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Covid cases

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department reports 679 positive cases of COVID-19 in Rockcastle County with an additional 569 probable cases. Fourteen deaths have been attributed to the COVID-19 virus in the county. There are currently 74 active cases and 1,082 people have recovered from the virus.

Fiscal court

The Rockcastle County fiscal court regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday evening. See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details.

School board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board was held Tuesday evening. See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details.

Farmers Market meeting

Anyone interested in setting up at the Farmers Market events this year is encouraged to attend a Farmers Market meeting on February 27 at 9:30 a.m. at Limestone Grille.

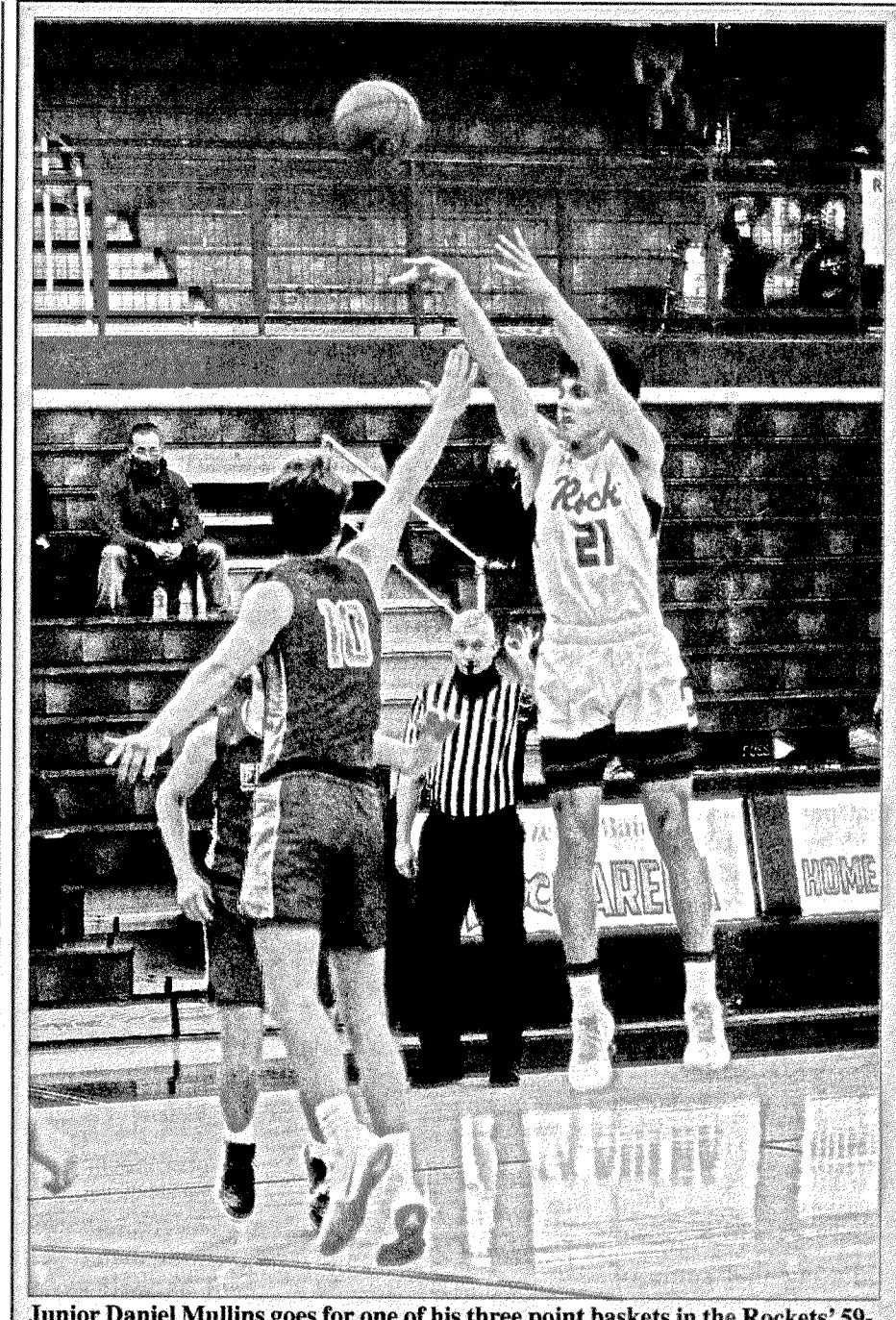
Livingston holds regular meeting

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Livingston City Commission held their second reading of the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance Amendment, which approves Sunday sales, during the regular monthly meeting Monday night.

City Clerk Amanda Clarke Thomas said the board voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

While Mayor King is recuperating from a medi-



Junior Daniel Mullins goes for one of his three point baskets in the Rockets' 59-49 win over East Jessamine Monday night. Mullins poured on 31 points to lead the eighth ranked team in the region over the fourth ranked Jaguars. The Rockets are on a roll having won four straight to improve their record to 4-2. The Lady Rockets are also hanging tough but picked up only their second loss of the season Monday night with a 10 point loss on the road to Great Crossing.

Initiative underway to provide more high speed Internet here

By: Mike French Editor

Among the many attempts across the nation to make high speed

Internet available to everyone is the new "Kentucky Broadband Initiative" program.

"Some rural areas in Rockcastle County do not have access to the internet. We saw how difficult this is for those families when school began virtual learning," said Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray (R-Mt. Vernon). "The lack of high speed internet limits those families in several other ways as well. There is no arguing that the internet has become an important part of society and there are some areas in Rockcastle County where good, reliable internet service is simply not available."

But, there are plans to eliminate that problem and Governor Andy Beshear wants to dedicate

another \$50 million to just that. About \$8 million was used for that purpose in 2020, according to the Kentucky Education Cabinet (KEC), and the new program would dedicate more tax dollars to help provide internet service to rural areas across the state.

According to the KEC, the initiative is a network of public and private parties working to expand internet access in urban and rural communities across Kentucky.

"We believe every home and business should have access to affordable, adequate and reliable internet access in order to participate in digital economy and a digital society," said KEC officials.

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City of Brodhead making plans for attracting tourists

Water/Sewer rate to increase

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Brodhead City Commission met with a full house Monday night at their regular monthly meeting as Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and Livingston business owner Larry Davidson, visited the commission chambers.

The commissioners heard the first reading of ordinance 2021-028 which will raise the water and sewer rates for the first time since 2015, according to City Clerk Becky Bussell. "We are only raising the standard 2000 gallon water rate by \$1.10," said Bussell. "The rate will increase from \$22.02 to \$23.12 inside

the city limits." Outside the city the rate will increase from \$29.01 to \$30.11.

The monthly sewer rate will increase from \$27.17 to \$28.27 for the standard 2000 gallon rate. Each additional rate increase (the next 8,000 gallons, the next 40,000 gallons and the next 50,000 gallons) will all increase by \$1.10 per thousand gallons.

This was the first reading of the ordinance. The second reading and passage is expected in the March meeting.

There was also discussion concerning who should be responsible for overdue water bills at rental properties. Bray, who is also the Mount

(See "Plans" on 5)

Apparent Low bid \$360,000

Farmers Market bids within budget

By: Mike French Editor

Bids were opened for the Rockcastle County Farmers Market multi-use facility on Friday, February 5.

The project, planned for Richmond Street in Mount Vernon, had been bid before but those bids were above budget. Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director Jeff VanHook then found an additional \$75,000 in grant funding and rebid the project.

This time VanHook says he believes the bids are "workable."

The bids ranged from the low bid of \$360,000 to \$457,000 with the low bid presented by McKeehan Construction.

"We still have to go through all the bids with the county and the farmers market people and others just to compare apples to apples," said VanHook.

According to VanHook, the complex

bids can include or omit certain details and officials have to comb through each bid to make

(See "Farm" on 5)

New parent SBDM member

Tammy Camel was elected to the Rockcastle Middle School SBDM Council Friday, February 5th.

Officials at the school said Camel will serve the remainder of the term left vacant by the resignation of Angie Woods, who resigned the seat after being elected to the Rockcastle County Board of Education in November of 2020.

SBDM councils are designed to boost student achievement and consists of parents, teachers and administrative staff to promote leadership to those closest to students, according to the Kentucky Department of Education.

Chief Judge announces retirement after 30 years

Jeffrey Burdette

By: Mike French Editor

One could observe, through the hesitation and change in tone of his voice, that Chief Regional Circuit Judge of the Cumberland Region and Chief Circuit Judge of the 28th Circuit, was carefully considering the question.

"What would I do differently over the past 30 years? Well, I don't think I would change a thing."

Rockcastle County's own Jeffrey Burdette has announced his March 15th retirement after 30 years of service as a public servant. "I don't know that I would do anything differently," he said.

The Rockcastle County native says his mother was a teacher

and instilled in him the desire to read and learn more every day.

Burdette started his career at the Department of Local Government, was later with a civil defense firm and a private practice before successfully navigating six elections to continually move up the ranks to the two current judgeships he now

holds. Currently, Judge Burdette serves as Chief Circuit Judge of the 28th district, overseeing Rockcastle, Lincoln and Pulaski counties and, as the Chief Regional Circuit Judge of the Cumberland Region, he oversees 23 counties. He is also an executive officer of the Kentucky Circuit Judge Association and has served as Special Justice for the Kentucky Supreme Court.

"I owe such appreciation to the amazing

people I have worked with over the years," he said. "They have been part of a wonderful team of people who care and I will always be thankful to them."

Unexpectedly soft spoken, Burdette replaces an authoritative voice with self confidence and unmatched experience. "I would advise anyone interested in this kind of career to know what they want and plan their career from the beginning," he said. "Start out in law school with this kind of

career in mind and never look back."

Judge Burdette was elected three times to the position of Rockcastle County Attorney where he was recognized for ourstanding child support collections and criminal prosecutions by the board of directors of the Kentucky County Attorney's Association.

The highly-respected judge was also recognized by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for

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Jeffery Burdette

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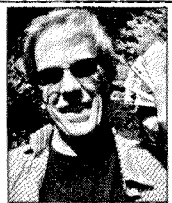
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Folks used to take advantage of everything they had. From what the oldtimers tell me, it's because things were harder to get. But, somehow, in the past 50 years, we became a "disposable society."

The most important invention since butter is even disposable anymore - lighters.

I still use my dad's old Zippo lighter. Yes it takes time every day adding fluid and flint, which are both rather difficult to find. It is a little less convenient and immeasurably more dangerous. But I like the smell of the burning fluid and the history of this particular lighter, having been in my dad's pocket for so many years, makes it priceless to me.

But everyone else I know, just throws their lighter away.

Grandma used to use every single thing she touched. I bet we throw things away every day that Grandma would have killed to get her hands on.

Everything they touched, worked together to perform other tasks in life and seemed tied together somehow.

For example, they heated their home with a fireplace. They would cut trees on the farm for the wood to burn in the fireplace. The chips of wood and sawdust made from cutting the trees was gathered up and used in flower beds and for bedding for the chickens.

Those chickens then fed the family, with eggs and made soft quilts and pillows with their feath-

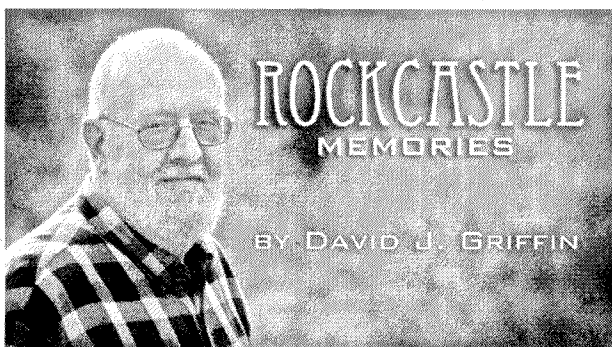
ers.

The bark from the cut trees was used for medicinal purposes and for insulation in the smokehouse and tobacco stripping room as well as seating for old porch chairs. The actual wood was burned and then the ashes from that wood was placed in the gutters around the house so that they would filter the rain water from the roof into the barrels that sat under the guttering.

They cut the trees at about 8 feet above the ground so that they could use the stumps for fence posts keeping in the cattle on the farm. Keeping the cattle on the farm meant their manure would stay on the land, causing the crops and the trees to grow faster.

It just seems to me that everything worked together in those days and hardly anything went to

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Pocket Knife Gifts

At some point in time, I read on the internet that during the mid-1900's, almost every man and boy carried a jackknife. It was a considered to be a youngster's rite of passage to be given his very own knife, usually as a special gift. I don't know what recently prompted my memory to recall that fact, but it made me consider the various pocket knives that I have both given and received since I was a young boy.

My grandfather (Pop) gave me my first knife when I was about six or seven years old. It was a Camillus, and it is still in my collection. He chose that particular knife, he said, because it contained good steel, and he could keep it sharp for me. It has white handles with three blades.

After Pop's gift, my interest was piqued, and thereafter I became a collector. My hobby has continued for over seventy years. At some point, I discovered the well-known Case brand and concentrated on that company, even though I have lots of other knives as well.

I have many knives in my collection that were presented to me as special gifts. When I retired from teaching, my colleagues gave me a very cool knife from L.L. Bean. It has an eagle

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Points East

By Ike Adams



The problem, at least for me, with having a garden worked up well enough that the soil is easily tillable is trying not to plant every square inch of it as well as tilling up another foot or so at both sides and the far end. As a result, our vegetable garden has nearly tripled in size over the 22 years we've been here. What started out as about 3,000 square feet is now a tad over 8,000.

Forgive me if this column seems redundant because it probably is. No pun intended, but it is already starting to feel like previously plowed

ground. The fact of the matter is that I have been so obsessed with battling cancer over the last 18 months that, over the last month, 3 different oncologists have gently reminded me that I also have Parkinson's Disease and that it causing some the problems I've been attributing to cancer. However, that's another story for a future column. Just keep in mind that Mr P. is largely responsible for my memory problems that have to do with recalling what I've already written, even if it was only last week!

In the meantime, due to peer pressure, I need to be figuring out how to scale the garden down to a size that Loretta can mostly manage. That's not going to be easy because she is going to want some of everything under the sun and her brother in law Andy, is going to be more than willing till and cultivate it, along with the typical, aforementioned extensions. When Andy fires up the Troybilt Horse it's hard for him to yell WHOA! Nor am I going to be looking a gift horse in the mouth, because there would be no trace of a garden without Andy unless you count last year's dead corn stalks and the residue still hanging on tomato cages and fall beans growing hoops.

I suppose I could give up watermelons, cantaloupes, pumpkins and winter squash. We mostly

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Sleepin' Socks

Dear Journal,

One night a few years ago, just after getting into bed, Stanley said, "I guess I'll have to get up and call Marvin Owens, Buddy Cox, Billy Dowell and Roy Martin". It must have been eleven o'clock or later, so I asked, "Why in the world would you call any of them at this hour of the night?" He replied, "I feel icy cold feet on my leg and I'm

thinking that some of theirs have gotten away and they will be out looking for them."

Over the years, as I get older, my feet get cold and at night they are pure ice and maybe by morning they are warm. I can't sleep with cold feet. I'll stay awake for hours, waiting for them to get warm so I can go to sleep. I've tried everything from Stanley's leg, electric blankets, hot water bottles, you name it. Two years ago, Stanley got me one of those weighted blankets. It is so heavy you can hardly move once you get under it, so I just use it from my knees down. It is good and warm after a few minutes but it takes a few minutes to get there.

This winter, I've started wearing sleepin' socks. I put them on about five minutes before I go to bed and they do the trick. Stanley even found some really heavy insulated socks and got us several pairs. He sleeps in them, too.

That is an old trick

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Court ordered dissolution of the Burley Coop...

Dear Editor,

The court ordered dissolution of the Burley Coop is nearing the last stages of the legal process. I hope all potential class members have submitted the required documents.

The information notice sent in December set the deadline as Jan. 29 to sub-

mit those documents. A "Fairness" hearing to allow objections to any part of the mediated settlement as well as comments on the potential 25 percent reward fees to the plaintiffs' lawyers will be held Feb. 24. The deadline to submit comments was noticed to be Jan. 29 as well.

Several letters of objections have been received by the court. Per

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“T.J.s”

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I’ve learned from Mom. When I was a little girl and growing up, she would go through a little routine before going to bed, especially in the winter. She had to get her night drinks together, milk and water at bedside, old fashioned “slop jar” within reach because the bathroom was too far to travel in cold weather. Younger generations won’t know what a “slop jar” is but back in the day, one or more was a necessity in every home. She kept hers for use on cold wintry nights. She kept a selection of long outing gowns to wear to bed. After putting the gown on she would stand over a vent or next to the wood burning stove and get it all warm and toasty and then head to bed. She would then put lotion on her hands and vaseline on her lips and the last thing she would do is put on her sleepin’ socks. Now she was ready for the night.

As I get older, I’ve noticed I’m becoming more

like Mom in several ways, as well as other family members like my grandma. In growing up, children don’t really understand their parents and the older generations, and appreciate the wealth of knowledge they have amassed over their several decades of learning from experience. . . It is certainly too bad the younger generations are forced to learn some hard lessons in life, but every generation follows the same path.

“Letters”

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the proposed settlement an amount of \$1.5 million is to be gifted from each Coop member’s personal asset portion to go to yet an unnamed new organization for advocacy of burley and dark growers. All members will be assessed this portion—approximately 7 percent of your potential payment from remaining coop assets – it will be several hundreds of dollars in any event taken from you.

You will no longer have any claim to your money or its use if this is allowed to continue. It appears the initial directors will be nearly the same as the current coop directors. Many growers object to this taking of their personal portion especially since the Council for Burley Tobacco already does the needed advocacy work since 1971. All retired growers (app 75% of the potential class) will suffer this deduction as well with obviously no hope of any returns.

A lawyer, Hank Graddy, has been engaged to speak on behalf of anyone that objects on Feb. 24 at the hearing. You don’t have to attend nor will it cost you any money. His retainer has been funded by me personally to date. If you wish to be included in his list of objecting growers, please send your name/address to myself quarlesnet@aol.com or his office hgraddy@graddylaw.com as soon as possible. Phone calls are welcome to me at 859-948-6281.
S/Roger Quarles

Brodhead FD says thank you....

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department, we want to say thank you to our community. This past Friday our organization held a Chili Supper Fundraiser. As we prepare for events like this, no one is ever really sure how much food to prepare. Once again, our community came out strong for us. The fire department cooked 30 pounds of hamburger for the chili and throughout the night, we ran out of chili twice. An additional 20 pounds of hamburger was cooked during the event. All in all we served a lot of chili!

Over the past year, times have been hard for everyone and to see the community pour out their support means the world to us. We would also like to individually thank a few groups and people. Steve McKinney with IGA helped us get the best price on the bulk hamburger for the event. The Mt. Vernon Signal helped get the word out to the community, and Mrs. Ruby Epperson donated a beautiful quilt for the fire department to raffle off. We will continue to take donations for a chance to win the quilt during some upcoming fundraisers. Without these individuals, businesses, and the support of our community, our fundraiser’s success would not have been possible.

We will be holding additional community events in the near future. On February 19th, 2021 the Brodhead Fire Department will be holding a Soup Bean Supper. Curb sidepick will be available. Keep an eye on our social media outlets and the Signal for more information. We look forward to seeing everyone even if it’s 6ft away with a mask.

*Brodhead
Fire Department*

“Points East”

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give those away anyhow, but we get an incredible amount of satisfaction in watching them grow and our friends and kinfolks obviously enjoy receiving them. Still, that would knock well over 1,000 square feet off the

growing space in one fell swoop and save Loretta many hours of back-breaking harvesting and hauling. Instead of planting a dozen or more hoops of fall beans, we could cut back to only 4 or 5 but I have no idea which varieties we would eliminate nor how we’d go about making that decision.

After discovering Bodacious sweet corn in the mid 1980s, neither Loretta, the kids nor I had found a variety we liked anywhere near as well until the summer of 2017. We had been test driving very short rows of other varieties with 15 or 20 hills per row for more than 30 years when I happened upon a white corn, from Twilley’s seed catalogue, called Glacial that year and Loretta decided it should be our main crop.

Last year we grew 2 main crops of both Bodacious and Glacial and produced far more sweet corn than we could manage, even with Andy’s help. I figure eliminating one variety will save at least another thousand square feet of garden space but the one that has to go will require some serious negotiation. Both varieties pass the test of tasting as good from the freezer in January as they did when they came out of the garden in July.

As I’ve said before, about the only actual work I am physically able to do in the garden is start plant seedlings and get them big enough transplant. I can sit on the front porch and pull that off. Loretta patiently brings the plant trays in when the temperature threatens to fall below freezing. Last year that turned into a lot of work because we had nearly 200 plants that were moved indoors and back outside at least 45 times. That made all we and half a dozen friends and neighbors could use and every single plant made it into a garden. I have no intentions of scaling back this year as long as Mr. P. cooperates.

“Memories”

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etched into the handles. My friends surly knew what I loved.

One of my most cherished knives was given to me by my wife for Christmas several years back. It is a Case canoe with Mammoth Ivory handles that are more than 12,000

years old. It may be my most favorite gift from her.

I am very thankful that Pop gave me my first knife at such an early age. He started me on a life-long love of pocket knives. Often I get out my knives just to see if I can remember where I acquired each of them. I suppose I will continue to collect them until I die. It is my hope that one of my grandchildren will keep the tradition going.

This year, for Christmas, I gave two Case knives as gifts. Maybe I should say intended to give—since one is still in my possession because the Covid-19 virus has prevented me from going to my friend’s house. Hopefully, I will be able to remedy that situation sooner rather than later.

I sent the other Case (Blue Bone Peach Seed Jig) Peanut to my oldest grandson, Baylor, who lives in Nashville. He has demonstrated an interest in knives, so I thought it couldn’t hurt to feed that interest.

I was also delighted when my son (Andy) and his wife (Terri) sent me an awesome knife for Christmas. It is a Filson, wooden-handled, single-blade knife that is just the right size for my pocket. In addition, this knife has a great clip on the back side that can also be used as a money clip.

Also within my collection are two knives that previously belonged to my youngest son, who was killed in an automobile accident at the age of fifteen. Todd and I often whittled together when he was alive. He, too, loved pocket knives, and the memories sit right there inside those precious keepsakes.

I have a special respect and love for each of my knives. There is a story or memory attached to many of them. Besides, I never leave home without a good pocket knife – just like Pop taught me.

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

“Aces”

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waste. As a matter of fact, I don’t even recall grandma owning a trash can. If it was something that you would throw away, they had a use for it somewhere else.

When they killed a

deer, they ate the meat (several parts were eaten that I would never touch) and the antlers were used for knife or hatchet handles while the bones and fur were used for other things. I’m not sure what but I remember well my grandpa telling me to put it in the smokehouse so he could use it later.

Then again, those were the days before marketing companies discovered that people could be convinced of anything if the package was pretty. Back then a sack of flour came in a plain, old white sack that said “Flour” on it. By the way, that sack, once empty, was very useful to carry eggs, or store things like, maybe, your country ham.

These days, every thing we buy is wrapped in a colorful, descriptive, misrepresenting, advertising campaign. That advertising, of course, doubles the price but studies and surveys about which color would cause “impulse buying” must pay off. Of course, those pretty, colorful bags get thrown away now.

We drank soda out of a bottle that we took back to the store and they would buy them back. I will never understand why we switched to plastic bottles and then cry that plastic destroys the universe.

My first task each day is to empty the trash and more often than not, it is more than one bag.

The truth is, even the trash bag itself is something grandma would have never thrown away. What she wouldn’t have given for a plastic, reusable, stretchy material with a draw string at the top. The bag we throw our trash away in would have been a great Christmas present for grandma.

We are a society that has become so wasteful and so pampered that we really have no clue what life used to be like.

But, I guess we will continue to throw away things that my grandmother would have begged for. It is just the way our world is heading. Anything easier. Anything well advertised. We just have to have it. Just not for long.

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Farmers Market Meeting
Anyone interested in setting up at the Farmers Market this year is invited to attend a meeting on Saturday, February 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the Limestone Grille. Everyone welcome.

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.

VFW Post Item
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. Currently the post is closed, other than for monthly meetings or by appointment only, because of COVID-19. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882 or Adjutant Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360.

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

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 606-308-8226, 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.

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.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Obituaries

Norma (Asher) Floyd

Norma (Asher) Floyd, 93, of Brodhead, died Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born December 12, 1927



in Leslie County, to the late Beldon G. and Maultie (Langdon) Asher. She worked at Parker Seal for 25 years, was a member of Pine Hill Holiness Church, enjoyed flowers, and gardening.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her five children, Danny (Joann) Price of Newman, GA, Joan

Price (Joe) Denny of Burgin, Marilyn Douglas of Stanford, Ricky (Zada) Price of Waco, and Elaine (Gary) Penn of Lexington; grandchildren, Shannon Ray Price, Dr. Susan Welch, Angela Norred and husband Jamie, Yvette Lee, Sommer Elaine Denny, Ramey Allen Douglas, April Price Southerland and husband Allen, KY Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman and husband Chris O'Bryan, and Jack L. Coleman III and wife Christina; great grandchildren, Airman First Class Tyler Norred, Abigail Norred, Oakley Lee, Olivia Lee, Jack Hill, Joseph Hill, Evelynne Coleman-O'Bryan, Jack Brayson Coleman, Carson Trace Coleman, Hagyn Kadience Coleman, Jackalinn Holt Stamper and husband Jackson, and William Jackson Holt, Jr.; great great grandson, Zaylen Brent; two brothers, Raymond Asher and wife Mary Ruth of Crab Orchard, and Beldon Asher and wife Helen of New Salisbury, IN; and one sister, Cathy Staley of Pine Knot.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Veston Truman Floyd; and siblings, Helen Wilson, Callie Bishop, Wesley Asher, Marion Byrd, Waldo Asher, Lois Asher, and Etta Brandenburg.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bill Gooch officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Jewel (Richards) Brown

Jewel (Richards) Brown, 75, wife of Jerry, died Friday, February 5, 2021 at her residence. She was born March 21, 1945 in Climax, to the late George and Ruth (VanWinkle) Richards.



She was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church, was retired from Dresser Industries, enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, and her family. She married Jerry Brown on January 14, 1967, and from that union came two daughters, Jerri Lynn and Jeanette.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 54 years, Jerry Brown; two daughters, Jerri Lynn (Joe) McGee of Orlando and Jeanette Robinson and fiancé William Smith of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Katlyn (Addison) Atkin and Logan Robinson and fiancé Alexis Stewart; and one brother, Frank (Roberta) Richards of Orlando.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: three brothers, Kenneth Richards, Kelly Richards, and Henry Richards; and two sisters, Pauline Bowman, and Evelyn Gibbons.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 8, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Jerry Owens and Bob Smith officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Addison Atkin, Joe McGee, Isaiah Smith, Willie Smith, William Smith, and BJ Thomason.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Christopher Scott Napier

Christopher Scott Napier, 41, of Mount Vernon, died Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. He was born in Cobb County, GA on December 17, 1979, a son of Joyce Ann (Junkins) Napier and Darrell Napier.



He is survived by: his mother and step-father, Joyce Ann Junkins Napier and Charles Abney of Berea; his father and step-mother, Darrell and Anita Napier of Liberty Township, OH; his children, Austin Cole Napier, of Brodhead, Tucker Chase Napier of Richmond, Sequoia Brooke Napier of Berea, Sadie Napier Howard of Mt. Vernon, Natasha Nicole Samples of Berea, and Stormy Rayne Bishop of Richmond; and the following grandchildren, Bryson Cole Napier, Brylee Nicole Napier, Braylon Christopher Napier, and Brenlei Ray Napier. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters, Darrell Ray Napier of Kennesaw, GA, Heath Smith of Cincinnati, OH, Juanita Napier Cope of Mt. Vernon, and Hannah Dufek of Cincinnati, OH.

Services were held Friday, February 5, 2021 at Britton Funeral Home with Stephen Hobbs officiating. Burial followed in Irvin Hill Cemetery in Oneida.

Edith Louise Nicely

Edith Louise Nicely, 78, of Brodhead, died Monday, February 1, 2021 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. She was born in the Level



Green community of Rockcastle County on June 16, 1942, the daughter of Charlie and Lola McKinney Todd. She was a homemaker and a member of Poplar Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her children, Gary and Tracy Nicely, and Linda and Steve Zupancic, both of Brodhead, and Peggy McClure of Mt. Vernon;

two sisters, Glenda Miller of Mt. Vernon, and Fern Larkin of Eubank; four grandchildren, Kevin and Heather McClure, Michael and Jessica Zupancic, Suzanne and Rick Smith, and Jessica and Jimmy Clark; and seven great grandchildren, Nathan, Joshua, Dwayne, Cheyenne, Haley, Ayley, and Makenzie. Also surviving is a special friend, whom she thought of as a daughter, Linda Reynolds. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jessie Denton Nicely and a son-in-law, Bill McClure.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 5, 2021 at Poplar Grove Baptist Church by Bro. Mike McFerron. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dwayne Clark, J.J. Clark, Kevin McClure, Josh Smith, Rick Smith, and Michael Zupancic. Honorary pallbearers were: Gary Nicely, Nate Smith, and Steve Zupancic.

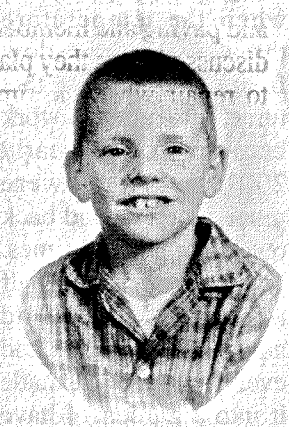
The family request donations of sympathy to Gideons International or to Poplar Grove Baptist Church or Poplar Grove Cemetery at PO Box 620, Brodhead, KY 40409.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Clyde Randall "Randy" Clark

Clyde Randall "Randy" Clark, 64, of Orlando, died Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at Jackson Manor in Annville. He was born November 5, 1956 in Mt.



Vernon, to the late Maurice Edward Clark and Virginia Rose (Pittman) Clark. He worked for the railroad, attended Brush Creek Holiness Church, enjoyed mechanic work, and watching TV.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his son, James Clyde Clark of Mt. Vernon; one grandchild; and his mother, Virginia Rose (Pittman) Clark.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Maurice Clark, Jr., Billy Michael Clark, and Charles "Freddie" Clark.

Graveside service was held Friday, February 5, 2021 at Briarfield Cemetery in Orlando with Bro. Lonnie McGuire officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Paul Burgess Nicely

Paul Burgess Nicely, 54 of Berea, died Thursday, February 4, 2021 at his home. He was born in Indianapolis, IN on July 31, 1966, the son of Junior and Genoa Bradley Nicely. He had been a construction worker and was of the Baptist Faith. He loved collecting antiques.

He is survived by his wife, Shannery Nicely; his children, Michael (Amelia) Nicely of Berea, and Tessa Nicely of Waynesburg; his father, Junior Nicely of Berea; a brother, Rick (Sheila) Nicely of Lexington; and two grandchildren, Mila Nicely and Ella Kirby. He was preceded in death by: his mother, Genoa Nicely; a grandson, Elijah Cole; and a brother, Stacey Nicely.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Raymond Phil Bradley, Chase Gullett, Garrett Horn, Michael Mefferd, Shane Nicely, and Tanner Perkins.

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

Mary Lou Bullock

Mary Lou Bullock, 86, of Brodhead, died Saturday, January 30, 2021 at The Terrace Nursing Home in Berea after a long illness. She was born February

12, 1934 in Pulaski County, the daughter of the late Paris W. and Geneva Price Bullock. She was homemaker, a great cook, she loved Jesus and her family, and was a faithful member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.



Survivors are: one son, Timothy V. Bullock and (Renee) of Brodhead; one daughter, Paula B. Clark of Brodhead; four grandchildren, Trent (Ashley), Vanessa (David), Ian (Kayla), and Hannah (Chad); five great grandchildren; seven nieces and nephews; a special sister-in-law, Jan Bullock Wren; and one special friend, Byrlene Bumgardner. Besides her parents she was also preceded in death by: her husband, Paul D. Bullock; brothers, Johnny B. Bullock and one infant brother; and one sister, Doris Norton.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating.

Pallbearers were: Trent Clark, Ian Bullock, David Bullock, Zane Bullock, Mike Bullock, and Mark Bullock.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

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

Card of Thanks

Mildred Hunt

The family of Mildred Hunt would like to express our appreciation to all those who reached out, showed up, said a prayer, brought food and offered their help during the loss of our mother.

We appreciate Marvin E Owens Funeral Home and Staff for the professional and detailed handling of our mom's wishes. Pastor Jack Carpenter for a heartfelt and spiritual Celebration of Life Service honoring our mother along with Shannon Franklin.

Finally, please do not forget the most vulnerable still in the nursing homes unable to have contact with their families. We witnessed first hand that it is so hard on them and ask that you pray for them and that the Covid Pandemic eases so they can once again receive visits from family, friends and volunteers.

Family of Mildred Hunt

First annual RCCHS Alumni Banquet rescheduled for April 24th

The first annual Alumni RCCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more information, go to rcchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

Tentative plans are to have the banquet at Rockcastle Middle School. If not available, plans are in place to rent the Livingston gym.

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The Bible Heart

When the bible talks about the heart it not talking about the muscle that pumps blood to all of the body. What this is talking about is our minds and intellect. There are many scriptures that tell us that by nature the hearts of men are wicked.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above things and beyond cure.

Who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.

Genesis 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that ever imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. V 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in statutes, and you shall keep my judgements, and do them.

So how does one receive this new heart?

Romans 6:3-4 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? V 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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NOTICE

Rockcastle County Schools annual financial reports are available on the district website, located at the following URL:

rockcastle.kyschools.us/financial-reports

“Farm”

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certain all the specifications for the building have been met. “Just at first glance all the bids look well organized to me and I especially love the idea that the subcontractors listed on McKeehan’s bid are all local businesses,” said VanHook. “It is important for the entire community to support the local economy and keep those dollars circulating locally when possible.”

The overall budget on the project was set at \$500,000, according to VanHook, but this bid does not include the site prep work that is already completed or the paving, drainage and other finishing details.

“I believe we can make this work and get the building we needed and stay on budget,” he said. “It has been a battle of sorts but we will make it happen. The building will be such a benefit for the entire community and we look forward to the many opportunities the structure will provide.”

After the bids have been examined VanHook will make his recommendation to the fiscal court for approval to begin construction.

“Meeting”

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raise funds for the department. An executive of American Water also attended the meeting to let the city know they are still interested in purchasing the Livingston Water system.

“They just wanted us to know they are still interested,” said Thomas.

No action was taken by the commissioners.

“Speed”

(Continued from front)

The new *Take the Speed Test* program allows all citizens of Kentucky to log onto educationcabinet.ky.gov and click a button that will test their internet speed and evaluate that data at the end of the test.

“We collect data about your broadband in order to help your community get needed grants and other support to improve the broadband service in your community,” KEC officials said.

Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director Jeff VanHook believes the program can be a big help to the county. “The communications made possible by broadband technology eliminates many factors of traditional brick and mortar type commerce, eliminating logistical constraints of regionally-based business models allowing businesses in our community to compete with any big city-based company,” said VanHook. “For example, if they can do it in Chicago, Atlanta and Detroit, we can do it here in Rockcastle County just as effectively and most likely with more cost efficiency.”

VanHook said the economic and social advantages to areas like Rockcastle County will allow local businesses and the RCIDA to compete in more business opportunities. He says the advantages of high speed internet in the county will “break down barriers of geography, distance and time. It will provide a

level field for technological opportunities for the county.”

Those who do not have internet at home are asked to visit their library or go to a location with free wi fi and go to the educationcabinet.ky.gov website to report the address that has no internet access.

“It is important that we as a state have an idea where we need to improve our broadband infrastructure,” said Bray. “It is a lot easier to fight for funding if we have the data to back up our needs.”

Those in favor of the program encourage everyone to participate in the speed test.

“Judge”

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prosecution of wildlife crimes. He has since won three elections as Circuit Judge.

But, after this long, successful career, Judge Burdette is best known for his work as a long standing Circuit Judge. He was instrumental in initiating the 28th Circuit Adult Drug Court, presiding over hundreds of high profile civil and criminal cases and trials and administratively led the courts during the COVID-19 crisis.

Among his countless accomplishments, Judge Burdette created a speaking series for drug rehab centers, court to college programs and the recently reinstated Rocket Docket Program.

And, these accolades still leave out a list of other accomplishments including his speeches on the U. S. Constitution and his current Adjunct Professor position of teaching criminal justice ethics at the University of the Cumberlands.

“I can say this about Jeff. When he put on the robe, he didn’t feel empowered, he felt privileged,” said local attorney John Ford. “I have stood in front of him many times and he is one that never forgot where he came from. We are losing a special person and a special judge. He was the perfect combination of strict and compassionate.”

But, the time has come for the public servant to step into a new chapter of his life. “I want to do some other things,” he said. “I want to spend more time with family and this seemed like the appropriate timing considering the opportunity to serve as a Special Judge.”

Though he will not serve in the same capacities, Judge Burdette will still apparently be involved in his community and will always have a servant’s heart.

“I will miss him very much as a colleague but will always have him as a close friend,” said Vice Chief Regional Circuit Judge Greg Lay. “Jeff has always been a student of the Constitution. He studies it, teaches it and lectures on it. We will miss him greatly in this capacity. The truth is Jeff is a great judge but he is also a great guy.”

Judge Burdette resides on his Brindle Ridge Farm near Brodhead with his wife Twila. They have two adult children, Thomas and Zoebeth students at the University of the Cumberlands.

Judge Burdette says he will always be grateful for his many successes. “I have been honored to serve. I have done my best and dedicated myself to

the people and the Constitution. I have been blessed.”

“Plans”

(Continued from front)

Vernon City Administrator, said the city of Mount Vernon is also planning to consider changes to the structure of billing responsibility. Currently, in some cases, the renter is responsible for the water bill. However, some believe this to be a mistake.

“If I owned rental property, I would want to know the water bill is paid up rather than have the possibility of a renter running up a huge water bill and then leaving me stuck with it,” said City Commissioner Brian Bullock. “I think we should always bill the property owner.”

Most commissioners agreed and say the city may change their deposit and billing structure after further discussion. Currently, in most cases, the renter is responsible for the water bills in Brodhead.

“There have been countless times that a renter let a water bill run up and then disappeared and the property owner is angry with us,” said City Clerk Becky Bussell. “But there is no way I can watch every water bill and call every property owner everytime a bill is overdue.”

The issue will be discussed further.

Davidson introduced himself and expressed interest in combining some of his tourism efforts of Livingston with the City of Brodhead. Davidson reported that the recent new businesses in Livingston has helped nearly triple his tourist customer base and he would be interested in including Brodhead in some additional tourism plans.

City Commissioner Brian Bullock said he feels the City of Brodhead could greatly benefit from the partnership. “I am very interested in becoming a partner with Mount Vernon and Livingston and finding things we can do to utilize our beautiful town as part of the county’s tourist trade,” said Bullock.

Bray said there are entities currently discussing bringing the Hatfield/McCoy Trail through Rockcastle County. “The Hatfield/McCoy Trail is very popular in West Virginia and there is talk of having the trail come through Rockcastle County,” he said. “That may be something we can look at to include Brodhead as part of that trail system.”

Bullock agreed. “We have a wonderful park or fairground as a stop-rest or a beginning point for a bicycle ride or ATV/UTV event,” he said. “I would be very interested in drafting a resolution of support from all three communities. That may help raise interest in bringing the trail here.”

Bray said he is working on that issue even now. “I am going to personally look into the possibility of bringing that trail, or something like it, to the county and include all three towns,” he said. “That kind of cooperation between cities is how we have been so successful in getting things done and, as soon as some things calm down (COVID issues), we will begin looking at that.”

Bullock said the city would benefit greatly by being a part of bicycle routes, walking trails or other state scenic routes.

While Bray was present, Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell also asked the representative if he could help convince the Army Corps of Engineers to help with the flooding issues in Brodhead. “We are not allowed to clean their storm drains but we can’t get much from them when we ask them to do it and that is what causes a lot of our flooding problems,” said Bussell.

As he has stated before, Bray said the task of dealing with the Army Corps of Engineers is a difficult one. “The Army Corps of Engineers are among the most difficult bunch I have ever worked with in any part of government,” Bray said. “I have worked for three years getting a permit from them that should have taken a month. But I will do all I can to get their attention.”

In other action, Commissioner Teddy Rose asked how the city handles road repairs. “Roads, potholes, guardrails and such. How do we go about getting those things repaired” he asked. Bullock explained that the city usually works with the county when some of that work is required. “It is much cheaper and more efficient if we do our road work at the same time the county is doing theirs,” said Bullock. “We work together and do it all at one time. It is cheaper and faster that way. In a city the size of Brodhead we have to sometimes find the least expensive way to do something.”

All commissioners agreed that is the best way to plan for patching and paving and members discussed areas they plan to repair when the time comes.

Fire Chief John Dyehouse said the chili supper last week was a raging success. “It went wonderfully and we had a lot better crowd than expected,” he said. “We are planning a soup bean supper on the 19th (February) and we hope it goes as well.”

The department is seeking fundraising

events to make up for the lost revenue after being forced to cancel the Little World’s Fair in 2020. The fair is the department’s biggest source of revenue.

Dyehouse also said he and many others are already planning the Little World’s Fair for 2021. “We lost a few event suppliers because they have stopped doing business due to COVID, but we will find other suppliers and we already have our ride company on board,” he said. “Things are going very well and it looks like we will have a very good fair this year.”

Members also elected department heads for the city. Jerry Adams was named head of the admin-

istrative department while Teddy Rose was named head of public safety and Harold Taylor is the new head of Parks and Recreation. Brian Bullock remains Vice Mayor.

In closing, Bray told the commission that his door is always open to each member. “I am there as your representative. Please call me if there is anything that you think I can do for you in Frankfort. That’s my job and that’s why I am there. You know better than I do what Brodhead needs most. So please don’t hesitate to contact me. I look forward to it.”

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Highway lighting to improve in Rockcastle

By: Mike French
Editor

Local motorists should expect more delays soon so that crews may replace some of the lighting along Kentucky highways including in Rockcastle County.

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, an upgrade of highway lighting, with energy-saving LED fixtures, will get underway beginning Tuesday, Feb. 9, throughout District 8.

“Its part of a project to replace thousands of lower-efficiency roadway fixtures across the commonwealth by early 2022,” said KYTC officials.

A press release says crews will begin lighting upgrades next week in Pulaski County at Exit 86 and Exit 88 of the Cumberland Parkway and at the intersection of KY

80 and KY-914. Motorists may see temporary partial ramp, single lane, and/or shoulder closures while work progresses.

Work is expected to be completed in these locations in one week. The starting date and duration may be adjusted for inclement weather or other unforeseeable delays.

The highway lighting upgrades in District 8, which are expected to be completed in March, will take place in various locations in Adair, Pulaski, Rockcastle and Russell counties.

Altogether, KYTC plans to replace more than 18,000 lights with new LEDs (light emitting diodes), which last longer and require less energy, yet provide greater visibility. That means greater driving safety with less maintenance, according to KYTC officials.

Scam texts circulating

Officials warn that another scam may be circulating in the area and everyone should be aware that no one should ask for your personal information over the internet or through a text message.

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, a text is circulating with the sender listed as KYDOT (Kentucky Department of Transportation). However, the text message is not from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Officials at the transportation cabinet say those who receive the text should not click the link that accompanies the text. “The cabinet does not send texts that solicit personal information,” said the KYTC press release.

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Frankfort Update

By Josh Bray
State Representative
General Assembly Override Governor's Veto

The Kentucky House and Senate returned for part two of the 2021 Legislative Session. There was no shortage of activity, and my colleagues and I have been busy working for the people of the Commonwealth. One of the first tasks before us this week overriding the Governor's vetoes of six pieces of legislation we passed in January. The legislation vetoed included bills that protect the unborn, better defined legislative and executive branch powers, and help Kentuckians deal with the COVID pandemic.

As a co-equal branch of government, we are constitutionally tasked with making laws and passing a budget. I am committed to enacting good long-term public policy that benefits all Kentuckians. The bills vetoed are the result of months of careful consideration and input from stakeholders. While the Governor has the authority to veto them, the legislature is ultimately responsible for making law. We decided to exercise that authority.

While this process may seem like a political move, it is a common legislative practice and has happened several times in just the past decade. You may remember that the Republican-controlled House and Senate overrode several vetoes from former Republican Governor Matt Bevin during his term. Disagreement over policy decisions is an essential part of governing. Kentuckians do not always see eye-to-eye, so how can we ex-

pect our government to do so? Ultimately what matters is that we work together when we can, and respect each other when working together is not possible.

The House and Senate delivered the bills to the Secretary of State. Most are now law because they all contained emergency clauses making them effective immediately.

However, the Governor filed suit challenging three of the bills within minutes of our vote to override the veto. HB 1, SB 1, and SB 2 are tied up in court. I am not surprised but disappointed.

HB 1 provides direction to help businesses, schools, nonprofits, and other organizations remain safely open throughout the rest of this pandemic. It gives employers some relief in making their unemployment insurance payments. The measure also includes a provision that ensures visitation opportunities for those in long-term care and children in state custody.

SB 1 balances the need for Kentucky to act quickly in an emergency by ensuring that a governor does not overstep his or her authority and attempt to legislate through executive orders. SB 2 prevents the executive branch - including unelected appointees - from using the regulatory process to make laws.

I want to share again how seriously I take the privilege of serving this district. I hope you will not hesitate to reach out to me to share your thoughts on the issues coming before us in Frankfort. 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 e-mail at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov.

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator
Week 3 of the 2021 Regular Session

The Kentucky General Assembly reconvened in Frankfort this week for the second portion of the 2021 Regular Session, having now completed 11 out of the required 30-days. Legislative business at the Capitol resumed full speed ahead, as both the House and Senate spent the week meeting in committees, voting bills out of the chamber, and overriding vetoes recently cast by the Governor.

During the recess period, the governor vetoed six priority bills. They included Senate Bills (SB) 1 and 2, and House Bills (HB) 1, 2, 3, and 5. The policy measures disapproved by the Governor consist of language to implement a 30-day expiration of executive orders concerning restrictions placed on schools, businesses, and nonprofits - unless extended by the approval of the General Assembly. The same would go for executive orders that regulate political, religious, and social gatherings or impose mandatory isolation or quarantine requirements.

All of the gubernatorial vetoes listed above were overridden this week by the legislative majority and have effectively become law. As elected officials representing Kentuckians throughout the Commonwealth, we are eager to be involved in these consequential decisions moving forward.

You can find more details on each of these bills in my previous legislative updates or online at www.legislature.ky.gov.

It comes as no surprise that the Governor has already filed litigation challenging some of the veto overrides. However, I am grateful to say that Senate Bill 9, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, became enacted law without the Governor's signature.

While we were in re-

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cess, budget conference committees, including members from both the House and Senate, began meeting to deliberate an agreed-upon budget bill. Luckily, the state's Consensus Forecasting Group predicted in December that Kentucky would see a small increase in revenue at roughly \$53 million in the next year, with economists expecting the state's budget will not be as hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic as initially thought. These discussions will remain a vital part of the session as these conference committees hammer out details of the state's annual budget plan.

The Senate passed several bills to the House this week, including:

SB 8—Senate priority legislation that provides exemptions to mandatory immunization requirements during an epidemic based on religious grounds or conscientiously held beliefs. If enacted into law, it would require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to develop and make available on its website a standardized form relating to exemptions from immunization requirements.

SB 11—provides recourse for property owners to pursue legal action for intentional damages done to rental property. The bill would classify the deliberate or wanton destruction, defacement, and damage to residential rental property as criminal mischief. It also strives to provide landlords with notifications on background checks if a prospective applicant has previously been charged with causing substantial and intentional damage to rental property.

SB 21—allows originating hospitals to voluntarily transport mental health patients to a different hospital or facility upon staff authorization and a patient's signed written agreement. It would prevent an adult or child patient who has voluntarily been transported from being released dur-

ing the transport to a receiving facility. The bill would also establish that a qualified mutual health professional may provide outpatient counseling to any child who is age 16 or older.

SB 38—requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to implement regulations requiring health facilities to use a smoke evacuation system during any surgical procedure that is likely to produce surgical smoke. It defines "surgical smoke" to mean the by-product resulting from tissue contact by an energy generating device. The bill's primary intent is to protect operating room nurses and other personnel, along with patients, from the hazards of surgical smoke.

SB 61—establishes training standards for the staff of personal services agencies and home health agencies that serve pa-

tients with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. If enacted into law, the bill would improve the care provided to these patients. The hope is that it would also address retention of direct-care staff by better preparing them for job duties—resulting in less stress and dissatisfaction.

There is still much work to be done. I will continue to keep you updated and informed in the weeks ahead. Thank you for staying engaged in this year's legislative session. It is a great 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.

New deadline
 Due to changes at printing plant,
Mount Vernon Signal's
 deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

April Dawn Carroll, 44, Richmond, disabled, and Robert D. Robinson 51, Goldsboro, Lamar Advertising. 1/29/21.
 Chasity Brooke Burke, 28, Somerset, nurse, and Gene Scott Smith, 27, Danville, heavy equipment operator. 2/1/21

Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Rodney D. Fugate.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Kelsey Tasker.
 Dianna Brooks v. Amanda R. Law.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Derek McPherson.
 Discover Bank v. Teresa F. Shafer.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Brandon Davidson.
 Jefferson Capital Systems v. Eugene Goff.

Girishkumar Patel, et al v. Santoshkumar Patel.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Christopher C. Hawley.
 Mariner Finance Somerset v. P. Cooper.
 Dale Lark, et al v. Central Financial Services, Inc.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Daniel Bowman.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Mikayla Morris.
 Christie Lea Green v. Darrell W. Hager.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Kenneth E. Begley.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Lora J. Collins.
 Ricky Herr v. B&W Cartage Company, Inc., et al. CI-00036

District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LC v. Mary Stewart.
 LVNV Funding LLC v. Stephine Hensley.
 LVNV Funding LLC v. Jessica Miles.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. David Rogers. C-00015

Deeds Recorded

First Resurrection Pentecostal Holiness Church, property in Rockcastle County, to Unity Chapel, Inc. Tax \$130.
 Ronald and Joan Haynes, property located in Rockcastle County, to Guy L. Strausbough. Tax \$159.
 Gary and Gertha Mink, property located in Rockcastle County, to Bert and Angela King. Tax \$18.
 Joshua and Shanlee Childress, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Paul and Linda Burton. Tax \$10.
 Kenny and Patricia Hobbs, property located in Rockcastle County, to John Lawson. Tax \$25.
 James and Mary Bullock, property located in Rockcastle County, to Michael J. and Jerrica Brummett. Tax \$95.
 Floyd and Carolyn Bradley, property located in

Rockcastle County, to Ciara Maleigha Durham. Tax \$150.
 Clifford and Patricia Collins, property located in Rockcastle County, to Tanner Collins. No tax.
 Shirley A. Cox, property located in Rockcastle County, to Anthony Shayne and Rachael R. Gardner. Tax \$230.
 Harry James and Diana Sue Martin, property located in Rockcastle County, to John S. and Jennifer A. Martin. Tax \$125.
 Connie and John G. Hamm, property located in Castle Ridge Subdivision, to Whitney and Carlos Rios. Tax \$155.
 Larry D. and Linda L. Carter, property located in Rockcastle County, to Ross and Amy Wainwright. Tax \$475.
 Jones Conn and Ramona Sue Hiatt, property located in Rockcastle County, to Jones Zachary Hiatt and Jones David Hiatt. No tax.
 Aaron Webb, property located in Rockcastle County, to Ralph and Lyla Powell. Tax \$15

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 20-CI-00099

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but solely as trustee of the New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2020-NPL1 Plaintiff

V.

Tom Sandlin, aka Tom D. Sandlin, Midland Funding LLC, Community Bancshares Series 2008 A LLC, Rockcastle County, Green Pointe Credit Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 22, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY NINE DOLLARS AND 32/100 (\$51,729.32) 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 19, 2021
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property and mobile home being more particularly described as follows:
 4265 Willalla Road, Brodhead, KY 40409
 Map ID# 008NE-04-002

Being the same property conveyed to Tom Sandlin, no marital status shown, who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Greta McClure Thompson and Larry Thompson, her husband, dated June 7, 1999, recorded June 15, 1999, at Deed Book 175, Page 147, Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2021 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
 Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
 All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.
 All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
 The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

MVES Academic List

New Covid-19 guidelines for Angel Initiative participants

Kindergarten
K. Asher
 Lyla Bustle, Kholer Carpenter, Jason Doan, Charles Gray, Tucker Hasty, Kinley Hunt, Avery Renner, Ryder Singleton.

Collins
 Connor Barnett, Leighton Barron, Olivia Brown, Loukas Bubulici, Nolan Cecil, Connor Cochran, Addy Collins, Mya Nunnery, Knox Sexton-Lear, Jaxson Smith, Savannah Woodard.

Hunt
 Tanner Brock Mason, Abriela Dominguez, Faith Dooley, Piper Durham, Cooper Ford, Corte Jones, Everly King, Penelope Mosley, Bonnie Price, Henry Rader, Harlynn Renner, Ransome Ray, Oliver Smith, Ellyannah Watson.

Rigsby
 Sadee Barnes, Cooper Burkhart, Penny Howard, Patrick Hubbard, Dawson Martin, Isabelle McGuire, Harper Parrett, Charlee Patterson, Liam Renner, Collin Smith, Diesel Teegardin, Emma Valentine.

Phillips
 Gunnar Lakes, Haven Ledford, Cace McClure, Zakk McFerron, Allie Mullins, Mattaly Northern, Aubrey Smith.

First Grade
Bowman
 Jadyann Asher, Tucker Bowman, Josie Cruz, Aaron Eckert, Lilyann Green, Kaelynn Overbay, Arabella Smith, Trinity Tanner, Jazilynn Taylor.

Brown
 Emma Anglin, Parker Anglin, Ryker Bullock, Nevaeh Durham, Cadence McFerron, Kaitlyn Powell, Jacee Rhodus, Lynlee Shepherd, Grayson Vance, Lashay Wentzel.

Bryant
 Ellarae Bradley, Izak Bullock, Aiden Dooley, Payton McClure, McKinzie McFerron, Gunner Mize, Adasynn Payne, Arianna Sizemore, Brent Slusher, Abel Sparks, Alayna Turner.

Isaacs
 Raleigh Begley, Jasey Bowles, Destiney Downey, Alyana Gray, Kinley Harris, Ethan Powell, Austyn Robinson, Xander Sattler, Bethany Shafer, Hannah Taylor.

Price
 Cooper Brown, Grayson Carvalho, Kinley Collins, Dante Edwards, Kynidee Johnson, Zoey Pugh, Shooter Strunk, Kaylon Wentzel.

Second Grade
J. Asher
 Isaiah Barnes, Vaya Barnett, Alex Bray, Addy McFerron, Kaden McKnight, Maggie Medley, Jase Napier, Jasper Smith, Elayna Wearren.

Burton
 Madison Carter, Bella Cromer, Brody DeBorde, Ella Ford, Elijah Hauger, James Mink, Sophia Poe, Reagan Tracy, Chase Wallin.

Cowan
 Carson Burdine, Gavin Chrisman, Anabella Deatherage, Kindle Howard, Kennedy Kelley, Colten Learn, DJ Martin, Allie Mullins, Kara Philbeck, Abby Reynolds, Christian Smith, Christin Sparks, Caleb Thompson, Braxton Watson, Paisley Wheeler.

McKinney
 Christopher Brasher, Xavier Gay, Charlotte Marlow, Brannon Northern, Joseph Poole, Rachael Powell, Emma

Reynolds, Jordyn Rhodus, Ryan Rudie, Abby Rush, Jay Santo, Zeke Swinney, Hanna Whicker, Madelynn Smith.

A Taylor
 Trinilyn Barnett, Audrey Caldwell, Waylon Cowan, Jace Doan, Ashton Fleming, Zane Gilbert, Gabriella Hammons, Liam Mansfield, Bristol McClure, Nevaeh Roberts, Christopher Sprinkles, Airibella Taylor

Third Grade
Alexander
 Gus Akin, Lilyanna Asher, Casen Budette, Ryli Harris, Kennedy Hopkins, Bryce Hunt, Titus McGuire, Abby Northern, Jacob Renner, Brylee Silcox.

Honor Roll
 Sadie Adams, Tucker Carpenter, Parker Cash, Gracie Parker, Kooper Sexton-Lear.

Anderson
 Ethan Hall, Charlie Laws, Izabella McClure, Abigail Northern, Hanna Parsons, Addison Smith

Honor Roll
 Jayden Caldwell, Jakim Durbin, Hailey Kirby, Matthew Vanwinkle, Jacklynn Wentzel.

Bradley
 Trapper Bray, Michael Martin, Caeli McFerron, Maleigha McFerron, Chloe Mullins, Chase Prewitt, Camden Richards-Powell, Spencer Woods.

Honor Roll
 Landon Carvalho, Kylie Dees, Colten Johnson.

Cameron
 Xavier Bond, Lillian Bowman, Damian Day,

Angeleigh Nunnery, Katie Renner, Elijah Sizemore, Noah Stallsworth.

Honor Roll
 Aniyah Barnett, Carlee Davidson.

McClure
 Principal's List
 Nikolas Couch, Wesley Maupin, Bryson Miller, Stephanie Proctor, Noah Rader, Dawsynn Santo, Taylor Sizemore, Dessie Thomason, Breylan York.

Honor Roll
 Kerri Jo Fox, Allison King, Aubrey Winkler.

White
 Principal's List
 Gavin Lovett, Ayden Nolan, Jasper Reynolds, Brodie Rumsey, Beckham Smith, Brooke York.

Honor Roll
 Daniel Jackson.

Fourth Grade
Martin
 Dillon Bradley, Eyan Bussell, Jacob Dykes, Derrick King, Sophia Lovell, AJ Martin, Josiah Rodriguez, Coleson Shepherd, Sophia Thornton.

Honor Roll
 Mary Ann Cope, Aryann Group, Corinne Messinger, Elizabeth Santon Aubrey Thompson.

Reams
 Principal's List
 Karleigh Allen, Kaleigh Carpenter, Tyson Johnson, Grace Lambert, Hunter Newcomb, Sophia Owens, Lila Rigby, Zaydon Scalf, Caleb Smith.

Honor Roll
 Emma King, Zeke Mullins, Mia Thompson.

Rose
 Principal's List
 Esmé Alcorn, Sawyer Cash, Brynna Davis, Matthew "Stormy" Jones, Addie Payne,

Bailey Tompkins, Sydney Tracy, Gracie Wentzel.

Honor Roll
 Ava Deatherage, Jamie Fleming, Jace Johnson, Connor Peek, Braxton Winkler.

H. Shepherd
 Principal's List
 Darius Bubulici, Kynlee Calico, Madison Hasty, Hailey Mize, Gabe Powell, Isaiah Powell.

Honor Roll
 Levi Bullock, Patience Rohrer, Mackenzie Strunk, Alyssa Wagers.

Fifth Grade
Albright
 Principal's List
 Derrick Arthur, Hayden Hopkins, Azlyn Howard.

Honor Roll
 Kylie Ashcraft, Gabe Carvalho, Andrew King, Landon Navarre, Silas Tankersley.

Coguer
 Principal's List
 Rayne Bennett, Gregory Trey Cundiff, Sarah Davis, Landyn Shepherd, Brady Valentine, Kaite Valle, Samuel Whicker.

Honor Roll
 Leland Hughes, Dalton Pheanis, Zackary Renner, Brayden Smith.

Mason
 Principal's List
 Jayden Burton, Zoe Phelps.

Honor Roll
 Roger Nelson Baker, Davin Barnes, Addisyn Fox, Josiah McClure, Landen Paquette, Jalie Peterson, Madison Williams.

J. Shepherd
 Principal's List
 Zane Bullock, Caylee Cash, Clay Cash, Conner Ford, Ethan Phillips, Calvin Rader, Clara Shaffer, Baylee Taylor.

Honor Roll
 Katie Adams, Brooklyn Doan, Aidann Lear, Kaiya Njie, Makena Weaver.

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) Angel Initiative is a proactive program designed to help people battle addiction. The program, available at all 16 KSP post locations, temporarily paused in April while the agency developed safety protocols in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, the Kentucky State Police is pleased to announce that the doors have reopened to assist in the fight against the drug epidemic, with CDC guidelines in place to help mitigate the spread of the virus amongst the public and KSP dispatchers and Troopers.

My administration shares the concerns of many regarding the challenges presented by the war against the novel coronavirus and understand that the pandemic has played a role in increasing the risk for substance use and overdose deaths, said Gov. Andy Beshear. In 2016, KSP launched the Angel Initiative, through funding from the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). This program is one of the many treatment and resources available in Kentucky. Anyone suffering from a substance use disorder can visit a KSP post and be paired with a local officer who will assist with locating an appropriate treatment program. Its important to realize that we all possess the power to help save lives.

KSP and ODCP, departments under the Justice and Public Safety Cabinets authority and responsibility, remain as joined forces in a united effort to provide access to drug treatment to confront this epidemic and save Kentucky lives.

Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary

Mary Noble said the Angel Initiative is a strong example of Team Kentucky. There is no doubt that the nationwide opioid crisis is hitting Kentucky at an alarming rate, said Secretary Noble. When two agencies pool their resources together, we are better able, as one team, to help Kentuckians battling addiction. Every life saved from substance abuse and opioid death is a life worth fighting for.

According to ODCPs 2019 annual report, drug addiction claimed the lives of 1,316 Kentuckians. Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, was involved in 759 cases, approximately 58 percent of all overdose deaths for the year. We believe the increase is due to a rise in illicit fentanyl and its analogs within the drug supply. The problem is also exacerbated by the widespread availability of potent inexpensive methamphetamine, said ODCP Executive Director Van Ingram. ODCP is devoted to changing the way substance abuse is handled in Kentucky, reducing the problem and making the commonwealth a model for other states.

The Angel Initiative is completely voluntary, and individuals will not be arrested or charged with any violations if they agree to participate in treatment. Danielle Perkins, KSP Angel Initiative Program Administrator, says if an individual comes to a KSP post for assistance, they can safely dispose of the drugs or contraband they may have in their possession, without threat of arrest.

The Angel Initiatives mission is to help addicts when they need it the most and fortunately, we can once again welcome those seeking help to our posts, said Perkins.

Any individuals seeking help at a KSP post must adhere to the following Healthy at Work safety guidelines. The posts are open to the public Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Angel Initiative COVID-19 Guidelines:

- Gloves and masks must be worn by both the angel coordinator (trooper) and the participant seeking assistance at all times while inside the post.
- Participants must have their temperature taken and complete a COVID-19 questionnaire prior to entering the post.
- Participants must enter the building alone. Accompanying support systems must remain outside or in their vehicle.
- If an individual seeking help has been exposed to COVID-19, KSP asks that they call their local post prior to arriving on site. The Angel Initiative program will not turn the individual away, but do their best to find resources that meet their current situation.
- Having the strength to ask for help is the first step to healing. We are not here to arrest or belittle anyone, we are here to serve, added Perkins.

Since the program began in 2016, the Angel Initiative has facilitated the placement of 198 individuals who asked for help in treatment. The agency is currently developing a special portal through their mobile app that will link those seeking help to treatment centers, without having physical contact.

For more information about the Angel Initiative, visit the KSP website at <http://kentuckystatepolice.org/angel-initiative/>

RES Honor Roll...

Honor Roll
2nd - 9 weeks
K - Tanya Clark
 Ken'trell Johnson, Peyton Richmond, Nolan Taylor.

K - Imogene Williams
 Eli Brock, Audrina Dooley, Abel Isaacs, Jessa McCollum, Kennedy Merritt, Abby Robinson.

1st - Michelle Atkin
 Gabi Adams, Kingston Bloom, Caly Fortner, Daimen French, Bryer Fuqua, Eli Hopkins, Ava Klave, Liam Leger, Payton Neighbors, Jon Luke Pingleton, Emmie Saylor.

1st - Melissa Fairchild
 Avalynn Baxter, Kinsli Cole, Kash Fowler, Audrey Harding, Weston Luttrell, Weston Mobley, Jagger Renner, Ian Rowland, Maddilynn Stamper, Graceson Ward, Easton Williams, Cole Zechman.

2nd - Ainsley Bussell
 Camden Bishop, Rylan Bradley, Samuel Brock, Carson Burnett, Wrett Craig, Bayleigh Crowe, Jasmine Evans, Eli King, Karsynn Kirby, Karter Linville, Kinzie Lohrey, Bryson Marcum, Onna Murphy, Aleena Napier, Isaac Thieke.

2nd - Emily Craig
 Isabella Bowles, Ryan Bradley, Silas Burdette, Kendall Collins, Brylee Dollins, Kennedy Harris, Daemon Isaacs, Shayla Prewitt, Braxton Falin, Bentley Ramsey, Sigourney Ross, Hollyann Savage, Joshua Thacker, Trinity Wright, Isabella Damrell.

2nd - Cynthia Rogers
 Maelee Stephens, Nicholas Peters, Parker

Zechman, Parker Williams, Railee Stamper, Lucas Stallsworth, Carlee Rice, Clay Nelson, Zachary Chasteen, Lukas Cain, Kaleb Bacon

3rd - Jessica Bullock
 Boaz Bishop, David Burgess, Krysta Chasteen, Melody Garrison, Leah Gregory, Jaylee Howard, Astrid Isaacs, Colten Isaacs, Jase Lear, Ryan Martin, Mackenna McClain, Braxton Owens, Kaylee Robinson, Jeremiah Rowland, Lilah Sizemore-Rankin, Chloe Ward.

3rd - Nikki McKinney
 Mya Didelot, Gavin Feltner, Avery Gatloff, Eli Hay, Addison Hopkins, Ariel Lear, Harlan Long, Makenna McNally, Cameron Nottingham, Amiyah Scalf, VivieAnn Short, Wesley Thompson, Eli Williams.

4th - Krystal Gatloff
 Kayleigh Brock, Dalton Bullen, Gabby Collins, Wyatt Craig, Stryder Owens, Lacey Prewitt, Logan Rogers.

4th - Jennifer Peavie
 Eli Chasteen, Ella Burren, Aria French, Olivia Linville, Lucas Millett, Savanna Rice, Jasmyn Savage, Ethan Stallsworth.

5th - Jennifer Chandler
 Jasper Bloom, Taylor Jones, Evan Hayes, Leighton McKinney, Matthew Moore, Lindie Ross, Kinley Shearer, Trinity Thomas.

5th - Stephanie Hurst
 Kortney Coy, Brenda Dees, Katelyn Hagen, Marrison Hester, Jasper Rogers.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CABBAGE CASSEROLE

1 small cabbage or half a large one
 1 medium Vidalia sweet onion
 1/2 stick butter or margarine, melted
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1/4 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip®
 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 Coarsely chop cabbage and place in 2 to 3 quart casserole dish. Chop onion and place on top of cabbage. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste.

In small bowl, mix margarine, soup, and Miracle Whip® together. Spread over top of cabbage mixture.

TOPPING:
 1/2 stick butter or margarine, melted
 1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
 1 stack round butter crackers, crushed
 Preheat oven to 350°. In small bowl, mix remaining melted butter, grated cheese, and crushed crackers. Sprinkle cracker cheese mixture over top of casserole. Cover w/ foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake another 15 minutes until top is brown and inside is bubbly.

CAULIFLOWER AND CHEESE CASSEROLE
 6 cups small cauliflower florets
 3 tablespoons butter, divided
 1 onion, chopped
 1/3 cup flour
 2 and 1/2 cups milk
 1 package (8 ounce)

shredded triple cheddar cheese
 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese, divided
 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
 Heat oven to 350°. Spray a 2 and 1/2 quart casserole with cooking spray. Cook cauliflower in boiling water in large saucepan 4 minutes; drain well. Melt 2 of the tablespoons butter in large saucepan on medium heat. Add onions; cook and stir 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Stir in flour; cook and stir 1 minute. Whisk in milk; cook 5 minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Add 1 and 1/2 cups of the cheddar cheese and 3 tablespoons of the Parmesan; stir until cheddar is melted. Add cauliflower; stir to evenly coat. Spoon into prepared baking dish. Melt remaining butter. Mix with breadcrumbs and remaining Parmesan cheese, sprinkle over cauliflower mixture. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through, topping with remaining cheddar for the last 5 minutes.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE
 2 cans (15 ounce each) cut green beans
 1 can cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup
 1 can french fried onions
 Preheat oven to 350°. Drain beans and mix with soup. Mix in half of the onions. Pour into a greased 2-quart casserole dish. Top with remaining onions. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until bubbly.

SPORTS

Lady Rockets defeat Cardinals and Rebels

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets added two more to their win column recently with wins over South Laurel and district foe Casey County.

Hosting South Laurel last Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets came away with a 66-47 win over the Lady Cardinals, their fifth of the season.

Sophomore Keelee King led the scoring for her team with 21 points, including going five of eight from three point range; freshman Talyne Shearer hit eight of nine shots, including seven two point baskets and went 2/2 in free throws for 19 points; senior Jordan Harper scored 15 points; Aliyah Lopez got

five points; Casey Coleman four and Hallie Brown two.

Brown and King tied for rebounding honors with six each and Coleman pulled down five.

Against Casey County's Lady Rebels Thursday night, the Lady Rockets dominated, winning the game 58-41, a game in which 14 Lady Rockets saw action and eight of them scored.

Ahead 12-7 at the first quarter stop, the Lady Rockets went to the dressing room ahead 27-19. However, they came out in the second half and put the game away,

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Lady Rockets fall to Great Crossing 68-58

Monday night, the Lady Rockets traveled to Great Crossing in Scott County and came away with only their second loss of the season 68-58.

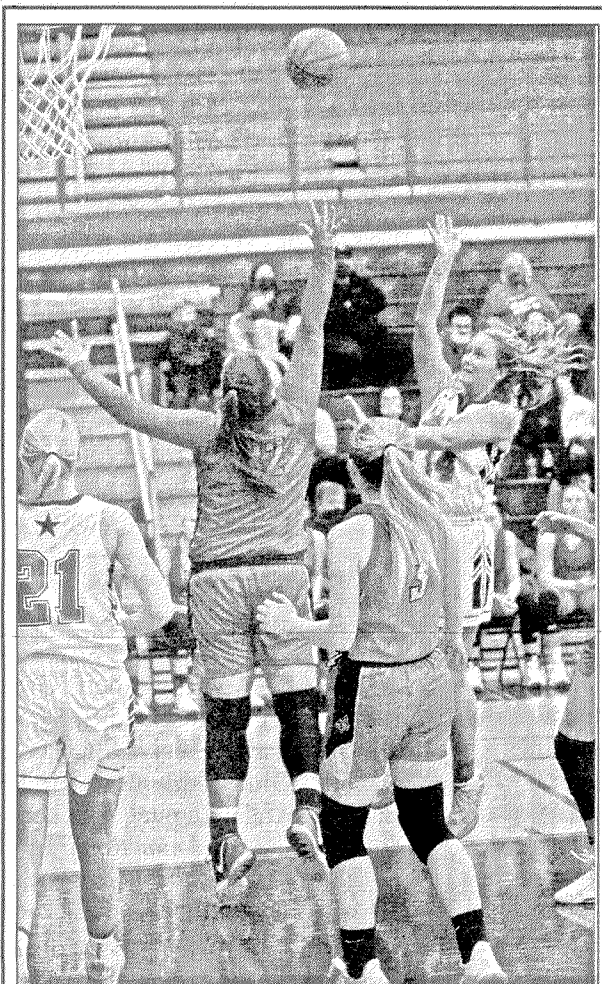
The now 7-2 Lady Warhawks dominated the game from the get go, hitting five threes in the first quarter enroute to a 19-9 first quarter edge.

The Lady Rockets fought back in the second

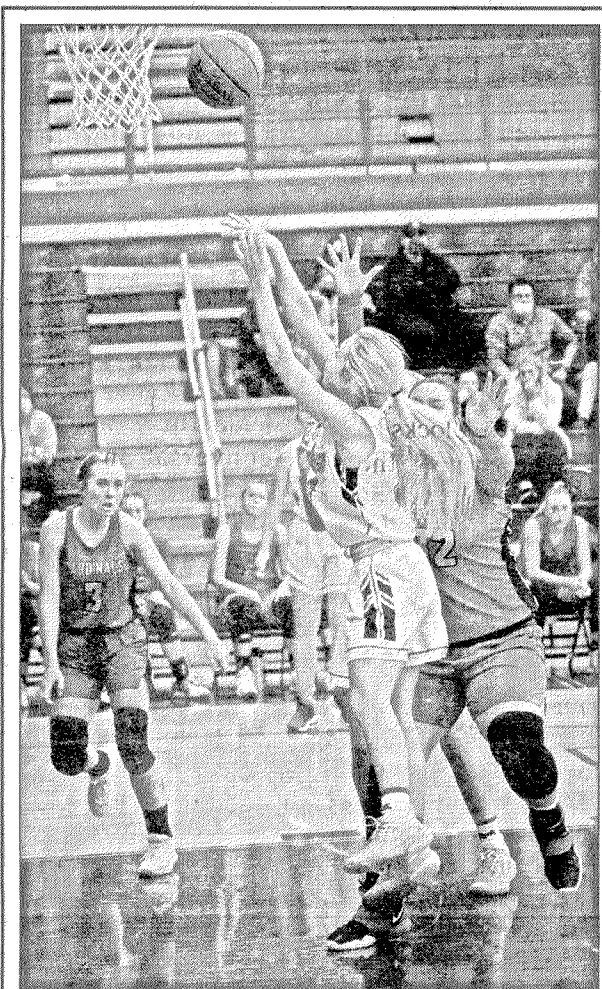
quarter, only losing it 15-14 for a 34-23 halftime deficit. The Rockets lost the third quarter 22-16 and won the fourth 19-12.

Keelee King led the scoring for her team with 23 points, which included one three point basket and going eight for eight from the free throw line. Senior Casey Coleman was the

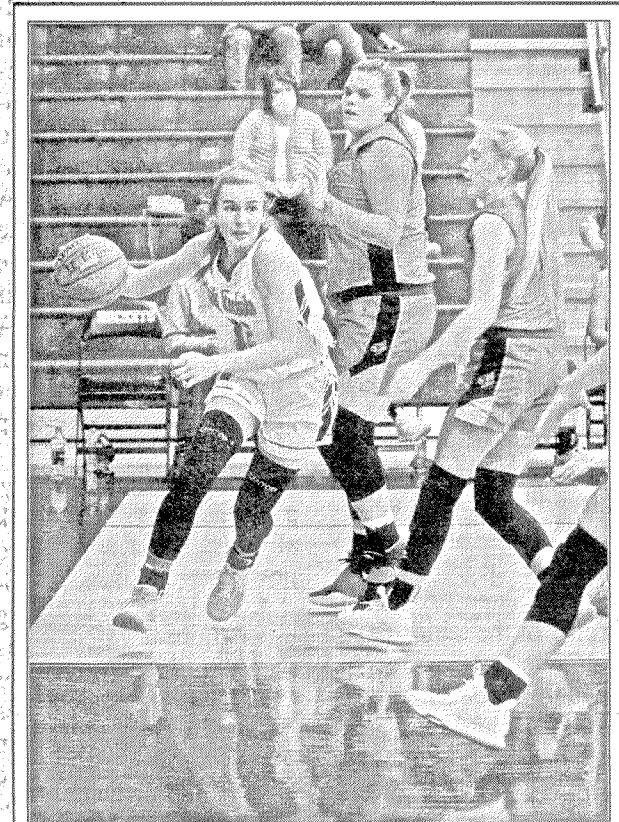
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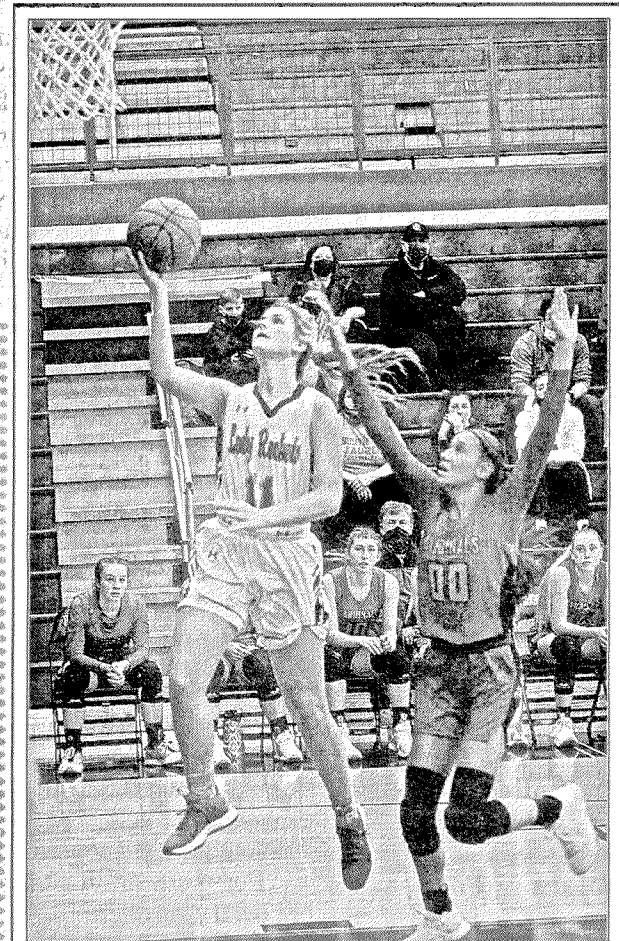
Sophomore Keelee King goes up for two of her 21 points in the Lady Rockets' win over South Laurel.



Senior Jordan Harper scores in the Lady Rockets' win over South Laurel. Harper scored 15 in the win.



Senior Casey Coleman drives the baseline in the Lady Rockets' win over South Laurel.



Freshman Talyne Shearer finishes a fast break in the Lady Rockets' win over South Laurel. Shearer put up 19 points in the win.

Lady Rocket Jayvee win two of last three

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets Jayvee have played well in their last three outings, defeating the Bates Creek Lady Commodores and the Casey County Lady Rebels, losing only to the South Laurel Lady Cardinals.

Last Friday night, at Bates Creek, nine Lady Rockets got into the scor-

ing column, in their 50-36 win, with freshman Talyne Shearer leading the way with 11 points, including the only free throw the Rockets got in the game. Taylor King scored seven points; Addison McClure, Haven King and Darby Smith each scored six points;

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Junior Matthew Chasteen looks for a teammate during the Rockets' win over fourth ranked East Jessamine Monday night.

Rockets defeat East Jessamine 59-49

The Rockcastle Rockets took down the East Jessamine Jaguars Monday night 59-49 behind some hot fourth quarter shooting by junior Daniel Mullins for their fourth straight win of the season.

Mullins had nine of his 31 points in the first half but added 22 points in the second half, 16 of them in the fourth quarter.

The Jaguars, ranked fourth in the 12th Region, hung with the Rockets all the way. The score was tied at 41 all early in the fourth quarter (on a three point basket by Mullins) when Mullins went to war, scoring seven straight points to put his team up 48-41.

The Rockets were up 19-13 at the first quarter stop and 28-25, on a last second shot by Drew Hopkins, at halftime. The score was tied at the end of three quarters of play 38 all.

The Rockets are now 4-2 on the season.

Mullins, the only Rocket in double figures, scored 31 points on the night, going six for six from the free throw line and hitting three three point baskets. Jake Sanders and Drew Hopkins each got nine points in the game; Reese Coguer had five points, Skyler Durham got a three basket and Matthew Chasteen scored two points.

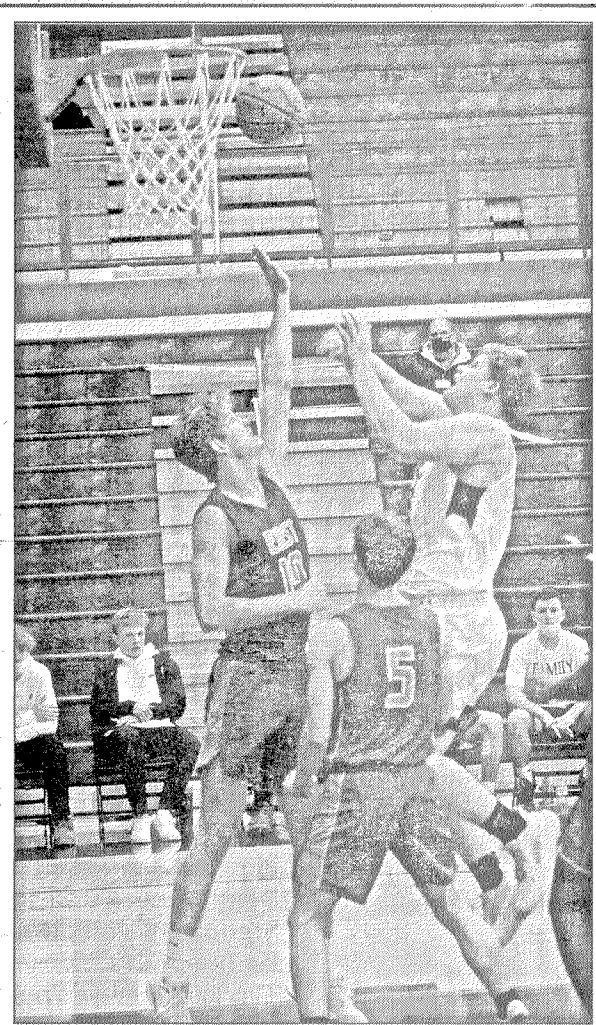
Chasteen, unofficially, pulled down 10 rebounds to lead his team; Jake Sanders got six rebounds and Coguer led his team in steals with four and in assists with four.

On the night, the Rockets made seven threes and the Jaguars six.

The Rockets were scheduled to travel to Casey County Tuesday night for a district match up, Russell County on Friday night, will host Berea on Monday night and Garrard County next Tuesday night.



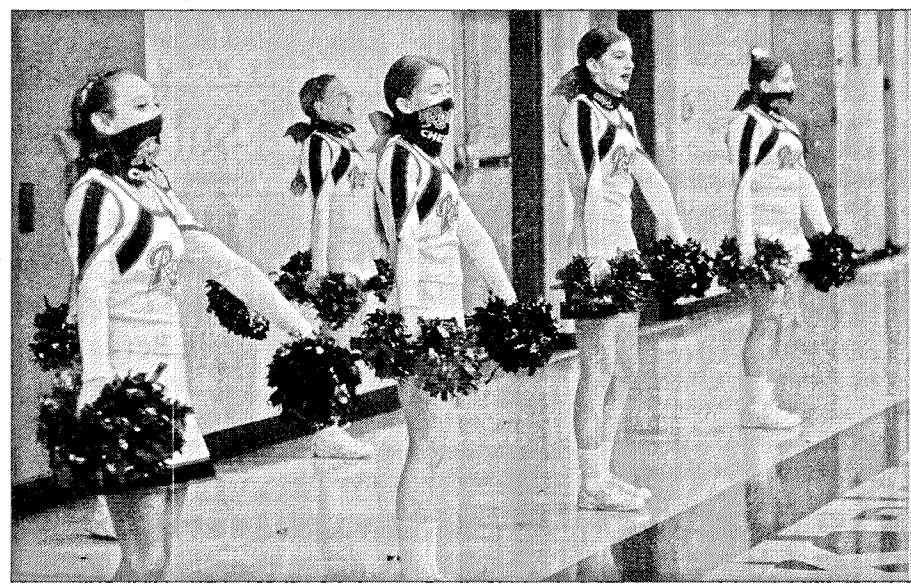
Junior Reese Coguer finishes a fine play against the East Jessamine Jaguars in the Rockets' fourth straight win Monday night.



Junior Jake Sanders works hard in the paint during the Rockets' win over fourth ranked East Jessamine Monday night.



The RCHS Rockets Pep Band enjoyed entertaining those in attendance at recent Rockets and Lady Rockets games. The band is under the direction of Mr. Greg Daugherty and Drum Major Devona Smith.



The RCHS Cheerleaders, despite all challenges, support the Rockets and Lady Rockets in this year's basketball seasons.

Rocket JV lose in OT

Monday night, the Rocket JV team played the East Jessamine Jaguars and lost 36-32 in overtime.

The score was tied at eight all in the first quarter and the Rockets were up 14-10 at the half with junior Landon Dillingham scoring all six points for his team in the second quarter.

The Rockets went ahead 23-20 at the end of the third quarter on a three basket by freshman Skyler Durham.

The Jaguars went ahead 28-26 with 16 seconds left in the game and then added a free throw for a 29-26 lead. The Rockets came down the floor and Durham attempted a three which missed but he was fouled on the shot. Durham then hit two of three, making it 29-28. A foul was called on the Rockets and the Jaguar hit one for a 30-28 lead for the Jaguars.

A technical foul was called on the Jaguars and Durham, with 1.9 left on the clock, hit both shots for a 30-30 tie at the end of regulation play. The Rockets and Jaguars exchanged baskets in overtime and then the Jaguars hit four of six free throws for the 36-32 win.

Ben Brown led the scoring for his team with 10 points; Durham got eight; Cade Prewitt five; Dillingham four; Bryson Atkin three and Kaden Kidwell two.

Lady Rockets JV

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Haley Thacker and Karlee Smith got five each and Savannah Santo and Camryn Cash scored two points each.

The Lady Rockets led at the first quarter stop 14-5, at the half 24-11 and were ahead 36-22 at the end of the third quarter.

Tuesday at home against South Laurel, the Lady Rockets didn't fare so well, losing 45-19. The Lady Rockets fell behind in the first quarter 19-8, were down 26-12 at the half and 36 to 18 at the third quarter stop.

Darby Smith led the scoring with six points; Camryn Cash got 3 points and Addison

McClure, Haley Thacker, Taylor King and Talyne Shearer each scored two points.

Thursday night, the Jayvee had absolutely no problem whatsoever with the Casey County Lady Rebels Jayvee, winning 52-10.

The Rockets led at the first quarter stop 22-0, at the half 30-5 and at the end of the third period 44-7.

Eleven Lady Rockets saw action in the game, with nine getting in the scoring column.

Karlee Smith was the leading scorer with 11 points; Addison McClure and Camryn Cash each scored eight points; Haven King got six; Haley Thacker five; Taylor King and Darby Smith scored four points each and Savannah Santo and Talyne Shearer each scored two points.

Lady Rockets

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outscored the Lady Rebels 16-6.

King had another big night, leading the scoring with 20 points, including three three point baskets; Lopez got 11 points and four rebounds; Coleman had 10 points; Harper seven; Shearer four and Brown, Haven King and Addison McClure, two points each. Brown also added five blocks.

Harper won the rebounding wars for her team with nine plus she, along with Shearer, King and Coleman, was credited with three steals. King, Shearer and Coleman also had six rebounds each.

Great Crossing

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only other Lady Rocket in double figures, getting 15 points and tying for rebounding honors with sophomore Hallie Brown with 10 each, Brown also scored eight points. Jordan Harper got six; Lindsey Jones four and Addy McClure two.

For the game, the Lady Rockets hit 17 of 22 free throws to the Warhawks three for seven but the Warhawks hit 12 three point baskets to the Rockets four.

Thursday night, the Lady Rockets will host Garrard County for a varsity only game with senior night scheduled for before the game. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

On Friday night, the Lady Rockets will travel to Russell County and to Southwestern on Tuesday, February 16th will play at Southwestern.

Dotson improves previous record in 800-meter run

On Saturday in Huntington, West Virginia, former RCHS track and cross-country standout, Tori Dotson, continued her pursuit of the all-time indoor 800-meter Marshall school record at the Marshall Classic, the Thundering Herd's second home meet of the season. Tori ran an incredible race, notching her first collegiate win while improving upon her previous Marshall #2 all-time indoor best performance with a new collegiate best time of 2:13.61. She won by nearly three seconds over her nearest competitor. Her amazing time now ranks her at the top of the Conference USA indoor performance list in the 800-meter run for this indoor season and is only 0.57 seconds away from the all-time indoor school record. Tori also ran on the 4x600-meter relay team that placed 2nd. Marshall came away with their second straight home win after another strong team performance.

"I think we took another good step forward in getting ready for our conference meet," head coach Jeff Small said. "We have one more week to go, but really we had some awesome perfor-

mances. Several marks are at the top of Conference USA like Tori Dotson in the 800 [meter] and MaryAnn Adebayo in the weight throw. We came through safe and healthy, and we're excited

where we're at." Marshall has one more home meet next Saturday in preparation for the Conference USA indoor Championships in Birmingham, Alabama on February 20-21.



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Renewing your 'Ag Tag' could help Kentucky's agriculture youth

One of the greatest honors of serving as Commissioner of Agriculture is the opportunity to travel around the state, put the tailgate down on a farm truck, and have a conversation with a farmer about how the year looks. Oftentimes when I do that, that farm truck is proudly displaying an "Ag Tag," a license plate with the Kentucky Proud, FFA, and Kentucky 4-H symbols on it. That "Ag Tag" means a lot to producing locally-grown leaders across our state.

Every year when farmers go to renew their farm license plates, they have the opportunity to donate \$10 to the "Ag Tag" fund. That \$10 donation can make a huge difference for our state's agriculture youth. Last year, Kentuckians donated almost \$612,000 through the Kentucky Ag Tag Fund when they purchased or renewed their farm license plates at their county clerk's office. That simple "Ag Tag" donation helps invest funds back into our communities to develop locally-grown leaders for Kentucky's agricultural future.

Ag Tag donations are equally divided among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) for youth development and promotional programs. Each of the organization uses the dollars to promote the future of Kentucky agriculture and invest in future leaders.

At KDA, the funds support initiatives that promote agriculture in Kentucky, such as the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award and the Kentucky Ag Athletes of the Year scholarship program conducted annually with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA). The funds also support many commodity organizations and events, ranging

from the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program (KALP) to AgLand at the Kentucky State Fair. In recent years, the Ag Tag Fund has even assisted industry groups such as Kentucky Women In Agriculture in sponsoring its annual conference.

Kentucky FFA uses the donated funds to support more than \$20,000 in agriculture program grants to make a capital investment in curriculum or facilities. FFA also provides \$1,000 to each of the 12 FFA regions to recognize students at regional FFA banquets and for travel scholarships for Kentucky FFA members who are competing at the National FFA Convention. It also supports statewide initiatives such as the Kentucky FFA website, state officer leadership development, and support for teacher educators at the university level.

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation uses its portion of its Ag Tag funds to support statewide programs such as engineering events, the Issues Conference, the Performing Arts Troupe, the 4-H Summit, and state officer scholarships.

Half of the 4-H and FFA donations are returned to local councils and chapters,

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nate, leaders in your community are able to use those funds to cover the cost of 4-H and FFA camp and other leadership programs for your youth. County 4-H councils use Ag Tag dollars to provide opportunities, such as 4-H camp scholarships and travel for life-changing, educational experiences, to enable local 4-H youth to grow as leaders and engaged citizens. FFA chapters are free to use the money to meet the greatest needs in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.

At the end of the day, the donation goes back into your community to support statewide programs impacting 274,000 students. This year's challenge is for Kentucky farm families to continue to invest in Kentucky's agriculture future. Even in a pandemic, it is more important than ever to keep investing in the future of our agricultural youth.

As you head to your county clerk's office this month or next, think about the impact you are making into our locally-grown leaders. There's no greater return on investment than through the "Ag Tag" program.



Freshman Skyler Durham looks to make a pass during the Rockets' win over East Jessamine Monday night.

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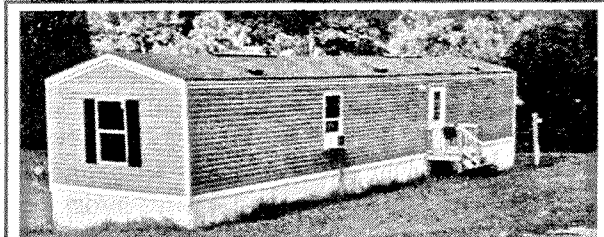
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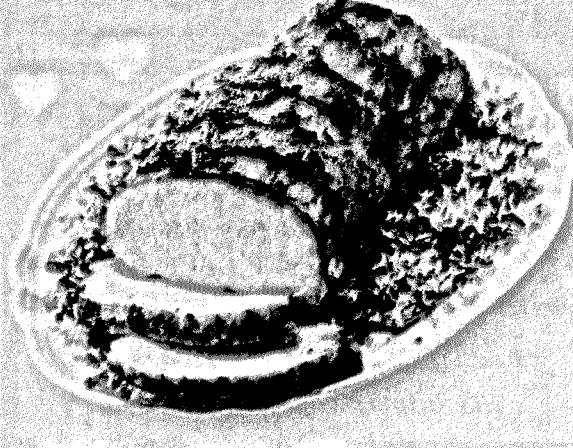
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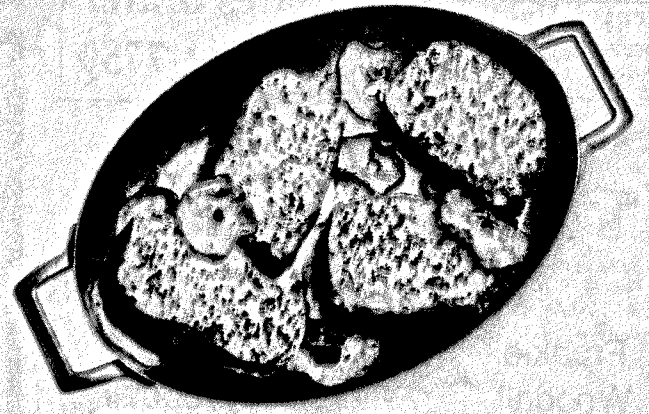
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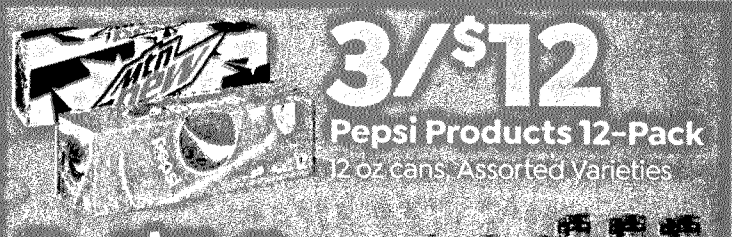
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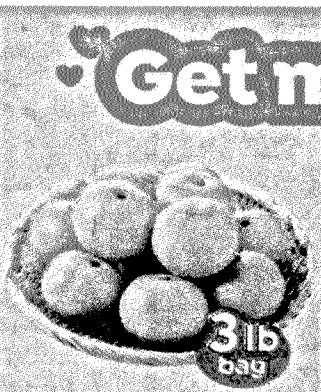


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