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Covid cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle County now has 644 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 with an additional 426 probable cases. Seven deaths have been attributed to the COVID-19 virus in Rockcastle County. There are currently 112 active cases and 872 people have recovered, according to the health department. A vaccine is now being distributed in phases.

Fiscal court meeting

The Rockcastle County fiscal court held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, January 12 at 4 p.m. at the courthouse. See next week's issue of the *Signal* for details.

School Board

The Rockcastle County School Board held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 12 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. See next week's issue of the *Signal* for details of that meeting.

BVFD runs

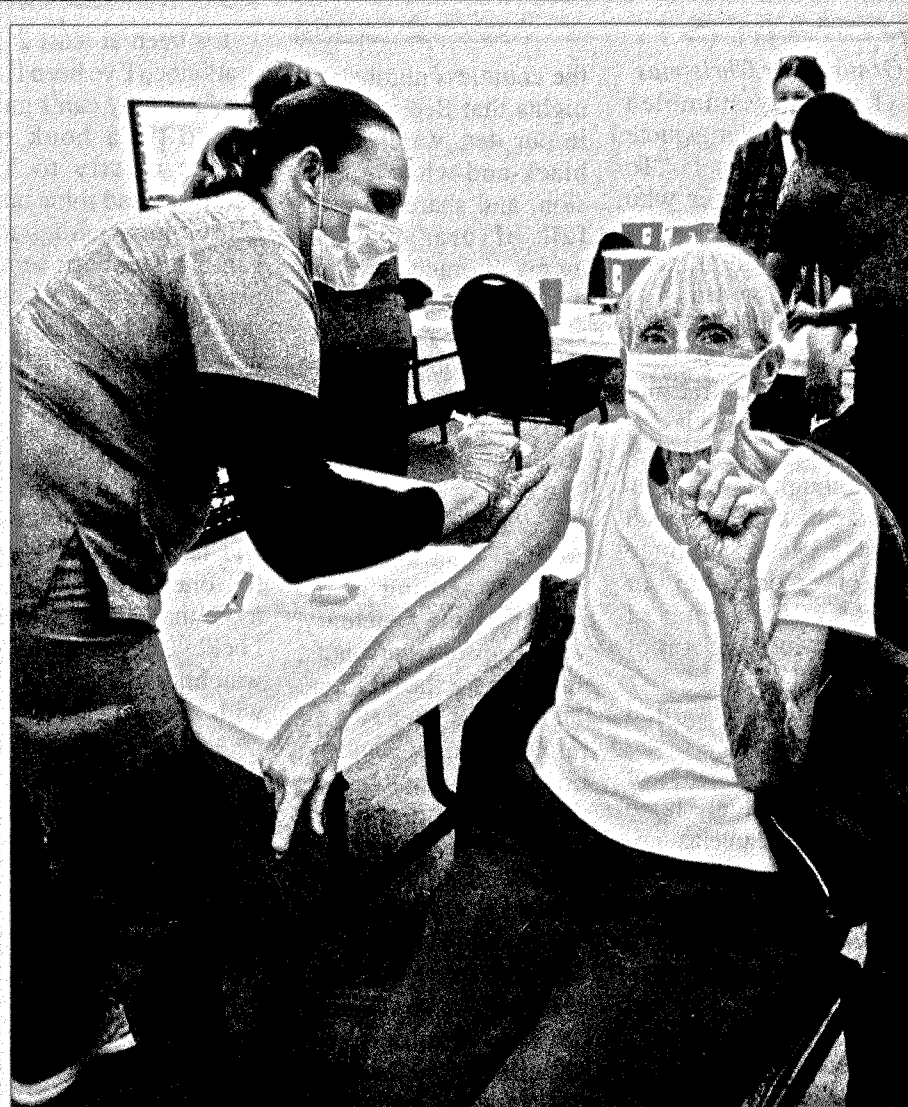
The Brodhead Fire Department reports making 146 runs in 2020 with is exactly the same number of runs made in 2019.

LVFD runs

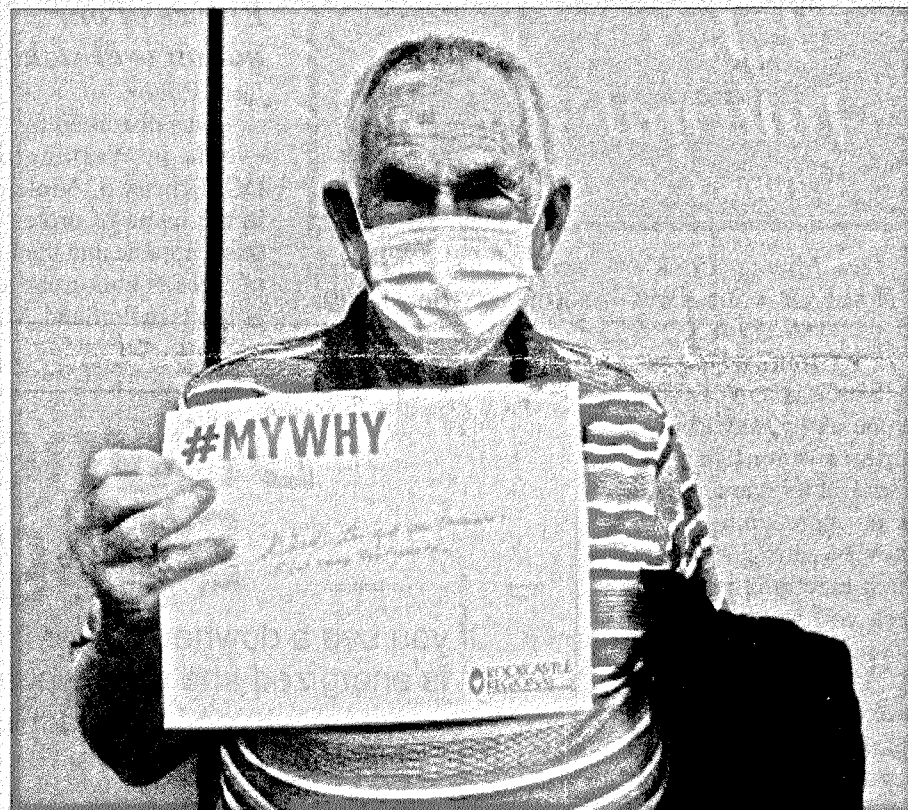
The Livingston Volunteer Fire Department reports making 166 runs during 2020 which is only 8 runs short of double the amount in 2019.

MVFD runs

The Mount Vernon Fire Department reports making 32 runs in the month of December, 2020 using 21,000 gallons of water.



Sharon Langford (above) of Mount Vernon was the first person to receive the Moderna vaccine at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital Saturday, January 9. Shown below, Kenneth Cornelius, of Mount Vernon, displayed his "My Why" sign telling the world the reason he chose to take the vaccine. Officials expect more doses soon and the public will be notified as to clinic dates to receive the first and second dose.



Over 300 vaccines given at Rockcastle Regional

Submitted by:
Rockcastle Regional

On Saturday, Jan. 9, Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center provided COVID-19 vaccines to 342 of the most vulnerable in our community.

"Getting vaccinated is our first step to putting this disease behind us," said Rockcastle Regional Medical Director

and Rockcastle Family Wellness physician Dr. Karen Saylor. "The vaccine is a safe and effective way for us to move towards having our normal lives back."

Dr. Saylor says we need this vaccine to protect ourselves and others. "This is an opportunity for us all to take action that will not only benefit our own health, but will help protect those in our

community whose bodies may not be able to fight off the virus. Even if you are not in the high risk category, by getting the vaccine, you are protecting your family, your neighbors, and all others around you who may be more susceptible to the disease."

The clinic was possible due to the remain-
(See "Vaccine" on A7)

Henshaw enters not guilty plea in murder case

By: Mike French
Editor

During a plea hearing held last week, George Henshaw II, 42, of Potter Road in Rockcastle County, entered a plea of not guilty in the murder of his stepmother Lois Henshaw.

Henshaw was arrested November 9, 2020 after police say he shot his stepmother with a 30.06 while she was sitting at her kitchen table.

According to reports, police had been called to the home on more than one occasion prior to the shooting due to altercations between Henshaw

and his stepmother but on November 9, police say he shot and killed her, after a disagreement, in the home on Potter Road.

During a preliminary hearing held in December, Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk testified about the events of the evening and Henshaw's attorney, public defender Andy Long, asked several questions about Henshaw's medications. Long also alluded to the psychiatric condition of Henshaw.

Details of the shooting were made public at the
(See "Henshaw" on A5)

In-person classes start again in Rockcastle Co.

By: Mike French
Editor

We are finally back to normal. Well, not the old normal - the new normal. But according to officials, this normal still includes many smiles.

School officials, many teachers, staff and administrators applauded Monday morning when school buses delivered students to schools throughout Rockcastle County for the first time in many weeks.

Orders by Governor Andy Beshear, forbidding

in-person instruction, because of an uptick in COVID-19 numbers, expired this week allowing students to return to in-person classes. Superintendent Carrie Ballinger says she and other school officials were more than ready for their return. And the students themselves were just as ready. Teachers said many students cheered to be back in the school buildings again.

About 500 students chose to remain enrolled

(See "Henshaw" on A7)

Livingston water customers catching up on overdue bills

Will sell alcohol on Sundays

By: Mike French
Editor

Figuring out who the City Commissioners in Livingston are has been quite the task this year.

Leroy Lamb was the only candidate to run for a seat on the commission and he was sworn in before the end of 2020.

However, three seats remained unfilled so Mayor Dwane King and Lamb swore in Julie

Childress Hazelwood, Clyde Carpenter and Katha Carpenter during Monday's regular monthly meeting. All three new members had served on the commission previously.

But, according to City Clerk Amanda Carpenter, before the meeting ended, Katha Carpenter asked if someone would be willing to fill her seat if she

(See "Water" on A5)

New commissioners discuss many plans for city's future

By: Mike French
Editor

Three new Brodhead City Commissioners took their seat for the first time during Monday evening's regular monthly meeting at City Hall.

Lasting unusually long, the commissioners addressed many issues of concern in the city. True to his word, past-commis-

sioner John Burton sat in the visitor's section and offered his assistance on any issue that needed clarification.

New member Jerry Adams told the commissioners that he is working with a company that may be willing to donate needed heavy equipment to the city. "I don't know

(See "Brodhead" on A5)

Year in review 2020

July Thru December

July

The first week of July gave the county the results of the primary election held in the latter part of June. Mt. Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray won his bid to be placed on the ballot in the gen-

eral election for Kentucky State Representative. Bray eventually won the general election as well.

The Rockcastle County School System began their trek towards planning what school would look like in 2020.

Though plans were drawn up, they were changed countless times afterwards, thanks to mandates by Governor Beshear.

In the second week of July, it appeared that COVID-19 may be slow-

ing as city halls in the county and the local courthouse reopened their doors to the public.

Also in July, RCIDA officials began planning a new website for Rock-

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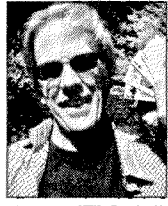
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There is just too much to say about the direction of this country. I couldn't possibly express my utter disgust and complete distaste with Democrats, their obvious double standards and all the party stands for in one article.

They rigged our election, lied to us about COVID-19 and pretend to seek unity and compromise even while they impeach, ban and silence the voice of anyone who disagrees with their opinion.

As for me and about 80,000,000 others Americans, we are sick of being accused of being "conspiracy theorists" for expressing the obvious truth, and "racists" for believing all people should be treated equally.

We are sick of being smirked at for believing in the Constitution and being called "Bible thumpers" and "Jesus freaks" for trying to keep God in our country.

We are sick of being overtaxed and then watching that money go to other countries while there is still one homeless American veteran.

We are sick of hearing propaganda being called "journalism" and tired of hearing that thieves and thugs aren't to blame for their own choices while those who protect us from them are defiled and defunded.

We are sick of watching privileged basketball players, who are getting a free college education and driving new cars, display a total disrespect for the American flag trying

to tell me my country isn't good enough for them to stand up and show respect during our National Anthem.

Their coach claims it had nothing to do with the flag or veterans or America. That's a lie. If it didn't, then they could kneel at halftime, or before the National Anthem that honors veterans and the flag, or call a timeout and kneel on the court. But no, they purposely chose the only time set aside to show respect for veterans and our country, to whine.

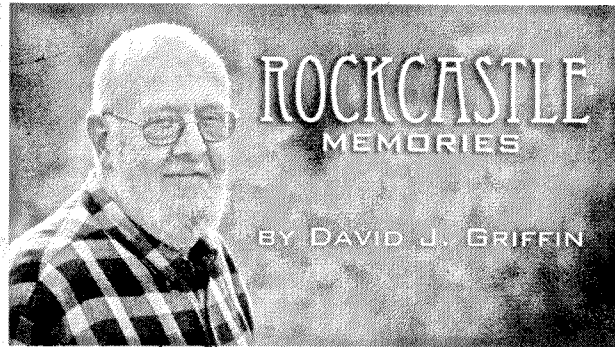
We are sick of having a Supreme Court that isn't even interested in hearing evidence from hundreds of sworn affidavits about voter fraud in several states. Whether Trump was right or not, they wouldn't even listen. We are tired of NPR calling those affidavits and sworn testimony "baseless" only because it was against Joe Biden. Yet one, unidentified whistleblower against Trump was called "well-founded evidence."

We are sick of being treated like lesser humans because we acknowledge our history instead of hiding from it and we still respect and honor those statues that cry baby politicians are tearing down or moving into dark places.

We are tired of this government taking from those who work and giving it to those who won't.

We are sick of being

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Oranges for Christmas

I recently stumbled upon the following quote from the Internet: "To many an old-timer who grew up here in the mountains, oranges are as much a part of Christmas as holly and mistletoe, egg-nog and boiled custard." This quote captured my attention because it is certainly true for me.

Although I am not certain as to why, my Dad always brought a huge box of "goodies" to our house at Christmas. I guess it was some sort of tradition.

That box contained various paper bags of assorted candy, all kinds of nuts, an extremely large candy cane, bananas, coconuts, and other various bags of fresh fruit. He always made sure that the box contained a couple bags of tangerines and oranges. Since that time, oranges have always reminded me of Christmas.

My mother (Bee) realized how much I loved the oranges, and she tried to keep them in our refrigerator. I will never forget

the countless numbers of nights that Bee and I sat in our den, watched our black-and-white television, and shared a bowl full of oranges. The aroma of oranges still reminds me of those treats at Christmas.

During those days, the First Baptist Church always had an evening celebration of Christmas. The church Elders made sure that every child had a gift. Under the Christmas tree, sitting in the corner of the sanctuary, were bags of candy, nuts, and fruit for the children. Those bags always contained an apple and an orange. My orange was the last item that I consumed. I saved the best for last.

Each Christmas, my family gathered at my grandparents' house to celebrate, share our Christmas meal, and open our gifts. Mommie Katie always had a huge bowl of fruit for the children to enjoy. I can remember trying to make sure that at

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Points East

By Ike Adams



It's been at least 2 1/2 years since I've been fishing. I simply can't manage to tie a hook on, thanks mostly to Mr. Parkinson and some other neurological issues and I'm too stubborn to ask for help. Actually, I doubt that I could crank a reel handle or take a fish off the hook if I lucked up and caught one. The last few times we went, my brother, Andy, had to clean and fry our catch and he seemed to enjoy the ones I caught even more than I did. In fact, I believe he had more fun watching me than he did with his own catch.

Add to that, the fact that I haven't driven in nearly a year and don't

foresee doing so anytime soon unless I experience a major medical miracle. That actually happened in 2011 after I'd gone nearly 2 years unable to drive so I'm not entirely without hope. Loretta would gladly take me fishing but I can't see her tying on hooks or taking fish off them any better than I can.

My frustration stems from the fact that it's possible to catch a good mess of fish year round in central Kentucky within 15 miles or less from our house. I just finger counted over 20 places I used to fish at least a few times every

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Future of our nation is at stake...

Dear Editor,

I was disturbed by the events in Washington, DC, January 5. Violence in the name of protest is unacceptable and the loss of lives is abhorrent just as it was in Portland, Minneapolis, Louisville, and

the other cities that were looted and burned. The response by news media this time is so different that before when rioters were "peaceful demonstrators" who had been wronged by society.

I hope the "left" and their cronies in the so

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Live, from the Cook House...It is Saturday Night

Dear Journal, Since COVID has

peal to me, either. Just too much action, I guess.

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come along, any kind of entertainment has become rather scarce. There is no more going to the movies, eating out or any such entertainment, unless you want to take a chance on catching the COVID and getting very sick or worse. After a while, life just doesn't seem like living, it has become so dull. It makes you thankful for work for just giving you a chance to get out of the house. I almost want to get dressed up to go to Walmart. Now if you could only sleep in until about eight or so and go in to work, that would be great right there.

For the last two or three Saturday nights in a row, we have made our own entertainment without really setting out as such. We have decided to watch movies that we both enjoy and eat some special snacks on Saturday night. For New Year's Eve we fixed a tray of cheeses, crackers and fruit. About midnight we broke out a glass of wine each to toast in the New Year and that was a big deal to us these days. Since then we hope to make it a weekly tradition, a little something to look forward to each Saturday night. Who would have ever imagined this could have been a big deal?

There is one major problem, though; we neither really like the type of movies the other enjoys for the most part. Stanley likes mystery "who done it" movies. I don't care "who done it". He also likes those spacey kinds with a modern thousands of years in the future theme. They just don't appeal to me. He also likes to watch action movies. They don't ap-

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Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

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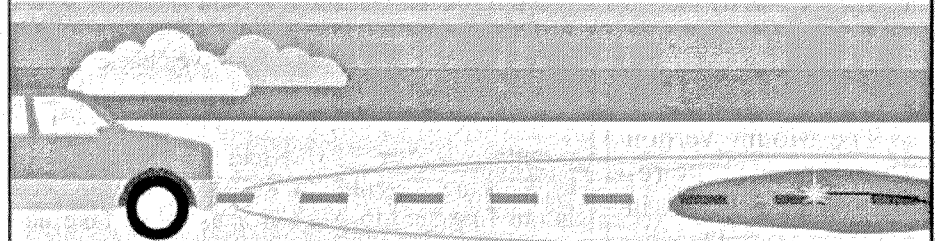
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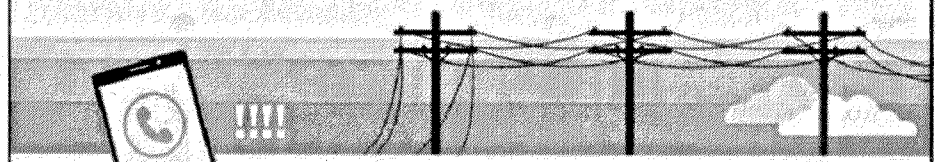
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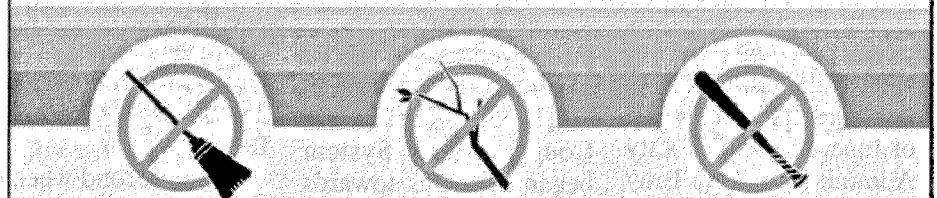
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Never drive over a downed power line or drive through water that is touching the line.



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"Aces"

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told there should be no such word as "he" or "she" or "him" or "her" because there is no difference in male and female, by people who scream they want a "she" for President.

We are sick of the media making heroes of self-proclaimed gurus like Oprah and Whoopi while condemning those who disagree with them.

We are sick of watching millions of dead babies "disposed" of across the country.

We have come to a place where about 80,000,000 of us don't want to be, and do not believe our forefathers would have stood for. Though our ancestors

fought and died so that no governor could ever tell us when we could go to church or see our family or open our business, we simply bowed down and obeyed this governor. Yet, he is not in jail for treason or abuse of power. Why? Because we didn't want to catch the flu. That's the new modern brave patriots we have become.

And today Governor Beshear actually told us all to stop questioning the election and stop saying negative things about him and stop investigating possible corruption. He actually told us to stop saying something was wrong with accepting tens of thousands of illegal votes.

In other words, don't question Democrats, just

shut up, obey and conform.

We are forced to wear seat belts in our own car, forced to purchase third party products called insurance, forced to get permission to build a barn on our own farm, forced to carry paperwork that identifies us, forced to pay for things we don't believe in and now forced to live under a President that millions do not believe was legally elected

Those we chose as our servants have made themselves our taskmasters and they live in a world that is completely out of touch with average American citizens.

In my opinion, calling Wahington a "sacred temple" as the media is now doing is close to blasphemy.

The protest at the Capitol was NO worse than the "Peaceful Protesters" all summer.

It is a one-sided, racist, government-controlled nation run by narcissists that the founding fathers fought to avoid. I, for one, am proud of my fellow conservatives who tried to have their voice heard in Washington.

Hate me if you must but believe it or not, we patriotic, "old fashioned," Christian Conservatives, who cling to our guns and our Bibles are, according to our Constitution, allowed to have an opinion too. But, we are now no longer allowed to express our view on social media, and the national media will only smirk if they mention it, but yes, we matter too, and we will never stop questioning nor will we blindly obey.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

least one orange was mine. I traded apples, bananas, and grapes for the one or two oranges that were always in her holiday bowl.

Even my Christmas stocking, as a child, contained at least one orange.

For the past few weeks, my wife and I have included a bag of oranges in our weekly grocery "pickup" at Kroger. At night, as we watch television, we share an orange or two. And she is reminded once again about how oranges are an important part of the Christmas experience for me.

Every time I peel an orange, I have fond memories of both my mother and my dad during the holiday season. A fresh piece of fruit can be a powerful thing. Now isn't that something!

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

"T.J.s"

(Cont. from A2)

If you close your eyes and listen, you can just hear the most indescribable noise and mess being created you could ever imagine. Open your eyes and you were right. A screen full of debris and carnage.

Now, on the other hand, I like musicals. The best ones are from the 1940's through the 1950's. I've been criticised years ago for liking movies that every so often they just broke out in song. Life wasn't like that, I was told. It's not, but wouldn't it be great if it were. I also like some biographies, de-

pending on who it is. Then there are my historical movies based on actual events. I also like to watch sports based movies and of course the classics from the "Golden Age of Hollywood". A few years ago we went to the movies. He watched the "Transformers" and I watched the "Jackie Robinson Story". Another time, he watched sci-fi and I saw "Hairspray". Sometimes it works well like that. We both saw something we really liked.

Thank goodness we both like other kinds of movies such as comedies, westerns and family oriented entertainment. On New Year's Eve we watched "The Bells of St. Mary's" with Bing Crosby. This past Saturday night we saw "Grease". As we look forward to next week's Saturday night flicks at the Cook's it may be "Blazing Saddles" or "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" or "Animal House". Who knows? But it will be fun.

"Points East"

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year and I almost never came home empty handed. If they weren't biting in one hole within 10 minutes, I'd move on up or down the road a mile or 10 and eventually find some cooperation.

For many years, I had access to a couple of farm ponds within easy walking distance of the house. On numerous occasions, I have left home before daylight and spent 8 or 10 hours hitting several fishing holes without coming home with anything to stink up the skillet. I would park my truck in the driveway, take a short hike to a neighbor's pond and have a nice mess of fat bluegill within an hour.

Loretta would ask why I didn't just go there in the first place instead of driving through 3 or 4 counties and I would tell her that I didn't want to wear out the honey holes. Most of the time I didn't have to and the local ponds were mostly reserved for late afternoons, after work, when there really wasn't time enough to get packed up and drive several miles.

Fresh caught fish is easily my favorite meal and it used to be that I would go to great lengths to satisfy my craving. I could eat fish 3 meals a

day, 7 days a week and never get tired of it. Not to mention that catching fish is the most fun I've ever had or ever hope to.

I get a tremendous amount of pleasure and satisfaction out of gardening but, in the final analysis, gardening amounts to a lot of hard work. The only things related to fishing that I consider work is catching bait and maintaining tackle. I used to

"Letter"

(Cont. from A2)

called "news media" understand that they bear a huge portion of the blame for this incident and these deaths by the way they have polluted the news with false stories, diluted the truth with half-truths, hidden the truth with selective reporting, sided with violent protesters on the left and socialist politicians to deceive the American people, and even stifled free speech by blocking conservative views from social media and live debate. These left-wing zealots have no conscience so it is easy for them to cheat and defraud the electoral process. All that matters to them is the end result - POWER. How long did they expect those on the right to stomach their putrid lies without a response? I am surprised it took this long but I regret it took this turn for the few who were involved in the melee. Most of the people in attendance did not participate in wrongdoing but you would never know that by the news reports. The news media is so two-faced when compared to the reporting on the other sides' "peaceful protesters".

Our forefathers founded this nation with certain beliefs that hold true today. A free and independent press is one of those beliefs and is essential to hold government accountable to the people. When the press joins in the deception, the fabric of our nation breaks down, as we are seeing. It should not matter

whether you are a Democrat or Republican on this issue because this is an American issue and we must defend each other's rights or we will all lose. If conservative voices can be silenced today by those in control what makes you think others' voices won't be silenced in the future? If you take away one right now what "right" will be next? We used to live with the principle, "I may not agree with what you say but I will defend with my life your right to say it." But then, only those who are principled value thoughts like that.

Donald Trump isn't the first republican to lose the presidency due to a dishonest election. I am old enough to remember when John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson defeated Richard Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge in 1960 by an extremely slim margin. Just a few votes here or there (40,000 total?) and the election would have gone the other way. Illinois and Texas were the pivotal states as I recall. Dead people voted in Texas and in Chicago there were precincts with more votes than residents (sound familiar?). It helped that Johnson was from Texas and Chicago was under control of the Richard Daley political machine. Nixon was urged to protest the election but he said it would be too divisive for the nation so he accepted defeat. Could that be why he was so paranoid and allowed himself to be caught up in the Watergate scandal that led to his resignation? The future of our nation is at stake and we, all Americans, whether Democrat or Republican or Independent or some other political persuasion, need to work together to protect the nation from deceit and socialist ideology or we will ALL regret it. One illegitimate vote is one too many.

Sincerely,
John Hale

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Health Department Notice

The Rockcastle County Health Dept. will be closed on January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post Item

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

American Legion Post News

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

American Legion Post 71

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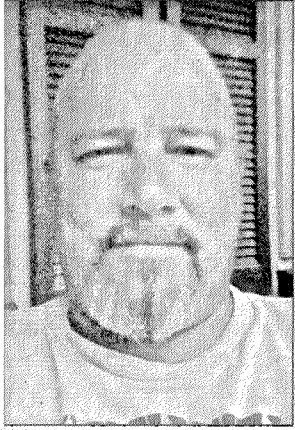
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Obituaries

Darrel Monroe Falin

Darrel Monroe Falin, 64, of Brodhead, husband of Sheila Falin, died Saturday, January 9, 2021 at his home. He was born in Mt. Vernon on November 24, 1956, the son of Monroe and Patsy Renner Falin.



Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Piney Grove 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.

Farris Jackson "Jack" Pittman

Farris Jackson "Jack" Pittman, 77, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, January 3, 2021, at Clinton County Health and Rehabilitation in Albany. Jack was born March 6, 1943 in Rockcastle County to Ed and Shelby (Sowder) Pittman. He was a truck driver for Roadway/Cromer Trucking and was a member of the "6 million miles without an accident" club. Jack became a Christian three years ago and was a member of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed trucking, watching TV, enjoyed the day, and his grandchildren.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his son, Roger Michael Patrick Douglas; two grandchildren, Zoe Taylor-Marie Pittman and Noah Michael Farris Pittman; one sister, Carrie Decker Pyles; sister-in-law, Ercel Cromer; and special friends, Earl Bullock, Kermit Bowling and Bentley Cromer.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Clinton, Bennie, Lloyd, and Carl Pittman, and one sister, Evelyn Mullins.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 8, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Zandall Hasty officiating. Burial was at Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Somerset.

Memorial contributions may be made to WLJC in Beattyville.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Robert Leroy Abney

Robert Leroy Abney, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, January 10, 2021 at his home after a long illness. He was born in Rockcastle County on March 14, 1945, the son of Manuel and Naomi Cameron Abney. He had been a truck driver.



He is survived by: his loving wife of 33 years, Joyce Vanwinkle Abney; two sons, Bobby Lee Abney and wife Melisa of Lexington, and Gary Lee Abney of Mt. Vernon; four grandchildren, Angel Abney and Robert Scott Abney of Lexington, Hannah Abney of Irvine, and Haley Abney of Mt. Vernon; two great grandchildren, Hudson and Merida, both of Lexington; and a sister, Sue McFerron and husband Prestle of Mainville, OH. Also surviving are a special cousin, Shirley Burdine and a host of other cousins and friends. In addition to his parents and grandparents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Brandon Abney.

The family of Mr. Abney will hold memorial services Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 3 p.m. at Calloway Holiness Church. Bro. Jason Medley will officiate.

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Betty Jo Hurst Hensley

Betty Jo Hurst Hensley, 81, of Elsmore, KY passed away Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Mrs. Hensley was born in 1939 in Level Green to the late Arthur and Cleo Hurst. Survivors are two sisters, Edith Shearer of Indianapolis, IN and Yvonne Ross of Norwood, OH and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Besides her father and mother, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Hensley and seven sisters and brothers: Flora Mae Brown, Martha Hurst, Willie Hurst, Louella O'Callahan, Everett Hurst, Ralph Hurst and Harold Hurst.

Betty retired after many years of working at General Electric.

A graveside service was held Monday, October 26, 2020 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Erlanger.

Stith Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



Mary Ellen Sexton

Mary Ellen Farthing Sexton, 83, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Brookville, IN on June 3, 1937, the daughter of William and Mae Turner Farthing. She had been a farmer and homemaker and was a long-time member of Big Hill Holiness Church. She loved cooking for her family, gardening, and going to church.



She is survived by: her loving husband of 48 years, James Richard Sexton; a son, Wendell (Jenny) Martin of Three Links; three daughters, Vicki (Gary) Hisle, Benda (Talt) Hall, and Cheyenne (Steve) Isaacs, all of Mt. Vernon; a step-son, Doug (Christy) Sexton of Berea; two step-daughters, Bonita (Richard) Corey and Shawnerie (Ron) Bone, both of Florida; two brothers, Buck Farthing of Mt. Vernon, and Phillip (Liz) Farthing of Red Lick; and a half-sister, Paula Cesanous of California. Also surviving are: 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, three step-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: two daughters, Sandra Phillips and Wilma Furman; two brothers, Robert Farthing and Charles Farthing; a half-brother and sister, Larry Cesanous and Susan Cesanous; a grandson, Shane Noble; a great granddaughter; and a great great granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 10, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Steve Isaacs. Burial was in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Stephen Corely, Jeremiah Hall, Jordan Hall, Justin Hall, Lance Isaacs, Tommy Parker, Jamie Phillips, and Jared Rice.

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Sandra Gayle DeBord

Sandra Gayle (Cottrell) DeBord, 70, of Brodhead, died Thursday, January 7, 2021 at her residence. She was born April 9, 1950 in Stanford, the daughter of Lester Cottrell and the late Flossie Cromer Cottrell. She had been a homemaker who enjoyed gardening and cooking. She was a member of Walnut Grove Church of Christ. On December 1, 1972, she was united in marriage to Tommy DeBord and from that union came two daughters, Susan and Angela.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 48 years, Tommy DeBord of Brodhead; her daughters, Susan DeBord of Brodhead, and Dr. Angela DeBord Isaacs and husband Kevin Brandon Isaacs; a grandchild, Amelia Isaacs; brother, Darrell (Brenda) Cottrell; mother-in-law, Verna Hampton DeBord; as well as nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her mother, she was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Ottis "Spec" DeBord.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Marvin Cromer officiating. Burial was in Fairview Church of Christ Cemetery at Willailla.

Casketbearers were: Phil Thompson, Jerry Gentry, Larry Taylor, Brandon Isaacs, Shawn Brown, and Lance Baldwin.

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

What is the difference between the Soul and Spirit?

Hebrews 4:12: The Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

1 Thess. 5:23-24: Now the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:14: But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them because they spiritually discerned.

Paul is saying that spiritual truth is spiritually discerned. We need to understand that when one becomes a Christian he becomes spiritually alive. Until that time one is spiritually dead.

Romans 8:6: For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

John 8:47: He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

We receive the Spirit by searching the Scriptures. In conclusion, are you spiritually alive or do you have a soul?

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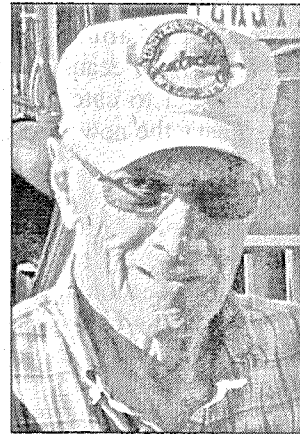
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James "Jim" Cummins

James Wiley "Jim" Cummins, 79, of Florence, died Thursday, December 31, 2020 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood. He was born in Rockcastle County



on November 29, 1941, the son of the late Bird and Lorene Cummins. Jim proudly served and was a Veteran of the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He

worked and retired from Greyhound Bus Lines as a driver and even continued to work after that as a truck driver for Midwest Logistics. Jim was a man who always enjoyed keeping busy. He enjoyed working in his yard and sprucing up his home. In his free time, Jim often liked going to tractor pulls, watching Kevin Harvick and NASCAR races and rooting for University of Kentucky basketball. His greatest joy, however, came from being a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Those left surviving to mourn the passing of Jim include: his loving and faithful wife of 52 years, Connie Cummins; caring children, Brian (Ginger) Cummins and Emily (Scott) Cummins; grandchild, Shelby Cummins; siblings, Betty Coldiron, Ben Cummins and Bill Cummins; four legged companions, Toby, Turk and Jake; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceding him in death were: his parents; two sisters, Anna Renner and Barbara "Bobbi" Faye; and one brother, Quinton Cummins.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, January 5 at Chambers & Grubbs Funeral Home in Florence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 7, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Ova Baker and Dale McNew. Interment with military honors followed in Fairview Cemetery at Mullins Station.

The family requests donations to Disabled American Veterans at 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076, or to the Wounded Warrior Project at PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or www.ChambersandGrubbs.com to view online obituary.

Card of Thanks

Don Stayton

The family of Pastor Don Stayton would like to express our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to Bible Baptist Church and the people of Rockcastle County for the incredible outpouring of love, words of encouragement, and acts of kindness at the passing of our husband/father.

He poured his life into the people of this county for almost 40 years, and you gave back that and so much more as our family grieved his loss but rejoiced in the knowledge that he is in the presence of the Savior he served so many years.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, we have set up a PayPal donation page accessible on the BBC website to raise funds for a new church bus for Bible Baptist in Mt. Vernon. Donations can also be mailed to Bible Baptist Church, 100 Higher Ground Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, with "Memorial Bus Fund" in the memo.

Please know that no gifts are expected in any way, but if you do decide to give we would be honored if you would give to this cause that was so dear to his heart. While words cannot adequately relay our gratitude, we are so blessed by all who have reached out in love to our family.

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Just Morally Good

First, it is not enough just to be morally good. It is true Christians are to be good moral people if they hope to get to Heaven, but morality alone will not save us. In the Bible we read Matthew 19:16-22 We have example of one of the moral and basically good young men anyone could ever hope to find. He kept all the commandments of the Lord from his childhood up, but failed to be saved, when told by Jesus there was one other thing he needed to do. The Bible tells us he went away sorrowfully. His morality was not enough.

We find some today who are just religious, some seem to think regardless of what they believe, they will surely get to Heaven. However, we are told in the 17th chapter of Acts when the apostle Paul went to Athens, Greece, he found a city steeped in religious error. The people even had an altar with the inscription to the unknown God, whom they ignorantly worshipped. When Paul was given the opportunity to speak to the people, he told them about that unknown God. He told them, there was a time God winked at ignorance, but commands all men everywhere to repent, because there is going to be a resurrection and all people every where are going to be judged by Jesus in that day. Acts 17:30-31.

We find some today feel if they bring themselves inside the building, they have worshipped the Lord. They think it makes no difference how, as long as we worship. But is this teaching true? Jesus said, in John; 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is when the true worshipper, shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeks such to worship him, because God is a Spirit; and those that worship him in spirit and in truth.

We can read the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch, who had traveled almost thousand miles to worship the Lord, only to find out his worship was wrong. When he learned the truth, he accepted it. We find in Acts 8:26-39 Phillip begins to read him, Acts 8:30-38 As Phillip reads to him about Jesus, how the Son of God had laid down his life for the sins of the world, when they to certain water, the Eunuch said here is water what does hinder me from being baptized, Phillip said if thou believes thou mayest, and the Eunuch, the Bible tells they both went down into the water and Phillip baptized the Eunuch and he went on his way rejoicing.

Thank you for reading this message from the word of God, I pray you count your blessings every day, and you give God the glory. If you want to get in touch with someone from the Church you can contact us at these numbers: Bro. Ova Baker- 606-878-8104- Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021

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“Year”

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castle County through the Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation.

Also in July, Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell visited Mount Vernon to meet with officials of the Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

In July it was announced that the Little World's Fair in Brodhead was cancelled due to COVID-19.

With national uproar against police officers who were involved in the death of a criminal they were arresting, local police departments updated their policies on the use of force.

In the last week of July, former Rockcastle Detention Center Deputy Jailer Derek Steven Clark was convicted by a federal grand jury for civil rights violations involving a prisoner.

Construction was begun on a Dollar General store at Renfro Valley.

August

A high speed chase led police officers through the county over many roads and streets. The result was the arrest of Nicholas Denny on many charges.

In August, officials found that the bid for the new Farmer's Market was higher than expected, partly due to a rise in prices attributed to COVID-19. The project was rebid later after more money was found from other grants to help finance the project.

Livingston Mayor Jason Medley announced his intention to resign his post. Medley left his position as Mayor weeks later. At the same time, the police chief and the city clerk resigned as well.

Teachers and school departments began more training on the new system of teaching and transportation as well as how to provide meals for students under the new virtual system of education.

September

By early September, the school system had worked out many details about hot spots for students to get on line for classes and how to get meals to all who needed them.

In September, officials cancelled Blast in the Valley which had already been postponed. But, due to COVID restrictions, officials were forced to give up the idea completely for 2020.

COVID or not, Livingston held their annual Homecoming Parade and events in September as large crowds, welcoming a chance to leave their homes, visited the event.

Also in September, Livingston saw a new administration as Dwane King was sworn-in as Mayor.

The final week of September saw local schools attempting to hold in-person classes but that was later cancelled again by Governor Beshear's orders.

The Relay for Life Parade of Hope was a smashing success in Mount Vernon in September. The 9th annual Hunger Walk was also held but it was conducted virtually this year.

October

The county got good news in October as the Chapin Plastics Factory announced plans to move into the former plastics

building in the Industrial Park.

Halloween on Main was cancelled due to COVID restrictions but door to door trick or treating was allowed.

The City of Mount Vernon announced the cutting of trees along Main Street and plans to create a new landscape in downtown Mount Vernon soon.

In October, business woman Famey Marlene Anderkin Hellard was found stabbed to death in her new business, The Glitter Box, on Richmond Street. Police began an investigation which led to the arrest of Arturo Perez, 26, who turned himself in to the Lexington Metro Police Department two weeks later.

An outbreak of COVID struck the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead causing the county incident rates to increase. Health Department officials say the outbreak was not due to anything the center could have prevented.

Officials announced the reinstated Rocket Docket program was working well in the county and County Attorney Jeremy Rowe said he was pleased with the project.

Early voting began in October as local citizens visited the Rockcastle County courthouse to cast their ballot early. Rockcastle County overwhelmingly supported Donald Trump.

In-person classes were once again stopped in Rockcastle due to a mandate by Governor Beshear.

November

Election Day was held the first week of November and Donald Trump dominated in Rockcastle County but apparently lost the election.

George Henshaw II, 42, of Potter Road in Mount Vernon, was arrested and charged with the murder of his stepmother Lois Henshaw.

Police located a stolen Garrard County emergency vehicle in Rockcastle County.

One of the biggest surprises in the local elections was when three incumbent city commissioners in Brodhead lost their reelection bid to three new candidates. Teddy Rose, Harold Taylor and Jerry Adams.

Jeff VanHook resigned as Rockcastle County School Board member after moving out of his district.

By November, city officials had numbers ready and were able to calculate revenues gained from the alcohol tax. Money from the 5% fee is being used to better equip local police forces.

The Mount Vernon Police Department hired an eighth officer to be used as a School Resource Officer during the school year and serve as a police officer for the remainder of the year.

December

Local first responders went to the same house in two days after a fire started in the home on Carter Ridge Road in Mount Vernon.

Jeff VanHook and other local officials found an additional \$75,000 to help toward construction costs of the Farmers Market building planned for Richmond Street.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin joined the 550-plus diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus. Franklin was

quarantined but suffered no lasting effects from the virus.

George Henshaw faced his preliminary hearing in November, which revealed details about the murder of his stepmother with which he is charged. His bond remained at \$1 million cash.

Though events had been canceled most of the year, Mount Vernon and Brodhead held their annual Christmas Parades in November.

In December, Beshear's mandates were extended ensuring that no in-person classes would resume in 2020.

Lincoln County murder suspects were taken into custody in Rockcastle County by the local Sheriff's Department the same week that both murder suspects in Mount Vernon, Henshaw and Perez, were indicted.

Brodhead's new city commissioners attended the city's last regular meeting of 2020 to prepare to take the reins in January. After losing his bid for re-election, Commissioner John Burton said he would attend every meeting and continue his efforts to grow the local economy.

Also in December, Rockcastle County lost a 17-year veteran of the sheriff's department when Ronald Bradley passed away.

All three local Christmas parades were a huge success as residents lined the streets to enjoy the festivities.

In the final week of the year, Rockcastle County set aside \$125,000 to be used if and when a Delta gas pipeline comes to the county.

Mt. Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray agreed to a new employment arrangement while serving in his capacity as Kentucky State Representative.

“Brodhead”

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that it will happen just yet but I am talking with them and they do donate to cities in need," said Adams. "I will stay on it and see what develops."

Another new commissioner Teddy Rose asked the commission to consider weighing the long term costs of buying used equipment as opposed to purchasing new equipment. "We have to consider the time and expense of repairing used equipment when we talk about costs," he said.

Rose also inquired about the nuisance ordinance the city revamped two years ago, naming at least one site that he would like to see cleaned up.

City Clerk Becky Bussell said the site in question has been discussed recently but no action has yet been taken. "It turns out it would cost the city about \$12,000 to clean that site," she said. "Though we would hope to recoup that expense from the owner eventually, the city simply can't afford that expense right now especially when there is no guarantee that we would ever get it back."

When placing a lien on the property was discussed, Bussell said she suspects there may already be several liens on the property thereby making another lien by the City of Brodhead practically useless.

Rose also asked about keeping Main Street clean. "I live here in Brodhead and I would re-

ally like to see Main Street kept clean," he said. Commissioner Brian Bullock explained that the street is owned by the state and the city does not have permission to clean it. "To be honest, we are not supposed to clean the state highway," he said. "We have had to a few times because the state let it get out of hand and the drains were stopped up. But, they want to clean it themselves."

Bullock said when the state is contacted to clean the street, officials say there is not enough equipment designated for the area to get to Brodhead for several weeks.

New member Harold Taylor asked Brodhead Police Chief Richard Reynolds if he could help a citizen who had complained about trespassers. "This homeowner asked them to leave his driveway and they yelled profanities at him and told him to get in his house," said Taylor. Reynolds said he will look into the situation and suggested the homeowner place visible "no trespassing" signs in the yard giving police more immediate authority to act. Reynolds explained that action can be taken without the sign but the action takes more steps, a longer period of time and holds a smaller conviction rate.

Reynolds said there are several locations in the city where trespassers are causing issues with homeowners, especially in abandoned areas. "I think you know what they are doing there," he said. "The areas need to be watched 24/7."

Rose then addressed an issue that has plagued the city of Brodhead for many years. "What are we going to do about the graffiti and foul language painted on the bridge up here (Hwy 1505 bridge in Brodhead)?"

Bussell said the issue has been addressed before. "Everytime we paint over it, it is back on there the next morning," she said.

According to Reynolds, until at least one more police officer is hired, the issue is difficult to deal with. "The people who need to know where I am as the city's only officer, know exactly where I am at all times," he said. "Until we get another officer, I can't prove who is doing it because I can't be there at all times."

However, hiring another officer has several problems, Reynolds said. "I am hoping and searching hard to find someone certified who would be interested so that they could hit the ground running and not cost the city so much money in training (costs) just so they leave after they are trained," he said. However this effort may be hurting more than helping. "Here is the conundrum," said Reynolds. "If we hire a new green officer, they are required to train in two phases. After phase one, then they have to pass phase II and if they don't we have to start all over. Even if they do pass phase II, they have at least 23 weeks in the academy, and then personal training under my direction. If I hired someone tomorrow, it would be at least nine months before they could actually be turned loose on the streets of Brodhead or we would risk massive liabilities for the city that could break the entire town. All of this training and time and school costs

the city funds. But if I find someone already certified, it avoids all that. The problem is, it is very hard to find certified officers who still want to do this for a living these days and the longer I look for someone certified to save the city great expense, the longer I am putting off the nine months it would take if I don't find someone certified. You see the problem?"

In summary, the attempt to save the city time and money may actually cost the city more time and money. However, the city can't afford to not try, according to Reynolds. Either way is a possible problem.

The good news? Reynolds said he expects the new alcohol regulatory fee may provide funds that could speed up either process and provide more police presence sooner than later.

The commissioners also discussed street lights, a new trailer for the sewer department, possible future rate hikes for water and sewer, the \$400,000 in FEMA Litigation funds that were approved last year, playground equipment at the city parks, local vandalism and monthly bills.

Bullock reported that the Brodhead Fire Department answered 146 calls for service in 2020 (oddly the same number made in 2019) with 22 of those being structure fires.

Through each subject of the evening, Bullock explained where the city stands to each new commissioner. "We have done a lot of good in the past few years by eating away at problems a little at a time as we can afford it," he said. "We have to keep that up, until we solve each of these issues."

Having no further business, Mayor Walter Cash asked for a motion to close the meeting. "Well, I'd say this first meeting went pretty well," he said. "The paper will have a lot to write about this week," he added.

“Water”

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resigned her newly appointed position.

According to King, Larry Davis and Denise Carpenter have both expressed interest in the seat and if Katha Carpenter chooses to leave the position, he and the other commissioners would consider anyone interested to fill the spot.

In other action, the clerk said several Livingston water customers have responded to requests to pay their overdue water bill in the past two weeks. "That is going very well," she said. "We have had several come in and pay in full and several who have set up contracts to pay their

bill over time. There are a few stragglers but they may get in touch with us soon. We hope."

The commissioners also voted to pass a resolution to allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays in the City of Livingston from 12 noon to 11 p.m. There are currently two locations in Livingston that sell malt beverages.

Commissioners voted to allow the Sunday sales at last month's meeting but presented the official resolution this week.

"There are some that are working on a possible liquor store in Livingston too," said Amanda Carpenter. "We don't know if that will happen but there is a push for that."

The clerk said such a store would have a noticeable effect on the city's budget through the alcohol regulatory fee.

The commission also voted to sell a house and lot in the city as surplus property. The house and lot were purchased by the city in 2016 for \$1 and King said he already has bids reaching up to \$6,000 for the property.

"We will now advertise the property and accept bids," said Amanda Carpenter.

The police department reported a donation of \$104 from Todd Builders to be used at the department's discretion.

Commissioners and the mayor also discussed a bike-a-thon planned for July that would start in Lexington and travel to Livingston as part of the Kentucky Trail Towns program.

King said he and other officials are meeting later this week to discuss details of the event that would bring riders, and tourist dollars, through the city.

“Henshaw”

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hearing when Loudermilk described his investigation and presented the evidence against Henshaw.

The case is being handled in the office of Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery who says Henshaw is eligible for a term of life in prison if found guilty. "This would mean he would be eligible for parole in 20 years," said Montgomery. But until he spends time with the family and looks deeper into the case itself, the Commonwealth Attorney said he is not yet certain what penalty he will seek in the case. "I know we will seek a murder conviction," he said.

Henshaw is not eligible for capitol punishment, according to Montgomery.

The plea was accepted and a pretrial conference was scheduled for February 12, 2021.

Henshaw's bond remains at \$1 million cash.



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SPORTS

Lady Rockets beat Estill 52-37 in season opener

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets played their season opener at home Saturday against the Lady Engineers of Estill County and cruised to an easy 52-37 win.

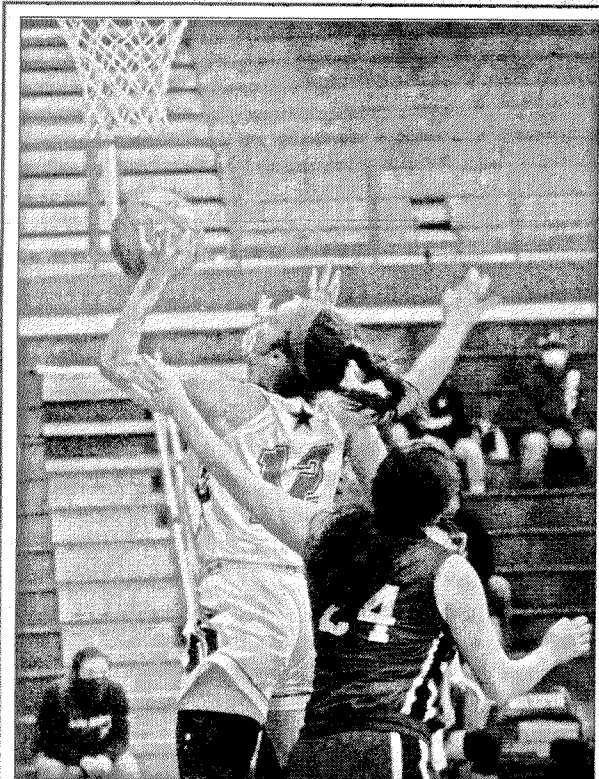
Leading at all the quarter stops, 14-7, 28-19 and 41-30, the Lady Rockets hit 20 of 52 shot attempts for 38.5% for the game but that was on two days of practice, following a COVID 19 quarantine period. The Lady Rockets were also without the services of sophomore Keelee King who is recuperating from a knee injury.

Senior Casey

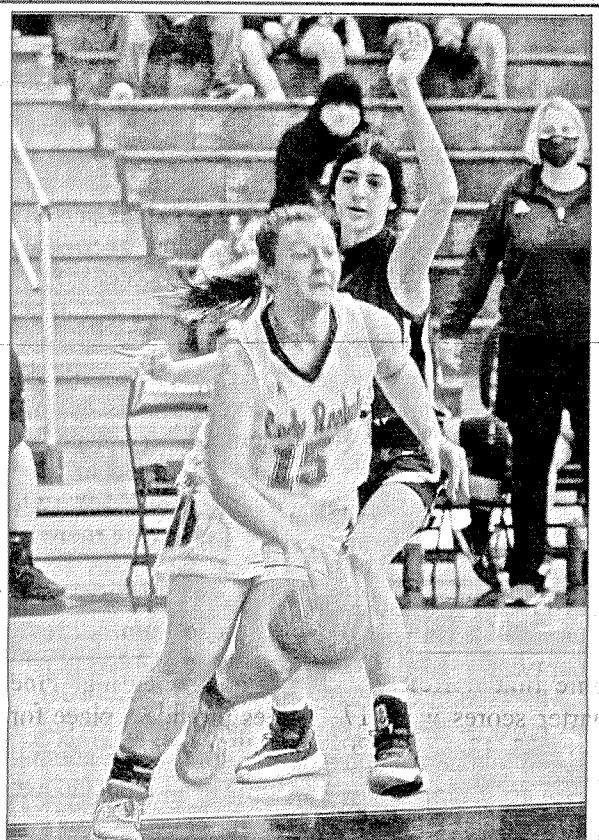
Coleman led the scoring for her team with 17 points. Coleman also led rebounding with eight and contributed four assists.

Lindsey Jones and Aliyah Lopez were also in double figures with 13 points each; Jones hit three three point field goals and Lopez got two. Lopez grabbed six rebounds. Calleigh Burdette scored seven points and pirated the ball four times. Hallie Brown came off the bench and only scored one basket but contributed three as-

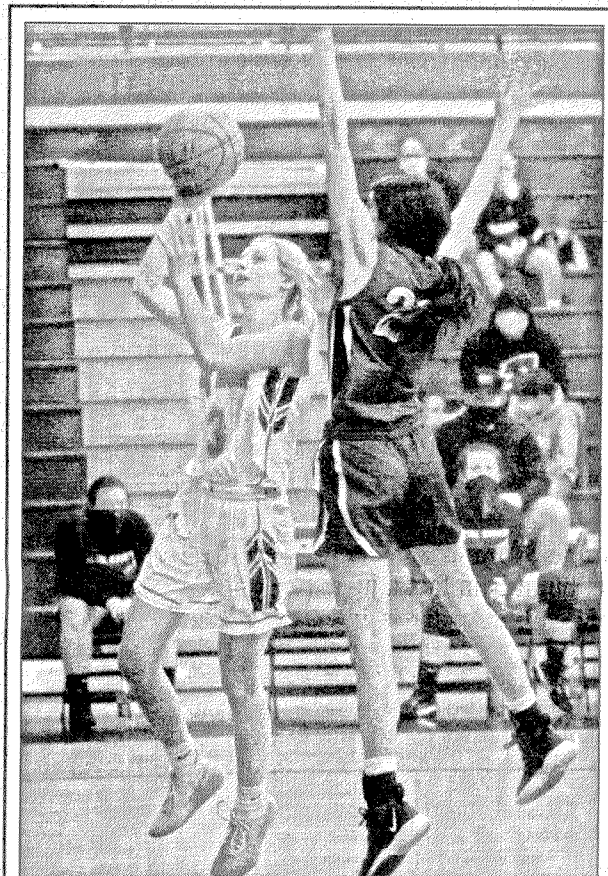
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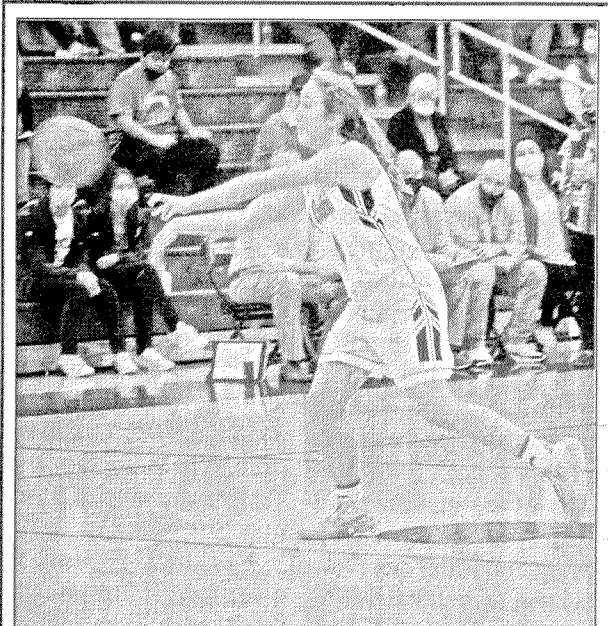
Senior Casey Coleman goes up for two of her 17 points in the Lady Rockets' win over Estill County Saturday.



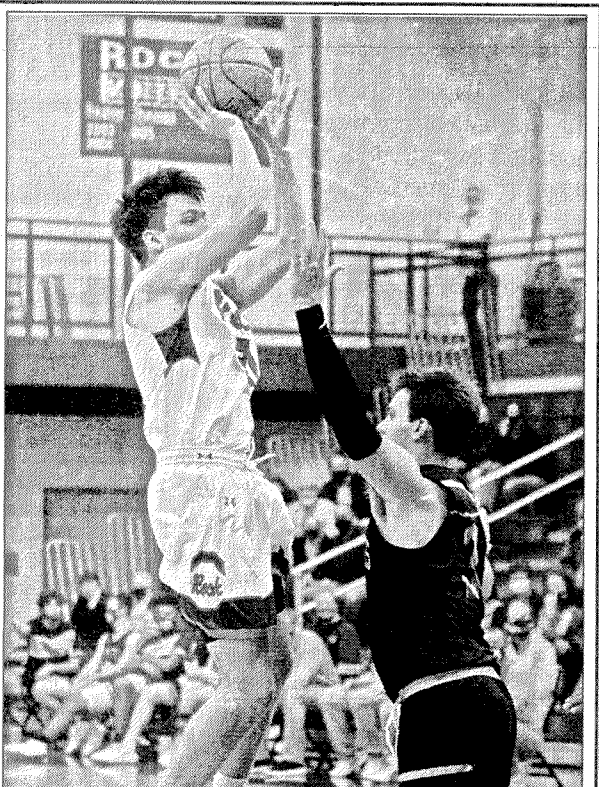
Senior Aliyah Lopez drives the baseline in the Lady Rockets' win over Estill County Saturday.



Senior Jordan Harper goes for two in the Lady Rockets' win over Estill County Saturday.



Calleigh Burdette makes a pass in the Lady Rockets' season opening win over Estill County Saturday.



Junior Daniel Mullins puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' season opening loss to Somerset. Mullins led his team with 19 points.



Junior Drew Hopkins drives around a screen by teammate Matthew Chasteen in the Rockets' loss to Somerset last week. The Rockets will face Casey County Friday night. They will also participate in the Legacy Nissan Classic, along with the Lady Rockets, at North Laurel on Saturday and will host Anderson County next Monday night in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.



All-State...

RCMS sixth grader Maliyah Swinney was recently named to the Sixth Grade and Under All-State Team in cross-country for her outstanding performance and 23rd place finish at the Sixth Grade and Under State Championships this past season, as well as for her impressive regular season. She was also named All-Area 8 recently. This should be the first of many all-state awards for Maliyah in both cross-country and track.

Rockets drop opener to Somerset 66-49

The Rockcastle Rockets dropped their opening game of the season 66-49 when they hosted the Somerset Briar Jumpers for a district match-up.

Two Rockets were in

double-figures in the game, scoring only two three point shots in 12 attempts and 16 of 34 two point shot attempts.

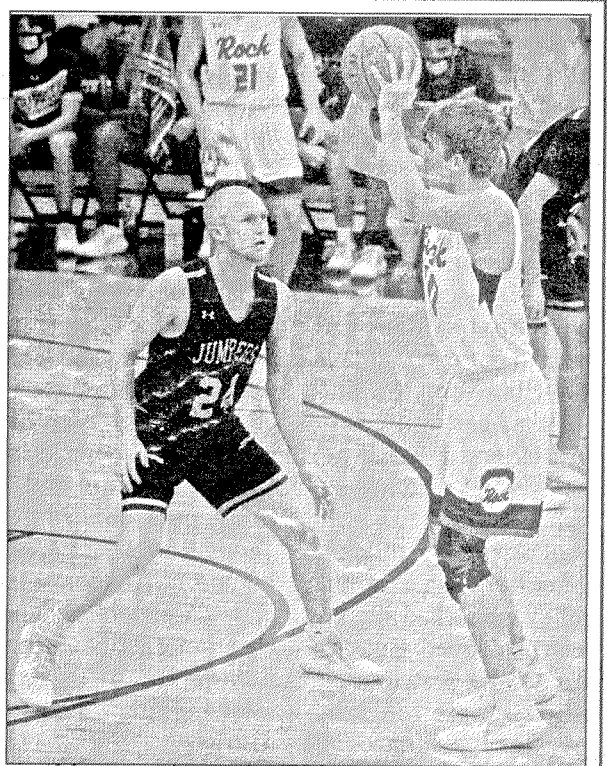
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Rockets lose to Campbellsville 67-62

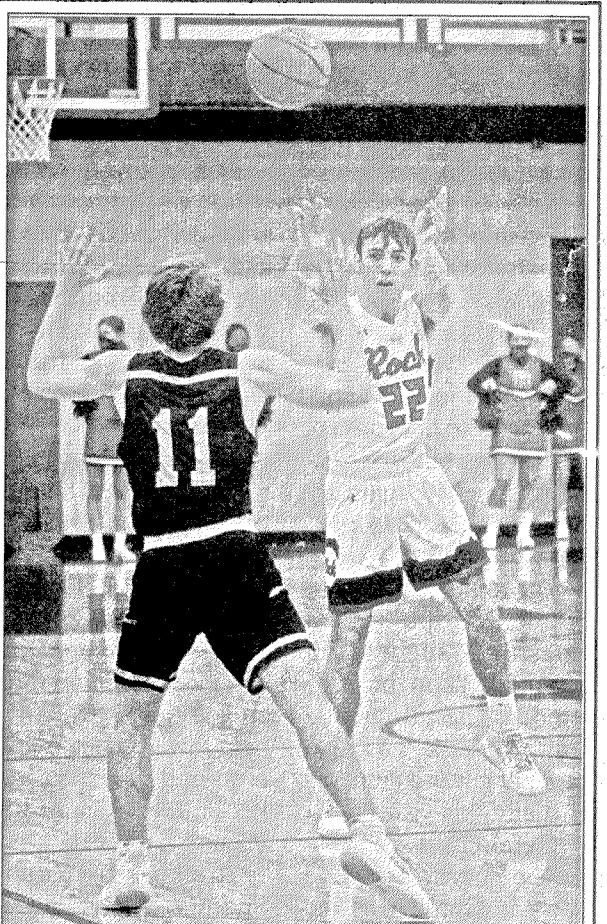
The Rockets drove a long way Saturday to pick up their second loss of the season, losing 67-62 to the

Eagles. The Rockets won three of the four quarters

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Freshman Will Bishop looks over the defense in the Rockets' season opening loss to Somerset.



Junior Reese Coguer makes a pass in the Rockets' season opening loss to Somerset.

“Class”

(Continued from front)

in MyRock online virtual learning and Ballinger said about 1,000 students showed up for class today in person.

Rockcastle County schools are operating on the alternating A/B schedule currently with students whose last name begins with A-L attending in-person classes on Mondays and Wednesdays while last names beginning with M-Z will attend in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All students will participate in virtual learning on Fridays.

Any students enrolled in MyRock online classes, who wishes to return to in-person classes, is encouraged to contact your school principal.

Though many parts of the school day were different for every student and teacher, Ballinger said good preparation paid off for all involved. “The school day was extremely smooth and the kids, teachers and staff were so excited to be back in person after weeks of remote learning,” the superintendent said.

Most officials agree there have been large parts of the education process missing since the COVID-19 mandates started in March of 2020. However, one of the things that Ballinger said was missed the most, were the smiles. “Seeing the smiles on our students’ faces was exactly what we have all been longing for.”

“Vaccine”

(Continued from front)

ing vaccine doses Rockcastle Regional had left after recent long-term care resident and employee vaccinations.

Under the guidance of the Kentucky Department of Public Health (KDPH), the vaccines were offered to healthcare personnel from any facility, first responders, and to those 70 years and older.

“We knew mid-last week we would have some vaccine doses left after our residents and employees were vaccinated,” said Rockcastle Regional’s Infection Control Coordinator and Patient Safety Director Traci Bullens, RN. “We felt it vital to get those doses out to the most vulnerable community members as soon as possible.”

The organization assembled a team to coordinate and implement a vaccination clinic in a matter of two days.

“Patient safety is always our top priority in whatever we do,” said Brandy Bullock, Rural Health Clinics Director. “Knowing that we would be receiving over 300 patients who are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, it was our goal to operate this clinic as efficiently and safely as possible and I believe we achieved just that.”

At the clinic, the Rockcastle Regional team administered the first of two doses of the Moderna vaccine. A booster dose will be given Feb. 6.

The feedback staff received from those who received the vaccine was overwhelmingly positive. Doug and Sue Hamm received their first dose at the clinic, saying, “Today when we got our vaccinations, it was such

an impressive system, as usual. Things ran so smoothly, and all the many employees there were so kind, helpful, professional, and efficient.” That sentiment was echoed by Leo Hopkins, another recipient, along with his wife, Patsy, of the vaccine’s first dose. “I have never seen an event run in such a smooth professional manner in all stages from waiting our turn through the 15 minute observation period afterwards..”

Meanwhile, as part of the state’s phased plan, the organization has been vaccinating its employees who made the important decision to take the vaccine over the last three weeks.

The first COVID-19 vaccines approved for public use were those produced by Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech. The state of Kentucky received shipment of vaccines and distributed them throughout the Commonwealth to healthcare organizations. The KDPH developed a four-phased approach to making the vaccines available to the community.

•Phase 1A: Long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities, healthcare personnel.

•Phase 1B: First responders, anyone 70 or older, K-12 school personnel.

•Phase 1C: Anyone 60 or older, anyone 16 or older with CDC highest risk COVID-19 conditions, all essential workers.

•Phase 2: Anyone 40 or older.

•Phase 3: Anyone 16 or older.

•Phase 4: Children under the age of 16 if the vaccine is approved for this age group.

“At this time, we have distributed all of our remaining available vaccine doses,” said Bullens. “At some point in the future, we will receive additional doses and will make those available to the community based on the phased approach guidelines set by the state.”

Future vaccine clinics will be announced on the hospital’s social media, website, and through the *Mount Vernon Signal*, as press time permits. If you would like to be notified via email when the next vaccine clinic is available, please email your name and email address to info@rhrcc.org.

To stay up-to-date on the state’s plan, visit their website at www.kycovid19.ky.gov/vaccine.

“Lady Rock”

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sists, four rebounds and four blocked shots.

The girls were scheduled to travel to Wayne County Tuesday night for a doubleheader with the Rocket boys team. They will host Casey County Friday night, play in the Legacy Nissan Classic at North Laurel Saturday and will then play another doubleheader with the boys on Monday, January 18th at home against the Anderson County Bearcats.

Lady Rocket JV beat Estill Co.

The Lady Rocket JV team played the opening game Saturday and came away with a win for their season opener 40-31.

Taylor King led the scoring for her team with 14 points; Addison McClure got 10; Camryn Cash eight and Haley Thacker, Savannah Santo, Haven King and Karlee Smith each scored two points.

Rockets and Somerset

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Daniel Mullins was high point scorer for his team with 19 points; freshman Will Bishop got 10 points; Drew Hopkins scored 9; Matthew Chasteen and Jake Sanders got four points each and Reese Coguer added three free throws.

The team shot 39.1% in field goal attempts and 73.3% in free throw attempts and pulled in 31 rebounds.

Bishop had the best field goal percentage, hitting four of six attempts. He also corralled the most rebounds, 11 while Chasteen and Sanders tied for second best with six each. Hopkins and Coguer each got three and Mullins picked up two.

Jayvee Win 31-23

The Rocket Jayvee came away with their first win of the season in the opening game of the night against the Briar Jumpers.

Ben Brown led the scoring with eight points; Kaden Kidwell got seven; Skyler Durham scored six points; Cade Prewitt got four and Landon Dillingham, Bryson Atkin and Jaiden Burton each scored two points.

Rockets and Campbellsville

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of the game but lost the second quarter 23-12 and were not able to overcome that deficit. The quarter scores were 17-11, 12-23, 13-12 and 20-19.

The Rockets were without the services of freshman Will Bishop who is battling a lingering knee problem.

Junior Daniel Mullins led the scoring for his team with 32 points, including five three point baskets; Drew Hopkins got 14 with four threes; Jake Sanders got 10 points and Reese Coguer and Matthew Chasteen each scored two points.

The Rockets shot 51.2% from the floor, including hitting 9 of 23 three point shots and 13 of 34 two point baskets. They got nine of ten free throws for 90%.

Sanders pulled down the most rebounds at six with Chasteen getting five, Hopkins three and Mullins and Coguer one each.

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Jayvee Win 31-29

The Rockets Jayvee team got their second win of the season at Campbellsville, winning 31-29. The Rockets actually won the game in the second quarter when they outscored the Eagles 9-0, a difference Campbellsville just couldn’t make up in the end.

Landon Dillingham got 17 of the 31 points; Ben Brown scored six points; Cade Prewitt four and Skyler Durham and Jaiden Burton contributed two points each.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Pines, Spruce, Firs,
Hemlocks and Cedars—
Landscaping With
Conifers

Let us have a look at conifers in the landscape. These are cone-bearing, mostly evergreen trees.

Perhaps we’ll do a follow-up article soon on junipers and other evergreens to landscape with. Wintertime is often when these trees make us really notice and appreciate them. Wind whistling in the pine needles and snow on the firs are some of the nicest of experiences in the outdoors. I suppose some sounds of rushing water would complete the image—and sounds do travel farther and louder in winter.

Stately evergreen trees look nice both in our yards and out in the forests. This is most obvious in winter when many other trees and shrubs and flowers have gone leafless. Ginkgo trees are classified as conifers, and larch sheds its needles in winter, as does the dawn redwood, but for the most part conifers are evergreen trees.

Pines are a common and useful tree, especially in temperate regions of the planet. They provide us not just lovely trees to enjoy visually, but pines give us lumber, pulpwood, (used in paper making, books, newspaper, school and office, and when you gotta’go), turpentine and other distillates (pine-sol) for antiseptic and cleaning properties. Don’t forget pine resin for baseball bats, and pine nuts (seeds) for eating. Pine trees provide a place for wildlife to hide from winter winds or from birds of prey. They also give us shade, work as windbreaks, and the bark makes a great planting medium and mulch, depending on the size of the bark pieces. One more wonderful contribution is “pine straw” or needles for use in mulching landscaping, especially in hot climates.

The world’s oldest tree is thought to be the bristlecone pine; although it may be the ginkgo. For landscape purposes, let’s begin with the white pine. It’s tall and problematic in its old age, but sure grows fast when planted as a visual barrier in the landscape. Over-used I would say. White pines are native to several eastern and western states.

Other pines that are sometimes used in landscaping include limber pine “Vanderwulf’s Pyramid”, Austrian pine, Scots pine, Japanese black pine, mugho pine, stone pines of Korea and Italy, and the Virginia pine that pops up along roads and everywhere, but isn’t the best tree for landscaping or lumber. There’s also the loblolly, Jeffrey’s, and many other pines, including one with colorful flaky bark.

Spruce trees are generally more tolerant to various soil types and climate conditions. From the Colorado blue spruce to the Black Hills Spruce to the Norway spruce; everyone loves a spruce tree in a big yard it seems. Blue spruce frequently doesn’t do well except in the western states where soil pH is high and soils aren’t waterlogged.

The hemlock is a beautiful tree in the landscape, or in the forest along a mountain stream.

They love acid soils and prefer the shady side of a slope. Hemlock lumber is more dense and rot resistant than pines and many other conifers. Unlike the white pine, a hemlock will probably never need to be removed in the lifetime of the person who planted it. The one reservation I have with planting hemlocks is the woolly adelgid insect. This pest has devastated hemlocks in W. North Carolina and E. Tennessee and has spread to other areas as well. If you have a nice hemlock in your yard, check it for these tiny fuzzy little insects that may look like mildew. Without treatment, these insects will suck the life out of a hemlock tree in three to five years.

Fir trees are for mountainous areas and for farther north in general. But, I plant the Canaan fir and the white or Concolor fir with success in Kentucky. I also know of Nordmann fir and Ernest fir being grown for Christmas trees in Lexington/Winchester area. The Frazier firs grow great at elevations of three to five thousand feet in the Appalachian and Blue Ridge Mountains, and are the most common cut trees at holiday time in the Mid-Atlantic states. Douglas fir will grow well in our area, but isn’t a true fir.

Cedars make magnificent landscape trees. The blue Atlas cedar, the Cedar of Lebanon and the Deodar cedar.

Many of us refer to “red cedar” that chests are often made from or closets lined with as a cedar tree; but it is in fact a juniper. White cedar is in fact an arborvitae.

Atlas cedars are the most cold hardy. Then Cedar of Lebanon, perhaps to -20F or lower, and the deodar cedar which is safe to a bit below zero. The Deodar or Himalayan cedar is native to the Himalayan Mountains in Asia.

Cedar of Lebanon in Turkey and the Middle East. Atlas cedar in southern Europe and Atlas Mountains in Africa.

Atlas is also called Atlantic cedar. The cedars of

Lebanon are known by some for their Biblical histories.

For those wanting natives, digging up a small tree in the wild and locating it to your yard may be a good way to go. Garden centers have potted or B&B trees, and mail order firms offer bare root trees.

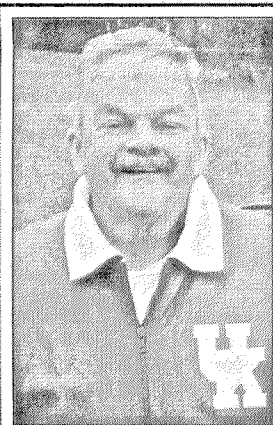
And often it’s something ‘exotic’ somebody wants to try. Many unique and dwarf, twisted, weeping, colorful and otherwise ‘different’ conifers can be had by those willing to search them out.

Landscaping that includes some large evergreen trees, especially cone bearing ones, seems not to even need a recommendation. Almost all of us enjoy viewing a stately evergreen tree. Kids may love the cones, birds the seeds or the hiding places from predators and bad weather, squirrels will raid the cones for seeds to eat.

Consider a conifer, that is, a cone bearing tree for your yard next time you are thinking of planting a tree.

Consider pines, spruce, fir, larch, cedars, even cypress and redwoods; don’t be like the neighbors and plant a Bradford pear or a red maple. If you look out your window and don’t see any evergreen trees bearing cones from tiny as in hemlock to large as in some pines, why not plant one!

The author is a landscaper.
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contact Max.



Charles Sanders celebrated his 84th birthday January 7th, 2021 at his home in West Chester, Ohio with family and friends.

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Rockcastle County awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Rockcastle Co. has been chosen to receive funds for Phase 38 in the amount of \$5,585.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to Rockcastle Co. are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Rockcastle Co. has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Feeding the Flock Ministries, Grateful Breads, and Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Leslie Faulkner at Daniel Boone Community Agency, Inc. at (606) 256-5315. The deadline for application to be received is January 17, 2021.

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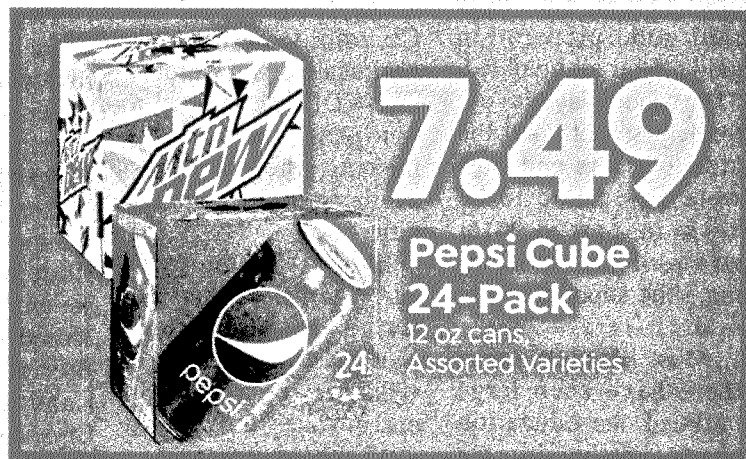
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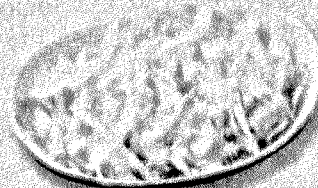
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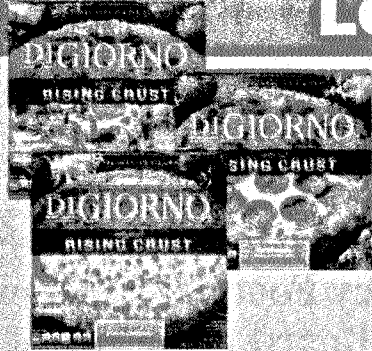


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KSP assists with 114 arrests of child predators

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) Electronic Crime Branch is a team of sixteen detectives and nine civilians. They have worked tirelessly this year, in conjunction with the Kentucky ICAC Task Force, to respond to over 3,000 cybercrime tips leading to 707 completed investigations resulting in 114 arrests, which is an overall increase from 2019.

While the investigative unit handles a variety of cybercrimes, they partner with the Kentucky Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force to protect the most vulnerable victims, Kentucky's youth. The ICAC Task Force, which includes several law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth, has received 3,137 cybercrime tips so far this year.

"I want to thank the dedicated detectives and staff of the KSP Electronic Crime Branch and the law enforcement agencies on the ICAC Task Force for being a member of Team Kentucky. The work they do day in and day out is hard, tough and at times can be emotionally draining, but they do important work for Kentucky's youth to help provide a better and safer state for our children to grow up in," said Gov. Andy Beshear.

A recent case investigated by KSP's Electronic Crime Branch and ICAC Task Force involved Paige Cagle, a Lexington woman who was sentenced to 25 years for producing child pornography. The investigation began last year when a Springfield, MO man confessed that he received and possessed

child pornography on his cell phone, having received images from Cagle over various messaging applications. Through an intensive investigation, Cagle admitted that she had sexually abused a young child and made videos of the abuse while in Joplin, MO, and three videos of the abuse while in Clark County, KY. She will serve 85 percent of her sentence and will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for life upon her release.

"We are seeing predators using more sophisticated techniques to connect with young people online, and in some cases, they impersonate a youth around the victim's age," says KSP Lieutenant Mike Bowling. "Predators are using online games and social media messaging platforms to draw kids into sexually explicit conversations where they will eventually coach them to share inappropriate photos and videos of themselves."

Bowling says not all tips lead to an arrest but that they take them all seriously. "Most of us who work in this branch are parents ourselves and I think that drives us to be more diligent. We know that every child is just a 'click' away from potentially falling prey to these criminals," notes Bowling.

The KSP Electronic Crimes Branch would like to make parents aware that one of the best resources they can utilize to help protect and educate their children from online predators is the Netsmartz website. The website has helpful resources, videos and tips for all ages available at no cost.

For jury trials and grand juries

Supreme Court extends restrictions to April 1st

Last week, the Supreme Court entered two new Administrative Orders that further extend restrictions on jury trials, grand juries, show cause dockets, judicial sales and in-person meetings of Kentucky Court of Justice committees, commissions, task forces and boards. This action was necessary to address the continued surge of COVID-19 cases across the commonwealth.

Administrative Order

2021-01 replaces Administrative Order 2020-71 and Administrative Order 2021-02 replaces Administrative Order 2020-72. The orders:

- Postpone all jury trials until April 1, 2021.

- Require grand juries to either be conducted remotely or suspended.

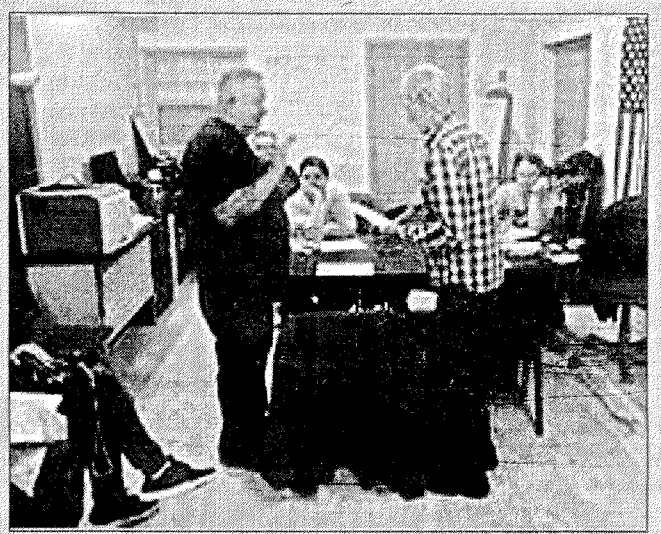
- Postpone all show cause dockets until April 1, 2021.

- Require judicial sales to be conducted either remotely or outside and in

Sworn in



City commissioners in Livingston and Brodhead were sworn in their office before the end of 2020. Shown above, from left, Jerry Adams, Harold Taylor and Teddy Rose were sworn-in as Brodhead City Commissioners by Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. on December 21st. Shown at right, Leroy Lamb was sworn-in as Livingston City Commissioner by Livingston Mayor Duane King as other city officials looked on. Three more Livingston City commissioners were later sworn-in at Livingston after the first of the year since they were appointed and not elected. Those were Clyde Carpenter, Julie Childress Hazelwood and Katha Carpenter.



Deadlines approaching for upcoming youth programs

Applications for all three of The Center for Rural Development's youth programs are currently open. However, application deadlines are fast approaching.

The Center for Rural Development has three different youth programs targeted towards students in grades 8-11. Rogers Scholars, for current high school sophomores; Rogers Explorers, for current middle school eighth graders; and the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI), for students in grades 9-11.

Applications for the Rogers Scholars program are due on January 31st at midnight. Rogers Scholars — The Center's flagship youth program — is

open to high school rising juniors in Southern and Eastern Kentucky seeking to build their skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, technology, and community service of almost any kind. Students spend an entire week on a college campus — Lindsey Wilson College and Morehead State University. Through the program, students have access to valuable leadership opportunities and exclusive college scholarship offers from 19 colleges and universities. Students apply during their sophomore year.

Applications for the Rogers Explorers program are due on February 28th at midnight.

Rogers Explorers is a three-day, two-night leadership program which focuses on building skills in leadership, community service, and STEM career exploration. Students attend camp on one of six different college campuses throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Students apply during their eighth grade year.

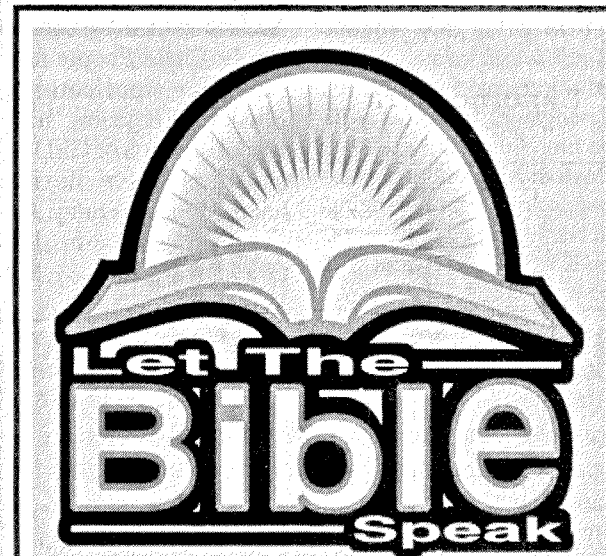
Applications for the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI) are due on March 31st at midnight. ELI is a week-long program held at The Center in Somerset, KY. Students spend the week creating a business idea and developing a plan to pitch to a group of judges. The week concludes with a Business Concept Competition. Students from the winning team receive a scholarship offer from EKU valued at \$16,000. Students apply during their 9th, 10th, and 11th grade year.

Each application is now available online through the Google Classroom platform. The application classroom codes are available at

centeryouthprograms.com. Students go to The Center's youth programs website to get the classroom code and they use it to connect to the application via Google Classroom.

If you have specific questions about the application process or want to know more about The Center's youth leadership programs, contact Allison Cross at across@centertech.com or call The Center at 606-677-6000.

In order to be eligible for The Center's youth programs, students have to live in its 45-county service area in the counties of Adair, Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Boyd, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe.



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1/24 - #1284 Q&A - Age of Accountability
1/31 - #1285 Biblical Archaeology

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Three Mt. Vernon Lions Club members have earned awards this year. Pictured from left are: Jennifer Hand, received 10-year medallion; Sandy Dowell, earned award for recruiting; and Mary McNew for recruiting.

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property of Shelby and Eric Eversole (formerly known as the Ab Ramsey property) and located at 85 Pennington Cemetery Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x3p

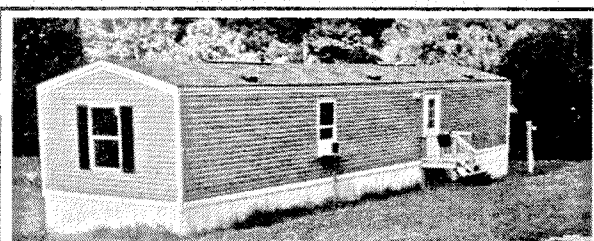
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Notice is hereby given that Melissa Wagers, 85 Woodland Place, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Steven Kirby, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Melissa Wagers or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. 47x3

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Notice is hereby given that Travis McGee, 109 Gilpin St., London, Ky. 40741 has been appointed Administrator with no will of the estate of Sheila Parrett on the 23rd day of December, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Travis McGee or to James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 23, 2021. 49x3



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Billy Jack Rayburn: criminal trespass, 365

days, probated 24 months on condition plus court costs.

Ariel J. Cooper: speeding, \$75 fine; reckless driving, \$25 fine plus court costs.

Deeds Recorded

Aubrey J. Taylor and Lester L. Taylor and oth-

ers, property iun Taylor Estate, to Angie Sisson. Tax \$1

Coyurtniue Smith, property on west bank of Roundstone Creek, to KarenJ. and Kevin P. McDowell. Tax \$85

Lena and Jack Bussell, property on U.S. 150, to William Keith Bussell and Kevin Reece Bussell. No tax

Tammy and Jimmy

Short and Christopher and Tamara King, property in Ridge Vie Subdv., to Joshua D. Chaliff. No tax

Joshua D. Chaliff, property in Ridge View Subdv., to Marie T. Brown. Tax \$90

Charles and Phyllis Shepherd, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Eugene and Vicki Webb. Tax \$20

Carol Ann Caldwell. Gary Lee and Doris Caldwell and Carlos Ray and Beverly Caldwell, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald Ray Taulbee. Tax \$110

Jimmy Dean French and Barbara and Erasmo Guzman, property in Rockcastle County, to Sammy L. and Judy Ford and roy E. and Judy Adams. Tax \$18

Donald S. Parsons II, property on Jordan Cemetery Road, to David A. and Marcia Coffey and Gary D. and Megan Coffey. Tax \$10

Donald S. Parsons II and Brenda Parsons, property in Rockcastle County, to David A. and Marcia Coffey and Gary D. and Megan Coffey. Tax \$30

Wayne Berry, property in Rockcastle County, to Terry and Marlene Lawson. Tax \$80

Pamela J. Holcomb, property in Livingston, to 8946 Main St., LLC. No tax

Aaron Thomas Scheid-Caldwell and Amy K. Caldwell, property in Mt. Vernon, to Chasity Brooke Burke. Tax \$187.50

Carl Jason and Summer Price, property in Rockcastle Co., to

Michael and Rosemary Whitaker. Tax \$43

Troy and Jessica Baker, property in Rockcastle County, to Misty L. and Stephan A. School, Jr. Tax \$52

Glen and Joianne Pettigrove, property on waters of Lake Linville, to Douglas Abney. Tax \$25

Anne Marie Boyd and Ray Allred, property on East Side of Dix River, to Donald C. Nelson. Tax \$481

Billy Jones, property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Toni and Marty evans. No tax

Thomas Emil Sibila III, property in Rockcastle Co., to Fred Hampton III and Racheal Hampton. Tax \$3

Robert E. and Julie B. Phillips, property in Carter Heights Subdv., to Johnathan K. Portwood and Callie Carpenter. Tax \$105

Christopher Dean Smith and Katerine Scarlett Parrish Gardner, property in Rockcastle County, to Robert James Scheff, Jr. and Tina Marie Johnson. Tax \$135

Jim ad Virginia Arlene Pheanis, property on Red Hill Rd., to Karen and Casey Edward Powell. No tax

Frankfort Update

By Josh Bray
State Representative
Legislature Gets to Work on COVID-19 response

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my ability, the office of State Representative of the 71st Legislative District according to law..."

These are the first sentences of the Constitutional Oath of Office that I recited and promised to uphold when I joined other House members in Frankfort on January 5. This is my first time reciting that Oath, and I pledge to uphold it and serve this district to the best of my abilities. I am com-

mitted to supporting policies that benefit the people of this district and help Kentuckians across the state move beyond this pandemic and back onto a path that reflects our values of hard work, family, and freedom. I want to thank you for putting your faith in me, and ask for your prayers as I join other House members in getting to work this session.

The first week of an odd-year session is usually reserved for organizational work. However, this year we hit the ground running from the very first day. I think it says a lot that the first bill passed by the House this session is aimed at keeping businesses, schools, nonprofits, and other organizations safely open during the remainder of the COVID-19 pandemic. The measure went to the Governor's desk for consideration after the House and Senate agreed on an amended version on Saturday. It provides clarity and reassurance for these entities and gives them the nec-

essary framework to serve their customers, clients, and students. If HB 1 becomes law, any of these organizations can remain open if they adopt and follow a comprehensive operating plan. This plan could be drafted by them or provided by a variety of sources.

The measure also protects vulnerable Kentuckians. HB 1 also prohibits the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) from restricting, modifying or suspending court-ordered in-person non-custodial parental visitation for children in state care. In addition, HB 1 also prevents CHFS from preventing in-person visitation in nursing homes and long-term care facilities. Instead, it requires the cabinet to develop guidelines for facilities that choose to allow visitation if it is designated important to the mental, physical, or social well-being of the resident. Long-term care residents are among the most vulnerable to this virus, and we all recognize that we need to take additional steps to protect them. However, isolation has proven equally dangerous to both their quality of life and physical and mental conditions. I know firsthand how hard it is to have a family member in longterm care, but this virus has made it even more so.

HB 1 also includes unemployment relief for traditional employers. It waives penalties and interest on late unemployment insurance taxes to give employers more time to pay their tax. Payments will not be considered due and will not be collected by the Labor Cabinet. This measure could literally mean the difference between saving jobs and losing them.

Apparently there is some confusion about what HB 1 requires and folks have asked if HB 1 requires Kentuckians to get vaccinated. This is not the case. I have verified that with our legal

staff.

We also moved SB 1, which refines the emergency powers granted to governors by previous legislatures. SB 1 balances the need for Kentucky to act quickly in an emergency with ensuring that a governor does not overstep the boundaries of executive branch authority. The measure limits to 30 days any emergency orders issued by a governor that place restrictions on the functioning of schools, colleges, private businesses or non-profits, political, religious, or social gatherings, places of worship, or imposes mandatory quarantine or isolation requirements. Also, a governor is prohibited from issuing another emergency order based upon the same or substantially similar facts and circumstances as the original order unless the legislature approves it. Additionally, the legislature, by joint resolution, may terminate a declaration of emergency at any time. SB 1 also goes to the Governor for his consideration.

While I fully expect the Governor to veto both HB 1 and SB 2, I am hopeful that he will see the wisdom of these measures and hear the outcry for them from Kentuckians. However, we stand ready to override any vetoes when we reconvene in February.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's update. I appreciate that our paper is willing to run these columns and, of course, hope you'll let me know if you have any comments or questions. I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at legislature.ky.gov.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CROCKPOT LOADED MASHED POTATOES
2 pounds red potatoes
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup milk
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
5 green onions, chopped
Cut potatoes into 2 inch pieces, peel them if you want. Spray the inside of crock pot with cooking spray. Add potatoes. Cover and cook 2 to 3 hours on high or 5 to 6 hours on low. Add sour cream, milk, salt, and pepper to potatoes. Use a hand mixer to blend together all ingredients. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese, crumbled bacon, and chopped green onions. Cook in crock pot for another 10 minutes.

CROCKPOT CHEESY HASH BROWN CASSEROLE
1 tablespoon butter, melted
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
2 cups sour cream
1 can (about 11 ounce) condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 bag (32 ounce) frozen hash brown potatoes
Spray a 5 -quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In large bowl, mix

melted butter with onion powder and salt. Stir in cheddar cheese, sour cream, soup. Mix well. Add hash browns until well combined. Place in slow cooker. Cover and cook on Low heat setting 6 hours.

CROCKPOT SCALLOPED POTATOES

1 can (about 11 ounce) condensed cream of chicken soup
1 cup Half and Half®
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 teaspoon salt
3 pounds Yukon gold potatoes, peeled, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon butter, melted
1 cup shredded mild Cheddar cheese
1 cup small diced American cheese
Spray a 4- or 5-quart slow cooker with no-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine soup, Half and Half®, onion, and salt; mix well. Stir in potatoes until well coated. Spoon mixture into slow cooker; drizzle with butter. Cover; cook on low for 6 to 7 hours. Remove lid and add cheese to slow cooker. Gently stir in all of the cheese at the same time. Replace lid and let cook for another 5 to 10 minutes until cheese melts. Stir well before serving.

New Deadline

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

Daniel Boone CAA applications for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis Component Beginning January 4, 2021

Heating assistance program offers assistance to income-qualified residents in CAA service area.

Daniel Boone CAA will begin accepting applications for the Crisis Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) January 4, 2021. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2021 or until funds are depleted. To apply, qualified residents should contact their local outreach office. The Crisis Component is designed to help low-income Kentuckians offset home heating costs based on a household's income and primary fuel type. Benefits are paid directly to the primary fuel vendor in the form of a voucher. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, income eligibility has been increased to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Household Size	Gross Mo. Income	Household Size	Gross Mo. Income
1	\$1,595	5	\$3,835
2	\$2,155	6	\$4,395
3	\$2,715	7	\$4,955
4	\$3,275	8	\$5,515

Add \$560 for each additional family member

Covid-19 Policies Statement For everyone's safety, Daniel Boone CAA may provide special accommodations, adjust locations and times, and may ask that LIHEAP applicants follow safety protocols. Because these may change and vary between counties, applicants are encouraged to contact their local Community Action office for more information.

All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at time of application:

- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
- Proof of all household's (all members) income from the prior month.
- Most current heating bill, statement from your landlord if heating expenses are included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program.
- The account number and name on the account for main heating fuel sources and electric bill.

Daniel Boone CAA administers LIHEAP in partnership with Community Action Kentucky and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services who receive the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. More information about LIHEAP and a listing of LIHEAP outreach offices can be found at the Daniel Boone CAA website at www.DanielBooneCAA.org

Please contact your local DBCAA agency at 606-256-5315.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00261**

Kevin Poynter, et al Plaintiff
Betty Kemper, et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale of the Rockcastle Circuit Court entered in above styled action on November 20, 2020, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
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on Friday, January 15, 2021
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property and mobile home being more particularly described in Exhibit A.

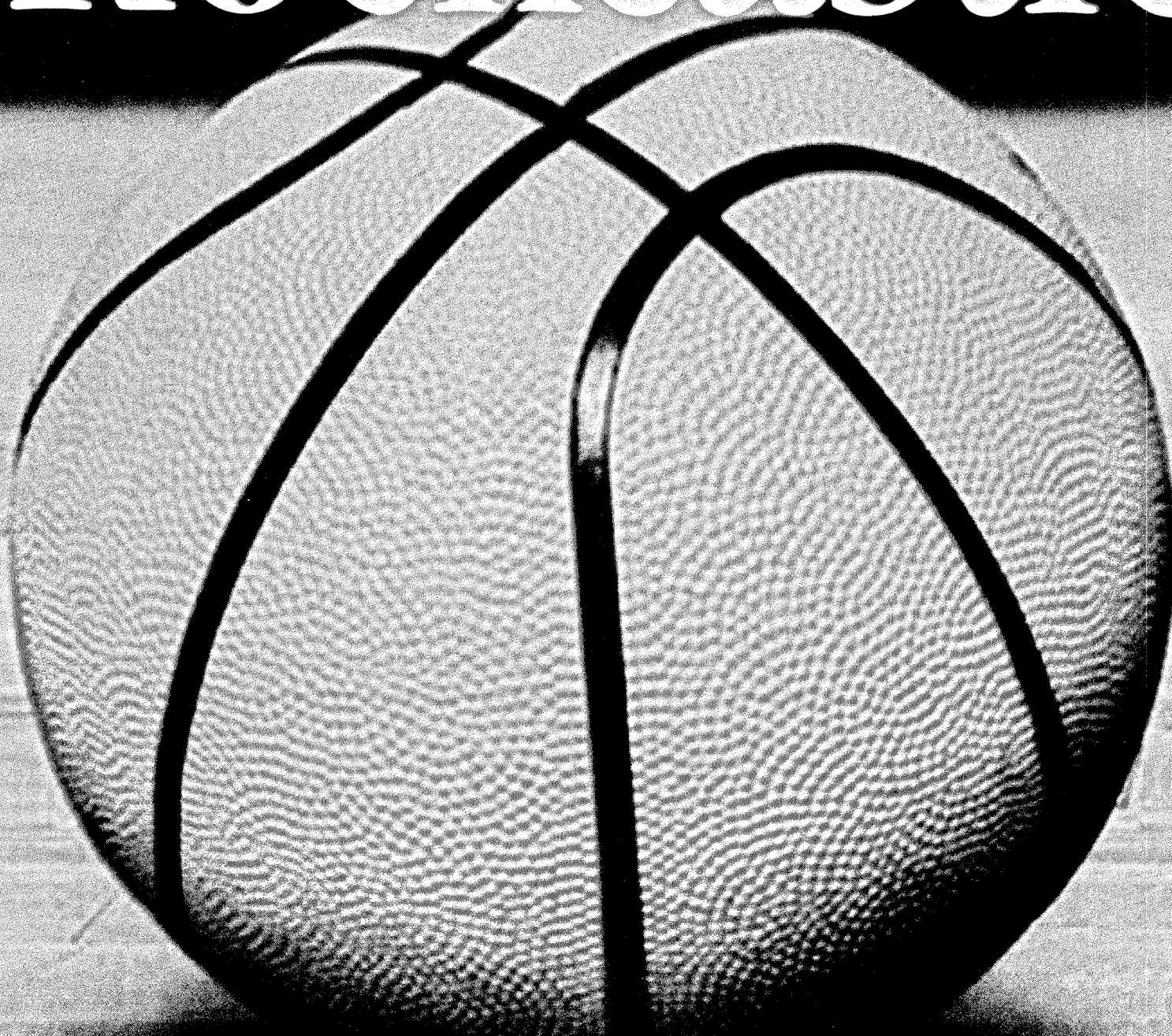
The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
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4. The purchaser shall pay the 2020 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
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**John D. Ford
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2020-2021 Edition of the Rockcastle Lady Rockets

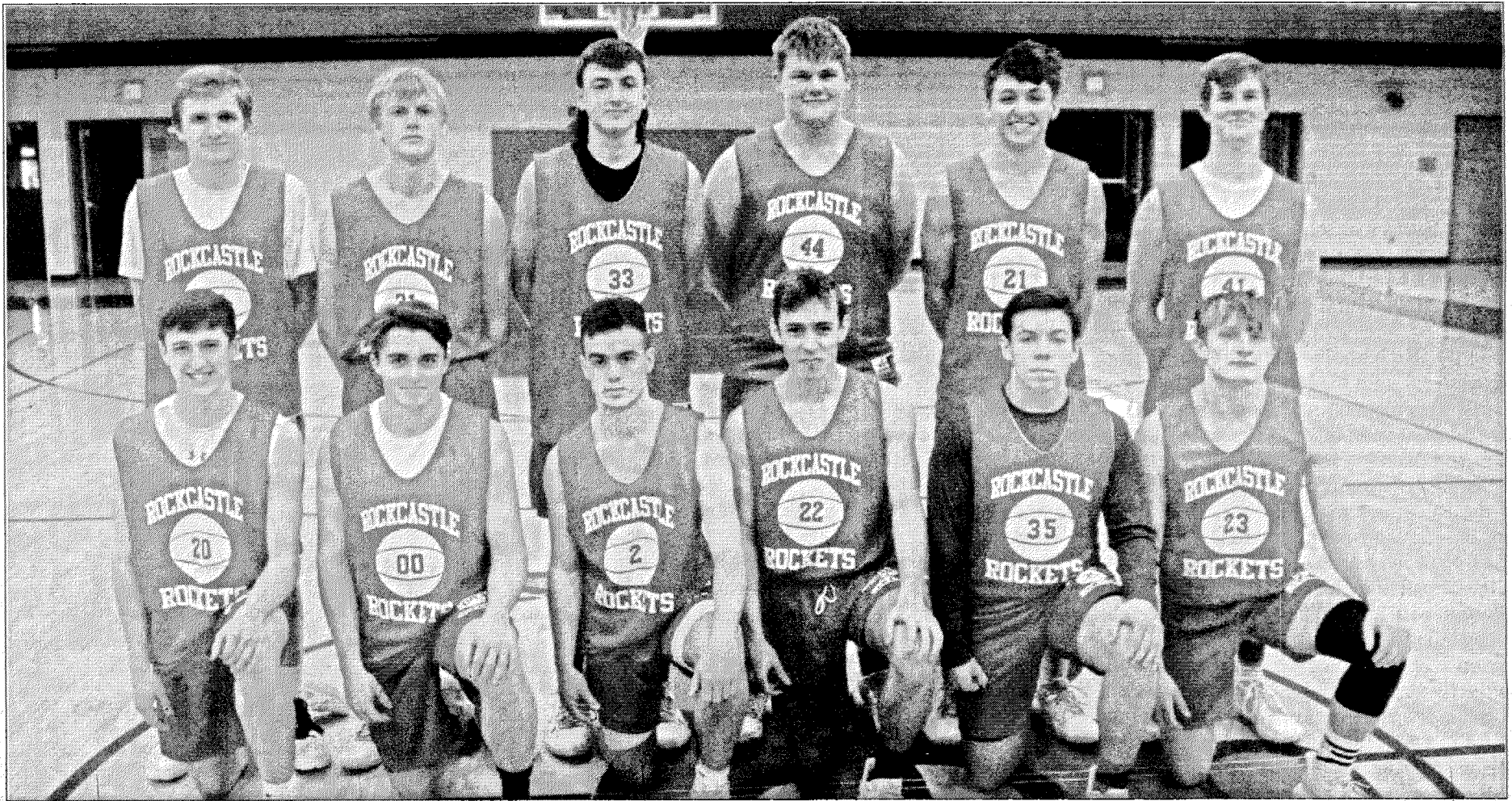
Members of the Lady Rockets squad are pictured above, front row, from left: Karlee Smith, Kaylee Cameron, Jordan Harper, Lindsey Jones, Aliyah Lopez, Casey Coleman, Carlee Cameron and Addison McClure. Back row from left: Haley Thacker, Calleigh Burdette, Haven King, Keelee King, Hallie Brown, Darby Smith, Cameron Cash and Savanna Santo.

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2021 Edition of the Rockcastle Rockets

Members of the Rockets basketball squad are pictured above, front row, from left: Landon Dillingham, Nick Chasteen, Cade Prewitt, Reese Coguer, Bryson Atkin and Matthew Chasteen. Back row from left: Drew Hopkins, Kaden Kidwell, Skyler Durham, Jake Sanders, Daniel Mullins and Ben Brown. Not pictured: Will Bishop, Rylee Deleon, Reece McGuire and Xander Fletcher.

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Rockets working hard for winning season

By Chad Hensley

After failing to reach double-digit wins for the third consecutive season, with an 8-21 record in 2019-2020, the future looks bright for the Rockcastle County High School boys basketball team with the return of nearly 80 percent of their scoring from last season.

Head Coach Andrew Cash is in his third season at the helm of the Rockets and, while he may only have an overall record of 13-46, Cash brings a wealth of basketball knowledge to the job and will have a bevy of young talent at his disposal this season with just three seniors on the roster.

Back for the Rockets are their top two scorers from last season in Daniel Mullins and Will Bishop.

Mullins, a 6-foot-3, 180-pound junior guard/forward combo, averaged 12.2 points and 2.4 rebounds last season while leading the team in field goals made at 134. Mullins is a threat from behind the three-point arc after having shot 36 percent making 2.2 three-point field goals per contest with a team-high 63 makes for 175 attempts.

Bishop, a 6-foot-6, 190-pound center, is regarded by many recruiting analysts as one of the top freshmen in the state. As an eighth grader last season Bishop scored 349 points for an average of 12 points per contest and lead the Rockets in free throws made (79), free throws attempted (109), rebounds (222) and rebounds per game (7.7).

Returning to add additional depth to the roster and be keys to the success of the Rockets are Drew Hopkins, Matthew Chasteen, Jake Sanders and Reese Coguer.

Hopkins netted 6.4 points per game as a sophomore and will be called upon to add to that average as teams try to clamp down on Mullins and Bishop.

Chasteen, Sanders and Coguer bring with them added depth and ferocity to the court after completing successful seasons for the Rockets football team.

Chasteen and Coguer averaged three points each last season while Sanders added on 4.3 points per contest.

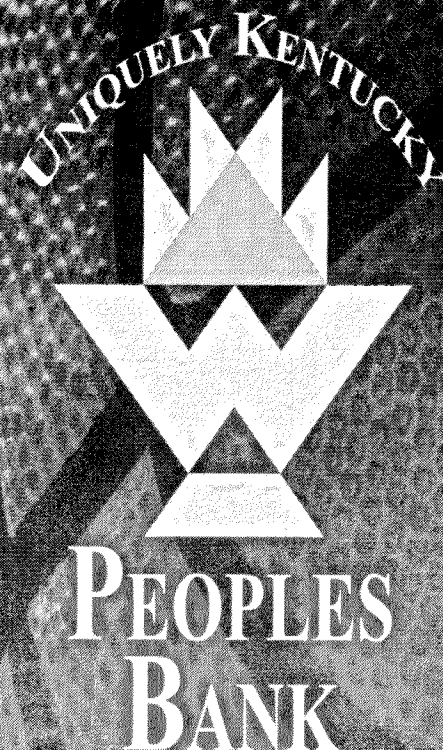
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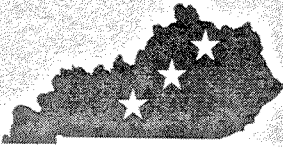


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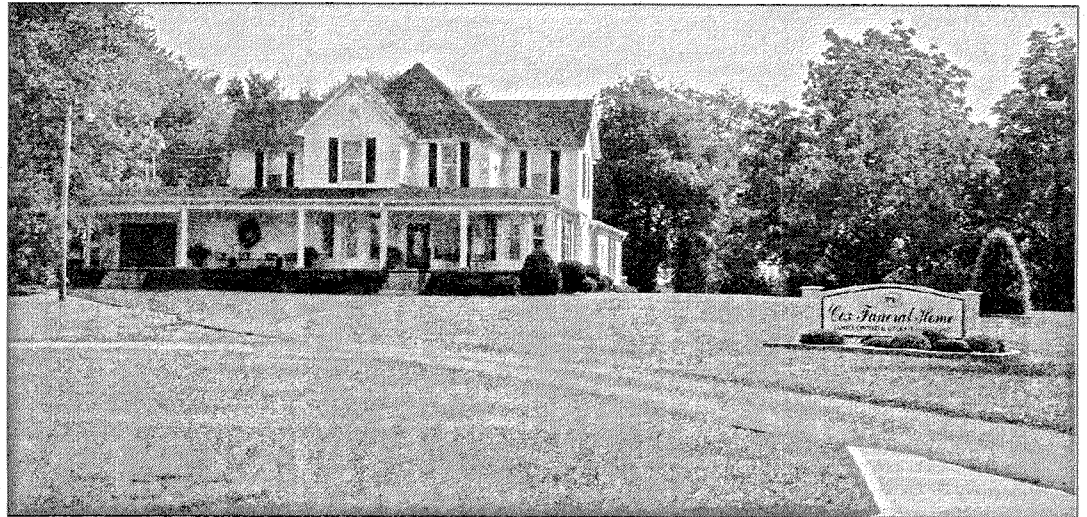
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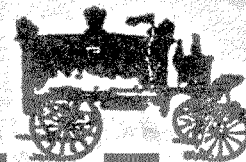
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2021 Rockets Junior Varsity

Members of the Rocket junior varsity team are pictured above, front row from left:
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Back row from left: Landon Rogers, Jaiden Burton, Skyler Durham,
Ben Brown and Kaden Kidwell.

Not pictured: Xander Fletcher.

Good Luck Rockets & Lady Rockets



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Lady Rockets looking to avenge 12th Region final loss

By Chad Hensley

The 2020-2021 high school basketball season got underway last week, and the Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets got off to a hot start with a 52-37 win over Estill County on Saturday.

The Lady Rockets finished last season with a 26-8 record and a 47th District title under their belt, but a loss in the 12th Region final to Casey County left the squad disappointed and hungry for another chance at the region crown this season.

With many picking the Lady Rockets as the second-ranked team in the region, behind Danville, Head Coach Chrysti

Noble's crew have a lot to live up to this season and will have a nice mix of senior leadership with young talent.

Noble, who is in her 31st season at the helm of the Lady Rockets, saw her team put together a 14-1 record late in the season that included the district title and two wins in the region tournament, thanks to outstanding three-point shooting from her guards, as well as physical play by the forwards in the paint.

Unfortunately for the Lady Rockets, they got cold at the wrong time and scored just 41 points in the region finals after having averaged 70.5 points per

contest in their two region wins.

Back for Noble will be the team's top two scorers, as well as numerous other players that can put points on the scoreboard when called upon.

Casey Coleman, a 5-foot-10 forward, has already signed to play collegiately at the University of the Columbians, but before she becomes a member of the Patriots women's basketball team, she will be called upon to lead her Rocket team again this season.

Coleman eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in a victory over Anderson County last season and currently sits at over 1,250 career points, after scoring 17 in Saturday's season-opening victory over Estill County.

Coleman led the 2019-2020 team in points per game (11.9), free throws made (112) and free throw attempts (151) while also adding 5.8 rebounds per contest.

Also back for the Lady Rockets will be Keelee King, who was phenomenal from three-point range last season shooting 49.3 percent (68-for-138) from behind the arc.

King, a 5-foot-11 sophomore guard, averaged 11.3 points per game and hauled in 3.2 rebounds per contest.

Noble will need to find players that can fill the shoes of McKenzi Himes and Shelby Newland, who are now playing basketball for the Union College Lady Bulldogs.

Himes tallied 10.2 points per game and a team-best average of 6.3 rebounds while Newland finished her sixth season on the varsity team by averaging 8.9 points.

Looking to fill the void of Himes and Newland will be Hallie Brown, Lindsey Jones, Aliyah Lopez and Calleigh Burdette.

Brown averaged seven points and six rebounds as a freshman forward and led the regulars in free throw shooting by knocking down over 80 percent of her shots from the charity stripe.

Burdette saw limited action in 13 games, scoring just two

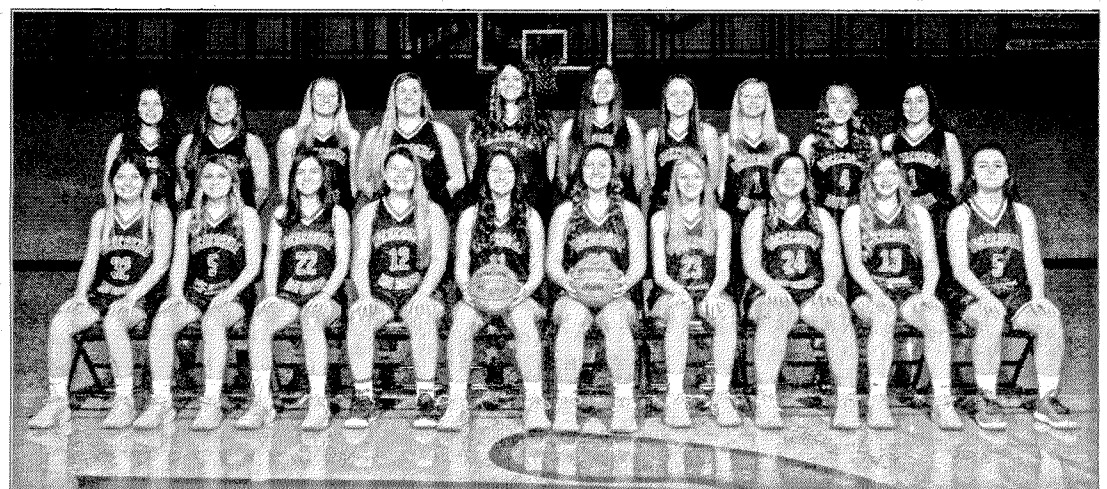
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2020-2021 Lady Rockets Junior Varsity

Members of the Lady Rockets junior varsity squad are pictured above, front row from left: Karlee Smith, Addison McClure, MaKayla Denny, Haley Thacker, Carlee Cameron, Kaylee Cameron, Averi Dillingham, Kelsey Rowe, MaKayla Coffey and Markley Richards.

Back row from left: Riley Smith, Savanna Santo, Haven King, Darby Smith, Abby Deleon, Brylee Mullins, Camryn Cash, Taylor King, Calleigh Burdette and Brooklyn Smith.

Rockets and Lady Rockets Seniors



Senior members of the Rockcastle Lady Rockets for 2021 are shown above, from left: Aliyah Lopez, Lindsey Jones, Jordan Harper and Casey Coleman.

*Senior members of the
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Rockets Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
1-5	Somerset	Home	7:30
1-9	Campbellsville	Away	7:30
1-12	Wayne County	Away	7:30
1-15	Casey County	Away	8:00
1-16	North Laurel	Away	4:30
<i>(Legacy Nissan Classic)</i>			
1-18	Anderson County	Home	7:30
1-19	Model	Away	8:00
1-22	Pulaski County	Home	7:30
1-25	Pineville	Home	7:30
2-1	Bell	Home	7:30
2-2	South Laurel	Home	7:30
2-5	McCreary Central	Away	7:30
2-8	East Jessamine	Home	7:45
2-12	Russell County	Away	8:00
2-15	Berea	Home	7:30
2-16	Garrard County	Home	7:30
2-19	Mercer County	Away	7:30
2-22	Southwestern	Away	7:30
2-25	Barbourville	Away	7:30
2-27	Frankfort	Home	7:30
3-2	Lincoln County	Home	7:30
3-4	Thomas Nelson	Away	7:30
3-5	Lynn Camp	Home	7:30
3-8	Danville	Home	7:30



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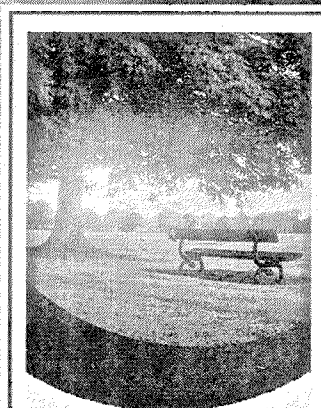


2021 Lady Rockets Freshmen

Members of the Lady Rocket freshmen team are pictured above, front row from left: Markley Richards, MaKayla Denny, Kelsey Rowe, Addison King, Riley Smith, Ella McKinney, Averi Dillingham, MaKayla Coffey and Kaitlin Barron. Back row from left: Caylie Mobley, Addison Carter, Taylor King, Haven King, Brylee Mullins, Abby Deleon, Lillyann Storm, Camryn Cash, Madison York, Macy Spivey and Brooklyn Smith.

(Lady Rocket photos courtesy of Crystal Pixels Photography)

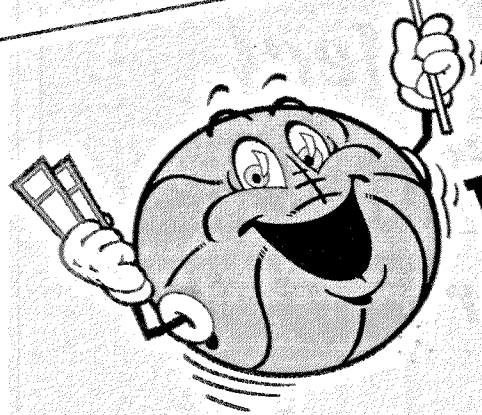
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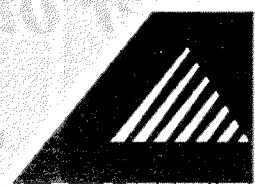
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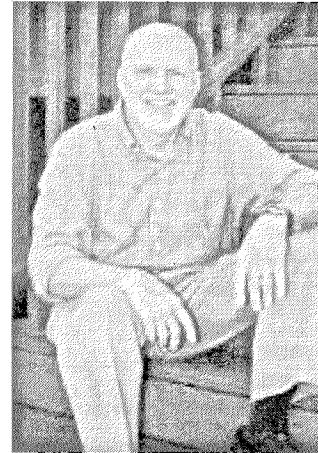
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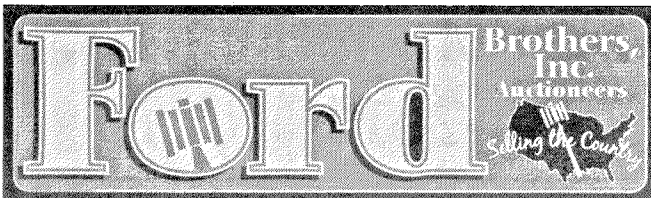
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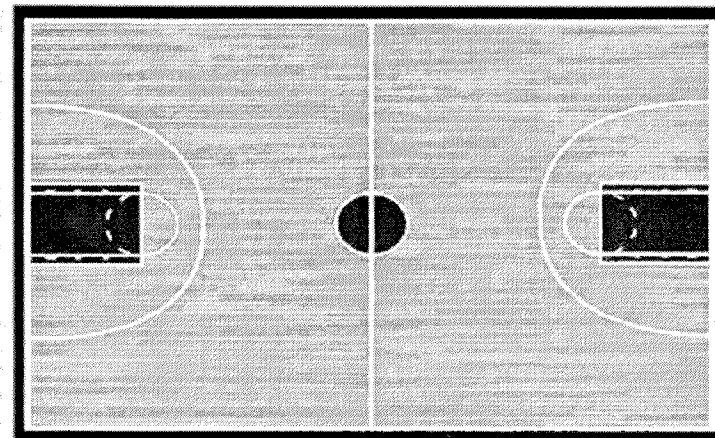


Lady Rockets

Basketball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
1-9	Estill County	Home	7:30
1-12	Wayne County	Away	6:00
1-16	North Laurel	Away	6:00
	<i>(Legacy Nissan Challenge)</i>		
1-18	Anderson County	Home	6:00
1-19	McCreary Central	Home	7:30
1-22	Pulaski County	Away	7:30
1-25	Clay County	Away	7:30
1-30	Berea	S. Laurel	5:00
	<i>(Tim Short Classic)</i>		
2-2	South Laurel	Home	6:00
2-4	Madison Central	Home	7:30
2-8	Great Crossing	Away	7:30
2-11	Garrard County	Home	7:30
2-12	Russell County	Away	5:00
2-16	Southwestern	Away	7:30
2-18	Pulaski County	Home	7:30
2-19	Mercer County	Away	6:00
2-22	Somerset	Home	7:30
2-27	Bardstown	C. Hardin	2:00
	<i>(Bluegrass New Year's Classic)</i>		
3-1	East Jessamine	Home	7:30
3-2	Lincoln County	Home	6:00
3-6	Rowan County	Home	4:30
3-8	Danville	Home	6:00
3-9	Jackson County	Home	7:30
3-12	Casey County	Away	8:00

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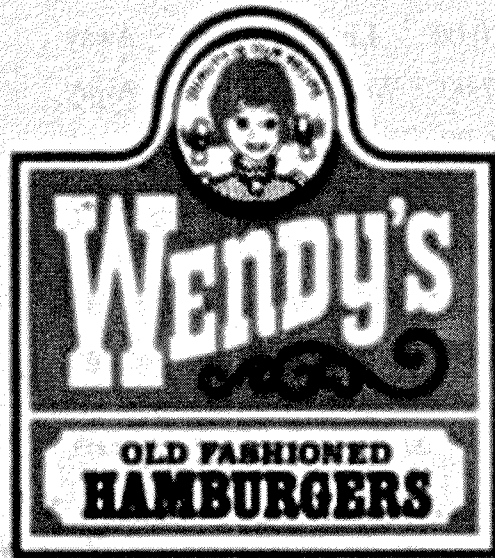
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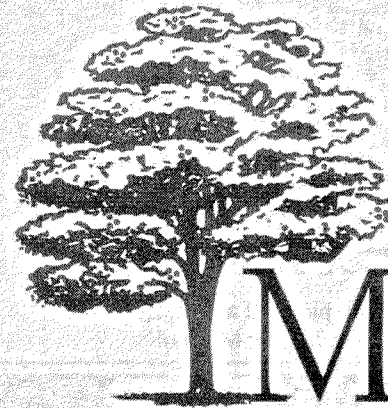
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2021 Rockets Freshmen

Members of the Rockcastle Rockets freshmen squad are pictured above, from left: Landon Rogers, Ben Brown, Skyler Durham and Harper McCool.

RCHS Rockets

JV/Freshman Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Teams
1-14	7:00	Lincoln Co.	Home	F/JV
1-16	11:00	Boyle Co.	Away	F
1-23	10:00	South Laurel	Away	F
1-30	7:00	Casey County	Home	F
1-30	7:00	South Laurel	Home	F

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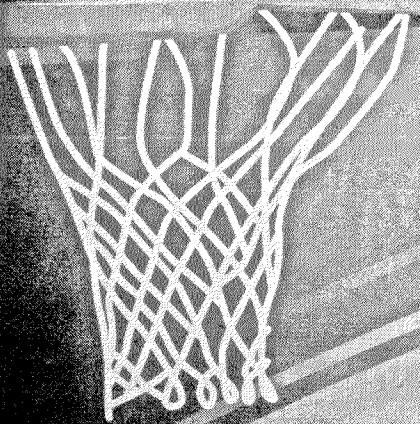
Lady Rockets

JV/Freshman Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Teams
1-9	10:00	Southwestern	Home	F
1-11	7:00	Anderson	Home	F
1-14	7:00	George Rogers	Away	F/JV
1-21	7:00	North Laurel	Away	F/JV
1-23	10:00	Lincoln Co.	Away	F/JV
1-28	7:00	West Jessamine	Away	F
2-1	6:00	Pulaski County	Away	F/JV
2-13	10:00	Southwestern	Away	F
2-15	6:00	South Laurel	Away	F
2-23	6:00	Pulaski County	Home	F/JV
3-4	6:00	Lincoln County	Home	F/JV

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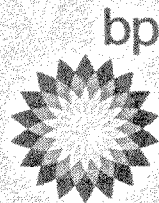
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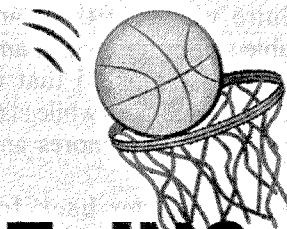
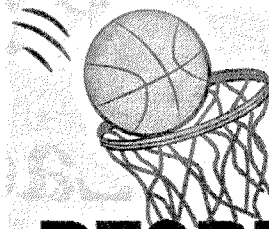
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Chasteen's tough, physical play as a running back and line-backer in football helped his game as a power forward in basketball and was vital in hauling in 5.2 rebounds per game.

Coguer's tenacious defense should help the Rockets overcome their deficit of points scored to points allowed from last season.

Sanders, a 6-foot-7, 305-pound bruising center, is a great compliment to Bishop in the paint and will continue to give opponents fits with his size.

Nik Chasteen, Rylee DeLeon and newcomer Reese McGuire will give the team valuable senior leadership and add to a roster of 15 that is dominated by juniors while also having three sophomores and two freshmen.

Another player back for Cash will be Landon Dillingham, who was limited to just three games last season.

New to the varsity roster for this season will be junior Bryson Atkin, sophomores Xander Fletcher, Kaden Kidwell and Cade Prewitt as well as freshman Skyler Durham.

If the Rockets are to finally crack the double-digit win category, they will need to shore up a defense that allowed 64.1 points per game while only scoring 53.3 points per contest themselves.

Free throws will also be a big issue that will need to improve if Rockcastle is to win close games. The Rockets were just 259-for-396 from the charity stripe for 65.4 percent last season.

With the leadership of Coach Cash and his staff, that includes his brother Aaron who is the all-time leading scorer in program history, as well as the drive and

determination to get better on a daily basis throughout the pandemic that delayed the start of the season, fans of the Rockets are sure to be pleased with the team's play this season.

Rockcastle is unfortunately off to a 0-2 record at the time of this article being published, but the Rockets have a schedule this season that could lend itself to some success while also being challenging at the same time.

The Rockets have 12 more home games scheduled, in addition to 10 road contests, with many being a short driving distance away. Fans are encouraged to attend as many as they can and hopefully the COVID-19 attendance restrictions will loosen up so Rock Arena can get back to being one of the most raucous gymnasiums in all of the 12th Region.

“Lady Rockets”

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points but is off to a fantastic start to her sophomore campaign with seven points and seven rebounds Saturday against Estill County.

Jones had a nice junior season, averaging more than six points per game, but it was her dead-eye accuracy from behind the three-point arc in the first two region tournament games that helped the Lady Rockets advance. Jones was 6-for-9 from beyond the arc in the two victories over Garrard County (74-56) and Wayne County (67-30).

Lopez may have averaged just three points per game last season but will be called upon to be a team leader as a senior this season. Lopez was able to collect 71 rebounds in 33 games for the Lady Rockets and is off to a fantastic start in that category this season

with seven rebounds against Estill County.

Joining Coleman, Lopez and Jones as seniors on the team will be Jordan Harper who played valuable minutes when called upon in the 25 games she appeared in last season.

Returning to the varsity team will also be juniors Addison McClure, Darby Smith and Haley Thacker as well as Karlee Smith, who is a sophomore.

New to the varsity team will be

sophomores Carlee Cameron, Kaylee Cameron and Savannah Santo and they will be joined by freshmen Alexa Cash and Haven King as well as Taylor King, who is still in the 7th grade.

Noble has peppered the schedule with some strong competition, including contests against district rivals Casey County, Pulaski County and Somerset to go along with games against

North Laurel, Anderson County, Clay County, Great Crossing, Mercer County, South Laurel and a battle of the top two teams in the region when Danville comes to town on March 8.

No matter how the season turns out, especially with the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 Pandemic, one thing is certain and that is Noble will have her team ready come post-season time.

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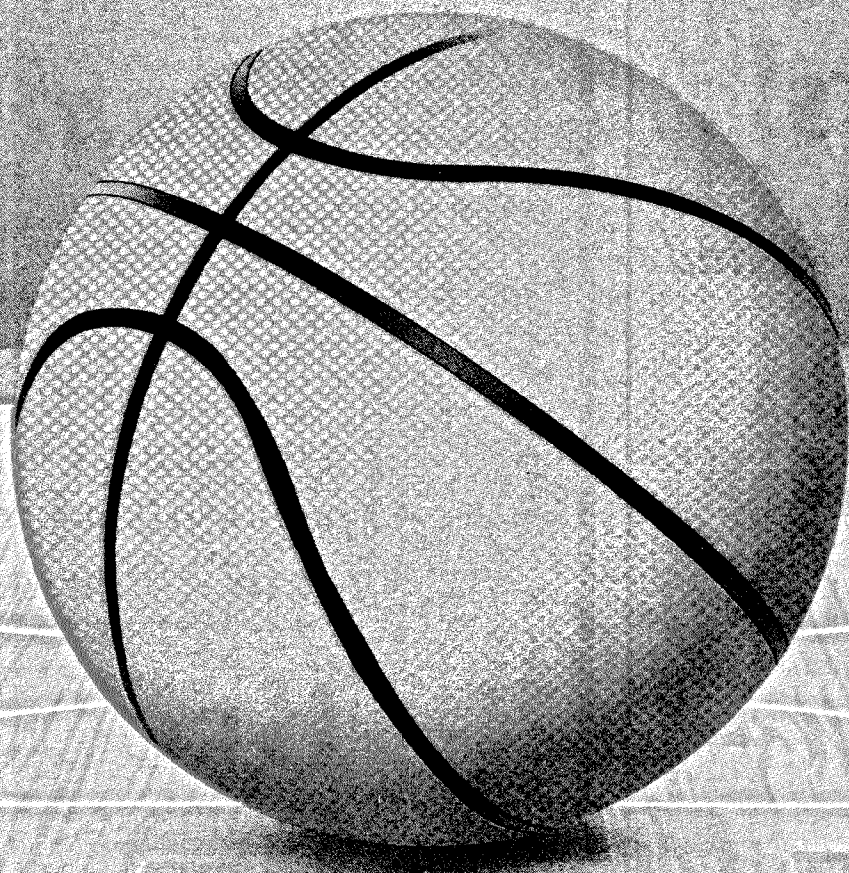
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