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Snow storm hits Rockcastle

.....Again

By: Mike French
Editor

Once again this week the weather is the topic of discussion throughout Rockcastle County. In the first three weeks of 2022, Rockcastle County has experienced two separate snow storms and two separate flood events that has caused damage to local property. In fact, this time even a county salt truck experienced damage after it rolled three times over a hill near Sand Springs.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., rides along as road scrapers and salt trucks move throughout the county but he says he was not in the truck that rolled.

"They had got the truck stopped and then it slid over the side of a hill and rolled over three times," said Holbrook. "No one was hurt and when the wrecker pulled the truck out, one of our guys drove the truck back to the shop."

However, the truck was damaged and is now being repaired, according to Holbrook.

The most recent storm began with falling ice Sunday and then snow began to fall on top of the ice, covering all roadways. As usual, countless accidents were reported on I-75 and on county roads keeping first responders working on an incident every hour of the past 24 hours, according to police.

"We had a record breaking number of calls (See "Storm" on A6)



The second snow storm in as many weeks hit Rockcastle County and the state of Kentucky this past weekend. Shown above, roads were covered with ice and snow Monday morning but state and county road crews once again had main roads in usable condition very quickly compared to surrounding counties.

COVID increase

Rockcastle County remains in the Red Zone with an incident rating of 124 Monday. Of the 120 Kentucky counties, all are listed as Red Zone counties, according to the KYCOVID-19 website. Officials say COVID cases are continuing to increase across the state but exact numbers were not available Monday due to MLK Day.

City Council

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, January 20 at 6 p.m. The meeting is scheduled as a Zoom meeting due to illness and COVID increases. See next week's issue of the Mount Vernon Signal for details.

State of the County address postponed

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce annual State of the County address planned for this week has been postponed. A date will be set in February and the public will be informed of the date and time. The event will be held at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame lobby. Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash, Livingston Mayor Dwane King and County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., will update the community about current and future progress. The meeting is open to all county residents and lunch will be furnished by the chamber.

School board gets highest audit remarks

Budget process begins

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County School Board members dealt with several important issues during their first regular monthly meeting of 2022 last week with Matt Chaliff sitting in his board seat for the first time. Chaliff replaced Larry Hammond, who resigned effective January 1st.

RES
The meeting began with a presentation from Roundstone Elementary School. After a performance by the choir and the band, Principal Chris Bishop provided data about his students. He discussed what he considers to be success in a student. "For some kids, getting a higher score on a difficult subject would be success," he said. "For another just showing up on time would be success. For another, just spending a day without causing a disruption in class would be a success. We have to approach each student according to their levels

of success." According to Bishop, last winter's scores showed 27% of students at RES working at their grade level while testing this fall showed 38%. "That is an 11% increase. We are moving in the right direction," he said. Bishop also said 24% were considered two or more grade levels below their grade last winter, while this fall only 16% were in that category.

One of the most important messages, according to Bishop, is to keep what is now temporary interventionists in the school system. "This has proven so valuable to our kids. The interventionists are having an unbelievable impact on our kids and if there is any way to retain that program, we need to do that."

Bishop gave a very fitting example of what an interventionist does at the schools. "Just one of many examples, we had a student who knew geometry and we knew they knew geometry. They

were good at it. Yet they were scoring very low and we couldn't understand that," he said. "The interventionist was able to pull them aside delve into it until it was discovered

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School calendar

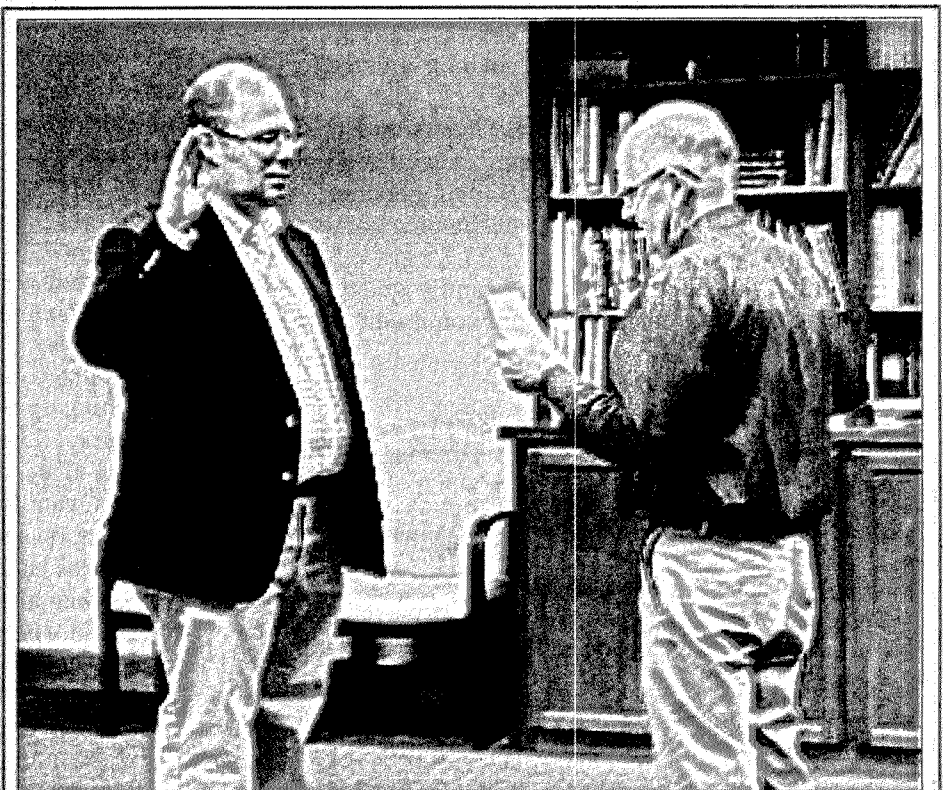
Preliminary version

By: Mike French
Editor

One of the many annual tasks facing members of the Rockcastle County School Board is the development and completion of the school calendar. Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert, presented the first 2022-23 school calendar to the board during last week's regular monthly meeting.

A calendar committee was formed last year to work on the scheduling for the calendar and Reppert brought their recommendation to the board for a first view.

(See "Calendar" on A6)



Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. (right) is shown swearing in Matt Chaliff as the newest School Board member during last weeks regular school board meeting.

Fiscal court monthly meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director Jeff VanHook told the fiscal court the new Farmers Market building is all but complete. "The entire project went great and we appreciate your work and commitment to

helping the RCIDA throughout the project."

VanHook addressed the court during their regular monthly fiscal court meeting Tuesday, January 11 at the courthouse. According to VanHook, only a few small details remain before 100% completion and a Certificate of Occu-

pancy is expected within days.

Magistrate William Denny told the court the county did a good job pre-treating and clearing the roads after the last snow storm. (January 7) "I've been doing this for 20 years and this is the first time I didn't receive a single call or complaint

about roads," said Denny.

The court also accepted the 2022 budget report from County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen showing total receipts of \$3,368,221 and total disbursements of \$3,284,118 for a balance of \$84,102. The court also approved the County Clerk's re-

(See "Court" on A6)

Livingston water mystery unsolved but safe to drink

By: Mike French
Editor

A bit of a mystery was in the water system in Livingston last week.

Officials say there were reports of "discoloration" in the

Livingston water system and officials were unable to figure out why.

Water department officials said the discoloration (See "Water" on A6)

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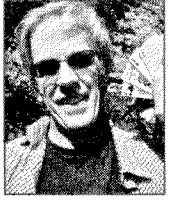
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



First, let me say that the Rockcastle County Road Department deserves statewide recognition! This is the third time I have traveled from surrounding counties on solid snow and ice, only to hit the Rockcastle County line and clear pavement.

Some may complain about some back road or something, I don't know. But I can say beyond all doubt from personal experience that Rockcastle County's main roads are 100 times more clear than every surrounding county sooner than every surrounding county.

In my opinion, the Rockcastle County Road Department has saved lives that surrounding counties would not have. We are head and shoulders above them all in this department. KUDOs to all who make this happen.

New subject:

I think I will run for Governor. If elected, then everyone that votes for me will get 500 trillion

dollars. Yayyy.

Why are you raising your eyebrows? Of course I could make that promise. If you doubt it, you needed to watch Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear's budget address to the legislature last week. He promised everything except the moon itself to urban people and vulnerable people and teachers and some police and state workers and roads and bridges and abuse programs and education programs and health care programs and libraries and veterans and bourbon and tourism and parks and seniors and kids and middle-aged and farmers and road crews and tiddly-wink players.

The star of the new Kentucky propaganda hour, who receives that free political ad that I believe to be illegal on television every week for the past two years, stood in

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Remembering Winter Experiences of Long Ago

Dear Journal,

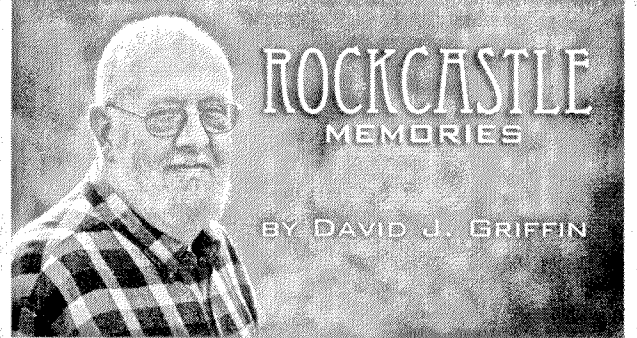
We are snowed in it would appear. There is a lot of wet snow and ice in the forecast and the power is likely to go out as well. It is the kind of weather I loved when I was a child and growing up. I loved to have snow days off from school. I could sleep in, and do pretty much like I wanted. I would enjoy reading...what I wanted to read, not some book that a teacher thought I should read. This kind of reading seemed like a burden instead of a pleasure. Otherwise I could lose myself in a book, a novel or some kind of historical significance or biography or autobiography. I always made myself a good pot of tea to add to the pleasure of it all. This is how I spent many hours as a teen. Guess it sounds like I was old before my time and I guess that in many respects I was. On the other hand, I liked to play music-disco, which was very popular in that era, and good old rock and roll. I'd dance until I couldn't dance anymore.

I remember one time I came down with a bad case of pneumonia during Christmas break when I was in the sixth grade and couldn't go back to

school when it resumed. It was a shame and I hated it (laugh). The doctor had me on a bunch of medicine and wrote a note for me to have a homebound teacher for almost the remainder of the year. The sad part of it was that I was confined to bed most all day except for short periods. Finally, a TV was set up in my bedroom so I could have a little diversion. Mom and I stayed at my grandma's house just next door so they both could help care for me.

They were firm believers in the home remedies. I had my chest greased with Vicks Vapo-Rub at least two or three times a day. That grease was as hot as fire and it was a miracle I didn't suffer at least second degree burns. If that wasn't enough, a hot pure wool "flannel" was applied over the grease. You talk about itchy and scratchy. I drank "grandma's drink", canned cream with hot water in it. Then, there was the juice of half a lemon and tablespoon of honey with a teaspoon of whiskey two or three times a day. Around my neck, my grandma tied a purple band of pure silk thread she kept on hand for just such occasions as pneumonia. I

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An Alaska Addition to My Collection

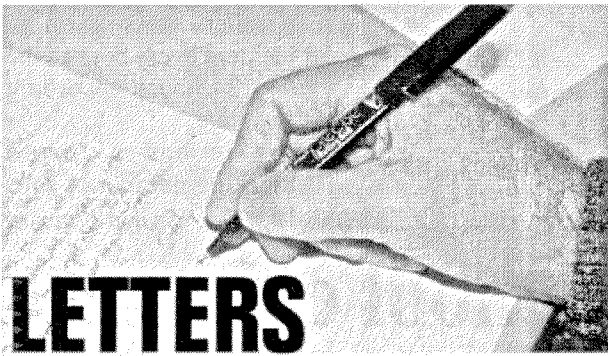
This past summer, my wife's sister Susan and her husband, George, decided to take a trip to Alaska. Since we had visited that wonderful state years ago, Susan and George decided to "pick our brains" regarding places to see.

George kindly inquired as to whether we

wanted them to bring us a souvenir from Alaska, and I immediately responded that I wanted a nice pocket knife. I also assured him that I would pay him for such a special request.

While on their trip, George selected a group of knives that I might like from a store in Anchorage. He sent me a photo

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cox family contributions...

Dear Editor,

The tribute and remembrance of the Cox family's contributions to Rockcastle County helped me realize yet again how one person and a single family can make a community stronger by doing the things too many amongst us simply take for granted.

Often those things are simple, but must be done. Whether it be supporting the local fire department, becoming a member of a civic organization, supporting a local church, our schools, being a helpful neighbor, raising a good family...these build up our home communities and create a wealth of good citizenship for the future; and this is far better than money in the bank.

Over 2,000 years ago the ancient Greeks understood the duties necessary to be recognized as a good citizen: a unity of purpose for the common good; to build up instead of tear apart; to give a helping hand instead of knocking down.

Thankfully, for all of us, the Cox family quietly showed how to add to the cloth of our community's fabric.

Sincerely, Buzz Carloftis
(Former County Judge-Executive)

Op-Ed: Roe v. Wade anniversary

By Lorrie Parker

Earlier this month, a report appeared on the national news of an 18-year-old woman in Hobbs, New Mexico who had allegedly placed her newborn child in a trash bag and disposed of the bag in a dumpster behind a local store. As someone who has been active in the pro-life cause for many years, a story such as this was nothing new to me -until this one. This one was recorded by a security camera located near the dumpster. The video was recorded on January 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm and shows a car pulling up to three dumpsters. The driver appears to be a woman who then calmly gets out of the car, opens the back door, takes hold of a black trash bag and throws it into an open dumpster. She calmly gets back into her car and drives away. She doesn't appear to be in a hurry, nor to be distraught, upset or anxious in any way. Fast forward to 7:40 pm that same day, same security video. With what appears to be two men and a woman riffling through that same dumpster, one of the men lifts a bag out and places it gently on the

ground. The individuals are seen having a discussion, when the woman suddenly bends down to investigate the contents of the bag, lifting the child out and cuddling a newborn in her arms. She lovingly strokes the head of the child and then appears to kiss it. The video clearly indicates that nothing else matters to these three people now, except the safety of this precious baby. An ambulance and police officers appear at the scene and the little one is placed in their care.

As I watched this video of both scenes over and over, I looked for every detail in the actions of the mother and of the three individuals at the dumpsters later that evening. The police chief said the individuals were "scavenging in the dumpsters for 'anything of value'." Think about those words... "anything of value." We have all heard the phrase "one man's trash is another man's treasure!" I cannot come up with a phrase that could more accurately describe what happened in Hobbs, New Mexico that day than that one. The first woman shows no compassion for her own child, the baby she carried within her and bore just minutes or hours prior and heard his cry, knew he was her own; while another woman has found a "treasure," a child not her own, this unknown child that she comforts, cradles and kisses. She truly found something of value!

All 50 states have safe haven laws. "The Kentucky Safe Infants Act allows parents to

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division
Civil Action No. 21-CI-00159
21st Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff
V.
Michael J. Palmer, unknown spouse of Michael J. Palmer, Arnold Reed, Sherlene Reed, Adam Reed, unknown spouse of Adam Reed, Rockcastle County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 29, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FORTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS AND 85/100 (\$44,105.85) 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, January 28, 2022
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

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

55 Reed Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Map ID# 042-00-010.07

Mobile Home Description:
2015 Clayton Mobile Home, Seral No. CWP028749TN

Being the same property conveyed by deed to Janet Reed Palmer and husband Michael Palmer from Janet Reed Palmer and husband Michael Palmer, dated August 5, 2015 and recorded in Deed Book 253 at Page 20 of records in the office of the Clerk of Rockcastle County, Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

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

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2022 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. The purchaser shall be required to purchase fire and extended coverage insurance on any improvements to the real property and mobile home, from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full to the extent of the Court-appraised value of the improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, which ever is less, with a loss clause payable to the Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein.
7. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
8. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
9. 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.
10. 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".
11. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
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 - All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.
 - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.

The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

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Applications are available for Rockcastle County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important farm investments.

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All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria

Roe v. Wade

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leave newborn infants less than thirty (30) days old at a staffed police station, fire station, hospital or participating place of worship without fear of criminal prosecution or allegation of neglect." More information may be found on the website of the Child Protection Branch of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

The Roe v Wade decision on January 22, 1973, legalizing abortion in our nation, has now left us with more than 63 million children killed by abortion and untold numbers of children born alive, but left to die. Roe taught us that life is not to be respected or valued. It has left us with millions of broken women and men, who seek comfort, but cannot find it. As we pray that God will turn our hearts toward repentance and forgive us, let us pray for the many women and

men who regret their decision. Post-abortion healing is available, no matter how long it's been. For healing resources, please contact a local Pregnancy Center or the Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn at kymemorialfortheunborn.org.

Aces

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front of the people of Kentucky and promised the most outrageous budget I have ever heard. Of course he neglected to mention where those limitless funds are coming from. It isn't coming from you is it?

He spent the first half of the show making sure he talked about leaving absolutely no one out and including every single Kentuckian in everything in the budget, and spent the next half of the speech picking out groups that he hopes will vote for him and promising them all but free land in Florida while omitting everyone else. "Every-

one" to Andy means "Everyone I choose!"

I noticed several programs he wants to start that help recruit employees in the nursing, teaching and police professions. He said more than once that they were woefully understaffed and so he wants to create programs to get new people in those professions. He didn't mention of course why they are woefully understaffed. But he did basically say good riddance to those who left while he entices new people with billions of dollars and your taxes to pay their debts.

Since he refused to mention where these billions are coming from, I have to assume taxes play a part. Especially since that is where the state gets its money. Oddly enough, I suspect there would be some pretty massive tax increases if the state suddenly has these practically limitless funds for every program known to man. Then again, that can't be true. I know that no man would stand in front of people with a mind of their own and tell them Kentucky has an extra \$2 BILLION left over after everything is paid for and that he is going to raise your taxes anyway.

Here is an idea. Since we are leaving no one out, let's just take those billions and cut taxes. That way, no one truly gets left out. Real, live people who work and pay taxes gets a raise instead of just those voters he picked out. Kentuckians would get to keep a lot more of their income and then the actual people of Kentucky get to decide how to spend their own money. We wouldn't need Beshear to decide which parks get a new granite monument and which profession gets a raise. Everyone would get a raise. That is what "everyone" means.

But of course the furthest thing from a Beshear Wish List is that the people make any choices of their own. I think he proved that during COVID.

Of course not all Kentuckians are included in these loan forgiveness programs. Only those that Beshear has hand picked.

All in all, we are blessed that the spending spree the Beshears, of the political world, enjoy so much is not etched in stone. People who really care about Kentucky more than elections will now try to fix his Christmas present budget. Hopefully, by the time it gets around to the senate and house and committees and hearings, it won't

resemble that free world he spouted out last week.

T.J.s

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asked her how that was supposed to help and all that she could say about it was that her grandma said that it was supposed to be done, so she did. She probably was told that by her grandma. When I got better, grandma took that purple silk chord and put it away in a little box where she kept it until someone else had the pneumonia. I wonder what ever happened to that little box with that "magic" purple band of silk thread. I wonder if it could do anything with COVID?

As the days passed, I began to wonder if I would ever go outside ever again. I sure was glad to have that television to watch. Back then, all that almost any family had was one television and it was in the living room. There were only two stations available, CBS and NBC. Maybe, on occasion you could get PBS. The televisions were in black and white only. We got a color set in a few years. In the absence of any variety to watch, I learned to watch football and once I figured it out, came to really like it very much and do until this day.

Well, I finally got to go outside and go back to school. It was spring and I enjoyed getting out and seeing my school friends. It seemed like a summer break except it was in the winter.

Memories

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and told me to choose which one he should purchase for me. I chose a Case Mini Trapper with amber bone handles, which is now in my possession.

I love the knife for several reasons. It is medium in size, so it fits in my pocket, has two blades, and most of all, I love that it came from Alaska.

When I was a little boy following my grandfather (Pop) around, I noticed that he always had a knife in his pocket. His reason for carrying such a "nifty" item all the time was not for fun or habit but to use as a tool. His use of the knife was sometimes humorous but always interesting.

Once Pop and I were strolling through his garden when he stopped and plucked a turnip from the ground. He shook off the excess dirt from the vegetable and reached for his knife. As he began to peel the turnip, Mommie

Katie walked up and said, "Gene, surely you are not going to use that knife to peel that turnip!"

He laughingly replied, "Sure I am. It works alright when I cut my toenails!"

That woman could give a look of disgust that was so potent that it was truly unforgettable. And I can still see it on her face as she turned and walked back to the house.

Pop gave me my first knife when I was about six years old. He did not have a certain brand that he used, but he chose one that had good steel and that he could keep sharp. The knife he gave me was a Camillus, and it is still in my collection. Although it is in anything but pristine condition, I am so proud to still have that white-handled, three-bladed knife from my grandfather.

From that point on, I became a collector and have continued for over 70 years. At some point, I discovered the well-known Case brand of pocket knives. My collecting has been concentrated on that brand even though I have lots of other brands as well.

In the mid-sixties, I took a teaching position at Mt. Sterling High School, which came with the assignment of assistant football coach. The head coach, "Chili" Ishmael, was a good friend of mine, and he also loved pocket knives. He had one special Case knife that he never failed to have in his pocket when he coached. We teased him a lot about his "lucky" knife, but the teasing stopped when we

won the State Championship in 1969!

Todd, my son who was killed in an automobile wreck in 1992, had a great appreciation of knives. One Christmas I gave him a Case "Eisenhower" with stag handles, and I think he loved that knife more than any gift I ever gave him. Needless to say, that one is certainly my most prized. Any time that I hold it, I still see the big smile that he had when he opened that gift.

Another choice knife that I favor is one that my wife gave me a few years ago - a Case canoe with Mammoth-tusk handles. The company claims, "These handles are more than 13,000 years old." She surprised me again one Christmas with a knife that has an elk engraved on the cream-colored handle. It is just too cool!

A couple of years ago, my son, Andy and his wife, Terri, gave me a pocket knife for Christmas. It is a walnut-handled Filson, single locking blade with a clip on one handle. I carry it often. Knives make such wonderful gifts.

To me, knives are beautiful, useful, and last long enough to become embodied with good memories. I am very thankful that Pop gave me that little knife almost 70 years ago. He started me on a life-long love of pocket knives, and I suppose I will continue to collect them until I die.

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Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club meets each Thursday at noon at the Snack Shack dining room. Kiwanis is a service organization working to improve the lives of children. The public is invited.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. The post is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to close. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, the post hosts a Vet Help group for those veterans who are struggling. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882, Post Commander Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360 or Service Office Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

American Legion Post News

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

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

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

Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Mount Vernon City Park. Contact 859-308-8900

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

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

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 35 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

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

DAR Meetings

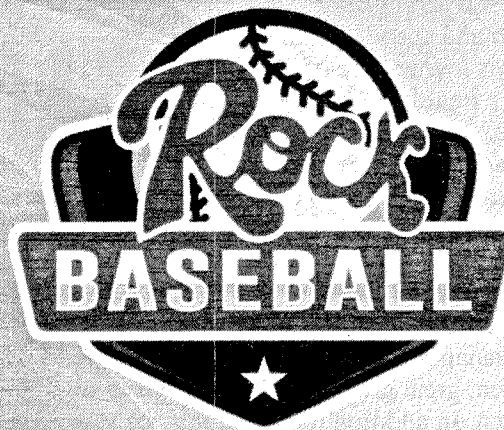
The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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Obituaries

Mae Rigsby

Mae Rigsby, 86, of Orlando, died Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional. She was born June 12, 1935, in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Milt and Martha Smith Mullins. She was a homemaker, enjoyed cooking, spending time with family, U.K. basketball, and was a member of McNew Chapel Baptist Church.



Survivors are: four sons, Danny "Tuck" Rigsby and Louise of Mt. Vernon, Dennis Rigsby and Leslie of Mt. Vernon, John Rigsby of Orlando, and David Rigsby and Debra of Lexington; four daughters, Tammy Jamison of Mt. Vernon, Sue Bullock and Lee of Orlando, Kathy Owens of Berea, and Janet Robinson and Jeff of Brodhead; 18 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by: one son, Wayne Rigsby; one brother, Terry Mullins; one sister, Mildred Miller; and by Marvin Rigsby.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday January 15, 2022 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Tim Hampton officiating. Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Warren Bullock, Darren Bullock, Ben Owens, Tim Owens, Dallas Rigsby and Phillip Hampton.

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

Brenda Gail Clark

Brenda Gail Clark, 69, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, January 13, 2022 in Richmond.

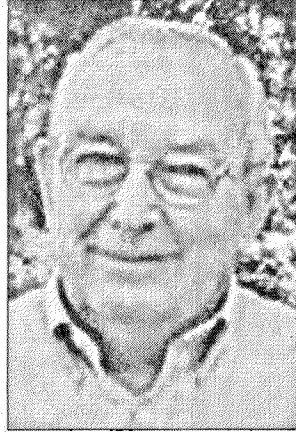
Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Robert Miller. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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

James Boone, Jr.

James Boone, Jr., 87, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, January 7, 2022 at Harrodsburg Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was born at Hazel Patch in Laurel County on October 20, 1934, the son of James, Sr. and Jermy Kincer Boone.



He was a retired motel clerk, a US Army Veteran, and a member of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. He enjoyed going to church and spending time with his loving wife of 46 years, Peachie Cromer Boone.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by: two daughters, Patricia Sears and husband Jerry of Gwynneville, IN, and Sandi Bryant and husband Jerry of Fortville, IN; four step-children, Luther JR Cromer, Judy Petrey, Carolyn Bradley, and Betty Gabbard; and a sister, Glenna Pletcher of Indianapolis, IN. Also surviving are several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a brother, Boyd Boone; sisters, Joy Lile and Jean Johnson; his step-mother, Mae Boone Thomas; and a step-daughter, Wanda Mason.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Ova Baker. Burial was in Phelps Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: John Cromer, Matthew Cromer, John Hatcher, and Tommy Parker.

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

Pamela K. King

Pamela K. (Morgan) King, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 15, 2022, at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born August 19, 1957, in Hamilton, OH to the late Terry Morgan and Kathleen (Wooten) Morgan. She was a member of Higher Praise Ministries and enjoyed spending time with her family.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her mother, Kathleen Morgan; three children, Curtis M. Elliott, Jr. (Wendy) of Bardstown, Teresa Elliott Mays (Kirk) of Mt. Vernon, and Dr. Jennifer Hayes (Chris) of Knoxville, TN; six grandchildren, Morgan Didelot, Andrew Didelot (Maya), Lauren Elliott, Ryan Hayes, Isabella Hayes, and Chloe Hayes; and three brothers, Terry Morgan (Karen) of Orlando, John Morgan (Debbie) of Paint Lick, and Mike Morgan of Mt. Vernon; as well as nieces and nephews.

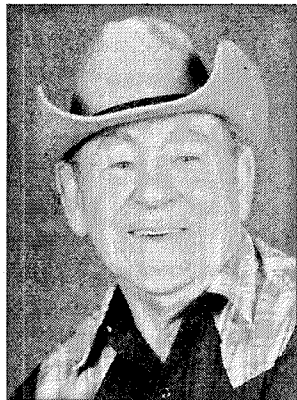
She was preceded in death by her father, Terry Morgan and her loving husband, Rick King.

Visitation for Pamela will be Thursday, January 20, 2022, from 5 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7 p.m. at Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

William Stanley

William Stanley, 95, of Livingston, died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Manchester on March 2, 1926, the son of



William and Lizzie Jordan Stanley, and raised by his grandparents, William Obe and Eller Jordan. He was a retired steel worker for Wagner Mfg. of Sidney, OH, a WWII Navy Veteran, and was of the Baptist Faith.

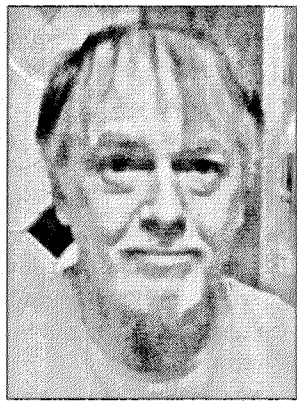
He is survived by: his step-son, James Gambrel of Livingston; step-daughter, Irene Day of Sidney, OH; two grandchildren, Frank Shields and Tammy Shields; and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Maudie Epperson Stanley; and a step-son, Paul Gambrel, Jr.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 17, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jason Medley. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

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Gary Lee Hasty

Gary Lee Hasty, 60, of Brodhead, died Saturday, January 8, 2022. He was born in Mt. Vernon on January 1, 1962, the son of Clyde Eugene and Rosella McFerron Hasty. He had



been a construction and factory worker.

He is survived by: a son, Gary Gene Hasty of Manchester; his mother, Rosella Phillips of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Kathy Bryant and husband John of Mt. Vernon; and a brother, Larry Hasty of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are his nieces and nephews, Kristin Bryant, Jamie Karr, and Gregory Watson. He was preceded in death by: his father, Clyde Eugene Hasty; a sister, Brenda Sue Hasty; and his step-father, George Phillips.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Steve Robinson. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: John Bryant, Junior Cromer, Tim Duerson, Ronnie McFerron, Jordan Powell, and Melvin Powell. Phillip Barnett was an honorary pallbearer.

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

Loren Vern Heacock

Loren Vern Heacock, 35, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at U. K. Chandler Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a Goshen, Indiana native, born April 30, 1986, son of Vern and Diane Heacock, graduate of Goshen High School, Class of 2005 and resident in the Berea area the past six years.



He was a kind, gentle, soft spoken but strong man who was a self-employed carpenter known for his construction skills and building the log cabin that became his home. He enjoyed building, woodworking, traveling, exploring, hiking, snow skiing, bicycling, and cooking. Loren was a true outdoorsman active in sustainability and mushroom foraging.

In addition to his parents he is survived by: two sisters, Angela Borke (Caleb), and Carissa Gaines (Brett); his partner, Elora Overbey; nephew and nieces, Kaeli, Luke, Claire, Camille, and Scarlett; as well as a host of friends.

In accordance with Loren's wishes, he was cremated. Two memorial services will be scheduled: Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Maple City Chapel in Goshen, Indiana; and Sunday, March 13, 2022 in the Berea area. Further details will be forthcoming.

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

Bobby Kirby

Bobby Kirby, 50, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, January 17, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional. He was born June 17, 1971 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Lloyd and Cuba Bullock Kirby.

He was a supervisor with Lockheed Martin, an Army Veteran and served in Bosnia. He enjoyed his dogs, hunting, spending time with family and friends, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are: his wife, Ruth Schrieber Kirby of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Brittany Ford of Cincinnati, OH; one brother, Ben Kirby of Garrard County; and one sister, Lisa Benedict of Berea.

Services will be held at a later date.

Cox Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Junior Nicely

Junior Burgess Nicely, 83, of Lexington, died Thursday, January 13, 2022 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on July 8, 1938, the son of John and Audrey Poynter Nicely. He had been a self-employed contractor and was of the Baptist Faith.



He is survived by: a son, Rick Nicely and wife Shelia of Lexington; two sisters, Joy Randolph of Somerset, and Jeanny Nicely of Indianapolis, IN; five grandchildren, Thomas and Shalanta Gullett, Shane and Ann Nicely, Tanner and Rachel Perkins, Michael and Amelia Nicely, and Tessa Nicely; and six great grandchildren, Grayer Gullett, Ashton Gullett, Addison Nicely, Sawyer Nicely, Sunny Perkins, and Mila Nicely. A former daughter-in-law, Shannery Nicely also survives. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Genoia Nicely; two sons, Paul Nicely and Stacey Nicely; a great grandchild, Elijah Cole Nicely; four brothers; and five sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Tim Hampton. Burial was in the Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Thomas Gullett, Garrett Horn, Michael Nicely, Shane Nicely, Tanner Perkins, and Justin Rawlins.

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The Lord's Supper -- Part-1

This do in remembrance of me, this memorial is one of the greatest things we can do to remember and honor our Lord. That is to partake of this great supper that was given to us by Jesus Christ himself and wherever God's people come together for this supper it causes us to remember, just how much Jesus Christ loved us and was willing to give for his fellowman, this is the reason our minds need to be centered upon the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, it will help to continue to appreciate the crucifixion of our Lord and savior after Jesus Christ.

1. The Lord's Supper looks inward. Self-examination, *1 Corinthians 11:28* But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. This examination is to be done by myself not anyone else, I am to look inside my soul and to see where I stand and if my position is not right before God I need to change, neither is anyone else to examine me.

2. Paul says our mind is to be focused on the Lord and nothing else. *1 Corinthians 11:29* For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself not discerning the Lord's body. Some think the apostle Paul is saying here we must be worthy or perfect, but I really believe it is the frame of mind, is what he is writing about here, and not perfection. Our minds must be centered upon that crucified savior Jesus Christ, not someone else, or anything else but the one who died for us on Calvary's cross; Remember this is a cup of blessing that we are drinking and I really believe those who follow the teaching of Jesus are blessed when they do this, the way the Lord teaches and they do it with the right frame of mind.

3. The Lord's Supper looks forward *1 Corinthians 11:26* For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he comes. When people ask why we take the Lord's Supper every first day of the week. It shows we believe the Lord is coming back just like he promised. It also shows we believe it is right to obey the command we find *Acts 20:7*. And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them ready to depart on the morrow. Since there is a first day in every week, they jointly participated in the Lord's Supper, what has changed, we still have a first day in every week, 52 of them in a year, should we not be taking the Lord's Supper today, on ever first day of the week, like the early church did. To take this supper any other time than the first day of the week is going against the teaching of Jesus Christ. The one who died for us. Next week we will look at the tokens involved in taking the Lord's Supper and what those tokens represent. (Thank You for reading this article.) And God Bless All.

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What is in your future as we go into 2022?

If you make new year resolutions, maybe one could be to examine your attitude. Often our attitudes determine the outcome of any situation and sometimes over time we let circumstances around us cause us to have a bad attitude and instead of a good attitude. In other words, we become someone God never intended for us to be. If everybody around us at work has a bad attitude its hard for us to have a good attitude.

The scriptures show that as a Christian we should be people that let our lights shine in a dark and sinful world. *Matt. 5:16*, Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Attitude in the bible is translated as the heart, mind, and countenance. Its not always easy to do this is it? Sometimes the devil, which is the prince of this world, can really get us down. *1 Peter 5:8*, Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. We all know our attitudes determine our success or failure in things that pertain to this life. This also applies to our attitude towards our spiritual wellbeing.

The apostle Paul told the congregation at Philippi in chapter 3:13-14, This one thing I do, in getting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

It's sad that often our attitudes can change toward God based upon what somebody said or done. We need to be careful about letting people change our relationship with God or becoming hard hearted toward God over something someone says or does. We are all human; we are subject to mess up to make mistakes. Our Savior does not make mistakes and he does not change, *Hebrews 13:8*, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Who controls your attitude God or man?

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Roy Gene and Anita Todd, property in Rockcastle County, to Eric Sumner Shaw Pitman. Tax \$220

Willard and Virginia Durham, property in Negro Creek Section, to Laura Murphy. Tax \$104

Cletis R. Brown and Kaci Brown, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Kaci Brown. No tax

Danny and Sue Ford and John D. and Angela Ford, property in Holbrook Estates, to Joshua and Jennifer Michelle Bowles. Tax \$26

Michael David and Sheila Lovell, property on Menifee Hill Road, to Joshua C. and Jana Bray. Tax \$85

City of Mt. Vernon, property in Valley Manor Subdv., to Robert and Amberly Harrison. Tax \$3

The Beulah T. Lear Irrevocable Living Trust, property in Rockcastle County, to Mike Lear. No tax

Alan Curtis Helton, Jr. and Lavonda Helton, and others, property in Newland Addition to City of Brodhead, to Stevie Duff. Tax \$30

Terry and Marlene Lawson, property in Rockcastle County, to Makenna J. Roberts. No tax

Marriage Licenses

Candi Leann Wright, 37, Brodhead, unemployed and Brandon Lee Walters, 28, Brodhead, self-employed. 1/4/22

Circuit Civil Suits

Margaret Allen vs. Ken Wallace, complaint.

Jonas Lee Murphy vs. Abigail Nicole Durham, petition for dissolution of marriage.

John Matthew Harris vs. Lanna Jo Harris, petition for dissolution of marriage.

DNF Associates, LLC vs. Donna Pratt, complaint.

Lakeland Rentals, LLC vs. Adrian Spencer, et al, complaint.

Nathan Lee Deleon vs. Jennifer Lynn Deleon, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lauren Vonlinger vs. Johnathan Luke Vonlinger, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Credit Corp. Solutions, Inc. vs. Sherrie Combs, complaint.

Tori Dawn Gregg vs. Roscoe Andrew Smith, complaint.

Onemain Financial Group, LLC vs. Stephanie Hensley, complaint.

Keylien Corporation vs. Vonda Stewart, et al, foreclosure.

Donnie Barnett vs. Rose Barnett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Samantha Vanhook vs. Scotty Hellard, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Hamza Mohamed vs. Toni Young, et al, complaint.

Jennifer Lynne Bustle vs. Jeffery Curtis Howard, petition for dis-

solution of marriage.

William Dillion Asher vs. Kristan Nicole Asher, petition for dissolution of marriage.

James Edward Hayes vs. Erin Louise Hayes, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. James Bradley, complaint.

Whitney Elam vs. LM Asphalt Partners, LTD, et al, complaint.

Lawana Lucille Begley vs. Kenneth Edward Begley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tiffany A. Howell vs. Barbara L. Walker, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Tammy Stevens, complaint.

Brandon Baker vs. Carissa Ingram, petition for dissolution of marriage.

KFBMIC (A/S/O Jesses Coffey) vs. Ellison Mobile Home Transport, complaint.

Krissy Marie Dooley vs. Mitchell Dale Dooley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kentucky Tax Company, LLC vs. Vi Ellis, et al, foreclosure.

Breanna Lashay Patterson vs. Joshua Pace Patterson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Cabinet for Health and Family vs. Adam Walker, complaint for child support and medical support.

Pennie Larae Monk vs. Tony Edwin Monk, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tony Andrew Bullock, Jr. vs. Shawna Penny-Lynne Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Brenda Spires vs. Jackie D. Burdine, et al, complaint.

C&C Specialized Trucking LLC vs. Connor J. Shaw, et al, complaint.

Christopher Chad Cunagin vs. Casey McIntosh, complaint.

U.S. Bank National Association vs. Joshua Shepherd, complaint.

Susan Boggs vs. Adam Nottingham, petition for dissolution of marriage. 22-CI-00008

District Civil Suits

Commonwealth of KY Ex Rel William Landrum III vs. Robert Shuler, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Amelia Nicely, complaint.

Cavalry SPV 1, LLC as assignee vs. Robert Teeters, complaint.

Nashville Acquisition, LLC dba Lincoln Co. vs. Austin Brown, complaint.

DNF Associates LLC vs. Jessica A. Childress, complaint.

Castle Village Apartments vs. Sara Snyder, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Nancy Miller, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Ashley Thomas, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Kevin Lockwood, complaint.

Cash Express LLC vs. Paul Anderson, complaint.

Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon vs. Amber Allen, forcible detainer complaint.

Jim Neely vs. William Rose, forcible detainer

complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Candance Lear, et al, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Daniel Miller, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. David Gastineau, complaint.

Stevie Lakes vs. Alana (Blair) Miller, forcible detainer complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jerri Pride, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associate, LLC vs. Steven Saylor, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Summer Guy, complaint.

Commonwealth of KY ex rel William Landrum III vs. Samantha Smith, taxes due.

Commonwealth of KY ex rel William Landrum III vs. James Brown, taxes due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Donald Dees, complaint.

Larry Newcomb vs. Brandon Hoskins, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Angela Carter, complaint.

Susan Palladino vs. Violet Raley, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Horn Investments

LLC vs. Billy Carpenter, forcible detainer complaint.

Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Aaron Tibbets, complaint.

World Finance Company of Kentucky, LLC vs. Amanda Renner, complaint.

World Finance Company of Kentucky, LLC vs. Mark Isaacs, complaint.

Republic Finance, LLC vs. Elizabeth A. Washburn, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Janie Grace, complaint. 22-C-00007

District Court

12/20/21-1/05/22

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Hon. Kathryn G. Stone

Speeding: John Keith Bradley, \$50 fine plus costs; Chasity Michelle Deering, license suspended for fta;

Melissa Ann Fuson: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and four other charges, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Randy E. Harrison: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no/expired K'n-

tucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Billy Hines: public intoxication controlled substance, bw issued for fta.

Brittany Ramsey: license to be in possession, \$25 fine/costs waived; failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine.

Brian Wilson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, alcohol intoxication in a public place,

failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Jerry Barron: public intoxication controlled substance, 10 days in jail to serve/costs waived.

Billy Hines: public intoxication controlled sub., 30 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Gordon Sowder: resisting arrest and drug paraphernalia-buy/possession, 10 days/each count/concurrent/credit time served/costs merged.

Yards to Paradise

Aquascapes, Ponds,scapes, Waterscapes: What All Do You Call a Pond?

And whom do you call if you want one? Waterfalls, streams, ponds and pondless waterfalls are all popular waterfeatures for the homeowner who wants a relaxing waterfall, just-a-falls, or a place to enjoy fish, frogs, butterflies and birds and other wildlife. A watergarden contractor will be more useful than a general contractor, landscapers or a grass cutting business. Adding water and musical sounds to your garden with a romantic waterfall is one of the most relaxing and also organic and sustainable practices...the water recirculates as a submersible pump that economically runs for years 24/7/365 powers the backyard pond in the yard or garden. Other options are rain gardens and dry creeks; guttering can create waterfalls when it rains.

For about five years I held a title of "Certified Aquascape Contractor". Another time I held a "top gun" plaque for exemplary work. But, so many claim this or that—it's like "master gardeners" some may be, but having a certificate saying so does not a master gardener make. Having won numerous prizes and having some of my waterfeatures on educational channels, I can say titles are nice. But the best recommendation is a satisfied customer. Been building waterfalls and ponds for over twenty years, but there is so much to learn that one never knows everything about ponds or watergardens.

Few sights and sounds in life ever come close to those of a lovely body of water. It might be the ocean, or it might be a mountain brook, or a lovely manmade waterfeature in someone's yard.

The topic today is man made ones. Be they called ponds, watergardens or whatever, a quality feature is an asset to a prop-

erty, and also can offer hours and hours of mesmerizing experiences for the homeowner and the whole family.

Ponds can be earth lined containments that sport fishing and canoeing and the like. Backyard watergrdens (or front yard ones—like I built in my own yard twenty years ago) are more likely to be the habitat of some goldfish and a few frogs.

Some of the waterfeatures that are in demand are ponds, streams, pondless waterfalls, bubbling stones, formal falls, fountains, and just about any other name you can imagine.

It is recommended that a homeowner dreaming of a pond do some due diligence. Look at lots of photos. Tour some real features that have been built by a contractor, tour some built by the folks in the neighborhood. Even look at failures, and ask who built them, so as to not make the same mistake of having that contractor building one for you.

No matter what you call it, a water feature can be a lovely sight to be proud of, and an investment in something special. In real estate everyone knows location is important—and a property with running water always has more value.

Aquascapes, ponds,scapes, waterscapes—just a bunch of ways of saying that combining water with landscaping gives a good return on investment and gives hours of pleasure to the lover of ponds and waterfalls, if they're 'nature made' of built right by man. Happy ponding in the year ahead.

The author is a landscaper specializing in waterfalls. www.rockcastles.net



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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative

The 2022 session is underway. The first week of session is always a hectic time; but this year, has proven especially so. The

State Constitution requires the General Assembly to redraw the legislative districts every ten years following the release of the Census. Usually, the results of the Census are released at the beginning of April. This year, because of delays due to Covid, they weren't released until September. This means that instead of being able to draw the maps over the summer and take the issue up during a special session, everything had to be pushed back and tackled during our first week of this session.

The House crafted a plan for all one hundred House districts and the seven Kentucky Supreme Court districts, while the Senate drew the lines for their plan and the Congressional plan. We worked to make all House and Supreme Court districts more compact, while still maintaining as much continuity as possible for constituents. Unfortunately, four sets of my colleagues saw their districts combined because of population shifts. The plan was fairly crafted and the results have been hailed as the best redistricting effort in modern history.

Not one House district remains unchanged, and sadly this means our district will also look different. Rockcastle will become the geographic center of the 71st House District. It loses Garrard County and picks up a large portion of northern Pulaski County and western Laurel County. The

portion of Madison County has shifted south to encompass almost all the city of Berea. In making these changes, our district has become much more compact.

Rocket Storage

will be selling contents of the following storage units on Saturday, January 29th

Crawford St. • 8:00 a.m.

Unit #s 4, 18, 28, 31, 55, 60, 62

Richmond St. • 8:15 a.m.

Unit #s 69, 72, 76

West Main St. • 8:30 a.m.

Unit #s 30, 31

Old Highway 150 • 8:45 a.m.

Unit #s 7, 14, 15, 16, 39

“Water”

(Continued from front) harmless but they contacted the Division of Water to investigate the situation for the sake of safety. However, according to officials at the Livingston Municipal Waterworks, the London office of the DOW issued no boil water advisory after investigating.

In fact, Water Department Director Bryan Mahaffey reached out to water experts at Woods Creek Water Company, who supplies Livingston's water, for advice. "I took them around and we inspected the water lines and they assured me there were no contaminants in the water and it wasn't dangerous," said Mahaffey. "Everything came out safe and we really aren't sure what caused the discoloration."

A customer in Livingston had reported the color in the water and soon more calls were received. Mahaffey began immediately searching for the reason for the discoloration.

Mahaffey and other water officials spent the day Friday flushing the water mains in the City of Livingston and asking the citizens of Livingston to turn on the water in their home to flush those lines as well.

Officials in Livingston say home owners and renters will not be charged for the water they use by leaving the faucets on for over an hour.

At presstime, officials still did not know the cause of the discoloration but said he was assured the water is not contaminated and he will continue to monitor the situation.

“Storm”

(Continued from front) in the past 24 hours," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. This is especially bad timing for his department since the Sheriff himself is out with four broken ribs and one of his three deputies tested positive with COVID this week. "Our other deputy has just completed multiple days of overtime. It is tough times right now," he said.

Utility companies also reported large power outages in Rockcastle and other surrounding counties. KU, had reported many outages by Sunday evening but didn't have an exact number and Jackson Energy reported over 5,000 customers with no power. Many of those in Rockcastle County.

The packed ice has broken many tree limbs which fall onto power lines causing some of the outages, officials say.

However, officials at local utility companies say workers are attacking the outages at "break neck" speeds and will not stop until power is fully restored.

Rockcastle County roads began to show pavement again by mid morning Monday while most surrounding county roads were still impassable.

Once again no fatalities were reported but local EMS and first responders delivered needed medication to some homebound residents while working on accidents and clearing roadways.

According to Franklin, the multiple weather emergencies are being

handled as smoothly as possible due to the attitude of Rockcastle County first responders. "Local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, EMS crews, constables, wrecker services, and everyone involved are working so hard together to make Rockcastle County a great place to live," said Franklin.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet distributed their recommendations for safe travel during such storms.

They include, paying close attention to weather advisories prior to travel, stay home unless it is absolutely necessary, maintain a safe distance at all times, never pass a snowplow, allow extra time for travel, fully supply your vehicle with emergency supplies, eliminate distractions and move to the shoulder in the event of a non-injury accident.

Thus far in 2022, there has not been a week without a weather advisory and this trend continues to hold. According to Jordan Smith of Rockcastle Weather, there may be a chance of heavy rain or accumulating snow by the end of the week.

Smith also recorded 7.2 inches of snow in Livingston from Sunday and Monday's snow fall.

Even after this second snow event of 2022, Holbrook says the salt supply in Rockcastle County is still in excellent condition. "We had about 270 tons before this storm hit and there is a lot still in the bins," he said. "I hope we don't need it but we have salt ready if we do," he said.

“Audit”

(Continued from front) that there was one tiny little thing that the student didn't understand. One little thing. Once we found that, we focused on it and they get it now and are doing great in geometry. That kind of thing is not replaceable in a student's education."

After the RES presentation, three teachers were recognized for their recent certification as National Board Certified Teachers. "This is a tremendous program and it is very, very difficult. This demonstrates an amazing dedication and will to become the best teacher they can be and they deserve special recognition," said Carrie Ballinger, Superintendent. Renee Parker, Stephanie Hurst and Serenity Hopkins were presented with their certification to applause from those present.

Audit
Next on the agenda, Shad J. Allen, CPA, PLLC, presented the annual district audit to the board. "The purpose of the annual audit is to provide an opinion in several areas. In this audit, Rockcastle County has the highest opinion," said Allen. "One thing you can be sure of. When Jenny (Sweet, Finance Director) provides you with the financial statements, they are correct and accurate."

Allen continued to say the district scored at the top of every category including government compliance and state and federal grant money usage. "Looking for findings (errors in accounting or procedures) there were no findings," he said. "Rockcastle County is sitting very well financially. My message to this board is, Job well done."

The audit is required by state and federal departments of education annually.

Budget
After the report, Sweet provided the first version of a draft budget for the 2022-23 school year. "This budget is a base line. A starting point and it will change a lot from here," said Sweet. "This is a very conservative estimate in all funds and a first step in starting to prepare a budget."

Sweet said SEEK funding is based on \$4,000 per student and there are currently 2,811 students enrolled in the Rockcastle County School system and there are 213 teachers and 560 employees. The enrollment last year, according to Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert, was 2,723 and that he is glad to see the number rising. "We are on the rise," said Reppert. "In fact, there are 21 more students enrolled now than there were at the beginning of this year. We hope it continues to grow." Sweet also said the draft continues to show a \$1.8 million contingency fund. Much more than required by law.

Sweet said Ballinger and others will begin work on the salary schedule which may change the budget in April when the schedule is complete and the working budget is expected to be presented in September. "This is the beginning of a long process," said Sweet.

Chairman Angie Stallworth Mink, who was reappointed as Chairman during the meeting, requested to be involved in a work session concerning salary schedules before it is finalized.

The best news for the board came when Sweet said there are several issues before the legislature currently that may greatly increase funding for the 22-23 year including a possible massive increase in transportation as well as an increase in SEEK funding. However, the salary continues to be the biggest draw on school funds. "This is a good thing in many ways. Our budget is focused entirely on our students and a well trained, teacher is the key to that," said Sweet. "But we will continue to look at every single position very carefully and we have CERS (the state pension system) and the 12% increase in that payment again this year to consider. The CERS payment is \$122,584 plus that 12% increase coming up."

Currently, Sweet said over 80% of the budget goes directly to personnel. "That really should be between 78 and 80 percent and we are going to have to look at cost of living increases when calculating the budget."

The board voted to accept the draft budget and begin work toward a final version.

Ballinger also discussed the strategic planning committee and said the district strategic plan will be considered when completing the budget and salary schedules.

Comments
Ballinger also said she hopes everyone understand the national and state difficulties with the supply chain currently especially in the food delivery area. "Every single student has and will receive a good, nutritious meal but it may not be exactly what we planned," said Ballinger.

Superintendent report

The board also heard

the Superintendent's personnel action report. It is as follows:

Full time certified employees hired
Pamela Miller, teacher at BES; Robert Ledington, teacher at RCMS; Sarah Hasty, teacher at Bes.

Full time classified employees hired
Rebekah Hurley and Kristin Childress, instructional assistants at BES; Shirley Gibson, instructional assistant at RCHS; Brent Jones, custodian at RES; Donald Minton, bus driver; April McGuire, cook/baker at RCMS.

Resignations
David Stivers, bus driver; Carla McFerron, instructional assistant at MVES; Scott Parkey, LBD teacher at RCHS; Viena Anderson, instructional assistant.

Retirements
Jennifer Payne
Certified substitutes
Ashley Burton, Hannah Zanet and Carla McFerron, substitute teachers.

Classified substitutes
Cody Durham, sub bus driver; Sandra Tyler and Julia Alcorn, sub bus monitors; Preston Swanson, sub custodian.

“Calendar”

(Continued from front)

"There isn't a lot in this calendar that can't be changed at this point," Reppert said. "After careful review and consideration, this seemed to be a general calendar and the board can make any suggestions or changes you wish."

According to Reppert the calendar is subject to change before final approval of the board. The calendar as it was presented, includes 170 instructional days with four holidays including Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. Other days off include spring break, President's Day, MLK Day, Election Day, fall break and Labor Day.

According to the calendar, the first day of school for the 2022-23 school year will be Tuesday, August 17 and the last day will be Thursday, May 24.

The calendar shows a fall break beginning Monday, October 3 and lasting through Friday October 7. The Christmas break begins on Monday, December 19 and lasts through Monday, January 2. However, January 3rd is listed as a PD Day and school will restart on January 4.

Spring break is shown beginning Monday, April 3 and lasting through Friday April 7.

The last day of school for students is shown as May 24, but closing day for teachers will be May 25, according to the calendar if there are no makeup days required.

The board will review the calendar and take comments or suggestions from anyone until the final calendar is complete.

“Court”

(Continued from front) request for maximum deputy and assistant salaries at \$254,000.

Magistrates approved \$1,140 to the Rockcastle County Development Board for program support.

The Sheriff's Department gave the fiscal court a check for \$25,000 in excess fees and provided the proposed 2022 budget showing receipts of \$651,789 and total disbursements of \$636,789

with total estimated excess fees at \$15,000. The Sheriff's Department purchased a 2021 Dodge Durango for \$35,000 last week using unexpected one-time surplus from their 2021 budget.

Department officials also asked the court to approve the purchase of an accident reconstruction kit for \$13,265. Deputy Sam Brock recently completed a six-week training course on the equipment and he told the court that the equipment can cut the time a deputy has to be on the scene of an accident by several hours. The Sheriff's department also reported 1,083 accidents worked in the county in 2021. Of those, 723 involved injuries.

The court also approved returning \$7,715 to the Energy and Environment Cabinet with Environmental Protection. The county received \$15,000 in June of 2021 for disposal of hazardous waste but the county only used a portion of the funds available and must return the unused portion of the grant.

The court also approved a payment of \$219,276 to the London Communications Radio Service. Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., said the payment, made by the CSEPP, provides the radio service for 911 and all first responder's radio communication equipment and replacement repeaters for all of the sites in Rockcastle County.

The court also agreed to purchase a fencing system that can be removed and set up in different locations for the Brodhead ball fields for \$1,065.

Magistrates also approved a \$2,500 donation to the American Red Cross after receiving a letter from the agency claiming to have helped 74 Rockcastle County

residents and responded to 22 disasters in the county. The letter claimed the Red Cross spent over \$40,000 on Rockcastle residents.

The court also approved a \$350 donation to the Rockcastle County All American Club. The court typically makes this donation twice per year for a total of \$700 annually.

The court then heard the financial report from Treasurer Joseph Clontz. The report includes the receipts and disbursements for 14 county funds.

There was also a request from an employee who had worked for the county for four days and then tested positive for COVID-19, to be paid for time off work. Since the employee is required to be off work once a positive test is received, Magistrate Mike McGuire made a motion to pay the employee in this case but to then create a county policy that matches other benefit policies of not becoming eligible for such benefits until after 30 days of employment. Since no such policy existed on this matter at the time the employee caught COVID-19, the court agreed to pay this employee but use the new policy for any future requests.

The court then agreed to pay vouchers and claims.

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

Happy Birthday to Sherry Adams from Charlene Reynolds.

MVFD Awards

The Mount Vernon Fire Department annual Awards Dinner was held Saturday, January 8 with about 50 firefighter present.

Awards had been voted on by their peers and handed out during the ceremony. Those receiving awards were:

Keaton McClure, Junior Firefighter of the Year; Ryan Romic, Rookie of the Year; Camden Mink, Firefighter of the Year;

Lieutenant Wesley Durham, Officer of the Year; Camdon Mink, Most Responses in 2021; Sgt. Michael Parsons, most hours of training; Josh Jackson, five years of service; David Wynn, 10 years of service; Lieutenant Wesley Durham, 10 years of service.

The Brindle Ridge Fire Department provided stand by service while the ceremony took place.

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Rockets move to 12-7 with wins over Anderson and Casey

The Rockcastle Rockets picked up two wins this past week defeating Anderson County and Casey County.

The two wins move the Rockets to 12-7 on the season.

Tuesday, January 11th, the Rockets hosted Anderson and came away with a 64-40 victory.

Senior Daniel Mullins led his team with 18 points followed by fellow senior Jake Sanders with 15. Reese Coguer and Drew Hopkins each scored eight, Broedy Dunaway added seven, Walker Craig and Matthew Chasteen each scored four.

Hopkins led the team with 10 rebounds, Sanders had six, Mullins and Chasteen each had five, Coguer had two and Dunaway, Skyler Durham and Kaden Kidwell each picked up one.

The Rockets, once again, were impressive

from the charity stripe making seven of nine for 78 percent.

Friday night, the Rockets traveled to Casey County and came away with a 56-49 win.

The Rockets had a balance scoring with four starters in double figures.

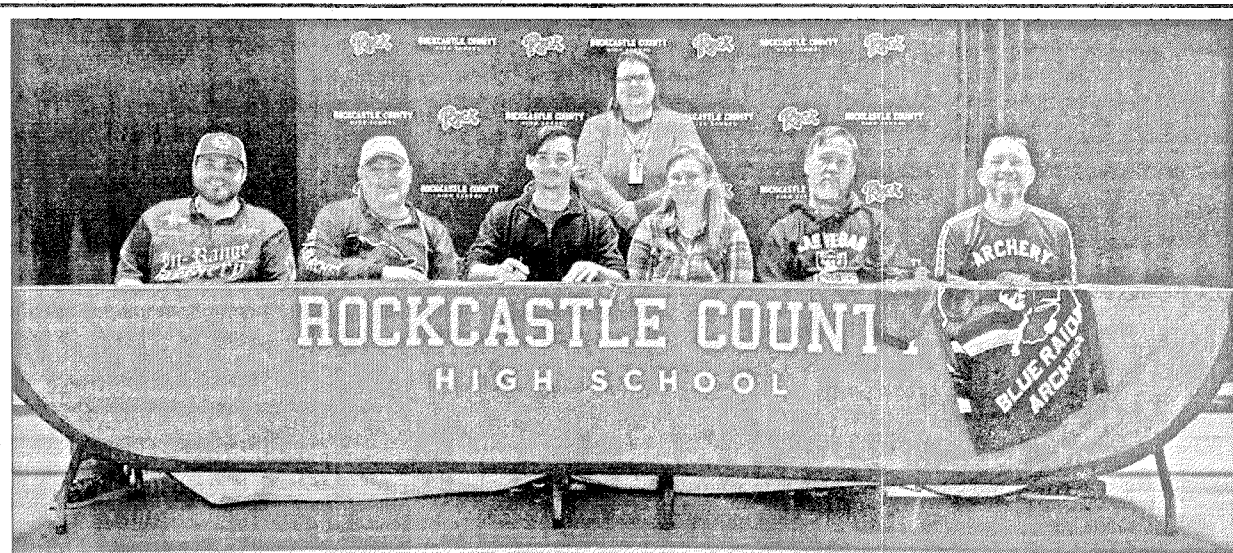
Daniel Mullins led his team again with 19 points. Drew Hopkins and Jake Sanders each had 12, Reese Coguer added 11 and Broedy Dunaway scored two.

Sanders, Hopkins and Coguer each had five rebounds, Matthew Chasteen had four, Mullins and Broedy Dunaway each had three.

The Rockets were 13 of 19 from the free throw line.

The Rockets host undefeated Pulaski County Friday night in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.

The play Carroll County Saturday and will host Berea next Tuesday.



Ramsey signs with LWC

Rockcastle senior TJ Ramsey signed his letter-of-intent to continue his archery career as a member of the Lindsey Wilson College Blue Raider Archery Team. TJ ranked in the Top 10 in the Nation, and placed fifth in the 2021 NASP open worlds. Joining TJ and coaches from LWC for the signing were his parents, Joe and Kim Ramsey, RCHS archery coach Neil Bray and former RCHS archery coach Melissa Renner.

Lady Rockets lose to Jaguars and Rebels

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets lost a close one last Friday night to Casey County, 44-38.

In a low-scoring affair, the game was tied at the end of the third quarter at 27, but the Lady Rockets couldn't pull it out as the Lady Rebels outscored them 17-11 in the final period.

The Lady Rockets were led by eighth grader Taylor King with 10 points. Camryn Cash added eight, Talyne Shearer had seven, Addison McClure added five and Karlee Smith and Haven King each had four.

Taylor King and Shearer had five rebounds, Haven King and McClure added four and Cash and Karlee Smith each had one rebound.

The Rockets made only nine of 17 free throws and shot 33 percent from the field.

The Lady Rockets took a tough one on the chin Tuesday, January 11th with a 62-38 loss to North Laurel.

Talyne Shearer led the Rockets with 12 points followed by Haven King with 11. Taylor King and Camryn Cash each had five, Calliegh Burdette added three and Savannah Santo had two.

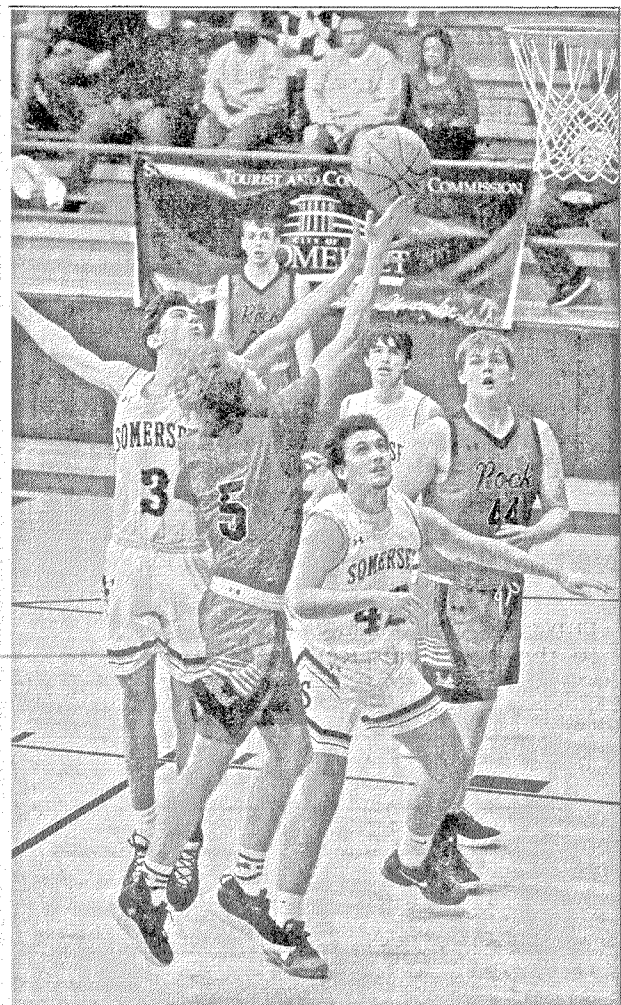
Shearer also led her team with seven rebounds.

The Lady Rockets will host district foe Pulaski County Friday night at 6 p.m. in a doubleheader with the Rockets, travel to Marion County Saturday for a

6 p.m. tipoff and host McCreary Central Monday.



Talyne Shearer and the Lady Rockets host Pulaski County Friday night at 6 p.m. in a doubleheader.



Drew Hopkins, at left, and the Rockcastle Rockets have upped their record to 12-7 on the season with wins over Anderson County and Casey County. Rockcastle hosts Pulaski County this Friday in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets with play starting at 6 p.m.

Tips to prevent frozen pipes this winter season

As arctic cold returns, Kentucky American Water encourages customers to take a few minutes to help prevent their homes' water pipes from freezing this winter.

"Taking a few simple steps now can help prevent inconvenience and costly damage this winter," said Vice President of Operations David Farrar. "We encourage customers to spend a few minutes assessing their homes and completing a few simple tasks so that their homes are well-prepared for colder temperatures."

Frozen water lines typically occur in areas such as crawl spaces or along the outside walls where unprotected plumbing tends to be more vulnerable to the elements. Customers are encouraged to do the following:

- Disconnect garden hoses from your home. If you have an irrigation system, make sure it is turned off and drained.

- Search your house for un-insulated water pipes, especially in un-heated areas. Check attics, crawl spaces, and outside walls. Consider wrapping pipes with insulation sleeves. Another option is electric heating tape but follow manufacturers' instructions carefully to avoid a fire hazard.

- Seal cracks and holes in outside walls and foundations with caulking to keep cold air away from pipes.

- Drain and shut off entirely the water to any unoccupied residence such as a summer or vacation home. A loss of power during a winter storm could cause pipes

to freeze.

Once cold weather arrives, follow these tips:

- Set the thermostat no lower than 55 degrees if you're going out of town. Although you may be able to get away with a lower temperature, this setting is safe for pipes.

- When below-freezing temperatures occur, keep a slow trickle of water flowing through faucets supplied by pipes that run through unheated or unprotected spaces. This will help prevent the water in pipes from freezing.

- Keep kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes.

- Make sure you know where your main water shut-off valve is located inside your home so that you can shut off your water quickly in the event of a water pipe leak. This valve is often located in a utility room, closet or in the basement or crawlspace.

Visit Kentucky American Water's website at kentuckyamwater.com for more tips on water-related matters, or connect with the company on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.



Members of the Rockcastle County School Board presented certificates to three teachers who recently received the National Board Certification after long and difficult testing. Shown from left are, Renee Parker, Stephanie Hurst and Serenity Hopkins.



Several members of the school system were recognized last week for their work in helping send goods to the Western Kentucky storm damage victims recently. Shown receiving recognition from the school board from left are Brett Noble, Adam Poynter, Garry Prewitt, Ronnie McKinney, Jason Cash and Ken Hopkins. Not pictured but also recognized were Cody Durham, David Bryant, James Poynter, Trent Clark and Dennis Rigsby.

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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2020, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fund balances of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2020, and their respective cash receipts and disbursements, and budgetary results for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and Schedule of Capital Assets are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

The Schedule of Capital Assets has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 18, 2021 on our consideration of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

- 2020-001 The Fiscal Court Did Not Ensure All Timesheets Were Prepared Properly And Approved Prior To Payment
- 2020-002 The Fiscal Court Had Overdrawn Bank Accounts In Numerous Accounts During Fiscal Year 2020
- 2020-003 The Fiscal Court Did Not Remit Health Reimbursement Account and Flex Fund Account Payments Timely Or Accurately
- 2020-004 The Fiscal Court Does Not Have Adequate Internal Controls Over The Purchase Order System
- 2020-005 The Rockcastle County Detention Center Lacks Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts, Disbursements, And The Bank Reconciliations For The Commissary and Inmate Bank Accounts
- 2020-006 The Jailer Lacks Adequate Internal Controls Over The Overall Environment Of The Detention Center
- 2020-007 The Jailer Failed To Properly Reconcile The Commissary And Inmate Bank Accounts
- 2020-008 The Jailer Lacks Internal Controls Over Inmate and Commissary Receipts

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy R. Patrick, CPA

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November 18, 2021

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020

GENERAL FUND

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 3,462,775	\$ 3,479,816	\$ 3,374,467	\$ (105,349)
In Lieu Tax Payments	43,850	43,850		(43,850)
Excess Fees	65,861	91,151	91,151	
Licenses and Permits	18,100	18,100	17,226	(874)
Intergovernmental	240,253	280,496	274,756	(5,740)
Charges for Services	16,500	22,576	21,574	(1,002)
Miscellaneous	257,100	268,688	46,584	(222,104)
Interest	48,750	48,750	31,899	(16,851)
Total Receipts	4,153,189	4,253,427	3,857,657	(395,770)

DISBURSEMENTS

General Government	1,462,972	1,576,056	1,392,849	183,207
Protection to Persons and Property	227,851	232,565	205,302	27,263
General Health and Sanitation	129,013	143,313	134,919	8,394
Social Services	29,900	30,315	9,486	20,829
Recreation and Culture	95,100	106,530	38,300	68,230
Debt Service	706,007	4,331,211	4,253,257	77,954
Capital Projects	4,500	4,500		4,500
Administration	952,060	715,980	407,577	308,403
Total Disbursements	3,607,403	7,140,470	6,441,690	698,780
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	545,786	(2,887,043)	(2,584,033)	303,010
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Financing Obligation Proceeds		3,645,000	3,645,000	
Transfers From Other Funds		155,000	155,000	
Transfers To Other Funds	(744,261)	(1,131,328)	(1,133,779)	(2,451)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(744,261)	2,668,672	2,666,221	(2,451)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(198,475)	(218,371)	82,188	300,559
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	198,475	218,371	218,370	(1)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 300,558	\$ 300,558

ROAD FUND

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
In Lieu Tax Payments	\$ 25,750	\$ 25,750	\$ 27,317	\$ 1,567
Intergovernmental	1,861,879	2,393,932	2,122,977	(270,955)
Miscellaneous	10,000	75,716	71,615	(4,101)
Interest	400	519	571	52
Total Receipts	1,898,029	2,495,917	2,222,480	(273,437)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	18,000	18,000	18,000	
Roads	1,230,550	2,002,596	1,920,038	82,558
Debt Service	172,869	174,133	174,133	
Administration	481,421	1,163,761	331,622	832,139
Total Disbursements	1,902,840	3,358,490	2,443,793	914,697
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(4,811)	(862,573)	(221,313)	641,260
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds		951,247	783,644	(167,603)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		851,247	683,644	(167,603)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(4,811)	(11,326)	462,331	473,657
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	4,811	11,326	11,326	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 473,657	\$ 473,657

JAIL FUND

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 837,700	\$ 837,900	\$ 813,490	\$ (24,410)
Charges for Services	28,000	28,000	15,626	(12,374)
Miscellaneous	36,000	40,232	42,368	2,136
Interest	100	100	86	(14)
Total Receipts	901,800	906,232	871,570	(34,662)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	1,115,570	1,156,854	1,132,486	24,368
Debt Service	94,363	94,363	94,363	
Administration	380,730	430,263	385,692	44,571
Total Disbursements	1,590,663	1,681,480	1,612,541	68,939
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(688,863)	(775,248)	(740,971)	34,277
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	618,617	760,000	735,000	(25,000)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	618,617	705,000	680,000	(25,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(70,246)	(70,248)	(60,971)	9,277
Fund Balance - Beginning	70,246	70,248	70,248	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,277	\$ 9,277

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 273,000	\$ 273,000	\$ 207,238	\$ (65,762)
Miscellaneous	14,500	14,512	5,251	(9,261)
Interest	132	132	28	(104)
Total Receipts	287,632	287,644	212,517	(75,127)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	44,848	45,194	38,605	6,589
Protection to Persons and Property	117,684	114,284	66,430	47,854
General Health and Sanitation	81,815	85,304	69,790	15,514
Social Services	1,000	1,000		1,000
Roads	35,600	35,600	25,588	10,012
Administration	75,725	78,764	57,621	21,143
Total Disbursements	356,672	360,146	258,034	102,112
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(69,040)	(72,502)	(45,517)	26,985
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	36,538	40,000	40,000	
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	36,538	40,000	40,000	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(32,502)	(32,502)	(5,517)	26,985
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	32,502	32,502	32,502	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 26,985	\$ 26,985

FORESTRY FUND

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,421	\$ (79)
Interest				
Total Receipts	1,500	1,500	1,421	(79)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	2,555	2,555	2,555	
Administration	38	38		38
Total Disbursements	2,593	2,593	2,555	38
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(1,093)	(1,093)	(1,134)	(41)
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds			500	500
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			500	500
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,093)	(1,093)	(634)	459
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,093	1,093	1,093	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 459	\$ 459

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Before Christmas break, Mrs. Starla's 3rd grade class at BES participated in an interdisciplinary unit of study focused on owls. During these lessons, students read informational text, identified the main idea, targeted supporting details, used sequencing strategies when comprehending, and discovered how text features are used to help the reader visualize important information from the text. Students were eager to discover the adaptations that owls have that allow them to be effective nighttime hunters and those used for protection. There was a great sense of awe and amazement while uncovering the complex workings of an owl's digestive system. To finalize this great adventure of learning and discovery, students unwrapped and dissected owl pellets. Dissecting and categorizing the bones of the nighttime meal, allowed students to discover just what was for dinner.



Thank you for your help...

At the beginning of the school year, certified elementary school teachers were in short supply. To fill a kindergarten position Mrs. Rita Shaffer came to the rescue of Brodhead Elementary School. She used her expertise and many years of experience to once again teach kindergarten. In order to provide her students with an aesthetically pleasing classroom, books, and toys, she elicited the help of our amazing community. Mrs. Rita wanted to recognize these people by saying "I would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANKS to these people for donating toys/books to my classroom at the beginning of the school year. I had no toys for the students to play with during indoor recess and with the help of these people they made the kids have items to play with in the classroom during rainy days and also on some Fun Fridays! Thank you Dana Carerra - Made Whole Counseling and Consulting, Sherry Spragens, Debra Johnson, Tiffany Graves, Callie Shaffer, and Robyn Rumsey. Again "Thanks" I really appreciated your help! Rita Shaffer."

Mt. Vernon Message

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

Academic Practice on the following dates until 4:45: January 11, 13, 20, and 27.

Silcox Shaved Ice will be at MVES on Friday, January 28.

Report Cards go home on Thursday, January 20.

MVES PTG Mustangs in Motion are schedule to meet Thursday, January 20 at 5:15.

Please write your child's name inside their coats so that they can easily identify their coats if misplaced.

In case of inclement weather and school is closed or dismissed early, you can check any of the following:

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Allen named to Dean's List

Michael Allen, of Mount Vernon, has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Berea College.

A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.



Recently Brodhead Elementary School was fortunate enough to purchase a book machine. The machine is used as an incentive for the students that have good behavior, work hard, help others or that may need a pick me up. The machine is loaded with books that range from kindergarten level to 5/6 grade level. The students receive a pass from their teacher that they bring to the office for a golden token to purchase the book they would like. The book is then theirs to take home and keep. We hope the machine helps our kids' love for reading grow and flourish over the years. The machine would not have been possible without EST Tool and Dye, Citizens Bank, and Community Trust Bank.

Cumberlands President's List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the President's List for the fall 2021 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. (Note: All students who are named to the President's List automatically make the Dean's List, since the Dean's List requires a minimum cumulative

GPA of 3.5; however, Cumberlands only lists students on either the Dean's List or the President's List, to avoid overlap.)

The following students from your local area made the President's List: Hannah Hudson of Mount Vernon; Morgan Fortney of Mount Vernon; and Kirbie Reynolds of Mount Vernon.

Well done to these students on making the President's List this semester.

Cumberlands Dean's List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50, and be in good academic standing.

The following students made the Dean's List: Katherine Coffey of Mt. Vernon; Jayna Albright of Brodhead; Erin Hindman of Brodhead; Isaac Stratton of Renfro Valley; Riley Clark of Mt. Vernon; Haley Bullock of Mt. Vernon; Zoe Burdette of Mt. Vernon; Abigail Fletcher of Mt. Vernon; Rebekah Hurley of Mt. Vernon; and Alyssa Carter of Brodhead.

Well done to these students on making the Dean's List this semester.

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FAIRGROUNDS FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Miscellaneous	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,036	\$ 9,572	\$ (1,464)
Total Receipts	11,000	11,036	9,572	(1,464)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Recreation and Culture	15,250	17,055	14,842	2,213
Administration	2,250	481		481
Total Disbursements	17,500	17,536	14,842	2,694
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(6,500)	(6,500)	(5,270)	1,230
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	549	549	2,500	1,951
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	549	549	2,500	1,951
Net Change in Fund Balance	(5,951)	(5,951)	(2,770)	3,181
Fund Balance - Beginning	5,951	5,951	5,952	1
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,182	\$ 3,182

911 FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 154,000	\$ 154,000	\$ 113,238	\$ (40,762)
Intergovernmental	118,000	118,000	153,708	35,708
Miscellaneous		683,644	683,644	
Interest	50	50	125	75
Total Receipts	272,050	955,694	950,715	(4,979)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	276,850	335,961	330,932	5,029
Administration	102,618	124,950	116,092	8,858
Total Disbursements	379,468	460,911	447,024	13,887
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(107,418)	494,783	503,691	8,908
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	88,557	170,000	170,000	
Transfers To Other Funds		(683,644)	(683,644)	
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	88,557	(513,644)	(513,644)	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(18,861)	(18,861)	(9,953)	8,908
Fund Balance - Beginning	18,861	18,861	18,861	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,908	\$ 8,908

CSEPP FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 512,437	\$ 512,437	\$ 502,667	\$ (9,770)
Total Receipts	512,437	512,480	504,771	(7,709)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	491,712	573,656	480,747	92,909
Administration	41,598	45,476	27,513	17,963
Total Disbursements	533,310	619,132	508,260	110,872
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(20,873)	(106,652)	(3,489)	103,163
Net Change in Fund Balance	(20,873)	(20,873)	82,290	103,163
Fund Balance - Beginning	20,873	20,873	20,873	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 103,163	\$ 103,163

A copy of the complete audit report of Rockcastle County Fiscal Court for the year ending June 30, 2020, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Rockcastle County courthouse and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Rockcastle County courthouse a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for his personal use.

Citizens requesting a personal copy of Rockcastle County's audit report will be charged for duplication costs at a rate that shall not exceed twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220, when a financial statement is required by KRS 424.220, are available to the public at no cost at the Rockcastle County courthouse located at 205 East Main Street, Suite 14, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456



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Posted: Absolutely no trespassing for any reason on property belonging to Ernest Alcorn, located off Hwy. 461 bypass at 257 Reverend Green Loop and 23 Jarber Road, formerly Old Rocky Road, without my written permission. Violators will be prosecuted. 49x3p

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 28x26

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane,

Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

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

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33x53

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 27x51p

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

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road, Danny Smith. 47ftn

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

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Help Wanted

Rockcastle Health and Rehab in Brodhead. Housekeeper wanted. Call 606-235-0917. 49x2

PBK Bank, Mount Vernon branch, has an opening for a teller position. Apply in person.

Notices

Notice is hereby given that James Slaven, 452 South Plum St., Hagersrown, IN 47346 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of David Brock on the 10th day of January, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said James Slaven or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF A.M.M., JU-2020-59.01

THE MATTER OF A.D.T., JU-2020-60.01
 To: RUSSELL DOUGLAS ALLISON

Please take notice that Jennifer Allison Woods has filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights against you in the above-styled cases currently pending in the Juvenile Court of Hale County, Alabama, and you must file an answer to the same with Petitioner's attorney, John W. Ryan, Jr. and the Court within thirty (30) days from the last publication of this notice, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against you.

John W. Ryan, Jr.
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Seale, Holmes & Ryan, LLC
 P.O. Box 241
 Greensboro, Alabama 36744

Notice is hereby given that Lori Blanton, 391 S. Main St., P.O. Box 445, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Ann Cass on the 10th day of January, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lori Blanton or to Hon. Jeremy Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 n or before July 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

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You may pick up an application at the County Judge's Office on the 2nd floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Office hours are Monday Thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. Phone: 606-256-2856

Rockcastle Fiscal Court is now accepting applications for a **Maintenance Technician** for the Rockcastle County Courthouse. A candidate for maintenance technician will need to have prior employment experience in electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and building construction. License in those categories would be a plus. Candidate must have references that reflect your experience in working in the field of work required.

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DAR presents students with essay awards

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution actively supports historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors. One way the Society promotes education is to sponsor every year in the school systems the American History Essay Contest open to all 5th-8th graders. The topic for this year's American History essay for grades 5th-8th was: "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier". November 11, 2021, marked the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The students were to imagine that they had a brother who lost his life on the battlefields of France during World War I. They

and their family attended the November 11, 1921, dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. They were to describe what this meant to them and their family and why it is important to remember those who gave their lives to serve our nation?

NSDAR established a new high school-level essay contest focused on figures of the American Revolution, in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. The contest was open to students in grades 9 through 12 in public, private, or parochial schools, or those who are home schooled. Each student was to select a figure from the era of the American Revolution (1773 -

1783) and discuss how he or she influenced the course of the American Revolution, who he or she was and his/her contribution to the founding of a new nation.

One essay winner from each grade level was eligible to be submitted by the local chapter for state competition. State winners will be judged on national district level and finally district winners will be eligible for the national competition in Washington this June. National winners will be awarded at Continental Congress and presented a medal, certificate, and monetary award.

The Rockcastle Chapter awarded this year's chapter winners a certificate and medal. First runner up, second and third place winners were also recognized. The 5th grade winner of this year's contest was Lila Rigsby. First runner up is Jaxon Cromer, 2nd runner up is Darius Bubulici and 3rd runner up is AJ Martin, all of Mt. Vernon Elementary. 8th grade winner is Cody Jackson. First runner up in middle school category is Kaitlyn Carter; 2nd runner up is Lydia Navarre and 3rd runner up is Cole Martin. The winner of the Patriots of the American Revolution essay contest is 9th grader, Anna Chaliff of RCHS.

Rockcastle Chapter would like to thank all the students and teachers who participated in this year's contest and look forward to reading next year's entries from such talented writers.



Eighth grade winners of the DAR Essay Contest were: Cody Jackson; Kaitlyn Carter; Lydia Navarre; and Cole Martin.



Fifth grade winners of the DAR Essay Contest were: Lila Rigsby; Jaxon Cromer; Darius Bubulici; and AJ Martin.



RCHS freshman, Anna Chaliff, was the winner of the Patriots of the American Revolution essay contest.

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Janice Wilson

The family of Janice Wilson would like to thank Dawn and Jeff Carpenter, Dr. Justin Williams, Serena Stratton and staff, Dr. Blackburn, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home (especially Roy Martin), Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Rockcastle Ambulance Service, Hospice Care Plus (all employees), Collins Respiratory Care (especially Shelly Clements), Bro. Jason Medley, Sparks Flower Shop, Livingston Fire Department, Crab Orchard Church of God.

All those who visited, brought food, sent flowers, cards or gifts, and especially prayed for us, thank you. It has been truly overwhelming the love shown to our family. We are so thankful and blessed.

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My hands-on, practical experience makes me a highly qualified candidate for PVA, and I humbly ask for your vote and support in the upcoming May Primary Election. Please let me introduce myself:

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

I have worked in the County Attorney's Office for over 35 years, first as Secretary and then as a Paralegal and Office Manager. Over the years I have worked in every aspect of the County Attorney's Office and his private practice, including District Court, child support, delinquent taxes, guardianships, and mental health cases. As the Office Manager for the County Attorney's Office and Rowe Law Office, I am responsible for overseeing staff, managing bank accounts, budgets, accounts payable and receivable, time tracking, and payroll.

QUALIFICATIONS

During my career, I have had the pleasure of working with so many in the community preparing and assisting with deeds, wills, title searches, loan closings, and mobile home and vehicle transfers. Working closely with the families when a loved one has passed away has been one of my most rewarding jobs. I have forged many life-long friendships that I cherish. Much of this work has given me the opportunity to work closely with the PVA's office locating current property owners, their address and source of title, correcting the property maps, identifying abandoned property, mobile homes that have been moved or destroyed, and working with delinquent property taxes.

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EDUCATION AND HONORS

- 1984 RCHS and Harry Sparks Vocational School graduate in top of the class
- Placed fourth in the state accounting competition
- Recipient of the Future Business Leaders of America award
- ECU graduate as an Honor student / High Distinction in Paralegal Studies
- Inducted into the Pi Lambda Alpha Honor Society and one of my projects was chosen to represent the Paralegal Department before the American Bar Association

FAMILY

- Daughter of Charles Mink and the late Linda Cromer Mink; granddaughter of the late Curt and Evelyn McFerron Mink and the late John "Rank" and Laura McClare Cromer
- Married to Edwin Robinson for 38 years and lives in the Blue Springs community
- Blessed with a son, Jamey Robinson, and a daughter, Jessica Robinson Mason and six beautiful grandchildren: Caiden, Aryonna, Caleb, Nevaeh, Jacob, and Silas

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- I enjoy being active in my Church and the community. My husband and I are members of Calloway Holiness Church where I enjoy singing for the Lord.
- I am a Kentucky Colonel, member and secretary of the Rockcastle ASAP Board, member and past-chairman of the Rockcastle County Development Board, member of the Rockcastle County UNITE Board and head of their Give Me a Reason program.