask for something dif-

ferent. We ate what was put in front of us or we didn't eat and I am thankful for the many lessons that practice taught me.

We kids had to keep the lawn mowed and the weeds pulled and we helped our neighbors when they were in need to earn any extra money we wanted. We kept our pop bottles and returned them for the three cents deposit.

If we weren't sleeping, or in school, we were outside riding bicycles, drinking from the garden hose, digging in the dirt, or doing our daily chores

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Getting Better in Time for Spring

Dear Journal,

Finally I can see some noted progress in my movement since the stroke. I'm doing more and more for myself. It has to be a miracle. This time last month I was still in the hospital. Stanley said that it had a lot to do with my determination, too. We both think that God had most to do with it. I didn't know it until I got home and with people calling and sending cards, and when they see me out, they would tell me that I was in their prayers. It seems that half of the

people in about three or four counties were in prayer for me and even Stanley. There is a Higher Power and I've felt His presence very strong of late.

This is just the time of year to be getting better and seeing the signs of spring here and there. It gives anybody hope. Out in our yard there are some daffodils peeping their heads up though the dirt. However, I think that there will be another blast or so of cold weather and even some snow that will freeze their pretty little yellow heads. The groundhog saw his shadow the other day and he says that there will be more bad weather, too.

We went to church today and there was talk of Ash Wednesday and Easter, so spring can't be too far away. However, I can remember Easters when there was a skiff of snow on the ground and you would just about freeze to death in that new pastel frilly dress you had been waiting to wear. The kids were having to hide the Easter eggs in the house. It wasn't much fun.

There were some daffodils that always grew in a certain place that I'd pick for Mom and Grandma. They would put them on the table for an Easter dinner. Mom always made a white cake with

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## Tourism News

By: Jessica Blankenship

### February 2023

When we think of tourism, most folks don't realize how important our local restaurants are. Rockcastle County has a unique setup of a variety of national chains, as well as locally-owned restaurants. During the month

our community.

Did you know that we are home to the Official Kentucky Food Truck Championship? It will be held on Saturday, September 9th in Renfro Valley. Over 5000 people attended



in 2022 and we expect a bigger crowd this year. Over 25 food trucks compete for \$9000 in prizes, including \$5000 for the Grand Champion. We plan to grow with even more arts & craft vendors, an Art Walk from Rockcastle Arts Association, kids' gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice in

Rockcastle County. The next time you are going out to eat, snap a photo of your meal and post it as a comment in our giveaway. One lucky winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice in

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By Roxanne Hammond

## Family Resource Youth Service Center

Rock Star - "We Are Family" (FRYSC - Family Resource Youth Service Center)

Sir Winston Churchill is quoted as saying, "There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues, the most dominating virtues of humans are created, strengthened and maintained."

The Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) was passed and enacted in the Commonwealth in 1990. The mission statement reads, "To enhance students' ability to succeed in school by developing and sustaining partnerships that promote early learning and suc-

cessful transition to school, academic achievement and wellbeing; and graduation and transition into adult life." That statement is well stated, but just exactly what does that look like in our local school system in Rockcastle County? From a close and personal view, I had a front row seat while serving as school nurse at Mount Vernon Elementary School and later as Rockcastle County School District Health Director to observe how this was implemented in one particular area. I was so wowed and impressed with our schools Family Resource Youth Service Centers (FRYSC) at the elementary, middle and high school level. These service centers meet a variety of needs that are encountered by students and their families daily. This often-encompassed needs in clothing, shoes, hygiene products, school supplies, field trip money, Christmas gifts, food, financial help at home such as utilities, mental health counsel, summer enrichment programs, after school tutoring, special enrichment programs such as grandparent support groups, physical ac-

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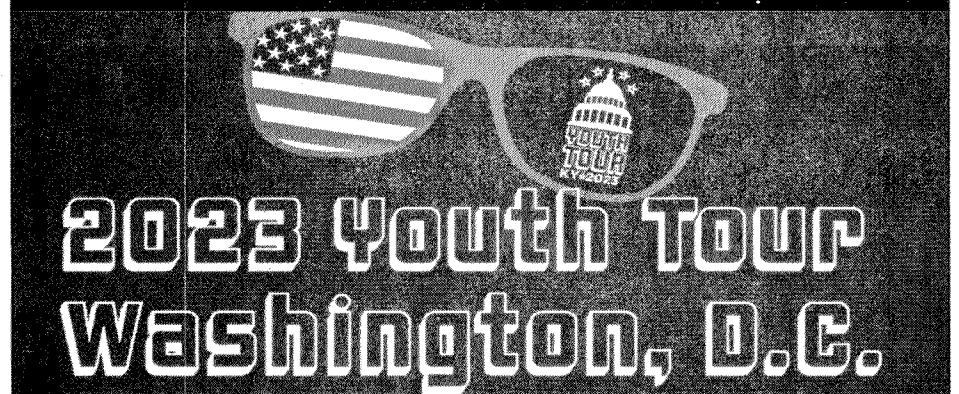
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## ramblings

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the answer to Kennedy's questions.

97 new federal judges were appointed recently. Of those 97, five were white men and 22 were black women. 65% of judges confirmed are minorities.

I read recently that Southwest Airlines, to meet its diversity hiring goals, has been forced to lower its hiring standards for new pilots. The airline is cutting the flight experience it requires of new pilots by half. United Air-

lines, in an effort to increase diversity, equity and inclusion, is reserving 50% of its pilot slots for women and/or minorities. They will train 5,000 pilots by 2030, half to be women and people of color. Pennsylvania will no longer require college degrees for 92% of its government jobs, hoping this will allow for a more diverse workforce. California is no longer requiring police officers to be citizens of their state or even the country. The hope is to attract police officers from Mexico, Africa, China

and Ukraine to help enforce the state's laws. According to Forbes, 80% of universities no longer require the SAT for admission and, the *New York Post.com* says that the AMA is now reporting that they are drastically lowering standards for admissions, faculty and research devoting a higher share of resources to CRT and DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion).

So merit will no longer be the main deciding factor in our country for employment or advancement. It will have more to do with skin color and gender which, were I a black woman, I would find highly insulting that employers would think that I could not get the same job based only on merit.

But black people and other minorities, except Asians and maybe Jews, seem to have all the sway these days with local, state and federal government and particularly with the main stream media with their constant harping on the evils of White Supremacy.

It was funny, ha ha, when White Supremacy was blamed for the death of a young black man at the hands of five black Memphis police officers. It was funny until I realized that these racist pundits were deadly serious with one saying "you don't have to be white to be a white supremacist." Well, glad they cleared that up for me.

I'm becoming concerned because I remember reading that in Hitler's 1930s Germany it began with the Jews being blamed for everything bad the country was dealing with. It was a slow, subtle offensive against an entire race until the German people had been brainwashed against Jews to the extent that any atrocity against them was condoned and this led to the eventual extermination of six million Jews.

An ER doctor was riding his bicycle along the Pacific Coast Highway in California last week when he was run over by a black man who got out of his car and proceeded to stab him to death. One anonymous witness told a local ABC affiliate that the suspect muttered about "White privilege" during the incident.

Whoopie Goldberg said on her show "The View" that the killing of black men wouldn't stop until it began happening to white men. She immediately said that she wasn't advocating for white men to be beaten by police but that it would make white people understand what black people go through on a daily basis.

I can't think of anything encouraging to end this column with. I will say that (1) I will never apologize for being born white. (2) I have never consciously lorded being white over anyone and (3) liberals will end up being the ruination of our nation unless we manage somehow to rein them in (maybe with the return of honest elections?).

## Aces

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around the house. We drank water from a water filter and Coke and Pepsi came in small glass bottles that were always cold.

Our television did not include porn on awards shows and there was never, ever a curse word spoken on our television set. Women and men dressed modestly and treated each other with respect and dignity. Now they dress in dental floss and complain because someone is looking.

We watched Bugs Bunny, Sylvester the Cat, The Flintstones and the Brady Bunch. We watched Elmer Fudd shoot guns every day but we never shot anyone. But whatever we watched had to pass mom's approval. When she said "no" we didn't get mad and run off screaming and become "damaged children." We just changed the channel and moved on. If we didn't, we got our butt busted and we never did it again.

Once again, thank God, for those life lessons that taught us truth and honesty because our parents cared about our future well-being instead of worrying about having to deal with a crying child. We were more important to them than their "relaxed time." Teaching us right from wrong, even when it hurt, was more important to them than feeling like a hero.

Kids didn't talk back...well, maybe once. We respected our elders. Words they spoke were law, not a suggestion. We were home every night by dusk and we got in the tub when told to and we went to bed when dad turned the tv off.

We held the door open for others. Especially for ladies. But we didn't do it because we thought they were lesser or weaker. We did it out of respect and appreciation and common courtesy.

Parents didn't curse around children and Heaven forbid a dirty word left the lips of a child. It would not have been funny or cute and our parents would not have laughed.

The music we heard

had messages and stories to it. There was no one screaming expletives about killing police officers whom we respected with adoration. Our music was clean and moral-based with common decency throughout.

We said "please" and "yes sir," or "no sir" and we were grateful for anything we got that we didn't work for. When speaking to an adult who had given us a task, the word "no" never left our lips.

We were in church on Sunday morning and never missed Bible School. We were young but we had responsibilities. We were poor but had everything we needed. We were individuals but we were part of a family and nothing was more important than family.

The fact is, though some of today's population would deny it, we were brought up correctly. It is only my generation that can see the results of the new different, "my poor baby" parenting as compared to raising a child with discipline and lessons and common decency. So we can speak with authority on the subject. We were raised properly and America was a better place for everyone.

There are whiners who don't agree and think they are smarter than everyone who lived for the past 6,000 years, but they are simply wrong. Ego can convince one of anything.

The last line to the song by Charles Strouse and Lee Adams is correct. "Those were the

Days."

## Tourism

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activities, music, and more. More information on this year's event can be found at [www.kentuckyfoodtruckchampionship.com](http://www.kentuckyfoodtruckchampionship.com). Things are coming along with exhibit upgrades and new activities at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. We are now hosting vocal lessons three days a week, as well as beginning to have Music Business Workshops starting later this month. We will also continue with our concert series, as well as some events featuring our HOF Inductees. Details will be up on our website and Facebook page.

As we continue to grow as a community, we hope to provide more opportunities for families. We are working with local officials and community groups in event planning in 2023. If you have any creative ideas or would like to assist in planning efforts, please contact Jessica at 256-9814 or email [kentuckymusichalloffame@gmail.com](mailto:kentuckymusichalloffame@gmail.com).

## T.J.'s

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that homemade, old-fashioned boiled icing on it and would decorate it with Peeps, jelly beans and such. Anyway, when it snowed or got too cold, I'd have to pick the daffodils early. I sure would like to have an Easter like that again, cold weather or not.

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
Monday, Feb. 13th: Calloway, Red Hill and Livingston.  
Tuesday, Feb. 14th: Maple Grove and Climax.

**Hospice Volunteer Training Registration**  
Hospice Care Plus will hold registration through February 23rd for their New Volunteer Training online at [hospicecareplus.org](http://hospicecareplus.org) or by calling Mariah at 859-626-9292. The group training is in Richmond on Feb. 25 and prepares you to volunteer at the Compassionate Care Center or in your community in these programs: home hospice care, home palliative care, bereavement care or in non-patient care and administrative roles that support the organization and its mission. Call for details or questions.

**Youth Basketball Tournament**  
A 2023 Youth Basketball Tournament will be held February 25, 2023 at Shannon Johnson Elementary in Berea for 2nd and 3rd grade boys and girls and 4th and 5th grade boys and girls. There is a two game guarantee and team entry fee is \$75. The event is being hosted by SMFE with all proceeds going to support the Madison Strikes in a soccer national tournament in Panama, FL. For more information, call Shamekia Hampton 859-979-0347 or Heather Ramsey at 606-392-1132.

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

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

**Chamber of Commerce Meetings**  
The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

**VFW Post 5908**  
Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-358-6456 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

**Mt. Vernon Lions Club**  
The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

**American Legion Post News**  
The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

**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.

**Rockcastle UNITE Coalition**  
The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities Please join us each month.

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

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

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only. 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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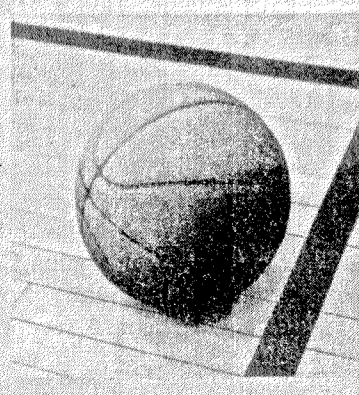
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# Obituaries

## Sue (Moore) Colwell

Sue (Moore) Colwell, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Baptist Health Hospital in Richmond. She was born June 6, 1952, in Stanford, a daughter of the late Fred Vernon Moore, Jr. and Beatrice (Ramsey) Moore. She was a member of Olive Branch Church in Mt. Vernon and in her free time, enjoyed swimming, going for walks, gardening, and spending time with family and loving on her great and grandchildren which were her life.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter, Angela Lee (Travillian) Jones and Donnie, of Mt. Vernon; stepdaughter, Linda Cowell of Lexington; granddaughter, Lyndsey Brooke Reed; great grandchildren, Payton and Riley Reed; a brother; a sister, Anita Louise Noe and Ronald of Lexington; as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her first husband, Larry Lee Travillian; her second husband, Charles Colwell; a sister, Shirley Marie (Moore) Lovins; brother, Fred V. Moore II; sisters-in-law, Anna Lois Carpenter and Jewell Jones; and brother-in-law, Gary Travillian.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Buford Parkerson officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

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

## Everett Lee Renner

Everett Lee "Smokey Joe" Renner, 79, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, February 3, 2023 after a long battle with dementia. He was born March 6, 1943, in Rockcastle County, to the late Earl Woodrow and Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Kirby Renner.

Everett was a farmer, sawmill operator, and county road department employee for many years. He enjoyed hunting for arrowheads, woodworking, and spending time with his grandchildren.

On February 15, 1964, he married the love of his life, Naomia Jeanette Cromer Renner, and from this union came three sons, James Earl (Edna), Randy Lee (Melissa), and Eric Dale (Evelyn), all of Mt. Vernon. He leaves behind several grandchildren, Amanda Gail Osborne, Stephanie Rena Bush, Wendell Dustin Sizemore, Lara Christeen Renner, Elizabeth Fern Renner, Zackary Ryan Renner, Katie Madison Renner, Wesley Michael Sheene, and Mattilyn Kaye Renner.

He is survived by his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by: his wife, Naomia, granddaughter, Crystal Janel Bush Stewart; three brothers, Leslie Whitaker, Russell Renner, and Gerald Renner; and one sister, Villa Whitaker Mayfield.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 6, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Marcus Reppert officiating. Burial was at Mink Cemetery.

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

## James Lawrence Bustle

James Lawrence Bustle, 80, of Livingston, died Monday, February 6, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. James was born October 1, 1942, in Mt. Vernon, to the late Luther and Zelda (Nicely) Bustle. He was a Concrete Mason and enjoyed coon hunting, horses, and chicken fighting. James married Shirley Murphy on February 1, 1969 and from that union came five children, James, Lonnie, Rita, Teresa, and Jennifer.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 54 years, Shirley Bustle; five children, James (Ruth) Bustle, Jr. of Camden OH, Lonnie "Rufus" (Gina) Bustle of Brodhead, Rita Bustle of Mt. Vernon, Teresa (Mark) Lunsford of Brodhead, and Jennifer (Ben) Bustle of East Bernstadt; six grandchildren, Brandon Childress (LaRee), Lonnie "Junior" Bustle, Haley Bustle, Gabe Wynn, McKenzie Lunsford, and Angie Cline (Chuck); six great grandchildren, Steven Saylor, Jake Saylor, McKenna Saylor, Athena Wynn, Aiden Cline, and Miranda Cline; two brothers, Virgil Bustle of Pine Hill and Robert Bustle of Orlando; one sister, Sally Gray of Hamilton, OH; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by five siblings, Luther Bustle, Jr., John William Bustle, Shirley McQueen, Sylvia Bustle, and Lela Mae Bustle.

Services will be held Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of funeral service at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Ball Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Gabe Wynn, Dwayne Goforth, Ben Holt, Junior Bustle, Wayne Carpenter, Ryan Carpenter, Mark Lunsford, and Gary Green.

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

## Glenn Richard Click

Glenn Richard Click, 72, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, February 3, 2023, at UK Bluegrass Hospice Care Center in Lexington. He was born October 12, 1950, in Charleston, WV to the late Reverend Glenneth and Anna Lucille Click. He served in the US Army during the Korean War and was a retired steel mill worker. He married Brenda Sue Vaughn on April 5, 1977 and from that union came one son, Glenn Richard Click II. Glenn enjoyed carpentry, gardening, and fishing.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 45 years, Brenda Sue Vaughn Click; one son, Glenn Richard Click II of Mt. Vernon; and one sister, Opal Marie Lew and husband Cleo of Cartland, OH.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three siblings, James Robert Click, Dolores Lee Bryant, and Mary Louise Wood.

Services were held Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial was at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville.

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

## Tina Marie Judd

Tina Marie Judd, 60, of Crab Orchard, died Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born February 18, 1962, in Indianapolis, IN to the late James and Mary Ida (Kimberlin) Judd. She was a member of the Valley Baptist Church and enjoyed church and spending time with her family.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Darrell King; her children, Mary Barnett (Bobby Cundiff) of Johnson City, TN, Christina Martin (Christopher) of Mt. Vernon, and James Judd of Crab Orchard; two grandchildren, Alyssa Martin (Hunter Sargent) and Hanna Barnett (Scott Fowler); two great grandchildren, Adelyn Fowler and Hunter Fowler; one brother, James Henry Judd, Jr. (Ellen); two sisters, Brenda Proffitt and Beverly Price; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: three siblings, Phyllis Joann, Betty Lou, and Ronald Lee; and two brothers-in-law, Ronald Proffitt and Bruce Price.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Valley Baptist Church with Bros. Christopher Martin and Darren Sloan officiating. Burial was in Judd Family Cemetery.

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

## Suzanne L Hamm

Suzanne L Hamm, 71, wife of Mike Hamm, of Paint Lick, died Monday, February 6, 2023, at UK Medical Center in Lexington.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and have been entrusted to the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

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

## Elva Taylor Newman

Elva Taylor Newman, wife of James Dewey Newman, died December 2, 2022 at Baptist Health in Lexington. She was born October 4, 1944 in Mt. Vernon.

Elva was preceded in death by: her parents, Mary C. Taylor and Jesse J. Taylor; her dear son, Jesse Darryl Newman; two sisters, Shirley Jean Cummins (Doug) and Rhonda R. Gregory; and an infant brother, Michael.

Elva was a loving homemaker and caregiver for her husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a great great grandson. She is survived by: her husband of 59 years, James Dewey Newman; sister, Meloyne Sheryl (Dodie) Fugate; daughters, Jamie Dewynn (Theron) Stephens and Prudence Elaine Daniell; grandchildren, Amber Leigh Newman, Zackery Darryl Shawn (Ashley) Newman, Rathe Hunter Lee (Brook) Stephens, Taylor Hal James (MacKenzie) Daniell, and Jessica Dewynn Stephens; great grandchildren, Kelseigh Elaine Newman (Matthew Dreusicke), Lena Joyce Newman, Rylee Elizabeth Stephens, Olivia Blake Stephens, and Lakelyn Blair Daniell; great great grandson, Ezra Cain Dreusicke; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service is scheduled at Milward - Man O' War in the Celebration Center of Lexington located at 1509 Trent Boulevard on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 12 p.m. A reception will follow from 1 to 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to the Elva Taylor Newman Memorial Fund.

To share a remembrance of Elva or to offer condolences to her family, please sign the online guest book at [milwardfuneral.com](http://milwardfuneral.com).

## Mary Louise Hayes

Mary Louise Hayes, 83, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, February 5, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born October 11, 1939 in Christian County, the daughter of the late Dewey and Freda Bosel Monk. She was retired from the Dresser Company in Berea, she enjoyed fishing, taking walks, loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and was a member of the Buckeye Christian Church.

Survivors are: one son, Clay Stanton (Glena) Hayes of Conway; two daughters, Carol (Sam) Alcorn, and Betty (Steve) Weaver, both of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Sue Prestholt of Clear Lake, Iowa; seven grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Norman Hayes; five brothers; and three sisters.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at Maret Cemetery with Bro. Shanon Franklin officiating.

Pallbearers were: Michael Hayes, Payton Saylor, Austin Saylor, Ethan Saylor, Adam Alcorn, and Jason Weaver.

Arrangements by Cox Funeral Home. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)



## Edna Suella Branaman

Edna Suella (Sue) Bullock Branaman, 97, of Lexington, died peacefully at home on November 29, 2022. Sue was born June 10, 1925, in Rockcastle County. She was a loving and influential wife, mother, and sister to countless family and friends her entire life.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Kerr Brothers - Harrodsburg Road location, 3421 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, Kentucky, 40513. Visitation at noon and service at 1 p.m.



## "Rock Star"

(Cont. from pg. 2)

activities like jump rope clubs, art classes and many, many more after school activities.

Programs, mandates and services are only as good as the people who are involved. Rockcastle was fortunate that to get things going after the passing of KERA and initiating of FRYSC, the first Director in our local schools was Betty Lewis, a local parent, social services worker, student advocate and community service. She set the bar and standards high and has passed that on to those who have succeeded her over the years.

I recently sat down with Marcus Reppert, the new Director of Youth Services in Rockcastle County Schools. Another example of outstanding leadership and servant to our community. In our conversation he was quick to give credit to the compassionate, caring and innovative coordinators and staff located at each of the five Rockcastle County schools. He further stressed that FRYSC was an important liaison, not only to the students and their families, but also to the teachers and staff. FRC as it is often referred to is involved in daily attendance, often offering incentives such as pizza parties for perfect attendance, making phone calls and/or visits to homes when there is concern with a student that might be having difficulties at school and/or home.

FRC has been instrumental in serving an annual Thanksgiving meal to our entire Community. It's called Kenna's Kitchen, named to honor a fellow school colleague who died tragically. This past year over 1,700 residents were fed a nice holiday meal.

Another huge undertaking by FRC and wonderful event is providing Christmas gifts to many of the underprivileged students. This task is a coordinated effort involving FRC, school staff, churches, community businesses and any individual who wants to be a Santa's helper. This event is done in such a way as to build family values and togetherness. These holiday events, Thanksgiving and Christmas in particular are such a wonderful way to celebrate with family in our Rockcastle community.

I also asked Mr. Reppert to share other services and programs implemented

through the Family Resource Youth Services Center. He smiled and quickly replied, "we are on the move in all our schools. We have a lot of services to help meet our students needs. We have the backpack program which sends food home each week-end for those students and families who may be at risk for hunger at home." Many of the supplies for the backpack program, such as dry cereal, crackers, easy to open snacks, are provided to FRC by churches, civic organizations and caring individuals, who are meeting a special need. They are among the many liaisons and hub for knowing the needs of our community, at school and at home.

The support groups implemented through FRC have included grandparents raising grandkids, better know now as "Relatives Raising Rockets." Other support measures include "Moving to the Middle" for all fifth graders, an all day event to help students going to RCMS. Then there's "Link Crew", a program to assist with freshmen orientation. Incoming freshmen are paired with upper classmen to help transition to the high school setting and culture. There's also a "Summer Learning Program."

This week, February 6-10, 2023, is Family Resource Youth Services Center recognition week and all across the Commonwealth these valuable service centers are being spotlighted for their tremendous and dedicated service and great commitment to education and meeting the many needs within our local public schools. I personally want to thank our Rockcastle County family and I'm certain many of you will reach out by saying and giving thanks to these ROCK STARS!

I mentioned earlier that these service centers do outstanding service because of outstanding people involved from the beginning with people like Betty Lewis and through the past 30 plus years. The present Rock Stars involved in our local school system include: MVES - Regina Hull-Brown BES - Angela King RES - Melinda Osborne RCMS - Nicole Lear and Kim Hunter RCHS - Jessie Mahaffey and Barbara Mullins

Rockcastle County cares. It really does "take a village" to serve the entire Rockcastle County community.

## “Air”

(Continued from front) year. “With this drone we have a much more reliable method of reconstructing every accident from the time it began.”

The second drone will be used for a number of different types of investigations and can help search for suspects or lost residents, according to Brock.

The fire department drone helps in many ways as well. “In a forest fire situation, we can quickly deploy a drone to get an overhead view telling us the size, how fast it is spreading and which direction it is spreading as well as what is in the fire’s immediate path,” said Bales.

Bales says the drone helps his volunteers make the best decisions. A fire may be spreading quickly toward the east

and slowly towards the north and west, but a home is on the northern edge of the fire. This type of information helps firefighters make the best decisions.

Bales said the drone is also useful for many other issues. “We can better see houses in danger in the vicinity and see if there is an easier, closer access to the blaze. We also use the drone to help search large areas quickly in missing person cases. There are simply tons of advantages to having a drone.”

Currently Lieutenant Wesley Durham is the main drone operator but the department plans to train more licensed drone operators in the near future, Bales said.

However, drone technology can be very expensive. Officials seek grants and donations and hold fundraisers to purchase such technology.

According to Brock,

Candido’s Towing and Repair recently donated to the Sheriff’s Department for a general purpose drone. “We are so thankful to Candido’s,” said Brock. “The new drone will assist in searching for lost children, people with mental health issues, and suspects as well as pinpointing hotspots in fires to assist fire departments.”

Local first responders will accept donations from anyone willing to help their local department and officials are looking for grant potential each week, according to Brock.

Drones range in price from \$99 to \$50,000 depending upon need.

Anyone willing to donate to help with the software needed for drone operations should contact Brock at the sheriff’s office.

## “Indict”

(Continued from front) strument.

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

Erica Dawn Oaks, 34 and Zachary Lee Robinson, 34, both of Paul Street, Mt. Vernon were named in a joint indictment and charged with robbery and as persistent felony offenders.

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

Zachary D. Fradella, 20, of Pleasureville, KY was indicted for receiving stolen property, fleeing or evading police and two counts of wanton endangerment (involving Mt. Vernon Police Officers Dylan Hensley and Shay Helton).

He was lodged in the Rockcastle Detention Center under a \$15,000 c/p bond;

Casey Scott Crank, 30, of Wallen St., Brodhead was indicted for possession of a controlled substance,

His bond was set at

\$5,000 c/p;

Jared A. Sparkman, 25, of Bardstown was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance (Fentanyl).

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

Danielle M. Harkins, 24, of Irvine was indicted on two counts--burglary and theft by unlawful taking, both involving the Dollar General Store.

Her bond was set at \$7,500, and

Donna Ferch, 36, of Somerset was indicted for theft by unlawful taking and as a persistent felony offender.

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

## “Art”

(Continued from front) installation of local artwork.

Also, if you are an artist, the Rockcastle Arts Association will soon be giving you a chance to display your work for all to see at an art show.

The annual Rockcastle Arts Show is

scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023.

All Rockcastle artists are invited to submit their original work, in any visual art form, for exhibition.

The event will be held at the new Farmers Market Building on Richmond Street on April 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. and any Rockcastle native, 15 or older, is invited to submit their work for consideration.

To submit work for consideration and possibly have your art on display for all to see, submit your name, age, address, phone number and photo(s) of all your art to Rockcastlearts@gmail.com. Submissions must be received by April 10, 2023.

Submissions are limited to three pieces of art per artist and the entry fee will be \$10 per person.

According to Rockcastle Arts officials, submission will be reviewed by a panel before confirming each entry.

# MVFD receives \$168,768 for protective equipment

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Mount Vernon Fire Department will be getting some new equipment, thanks to a Department of Homeland Security grant of \$168,768. The grant will go towards the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus for the department.

The grant was sought to replace the 14 year-old equipment on a separate award of this same grant in 2009.

Officials say the apparatus is one of the most vital components of protective gear since it provides fresh breathing air to the firefighter regardless of the environment.

Officials at MVFD say the total value of the grant is \$177,208 with 5% (\$8,438) in non-federal matching funds being required from the City of Mount Vernon.

Major Adam Bales says this is one of many grants awarded to the department over the years which have enhanced the quality of the equipment and the level of safety and protection for those responding to emergency situations, as well as those who find themselves victims in those emergencies.

Over the next few weeks, Bales says the department will be researching and reviewing many

types of breathing apparatus available to purchase with the award. An official bid announcement with financial specs will be released to potential vendors soon.

“Thank you to the mayor and the city council members for being so supportive in our efforts to improve the service we provide for the community,” said Bales.



Pictured from left are Christian Seagraves, Justin Candido of Candido’s Towing, Sheriff Shannon Franklin and Deputy Sam Brock. The donation from the local company, for the department’s drone program, will serve as a huge help to the department and increase officer’s ability to serve the public, according to Brock.

## “Couple”

(Continued from front) in his death.

However, Kentucky State Police Detective James Royal began an investigation into the death and filed charges against the couple.

Royal presented his case to a Rockcastle Grand Jury Friday, January 27th.

The grand jury found that each of the defendants should be charged with committing the offense of criminal abuse in the second degree when they wantonly abused the infant in their custody. The indictment charges that abuse placed the infant in a situation which may have caused his death.

Each was charged with both criminal abuse in the second degree and manslaughter in the second degree.

Both Durham and Durbin were transported to out-of-county detention centers with Durham going to the Pike County Jail and Durbin to Fayette County. Both are being held under \$100,000 cash/property bond.

Durham was later transferred back to the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

The investigation is ongoing.

## “Ball”

(Continued from front) for such a grant.

First, there must be a

public hearing giving the general public the opportunity to provide suggestions or comments concerning the expansion, Holbrook said.

That meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14 at 3:30 p.m. 30 minutes prior to the regular monthly meeting of the fiscal court.

The meeting will be held in the third floor conference room at the courthouse and the public is invited to attend and provide input concerning expanding and/or upgrading the Brodhead ballfields.

The current plan would add a new 200-foot baseball/softball field, two bleachers, two dugouts, lighting arrangements, fencing, fill dirt, topsoil, gravel for additional parking and a gate for the parking area.

The public is invited to express their opinions on the subject at this meeting.

Anyone with input may also do so by writing to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, P.O. Box 755, Mount Vernon, Kentucky, 40456 by February 21, 2023.

## “ATM”

(Continued from front) and police are searching for more information to follow up on the incident.

Anyone with information about the case is

urged to contact the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s office which is investigating the incident, along with the Kentucky State Police.

Reports indicate over \$20,000 in damage was done to the local ATM machine, although no funds were taken.

If you know the whereabouts or the suspect in the case, call Sam Brock, at the Sheriff’s office at 606-256-2032 or on his cell phone at 606-386-9191.

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# Mt. Vernon Message

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-Feb. 13 Be Responsible

-Feb. 20 Be a Leader

-Feb. 27 Be a Friend

-Practice is each

Thursday from 3:15 until

4:30.

Academic Team



Rockcastle FFA and 4-H would like to encourage everyone with a Kentucky Farm Tag to donate \$10 when you renew your license plate. This money is used to help support our local 4H and FFA programs as well as the Kentucky Proud Program. Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles recently visited Rockcastle County to help encourage farm vehicle owners to make this important donation. Pictured with Quarles are from left: County Clerk Danetta Allen, Emma Ballinger, Sarah Barron, Logen Dykes and Dylan Thompson.

-District Governor's Cup will be February 11. Time is still to be determined.

### Archery

-Practice is each Monday from 3:15 until 5:00.

-Archery Tournament will be February 18 at Madison Southern. Time is still to be determined.

### Jump Rope Club (FRC Sponsored)

-Jump Rope Club meets each Tuesday from 3:15 until 4:30.

### STLP

-STLP meet each Wednesday from 3:15 until 4:30.

### Girl Scouts

-Girl Scouts meet each Wednesday from 3:15 until 4:30.

### Special Events

-Glow Party will be February 10.

-Valentine's Day Parties in classrooms will be February 10.

-Candy Grams can be purchased until February 10 and will be delivered on February 14.

-Bible Release Time is February 16.

-President's Day is February 20. There will be no school on this day.

-The NED Show is scheduled for February 23.

-Silcox Ice will be at MVEX on February 24.

-Dr. Seuss Week is February 27-March 3. Watch for more details next month!

### Other News

-Rockcastle Little League 2023 Registration can be completed at: [www.rockcastlettleleague.com](http://www.rockcastlettleleague.com)

## Ethan Cotton earns Dean's List

Lee University congratulates Ethan Cotton of Orlando on earning Dean's List honors during the Fall 2022 semester.

Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, undergraduate students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

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## The Name Christian

Acts 11:26

**THE MEANING OF IT:** Belonging to or pertaining to Christ or the religion based on His teaching. In that name, the name of Christ is embedded and honored- Christian.

**THE ORIGIN OF IT:** When was it given? Prior to the establishment of the church, it was in Antioch, the name was unknown. The followers of Christ had been called by other names: believers (Acts 5:14); brethren (Acts 6:3); disciples (Acts 9:1); men of the Way (Acts 9:2); by way of contempt, they had been called Nazarene (Acts 24:5) and Galileans.

**BY WHOM WAS IT GIVEN?** (Acts 11:26) And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. This name is not a man-made name, but one that came from heaven.

**THE FITNESS OF IT:** For a number of reasons, the name is fitting for a disciple of Christ.

He receives his teaching from Christ. The student wears the name of his Master.

He has been redeemed by Christ. The redeemed wears the name of the Redeemer.

He is married to Christ- joined in spiritual wedlock. The bride wears the name of the Bridegroom. By wearing the name of the Bridegroom, the bride honors him. (1Pet. 4:16) Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

He partakes of the nature of Christ. (2Cor. 5:17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, things are become new. "Christ is in him, and he is in Christ".

**THE ACCEPTABLENESS OF IT:** The name is acceptable to all professed followers of Christ. If ever the different religious groups unite, in answer to the Savior's prayer, they will unite under the Christian and not any other. (John 17:21) That they all maybe one; as thou, Father, art in me; and I in thee, that they also maybe one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

It is a distinct honor to wear the name Christ. But before the person can wear the name of Christ. He must submit to Christ's authority. By submitting to the gospel of Christ.

(Mark 16:15-16) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

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## The Devil

The word Satan means opponent or adversary. Every verse that speaks of or describes the person or character of the devil, whether in the old or the new testament, displays before us a person who is evil and dark, not someone many of us would choose to be around.

26 different names used to define the devil. These include satan, used 52 times; son of the morning. The devil; tempter; ruler of demons; the evil one; enemy; liar; father of lies; murderer; ruler of this world; adversary; dragon; serpent; deceiver; accuser and the list goes on. We can read in the scripture how the devil is described.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman "did God actually say 'you shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'"

Revelations 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world-he is thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him.

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil and your will is to do your father's desire. He is a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

II Cor. 11:14 and no wonder, for even satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

II Cor 4:4 in their case the God of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God.

I think a lot of us pass by the fact of satan with very little thought. We don't stop to realize that satan's a person, that he is really involved in our lives, that he is really involved in the church and that he is really involved in the world in a personal aggressive way that as the spirit of God is endeavoring to enable you as a Christian to live for Jesus Christ, so the devil Satan is endeavoring to destroy your testimony, to side track you, to derail you from serving Christ in any capacity that is in any way effective. Satan is a reality. And if nothing else this morning I want you to see something of the strategy of satan. Satan really is a very obvious character, painted to us explicitly in terms of scripture, and we need not be in the dark about him.

Christ came for the purpose of putting it to an end because the Bible says that Christ came to destroy the works of the devil.

Now satan is the ultimate enemy. The enemy from which we must reckon and the Bible never underestimates his power. The Bible never mistakes his intentions.

And he knows that if we can create an atmosphere of joking about the reality of his person, it's going to do him a lot of good in the long run. We have come to the place where we kind of joke about the idea of the devil with little horns and a little tail and all that. That is satan's lie to distract us from the reality of who he is. He is nothing to joke about. He's no impersonal influence. He's no mask. He is a living, active violent, anti-God personal being. And he is running this world in case you didn't know it. He is the prince of this world, he is the God of this world, he is the ruler of this present world. The whole world lies in the hands of the evil one like a sleeping baby. And just as God is a personal God and Jesus is a personal Christ and the Holy Spirit is a personal spirit, so satan is a personal reality. And as God is for you, satan is against you. That's his job.

The devil is not a human being, he is spirit. The devil being a spiritual reality just as real and existent as God is. Christ is, as the Holy Spirit is. He personally walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

In Rev. Chapter 12 he appears in Heaven personally to accuse the believers. Hebrews Chapter 2 says he is the personal power of death.

In I John 5, when John says "the whole world lies in the arms of that wicked one." he is personal reality. The person and personality of satan is revealed in scripture as distinctly as the person and personality of Jesus Christ and to deny one is to deny the other.

Let us all be aware and have our guard up against satan.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### AMISH BAKED LIMA BEANS

2 cups dried lima beans  
4 slices bacon or salt pork  
1 medium onion  
1 green pepper  
1 cup canned tomatoes  
2 teaspoons. salt  
1 tablespoon. mustard  
2 tablespoons. brown sugar  
Soak lima beans overnight in cold water, then drain. Add 2 quarts of fresh water. Boil until beans become tender. Pour beans into a buttered casserole. Add minced pepper, onion, tomatoes, seasoning, and mix. Place strips of bacon or salt pork on top. Cover and bake 2 hours at 325-f (you may need to add water during the baking process). Remove the cover for the final 20 minutes of baking.

### BAKED LIMA BEANS

4 cans (16 ounces each) lima beans  
1/2 cup chili sauce or ketchup  
1/2 cup molasses  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1 tablespoon mustard  
1 cup bacon bits or crumbled cooked bacon  
Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a 12-cup casserole dish. Combine beans and liquid, chili sauce or ketchup, molasses, onion, and mustard. Stir to mix. Pour into prepared dish. Bake for 45 minutes or until beans are brown and bubble. Stir in bacon just before serving.

### PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH BAKED BUTTER BEANS

1 can (40 ounce) butter beans, drained lightly but not rinsed  
1 and 1/3 cup light or dark brown sugar  
1 can (10.75 ounce) condensed tomato soup, undiluted  
2/3 cup finely chopped onion  
1/2 cup finely chopped celery  
1 teaspoon celery seed  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
Salt to taste  
2/3 cup diced uncooked bacon, cut into pieces  
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 2 quart baking dish. Mix all ingredients except bacon together then pour into prepared dish Sprinkle top with the bacon pieces. Bake 55 to 60 minutes.

### BUTTER BEAN SOUP

1 cup diced ham  
1 small onion, chopped  
2 small carrots, chopped  
2 celery stalks, chopped  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
4 cups water  
2 (40 ounces each) cans butter beans  
Salt and pepper  
In a large saucepan, sauté ham, onion, carrot, and celery in oil until the onion is soft. Add water and undrained beans to sautéed vegetables and ham. Stir in salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for 30 minutes, or until heated thoroughly.

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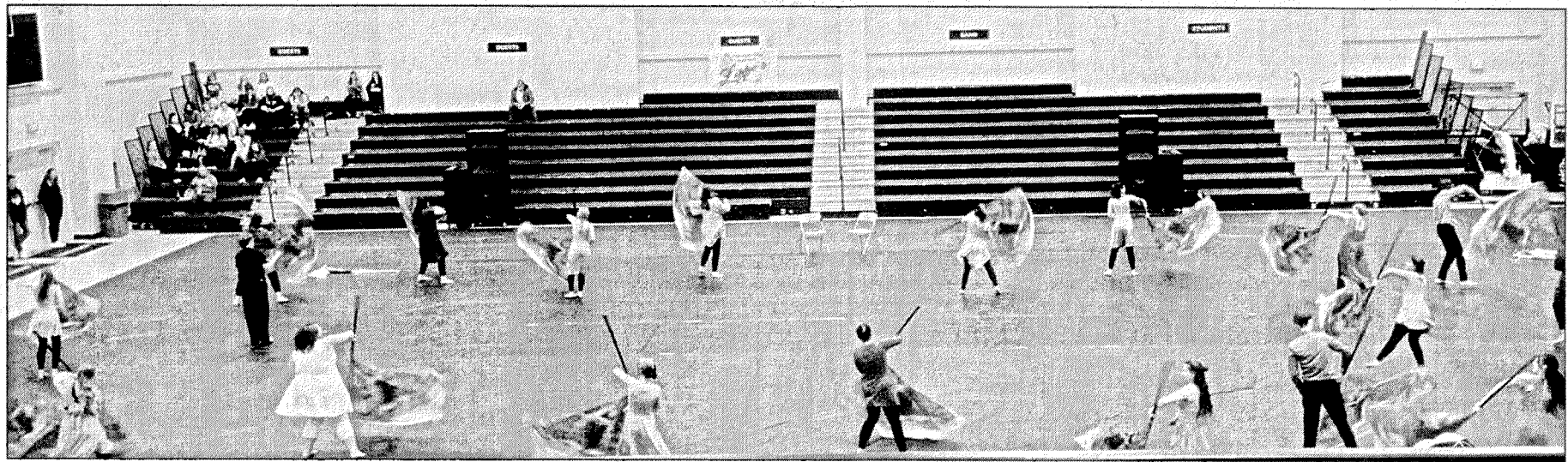
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### RCHS Winterguard captures 1st Place

The RCHS Winterguard had a strong first performance of their 2023 season at the East Tennessee Performing Arts Association's Regional Qualifier event held at Lakeway Christian Academy in White Plains, TN. Out of 16 guards in their class, the RCHS Winterguard placed 1st in their category with their 2023 show. Members of the RCHS Winterguard include Kaylee Johnson, Kendra Barnes, Jaylen Smith, Moira Neely, Kaylee Neal, Emily Foreman, Madison Shuart, Sierra Payne, Haylee Miller, Nevaeh Childers, Emily Sturgill, Susanne Mullins, Shelby Sandusky, Ethan Cromer, Hunter Payne, Lizzie Tritt, Levi Lovell, Julissa Alcorn, Bailey Adams, Lacie Laws, Jasmine Alcorn, and Makayla Johnson.

### RCHS Band students perform at WKU

Recently members of the RCHS band were selected by audition as part of the 2023 Western Kentucky University Honors Band Program. Students spent 3 days in intensive rehearsals with other top high school musicians from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana under the direction of Mrs. Megan Christian, Director of Bands at Bearden High School in Knoxville, TN and Dr. Kevin Callihan, Director of Bands at Louisville's Youth Performing Arts School. The event culminated in a concert held for the public on campus at WKU at the Van Meter Hall Auditorium on Saturday January 28th. Pictured are RCHS Director Greg Daugherty along with RCHS Band students Haylee Miller, Sierra Payne and Robert Rhodus.



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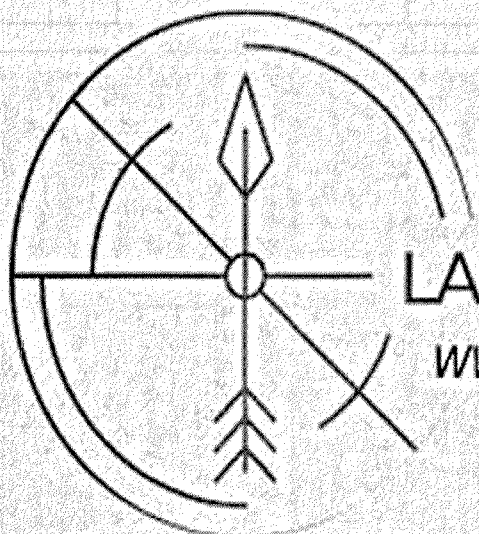
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### ACROSS

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- 4-0 World Series win, e.g.
- Act like a rabbit
- Malarial fevers
- Kind of pasta
- Aussie bird
- Job for one in a pasture
- Salesperson, briefly
- Board game components
- Welsh canine
- Sticks like glue
- Not mortal, as a sin
- Looked lustfully
- Like some mikes
- Scandinavian male name
- Ocean shore
- Prime Meridian letters
- They play tag
- Cheap flicks
- Block of soap
- "Be quiet!"
- Partner of oohed
- Like Santa's checks
- Put on the payroll
- Sets something down clumsily
- Road Runner's nemesis
- Most unflappable
- Synagogue speaker
- Denver athlete
- Alias, briefly
- Old New York ballfield
- "As to"
- Had in mind
- Brief and to the point
- Letter widths
- Closes, as a door
- Priest's permission to leave

### DOWN

- Undergrad degs.
- "Blah!"
- Feel regret over
- They're worth holding on to
- Shoot for (with "to")
- Glasses, briefly
- "What \_\_\_ you thinking?"
- Ultimate goals
- 180 deg. from WSW
- Impressions
- Common twill pattern
- Alpha's opposite
- Student of optometry?
- Sit up and take notice
- Lennon's wife
- "... and well!"
- "\_\_\_ of a Salesman"
- Some chocolate fixes
- Strong grip, metaphorically
- Quail flock
- What the hen did
- Fish also called "blue jack"
- Costume party theme
- Lovers' rendezvous
- Birth rites
- Y chromosome carrier
- Spinning office file
- Riotous bunch
- \_\_\_-l'Veveque (French cheese)
- Find
- Mourning band
- Like the old bucket of song
- Break-even amounts
- Sweetheart
- Go ballistic
- Sneaky-laugh sound
- Anger
- Olympic basketball team
- Was introduced to

### Word Search Treasure Hunters

- SHIP
- TREASURE
- HULL
- LOST
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# SPORTS

## Lady Rockets get win over Lady Eagles; defeat Knox Central

The Lady Rockets were down 8-7 in their game last Friday night against the Madison Southern Lady Eagles but that was the last time they would trail as they followed up a 20-17 half-time lead with a 60-40 win.

The Lady Rockets had a tough first quarter, hitting only three two point baskets and one free throw. However, junior Talynne Shearer and Keelee King combined for 11 points in the second quarter to put their team up 20-17 at the half. They then outscored the Lady Eagles 12-5 in the third quarter and freshman Macy Spivey came off the bench in the fourth quarter to put on a shooting clinic, scoring 17 of her game high 18 points in that quarter.

Besides Spivey's 18, Shearer had 15; Keelee King 10; Taylor King six; Haven King three and Abby DeLeon, Calleigh Burdette, Savannah Santo and Camryn Cash, two each.

The Rockets only got two three point baskets in the game, both by Keelee King, but so did the Lady Eagles. The Rockets went 12/18 from the free throw line while the Lady Eagles hit 13/20.

Shearer won rebound-

ing honors with seven; Cash got five; Spivey, H. King and K. King corralled four each; Santo and Karlee Smith were credited with two each and T. King and Burdette got one each.

At Knox Central Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets picked up another win, beating the Lady Panthers 63-58.

The Rockets won the first quarter 14-8 but lost the second 18-12 for a 26 all tie at the half. Knox Central was ahead by one at the end of the third quarter 38 to 37 but a big fourth quarter for the Rockets, behind eight points each for Talynne Shearer and Keelee King and five from Calleigh Burdette, put win number 18 in the books for the Lady Rockets against only six losses.

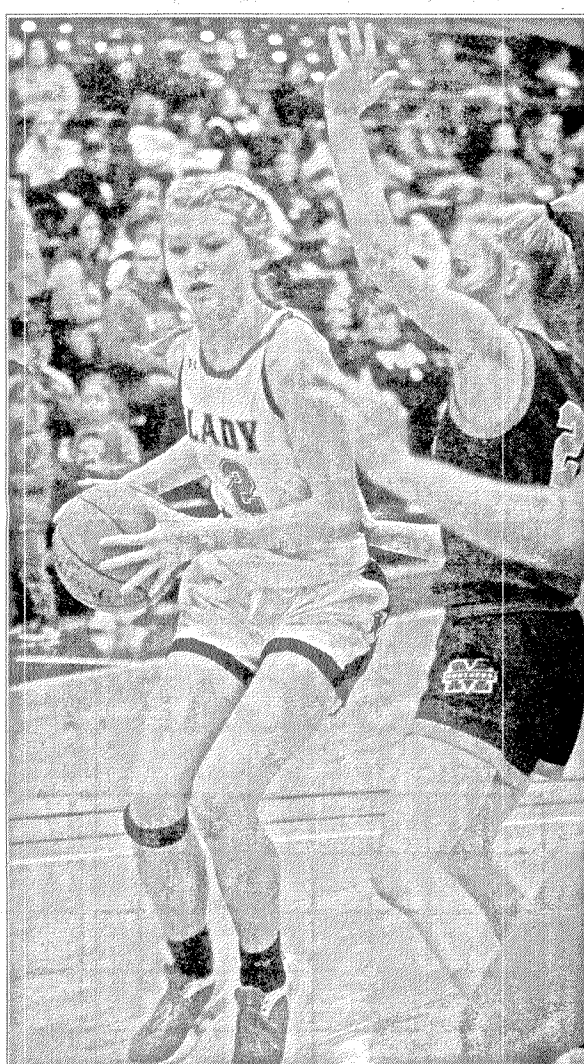
King took high scoring honors for her team with 21 points, including two three baskets and going 5/5 from the free throw line; Shearer got 11; Camryn Cash seven; Karlee Smith six; Burdette five; Haven King four; Taylor King three and Macy Spivey two.

The Lady Rockets will play at McCreary Central Thursday night, then will host Mercer County Fri-

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Walker Craig prepares to put up one of his three pointers in the Rockets' 82-78 win over Madison Southern Friday night. Craig led his tem with 27 points and pulled down five rebounds.



Macy Spivey came off the bench to lead the Rockets with 18 points in the Lady Rockets' 60-40 win over Madison Southern Friday night.



Talynne Shearer goes for a steal in the Lady Rockets' 60-40 win over Madison Southern Friday night. Shearer had 15 points and eight rebounds in the win.

**Senior Night  
this Friday night!**  
Rockets and  
Lady Rockets host  
Mercer County

## Eagles "grounded" by Rockets 82-78

Some might describe Friday night's boys game between RCHS and MSHS as going to a fight and a basketball game breaking out. Although there were no actual fist-cuffs in the game, the possibility seemed to simmer just beneath the surface the entire game.

The game had everything, technicals on players (two on Southern-0 on Rockets), intentional fouls, a player ejection (Southern), 11 score ties and 11 lead changes and it all came down in the end to Rockcastle's ability to hit their free throws in the waning seconds for the 82-78 win, the Rockets 12th of the season.

Southern, who owns a win over Pulaski County who soundly defeated the Rockets twice this season, now has a record of 13-8.

The game began badly for the Rockets. With 46 seconds gone in the first quarter, the Rockets already had two fouls called on them -- Walker Craig was called for a foul on the tip-off and Kaden Kidwell picked up his first foul seconds later and then, with 6:49 still to play in the first quarter, Kidwell picked up his second foul and, another starter, Connor Hunt, picked up his second foul at the 3:08 mark of the first quarter.

To make it a truly disastrous first quarter, another starter, Skyler Durham was called for a foul at the four minute mark when he went airborne over an Eagle

player and suffered an injury to his right elbow that will sideline him the rest of the season. In all, 49 free throws were attempted with Rockcastle going 21/26 and the Eagles 18/23.

With all this going on in the first quarter, the Rockets were still up 20-15 at the first period stop.

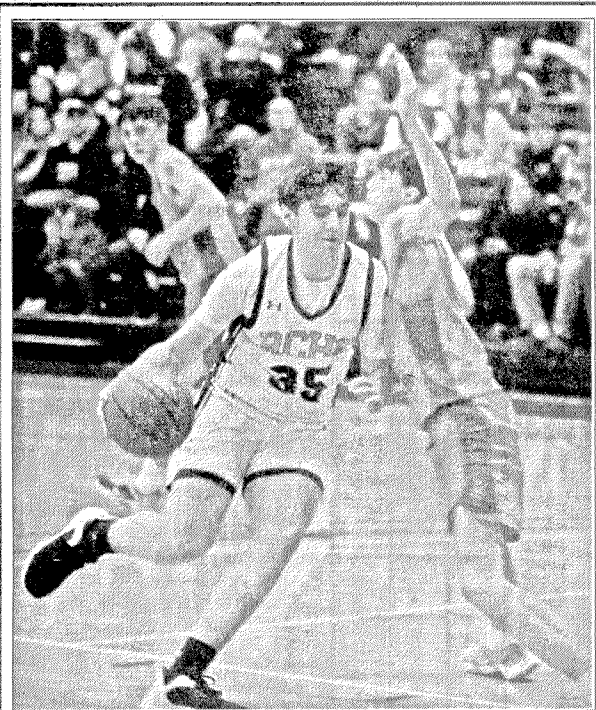
In the second quarter, the score was tied at 24 all when the Rockets went on a 9-0 run to make it 33-24 behind three point baskets by Broedy Dunaway, Walker and Trent Wilson to put the Rockets up 43-37 at the half.

Southern drew first blood in the third quarter and then outscored the Rockets 6-2 to get within two at 45-43. Later in the quarter, the Eagles took the lead 59-58 at the 1:19 mark. An Eagles player got ejected from the game but they were still up 60-58 before Craig tied the game at 60 all on free throws and then sank two three point baskets to give the Rockets a 66-60 lead at the end of the third quarter.

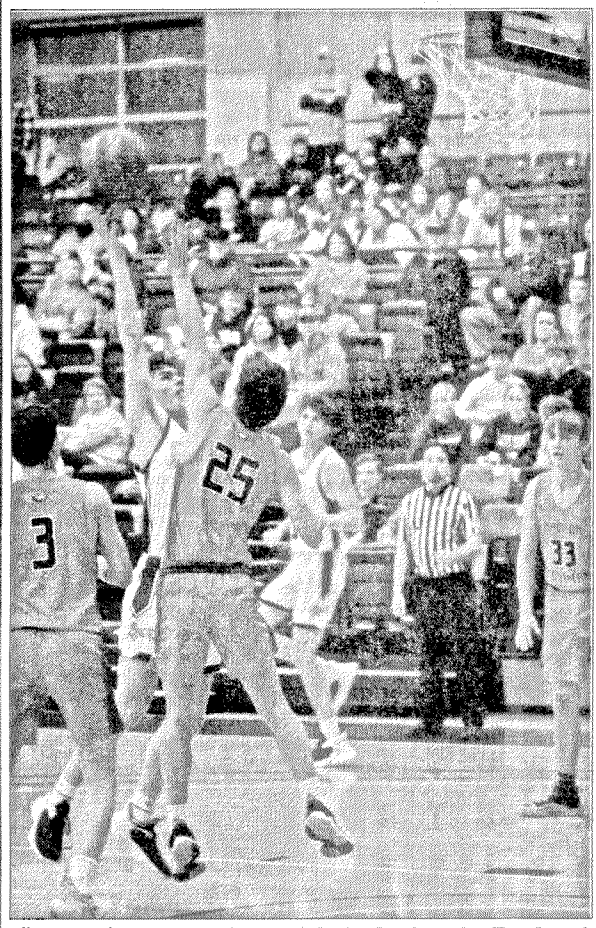
The Rockets jumped out to a 71-64 lead early in the fourth quarter but Southern came back to tie the score at 73 all and take the lead 75-73 at the 3:26 mark, following a 13-2 run.

Dunaway's two free throws tied the game at 75 all. A free throw and a two point basket at the 2:34 mark, to make it 78-75 Eagles would prove to be the last score they

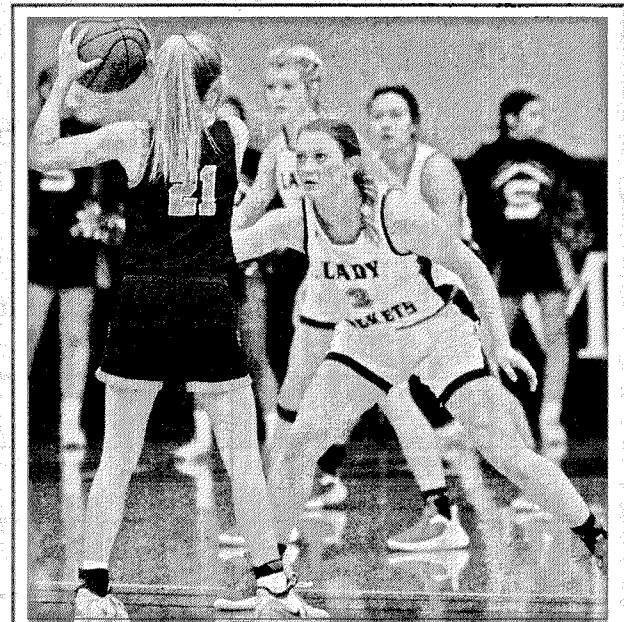
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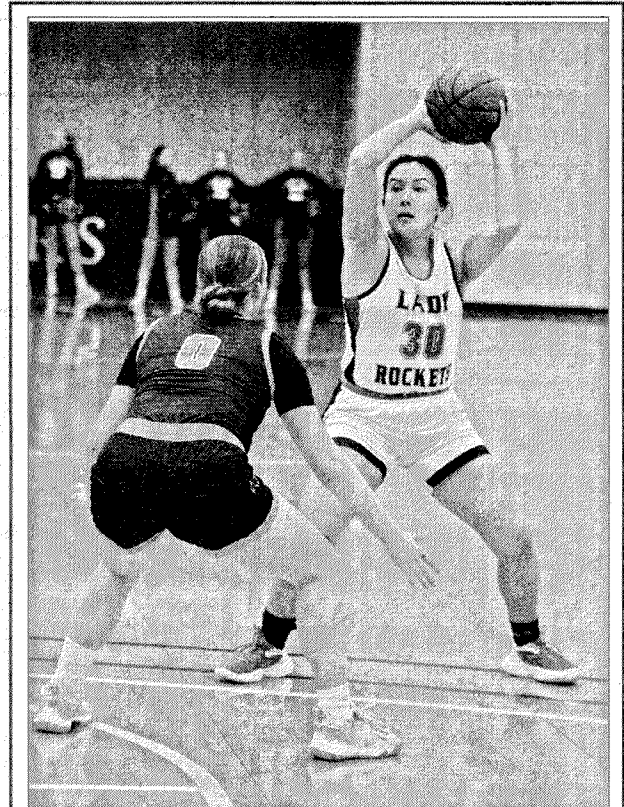
Broedy Dunaway works around a defender in the Rockets' win over Madison Southern Friday night. Dunaway had 12 points in the win.



Trent Wilson takes it to the hole during the Rockets' win over Madison Southern Friday night. Wilson had 27 points in the win including 10 of 10 from the free throw line.

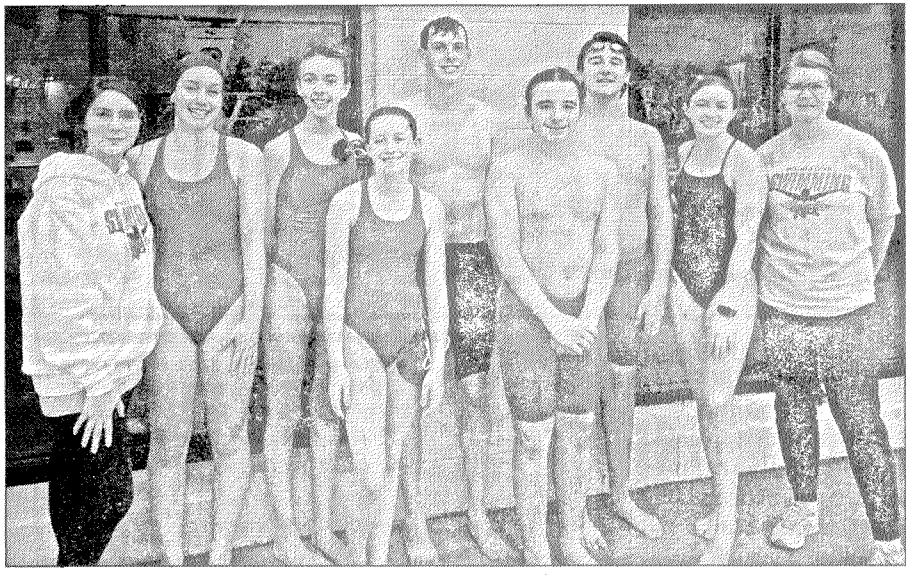


Haven King puts on some defense in the Lady Rockets' 60-40 win over Madison Southern Friday night.



Savannah Santo looks over the offense in the Lady Rockets' 60-40 win over Madison Southern Friday night.





This past weekend the RCHS swim team coached by Lauren Burton, Charon Burton and Dawson Nicely competed in the region championship meet at ECU. Members shown above, from left: coach Lauren Burton, Peyton Carter, Kimhari Stallsworth, Madison York, Silas Durham, Jasper Rogers, Jackson Stallsworth, Emma Phillips and coach Charon Burton.



The girls 200 free relay consisting of Peyton Carter, Madison York, Kimhari Stallsworth, and Emma Phillips placed 10th at regions.

## Rockcastle Swim Team competes at KHSAA Region 9 Swim Championships

This past weekend the RCHS swim team coached by Lauren Burton, Charon Burton and Dawson Nicely competed in the Region Championship meet at ECU.

Emma Phillips placed 2nd at Regions qualifying her to compete in KHSAA state championship meet at UK on February 17th in 200 IM and first place at Regions in 100 free, also qualifying her to swim 100 free at the state meet. She also won the Outstanding Athlete Award and All-Region Team.

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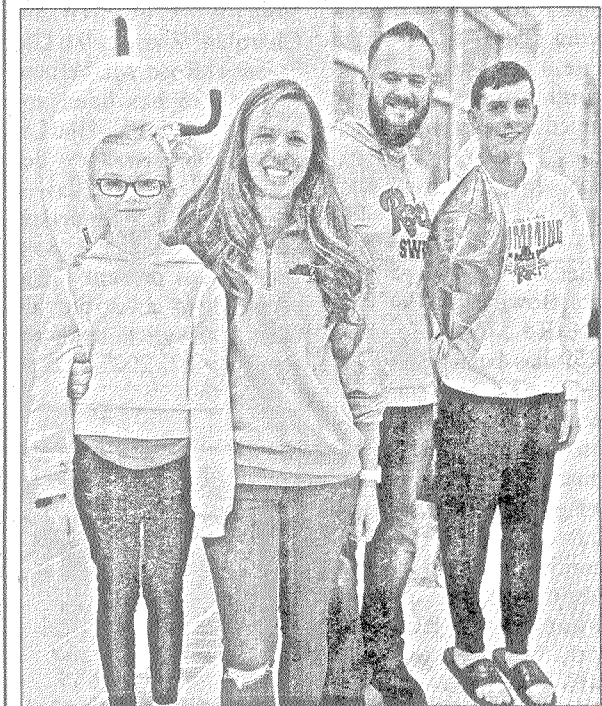
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Members of the team are Ethan Amburgey, Peyton Carter, Silas Durham, Chloe Mullins, Emma Phillips, Jasper Rogers, Katie Smithern, Jackson Stallsworth, Kimhari Stallsworth, and Madison York.

Senior swimmers are Silas Durham, Emma Phillips, and Kimhari Stallsworth.



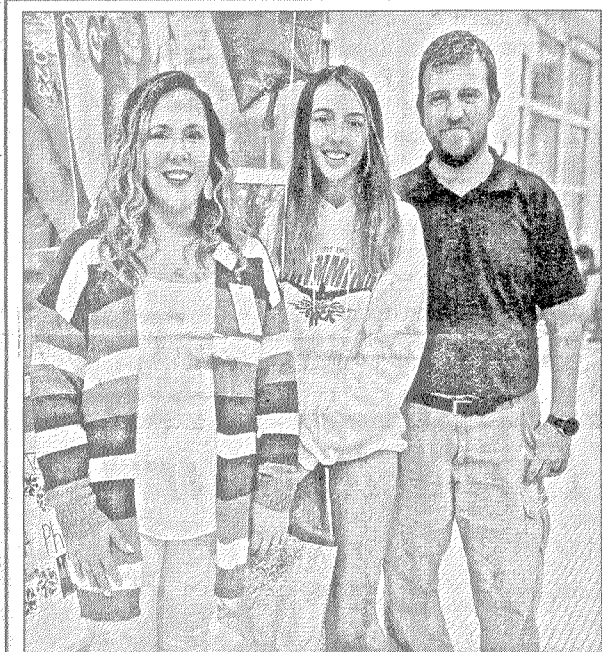
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Senior Silas Durham with his parents, Conley and Jennifer Durham and sister, Piper.



Senior Emma Phillips with her parents, Robbie and Julie Phillips and sister, Ava.



Senior Kimhari Stallsworth with her parents Aaron and Jessica Stallsworth.

## “Rockets”

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would make in the game while the Rockets got a basket and a free throw by Dunaway and four made free throws by Trent Wilson to take the 82-78 win.

Craig and Wilson accounted for 53 of the Rockets 82 points, with Craig getting 27 and Wilson 26 with Wilson bagging 10 of 10 free throws and Craig seven of nine.

Walker also hit four of eight three point baskets and Wilson got four of seven with Jace Rogers adding two and Dunaway one.

Other Rockets scoring were: Dunaway with 12;

Rogers six; Jaidan Burton five and Kidwell four. Dunaway was also credited with eight assists.

Rogers and Walker tied for most rebounds with five each; Burton and Wilson got four each; Hunt grabbed three; Dunaway and Kidwell were credited with two each and Durham and Maddox Parsons got one each.

The Rockets and Lady Rockets will host Mercer County this Friday night, which will also be senior night. The Rockets will then take on Model Monday night and travel to Southwestern on Tuesday night before finishing their regular season at Russell County Friday night, February 17th.

## “Lady Rock”

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day night in a double-header with the Rockets for Senior Night. They will then travel to Garrard County on Monday night, Febru-

ary 13th, will host Danville Christian on Thursday, February 16th and travel to Russell County on February 17th for a double-header with the Rockets which will finish out their regular season.

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## Notices

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## Legislative Update

By **Brandon Storm**  
State Senator  
Senate Page Program  
is exciting experience

There are many time-honored traditions in the Senate, and one of the favorites is the Senate Page Program. Through the Senate Page Program, high school juniors and seniors in top academic standing are invited to apply for a position as a page for the Senate chamber. I want to encourage students in my district to consider applying as a daily page or Sunny Page for the remainder of the 2023 session, or full-time page for next year's 2024 Legislative Session.

**Daily Page Program:** The program is an extension of the full-time Senate Page Program. This is for students between the ages of 12 and 18 who are either too young or can't commit to being a full-time page. Pages generally have a Senate sponsor, typically the senator elected to their home district. Each page performs a valuable service for all senators and staff by delivering messages, running errands, copying material and delivering bills, just to name a few. During a normal day, there is a pool of pages working on the Senate floor.

I encourage you to reach out to my office if you know a student between the age of 12 and 18 who would like to participate in the Daily Page Program during part II of the 2023 Legislative Session, reconvening on Tuesday, February 7. I would love to have them join me in Frankfort, experience the legislative process and be recognized in the Senate Chamber. You can connect with my office at 502-564-8100 or by email at [Brandon.Storm@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Brandon.Storm@lrc.ky.gov).

**Sunny Page Program:** This is a very special program for children with disabilities, which allow them to participate in the legislative process while serving as Senate Pages. Sunny Pages are introduced on the Senate floor with their sponsor,

carry out duties as they are able, and receive a Sunny Page t-shirt and certificate of appreciation at the end of the day. My colleague, Senator Danny Carroll, started this program along with former Senator Dennis Parrett not only to include children with disabilities but also to bring awareness to some of the issues surrounding those with special needs.

To streamline the process, please fill out the online applications for daily or sunny pages and submit them to your senator's office or the Senate clerk via email.

Online Application to be a Senate Daily Page or Sunny Page: <https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislators/Pages/SenatePageProgram.aspx>.

**2024 Full-Time Page Program:** Being a full-time page in the General Assembly gives students interested in a career in politics or public service within government an opportunity to witness first-hand how our state legislature operates. Senate pages sit at the front of the chamber for general assignments, and also aid the Senate clerk's office. They respond to requests from Senators and staff within the chamber and sometimes assist with the handling of Senate materials and supplies. Pages report to the Senate Page Mother's Office which ultimately answers to the Chief Clerk of the Senate, Donna Holiday.

If selected, a Senate page will serve for the calendar year, in both regular and extraordinary sessions. The 2024 Legislative Session will be a 60-day session so the Kentucky General Assembly will convene at noon on January 2 and will be in session until mid-April.

If interested in becoming a full-time page of the Senate, students must contact the Chief Clerk of the Senate, Donna Robinson Holiday at 502-564-5320 or

[emma.holiday@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:emma.holiday@lrc.ky.gov). You will be asked to submit a cover letter stating why you would like to be a Senate Page, along with your résumé. Please include all contact information as the clerk may contact you at a later date for a job interview. The clerk will also contact all area schools to make sure that the applicant is of high academic standing and is eligible to serve as a page for the year.

Full-time pages and daily

pages do not have the same duties, and will go through training with their respective supervisors. They will be taught where to be stationed during the session, how to carry out their various tasks, and instructed on proper decorum within the Senate chamber. Each daily page will be given a certificate of appreciation at the end of the day's work by their Senate sponsor.

Serving as a Senate Page brings many benefits. Working in a professional

environment gives the student confidence and boosts self-esteem. Pages learn to accept a large degree of personal responsibility for their work, as the experience helps prepare them for the future demands of their academic and professional careers.

In addition to developing meaningful friendships with others in the program, pages gain a sense of belonging as they meet and relate to those with similar potential career interests. They also get to

work and build relationships with many people around the state. Full-time Senate pages are paid at a rate of \$60 per day, which helps them begin learning how to make decisions on managing their finances, transportation, work demands, housing, and new friendships.

I certainly hope to see bright young students from the 21st Senate District participate, and for those who do, I look forward to meeting you.

## Frankfort Update

By **Josh Bray**  
State Representative  
Rolling Blackouts:  
Energy issues move to the forefront

For most Kentuckians, the reliability of our energy supply is not something we think about too often. We flip a switch or press a button and the lights come on the temperature changes in our homes and offices. That confidence is waning, however, as concerns grow regarding the reliability of our electric grid and regulatory policies impact supply. Utility costs have increased as well. For generations, Kentucky had the second or third lowest utility rates in the nation. Recently, rates have risen dramatically.

As we prepare to return to Frankfort for the second portion of the 2023 Regular Session, members of the House and Senate committees on Natural Resources and Energy met jointly last week to hear from executives of the Tennessee Valley Authority and Kentucky Utilities about rolling black-outs that were instituted here in December. The committee also heard from Texas Gas Transmission, LLC regarding natural gas as a fuel to generate electricity.

To be frank, this is probably one of the most under-reported issues facing our commonwealth. You will not find many stories about it in statewide media, so I

really appreciate the opportunity to write about it here.

As we all remember, the commonwealth endured a massive drop in temperatures that accompanied a storm system that dropped snow and ice across the state. Within a five-hour period, the temperature dropped from 45 degrees to 5 degrees. Of course, that temperature triggered furnaces and heat pumps, causing them to work overtime to maintain comfortable levels. This cycling heat in turn created issues for utility providers as the spike overwhelmed the grid.

In any ordinary year, energy providers store 25% of their capacity for winter reserves. Meaning, that in times of extraordinary weather, the "grid" as we know it can operate without interruption. The extreme weather caused several infrastructure errors, which resulted in major issues. State providers began establishing contact with select local utilities, instructing them to institute an emergency procedure commonly known as rolling blackouts. This practice is used if the demand for electricity exceeds the power supply capability of the network. In this case, the rolling blackouts left



significant parts of the state in the cold just days before Christmas.

While many have been sounding the warning for years, these events were a wake-up call that everyone heard. Energy independence has once again moved to the front as a major issue facing our state and country. I do not know about you, but when I think about our commonwealth, one of the very first things that come to mind is coal.

Coal has been an integral part of our state's energy plan for generations. Until recently, coal supplied the majority of energy in Kentucky and the largest source of domestic electricity production in the state. However, federal energy policies – many stemming from international agreements that hold us to a higher standard than other nations – have dramatically decreased the mining of coal. This, in turn, has begun the process of closing not only coal mines but also coal fired power plants around the nation. Rather than seek proven ways to harness science and technology to reduce the impact of coal, we are turning our backs on a reliable fuel source.

While the efficacy of wind, solar, and natural gas has been proven to an extent, the reliability of our main energy source has yet to be matched. Coal plants can store a six-month supply of coal reserves to be

used on demand, while gas, solar, and wind are only useable under the right circumstances.

Despite the reliability of coal-fueled plants, Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities, both subsidiaries of PPL Corporation, an energy company headquartered in Pennsylvania, recently decided to retire four coal-fired plants by 2028. According to the company, the plants will be replaced by a combination of two natural gas combined units, solar generation, battery storage, and a push to get customers to embrace energy efficiency offerings.

The update left committee members better informed about the changes, but equally troubled that without better energy policy – especially on the federal level – rolling black-outs will become a part of Kentuckians lives as they already are in other parts of our nation. This issue will continue to receive committee attention as we move forward.

I hope you will feel free to contact me with any questions or issues. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Please feel free to email me at [Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov). If you would like more information about the legislature, you can visit the Legislative Research Commission website at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov).

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