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Noble picks up 600th career win



Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble is surrounded by her current team after their 64-46 win over Casey County Friday night. The win was the 600th career victory for Noble and makes her the seventh girls basketball coach in Kentucky to reach that milestone and only the third woman to do so.

Chrysti Noble wins 600th game Friday

RCCHS Lady Rockets head coach Chrysti Noble earned her 600th career victory last Friday with a 64-46 win over Casey County.

Noble has been at the helm of Lady Rocket basketball for 32 years and is now ranked seventh on the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's all-time girls' basketball coaching wins list and is only the third female coach to do

it. Only two coaches above Noble remain active in coaching, Jeff Haile at Henderson County and Donna Moir at Sacred Heart.

"The wins belong to each and everyone of us. It has been a group effort over the years," Noble said Tuesday. "I have been blessed with a great support system from fam-

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Multiple accidents Black ice closes I-75 Friday night

By: Mike French Editor

Residents awoke Saturday morning to hazardous conditions in more than one way, according to officials.

Temperatures dropped into the teens last Friday evening, causing warming centers to open around central Kentucky. Warnings were issued throughout the state that the extreme cold temperatures could kill if you were exposed to them for a length of time, and cause severe damage in a short time.

Water lines were reported frozen and busted across the state as well.

But some of the biggest trouble came for first responders Friday night and early Saturday morning as most roads in the state became covered in black ice or snow.

"In a three day period we were called to 22 different accidents due to the weather conditions" said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "Thanks to every agency in the county who rose to the occasion, we were able to help a lot of people who got caught out in terrible weather."

Local first responders were called out several times over the weekend but Friday I-75 was closed due to several accidents caused by the black ice, according to officials of the Mount Vernon Fire Department and the department had to respond to accidents throughout the weekend.

Members of the department were called to an accident near mile marker 56 in Mount Vernon only to find several tractor trailers had jackknifed and several passenger cars were involved in minor separate accidents.

Officials say black ice makes a road appear

to be wet with rain when, in fact, a thin layer of ice covers the surface of the highway. Drivers typically do not slow since the road only appears to be wet.

According to Franklin, several local agencies helped his department throughout the weekend. "Thanks to collaborative efforts between the sheriff's office, Mount Vernon Police Department, Kentucky State Police, Mount Vernon Fire Department, Rockcastle EMS, Rockcastle Constables, and state highway road crews, along with towing companies, we were able to transport those in need to the hospital and help those who were stuck or involved in an accident," he said.

I-75 was closed for a few hours but was reopened with warnings about snow and ice for

(See "Weather" on A5)

COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 14 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past 7 days.

There were an additional 26 probable cases reported.

Mount Vernon meeting

The regular monthly Mount Vernon City Council is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, January 19 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend. See next week's edition of the Signal for details.

Workshop helps fiscal court hold more efficient meetings

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their first meeting of 2023 last Tuesday, with newly elected Magistrate Lee Earl Adams replacing Shannon Bishop for the only change on the court.

A workshop had been held the day before the regular meeting so that magistrates could study packets provided by the Judge/Executive's office containing information on each issue on the agenda for the meeting. The idea being that magistrates will be better prepared to deal with the agenda items at the official meeting.

Magistrates and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook agree that the workshop was a huge success and have decided to hold the workshop every month the day before

the regular meeting to discuss the information that will be presented in the next day's meeting. "We can vote on issues now that might have had to wait until the next regular monthly meeting," said Holbrook. "This is a much more efficient process."

The items on the agenda were dealt with quickly since they had been discussed the day before.

The court dealt with many issues through the meeting with a nearly full house of visitors from the community, including newly-elected Coroner Dawn Carpenter.

Carpenter asked about finding a larger space to operate the coroner's office and specifically mentioned the building soon to be vacated by the Sheltoewe Trace in Livingston, a property

owned by the county. Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson had also expressed some interest in renting the building as

the new Livingston City Hall. However, Holbrook said the court is studying documents, leases and old

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County investigating past agreements on several buildings

By: Mike French Editor

With the complete change in administration for the City of Livingston, there has been some confusion concerning property there and who is responsible for maintaining that property.

The county owns several of the properties in use in Livingston and agreements between the city and the county have changed several times

In Livingston

over the years. The problem has been, according to some local officials, some of the agreements were nothing more than a hand shake.

"The City of Livingston and the county have made agreements on each of the buildings more than once over the years," said Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. "But

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RCMS project estimated at well over \$43 million

By: Mike French Editor

The original estimated cost of the new Rockcastle County Middle School was set at slightly over \$34 million but, after inflation and some changes in design, the estimated cost is now well over \$43 million.

The idea for a new middle school arose to a feasible project in early 2022 and officials got to work raising the funds for the estimated \$34 million cost.

The school district was

able to raise some of the financing through areas within the budget and by searching for grants. But in the end, the school district still needed \$14 million more to be able to build the middle school building that officials say is needed.

So Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray began working to find state funding for the project. Bray was able to get an extra \$10 million in state funding and the final \$4 million needed at the last moment

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2023/24 calendar expected in February Students improving according to testing

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday with a full agenda.

The board was supposed to hear the draft budget for 2023-24 but a state-wide computer glitch made it impossible. "The system has been down across the state," said Finance Director Jenny Sweet. "So what you have in your packet is a draft of a draft. As soon as the system is up and running, we will have the budget for your re-

view."

The board is expected to call a special meeting once the budget is ready for a first reading.

Members voted to change the monthly regular meeting time to 5:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. but kept the meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. However, the February meeting will be held on the second Monday, February 13th, because of Valentine's Day. The public is invited to all regular and special called meet-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Since I was old enough to read on my own, and listen to other's opinion and chase down facts and come to my own conclusions about who was lying and who was more truthful, I have known the Democrat party was filled with hypocrites. But finally, I am now actually embarrassed by their hypocrisy.

If I can see this stuff on CNN and hear NPR's version of events and watch FOX News and MSNBC News, then people in other countries see the hypocrisy also.

I pay close attention to all those channels. Though I have no doubt in my mind that NPR is purely propaganda with the most blatant, outrageous hypocrisy of any reporting entity on earth (although the vast majority of their funding comes from our government which should mean it is the most unbiased), I still listen just to get the far left point of view.

Knowing that, I put some weight into what other networks say, though they are all one sided to an extent, and then I gather information on my own and make informed decisions about who is lying.

More often than not, both sides are lying some but I have found that FOX is much more accurate and will at least report on a conservative who has broken the law or done something stupid.

Yes, I know that FOX leans to the right. Anyone paying attention knows that. I also know that CNN and MSNBC lean to the left. Honest people will admit that also.

So, American citizens must now watch all of them and then search for the actual truth somewhere amid the slanted stories. Google has now become very left wing also and all their lead headlines are as negative as they can make them against any conservative view.

About the only way to get at the truth anymore is to watch most of the networks and watch the actual comments from those involved, search past stories, listen to the critics and the supporters and then weigh your own evidence.

At least people like Tucker Carlson tells the good AND the bad about both sides of the aisle. Being a Republican, he sometimes hurts my feelings but when I get stubbed up about something he said, I research it and find that he is usually pretty darn accurate, whether I like it or not.

But since the finding of classified documents in Joe Bidens home and his private office, the left wing media has simply

embarrassed me. I have to turn away in shame that other countries are seeing this socialist/communist propaganda machine that the left-wing media has become.

All my life, America has been a shining light of freedom and liberty and democracy as a Constitutional Republic. I have been proud that dictators of other countries could see our freedom in action.

We are a free country because of the First Amendment. Without a news media serving as the brake pads of government, keeping politicians at least somewhat honest, and providing transparency to the people, greedy, power-hungry politicians would have turned America into a dictatorship decades ago.

Just as a runaway truck, there would be no stopping a power-hungry politician in control of our money and our lives and our justice system without the media providing the brakes and telling the people and stopping anyone from doing anything they want behind closed doors.

But now, most of the national media has become little more than a liberal brochure broad-

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Tourism News

By: Jessica Blankenship

Did you know that the best way to welcome guests is providing service with a smile? First impressions can go a long way with visitors in Rockcastle County. One of the things we continue to hear about is the kindness of those within our community.

In 2021, there were 155 tourism-related jobs in Rockcastle County. Tourism provided a total of \$3.3 million total labor income and \$1.6 million in state and local Taxes. Visitors spent \$21 million dollars in our community alone for the year.

As Executive Director of the Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission and Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, my goal is to help connect our community to those outside of it. With events such as the Kentucky Food Truck Championship, Bittersweet Festival, Noel Night Market, and Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Induction, our community provides a positive experience for visitors.

Renfro Valley has been offering a wide variety of entertainment in both barns. I invite you to go visit shows, even of acts you may not have heard about because one day they may be filling up arenas. Just this past October, they opened their

doors for the KMHOF Induction Ceremony honoring seven inductees plus special guests.

Whether you love watching the cars race at Rockcastle Speedway, fishing at Lake Linville,

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Request for Proposals

Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle Tourist Commission is soliciting proposals for use of the Bittersweet Cabin Village Gift Shop. This includes the cabin village facilities. Proposals are due no later than 5:00 pm, Wednesday, January 31, 2023. Any proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted. The Commission reserves the right to reject any proposal.

Proposals should be addressed to:
 Jessica Blankenship, Executive Director
 Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County
 Tourist Commission
 PO BOX 1467 • Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
 Email: kentuckymusicshalloffame@gmail.com

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal,

I started 2023 off with something new and exciting in my life. I had a stroke that effected my left side, mostly my left hand and arm. I went to the hospital and I stayed there for several days and then I went to Berea to a rehab so I could learn to use my left hand and arm again. I was at a place called The Terrace. All of the staff there and at the hospital were great to me and got my left side back on track, or at least as much as could be done. I was really making progress and I think in a few days my left hand will be back to almost one hundred percent.

The worst thing about staying at either place was being away from home. I got homesick and that really motivated me to walk, stand, and use my hand. I talked to Stanley at least three or four times every day but it wasn't the same as being at home. He came and saw me almost every day, too. I saw that I was getting better and I could exercise my hand and do the required therapy at home. To make a long story short, I signed out against medical advice. I'm not a bit sorry

I did sign out early. I'm doing well here at home and doing therapy on my hand right here at home. I feel so much better; I have a better mental outlook than I had before.

The worst thing to happen while I was at the rehab was that one of our senior dogs died. We had

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Are you an expectant parent or parent of a newborn?

Do you have questions about having

...a healthy pregnancy?

- "Are the feelings I'm having typical?"
- "How is my baby developing each month?"
- "What should I know before delivery?"

...a healthy baby?

- "How do I know what my baby needs?"
- "How do I help my baby feel secure and loved?"
- "What should I expect as my child grows?"

...a healthy toddler?

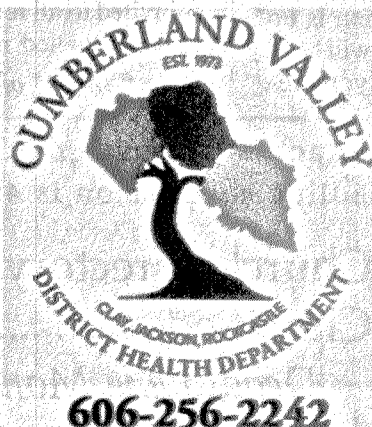
- "When should my child begin walking and talking?"
- "How important is a dad's role in a child's development?"
- "What is appropriate discipline?"

...a healthy family?

- "How do I manage the stress of having more than one child to care for?"
- "How do I discipline my older children without making them feel like I love the new baby more?"
- "How do I balance everyone's needs?"



If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions and would like more information, contact your local health department to learn more about HANDS.



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T.J.'s

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her for about fifteen years and she had really endeared herself to us. We can only take comfort in knowing that she isn't wandering around aimlessly trying to find her way around. She was blind and deaf for the last five or so years. Then she she started getting senile about the last year. She knew the layout and could go where ever she wanted. She was the last of the RAIN dogs that we rescued. She came from the death row at the Madison County

Shelter; that was in 2010. I'm glad that we saved her. She was an American Eskimo dog. She was white with beautiful blue eyes. I surely do regret that I couldn't be here with her when she died. Gypsy, we love and miss you so very much. Now I have a new start in life and I'm not going to waste one day of it. I'm going to start doing the things I should have been doing all along. This is my new chapter in my life, you could say.

Aces

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casting only positive events in the Democrat world and hiding any negative events in a liberal's career.

Twice in the past two years they have withheld information about a candidate from you until after you cast your vote in the election. Is that okay with you?

They have treated this classified documents discovery with astounding, embarrassing, propaganda coverage. They have stood in constant defense of Biden's behavior because he is a Democrat while they assumed the worst imaginable scenario when Donald Trump was in the same boat.

They act as Biden's attorney defending his every action while viciously berating Trump for the same actions.

Stories went from calling for Trump's death when he had such documents to "it's a normal thing. No big deal really," when Biden was caught.

It is embarrassing to watch.

It is the final proof (not evidence...PROOF) that the national media is biased and has become little more than propaganda.

Dictators around the world must now be enjoying a cigar with a smile on their face and thinking "welcome to the fold."

Watching coverage of the documents found by Biden's Corvette, it is perfectly clear we no longer have a news media. We have a propaganda machine. All doubt has now been erased.

Tourism

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hiking up to Anglin Falls, playing a round at Cedar Rapids Golf Course, going caving at Great Saltpetre Caves, or traveling the backroads for a drink of fresh Climax water, there is something to do for all ages. You can also shop and eat locally at one of the many offerings in the community.

Stop by our visitor center at the KY Music Hall of Fame for tourism information. We are open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be sure to check us out on Facebook.

Livingston Marathon now open



The Livingston Marathon Station is once again open for business. The local store closed to remodel and improve stock when the original owners sold the store to a company that operates over 20 similar stores, according to Manager Samantha Medley. The store, located on US-25 on the northern end of the City of Livingston, now has restocked and upgraded their shelves and invite everyone to stop by and visit the newest addition to the city. Medley said the store opens at 6 a.m. and closed at midnight seven days per week and will soon offer home cooked foods including pizza, hamburger, fries and many other hot meals. Owners plan a grand opening soon and the entire community will be invited. For more information, call 606-453-9544.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Get Plant & Seed
Requests in Early

Annually, right on schedule, the mailbox contains seed and nursery catalogs about the end of the year or the start of the next one. Jung Seeds, Indiana Berry Company are the ones I found yesterday in the box. If you order from one, often your name and address is sold and you get solicitations from several companies. I've been doing this for half a century, so little has changed. The catalog sales people realize that once the holidays are past, people begin dreaming of gardening and planting once spring comes again.

If you need to order in seeds for your annual garden, then this should be your reminder to get at it before the favorites are all sold out. Sometimes it also is good to schedule plants ahead. Especially fruiting bushes and trees.

And in the short and dark days, it's also a good time to plan and call contractors and such for spring or summer projects. Many of the good ones get booked up at their busy times. For raking leaves it probably doesn't matter, but if you have a project for a skilled craftsman you don't need the beginner.

By starting your planning early you get on the schedule of the

people you know, and are good at what they do.

Shortages, inflated prices, have hit just about everything it seems. You may find sticker shock not just in the produce aisle of your favorite market, but also in the yard and garden section. Some fertilizers are double. Some plants up 20 to 100%. (And some are like the crackers and cereal selections, the pot has shrank for some plant favorites, and seed counts have been reduced in seed packages plus prices printed on labels has also gone up.)

If it's made from crude oil (fuel, plastics, oils, rubbers, and many other things have byproducts from crude oil refining) then it's gone up in price. Plus, freight hikes has sent the price up even more. Back in the summer I got flooded to see rubber pond liners had nearly tripled in price.

If you have never gardened before, you perhaps should seriously consider doing it in the coming year.

Raising your needs

solves both availability and sticker shock issues. And the exercise is healthy.

Consider buying heirloom non-hybrid and non-gmo seeds. (Organic is a substitute term for 'higher price' in most cases and little else so far as seeds are concerned in my opinion.) Quality and it being true to name are more helpful in selection of seeds. Once you plant the seed, after it sprouts you can raise the plant organically or not, depending on your preference. Old fashioned seeds saved and passed along to another generation solves so many issues, not the least of it they are free.

Before you forget, make a note—or a plan—to buy your garden and landscape needs early. And make plans to schedule bigger projects before the last minute. You'll be ahead of this game if you take action promptly. Here's to your gardening success in the coming year.

The author is a landscaper. Phone: 606 416 3911 or visit: rockcastles.net

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, Jan. 23rd: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, KY 3245, Bryant Ridge. Tuesday, Jan. 24th: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

KPR Meeting January 24th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be new 82nd House District State Representative Nick Wilson. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries

Wanda Ann Proctor

Wanda Ann Proctor, 90, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at Rockcastle Health and Rehab in Brodhead. She was born in Bee Lick on December 14, 1932, a daughter of the late Justin and Lucy (Rogers) Blevins. She was a member of Berea Church of Christ. In her free time, she enjoyed sewing, making baskets, baking, and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Sharon Hargis and Dallas of Lexington, and Roger Proctor and Shari, and Barry Proctor and Markita, both of Brodhead; four grandchildren, Kendra Stenzel, Hillary Whitaker, Stephanie Owens, and Brandon Proctor; eight great grandchildren, Michael Staggs, Jackson Whitaker, Madelyn Whitaker, Reni Owens, Dani Owens, Max Owens, Avery Proctor, and Noah Proctor; three brothers, Carl Blevins and Sharon of Whitley City, Dave Blevins of Bee Lick, and Bobby Blevins and Debbie of Eubank; three sisters, Carolyn Sluss and Bill of IN, Betty Sutton and Ted of Ohio, and Martha Hamm of Berea; as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by three siblings, Ina Cash, Paul Blevins, and Glen Blevins.

Services were held at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals on Saturday, January 14, 2023 with Stephen Boyd officiating. Burial was in Bethel Church of Christ Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Brandon Proctor, Lonnie and Clayton Cash, Keith Mink, and Robbie and Rodney Blevins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Wanda's memory to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.

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

Rita Lark

Rita Lark, 67, died Friday, January 13, 2023, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. She was born March 2, 1955, to the late Charles and Rilda Baker.



Rita was a wonderful cook and found great pleasure in making sure everyone had their favorite dish.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by: her sister, Virginia (Ginger) Denham; and a loving nephew, Kevin Jones.

Rita is survived by: three sons, Charles Jason (Kristi) Bratcher, Neil (Jill)

Singleton, and Sean (Angela) Lark; five siblings, Jack Baker, Patsy Hembree, Johnny Baker, William Baker, and Christi Clark; seven grandchildren, Tucker, Kylie, Savannah, Tony, Reagan, Peyton, and Liam; one great grandchild, Liam; several nieces and nephews; and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at Davis and Powell Funeral Home with Rev. William Dooley officiating. Burial was in Madison County Memorial Gardens.

The family respectfully asks in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Davis & Powell Funeral Home for burial expenses.

Annalene Renner

Annalene Renner (nee Bullock), beloved wife of the late Logan Renner, Jr., loving mother of Brenda (John) Shell, Ron (Rebecca) Renner, Don (Kathy) Renner, Phyllis (Don) Perkins, Grandmother of Douglas (Melissa) Shell, Gary Renner, Alex Shell, James Renner, Jacob (Maeva) Renner and Joannah Renner, Great Grandmother of Logan Shell, Owen Shell, Dylan Shell, Jade Renner, Dean Renner and Calvin Renner, Sister of Reba (late Walter) Cash and Elva (Frank) Cook, Sister-in-law of Charlotte Bullock passed away December 19, 2022, at age 88.



She was the daughter of the late Floyd Bullock and Eva Payne Bullock.

Annalene loved to quilt, read and cook. She was known for her generous hospitality and her love for being a foster parent. She was also a longtime member of New Hope Baptist Church.

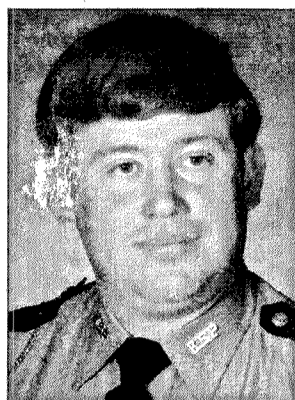
Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at Hodapp Funeral Home 8815 Cincinnati-Columbus (rt 42) West Chester, OH 45069.

Memorial donations may be made to the New Hope Baptist Church designated to the Anne Armstrong Easter Offering.

Please call change of addresses to 606-256-2244 as soon as possible

Jimmie Silvers

Jimmie Dale Silvers, 72, of Mt. Vernon, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 13, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Pulaski County on June 8, 1950, the son of Eulula Thompson Silvers and the late Hubert Silvers. He was a retired Kentucky State Police Trooper, having worked in Rockcastle County for 27 years, and was a former Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff. He loved his profession and all the Men in Blue. He enjoyed working and spending time on the farm with his animals. His biggest accomplishment was being saved in Christ on September 17, 2022 and will have eternal life.



He is survived by: his loving wife of 49 years, Nancy Prewitt Silvers; his son, Chadwick Dale Silvers and wife Beth of Union; his adorable granddaughters, Jane and Ellen Silvers; and his mother, Eulula Rogers of Somerset. He was preceded in death by: his father, Hubert Silvers; his step-father, Woodrow Rogers; and his grandparents, Joe Bradley and Myrtle Silvers, and Charlie and Olga Thompson.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Mike Bryant, Sr. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: David Lovell, Jacob McGuire, Marvin McKinney, Doug Prewitt, Garry Prewitt, and Justin Prewitt. Honorary pallbearers were: Darren Allen, Paul Blevins, Gary Lane, Jack Lawless, Roy Martin, Robby Massey, and Ronnie Sears.

Live streamed service may be viewed at dowellmartin.com.

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

Melinda Sue Cromer

Melinda Sue (VanWinkle) Cromer, 79, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Sue was born April 11, 1943, in Berea, a daughter of the late Aster and Martha Jane VanWinkle. She was united in holy matrimony on April 9, 1966, to Glen Cromer, and they enjoyed over 50 years together prior to his passing in January 2022. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. In her free time, she enjoyed cooking, gardening, reading, and most of all spending time with her daughters and grandchildren.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her four daughters, Kimberly Ann Singleton and Derrick of Mt. Vernon, and Krista Lynn Owens and Shaun, Kelli Sue Asher and Brent, and Shannon Osborne Perkins and Rob, all of Brodhead; 10 grandchildren, Evan Singleton and Carolyn, Julianna Cooper and Jonah, Jayna Elisabeth Singleton, Isabella Singleton, Harrison Owens, Samuel Owens, Aaron Asher, Isaac Asher, Lilyanna Sue Asher, and James Osborne Perkins; two brothers, Glen VanWinkle and Marsha of Mt. Vernon, and Alvin VanWinkle and Sue of Paint Lick; a sister, Brenda Harris and Jimmy of Berea; as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Cromer.

Services were held Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Dennis Wilder officiating. A private burial was held at Cresthaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sue's memory to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Thressel Irene Owens

Thressel Irene Owens, 102, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, January 9, 2023 at Rockcastle Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born May 25, 1920 in Plato, the daughter of the late Walter Elmer and Anna Brown Broyles. She was a homemaker, enjoyed flowers, gardening, piecing and quilting, taking care of her cats, and was a faithful member of the Fairview Church of Christ for over 70 years.



Survivors are: one daughter, Mrs. Mava June Stamper of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Sherwin Broyles of Plato; one sister, Mrs. Marie Broyles Frazier and (Lowell); one grandchild, Shawn Stamper of Richmond; 10 nieces; and six nephews. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband of 73 years, Henry Owens; two infant sons, Arlin Henry, and Lynn Delwin Owens; two brothers, Vola "Pete" Broyles, and Blake Broyles; and two sisters, Verla Burns, and Vula Presley.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Fairview Church of Christ with Bro. Curt Herrington officiating. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jim Owens, Jaimy Owens, Eugene Broyles, Scott Broyles, James McKinney, and Sam McKinney. Honorary: Sherwin Broyles.

Arrangements by the Cox Funeral Home. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhome.com

Vivian Marie Glover

Vivian Marie Glover, 81, of Reading, OH, died January 7, 2023. She was born March 13, 1941, in Livingston, to the late Jarvis and Grace Cromer. Vivian was employed at Procter and Gamble for 26 years and retired in 1994.



She is survived by: her daughter, Lisa (Pete Holbert) Glover; grandchildren, Brandon (Lindsay) Karr, Brian Karr, and Tristen Young; great grandchildren, Natalie Karr and Madelyn Patricia Karr; brother, Gary Cromer; sisters, Norma Kretschmar and Wanda Edwards; numerous other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by: her parents; husband, Earl Glover; and siblings, Susie Kelley, Morgan Farley, Barbara Cromer, and Joy Bays.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at Spring Grove Funeral Home, 8633 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45215.

Burial will follow at Reading Cemetery. www.springgrove.org

Joyce R. Stephens


Joyce R. Stephens, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died at Rockcastle Regional Hospital following a long illness with Multiple Sclerosis. She was born in Berea to the late Greeley and Mattie Lake Pigg. She was a Financial Aid Counselor for Berea College and was a member of Scaffold Cane Baptist Church.

Joyce is survived by: her husband of 55 years, Donnie Stephens; her son, Bennie (Sabrina) Stephens; her daughter, Michele Stephens Foley; one sister, Sharon Kaye (George) Williams; and three grandchildren, Chelsea Stephens, Reagan, and Hannah Foley.

Services are private and burial will be in the family cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home & Cremation Services is caring for Joyce and her family.

Condolences may be offered online at www.lakesfuneralhome.com



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“Buildings”

(Continued from front) no one remembers what was agreed to way back when and sometimes it wasn't in writing."

So, for the last unknown amount of years, some of the buildings inside Livingston City limits, owned by the county, have been rented or leased to businesses or organizations. The question becomes who gets the money for those leases and who is responsible for maintaining those buildings.

"I feel like if the county owns the building and the county is responsible for maintaining the building, then the county should get the fee from whomever is using the space," said Holbrook.

There isn't necessarily anyone who has publicly disagreed with that sentiment but it isn't clear where that money has been going for many years. "We think it has just been going back to the city and that's fine because no one knows exactly what deals and agreements have been made over the years," said Holbrook.

But now, newly-elected Mayor Larry Davidson and the new city commission have made a verbal goal of attracting more businesses to the city and have committed to cleaning up dilapidated or abandoned buildings in the city. Consequently, Holbrook and the fiscal court, with the help of County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, have begun digging through old documents and meeting minutes to make sure any new developments meet all applicable laws and regulations.

The buildings in question include the former Livingston School gymnasium, city hall, the American Water building, the school itself, including the cafeteria, the senior citizens center and a doctor's office, according to Holbrook.

Currently, former Mayor Jason Medley has been placed in charge of the gymnasium and is paid monthly to rent the gym out for events, provide agreements with renters, daily maintain and clean the gym and pay the fiscal court all rental fees. Over the past year, the gym has cost the court more than it has earned in gas heat, electricity costs and maintenance, but the court keeps the gym open as a service to the community, according to officials.

But some of the other buildings are being examined. Representatives of the Sheltoe Trace in the school building have announced they are leaving in March, according to Holbrook, and several are interested in leasing that property. In fact, Holbrook is currently working with more than one entity who would like to use the space, including the City of Livingston itself.

But Holbrook says once Rowe has completed his search for information about the buildings, official standards should be put in place as to how the buildings are used or leased. "It's nothing crucial to anyone involved," he said, "No one is going to get evicted and no one owes any money to anyone and we are not looking at increasing rent or anything like that at all. We just need to know that we are doing things legally and we need to

know who is responsible for maintaining each building and where the rent money is supposed to go. We just want to do things correctly and in compliance with all agreements, if possible."

Holbrook said some of the existing agreements were made over 20 years ago and need to be updated or at least the current administrations need to be aware of them.

Once Rowe has gathered all the information, Holbrook plans to address the issue with each building involved with the fiscal court and move forward from there. "We will present everything we learn to the fiscal court and see how they want to handle things from there," said Holbrook.

Mike McGuire, Magistrate representing the City of Livingston district, said any changes should benefit the city if possible once new standards are worked out. "There is not a lot of money floating around in Livingston," he said. "The City of Livingston needs the money a lot more than the county needs it. We are all working together and we will get everything up to date and organized."

Holbrook said he expects Rowe may have the completed information to the court very soon and the court can begin to work through the agreements and/or contracts involved within the next few months.

“600”

(Continued from front) ily, assistant coaches, administrators, friends, co-workers, our community and most importantly, great players and parents."

Under Coach Noble, Rockcastle has been in both the 12th and 13th Regions and has won three 13th Region titles and four 12th Region titles.

Their last regional title came in 2011 and was followed up with a state championship that season with a 62-60 overtime win over Manual at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.

That team was led by Kentucky's Miss Basketball Sara Hammond. Hammond went on to an exceptional career at the University of Louisville.

Coach Noble has plans to keep coaching for as long as she can and hopes to bring the Lady Rockets back to the "Sweet 16".

This year's Rockets, led by junior forward Tallyne Shearer's 16.4 points per game, are 10-6 on the season. Shearer led three Lady Rockets in double figures with 21 points against Casey County. Keelee King had 18 points and Macy Spivey scored 10. Others scoring were: Haven King with six, Taylor King added four, Karlee Smith had three and Savannah Santo added two.

“Weather”

(Continued from front) motorists throughout the state.

Electrical outages were not reported but several have been without water for a day over the weekend.

Weather forecasters say the remainder of the week is expected to warm considerably with daytime temperatures reaching near or into the low 60s while lows are expected to stay above freezing temperatures.

“Board”

(Continued from front) ings.

Special guest for the January meeting was Roundstone Elementary School. Students and Principal Chris Bishop presented the board with information about the school.

According to Bishop, the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan includes testing and assess improvements throughout the year. Bishop said the goal is to move 10% of students, who are testing at Novice level, into a higher rank at grade level or higher. Bishop gave examples of individual students who have shown improvement and said he and his staff are proud of their efforts.

Current scores through the testing system have improved, according to Bishop.

The board also heard a report on the progress of the 2023-24 school calendar. The calendar committee has met more than once and have arrived at a calendar that the committee will recommend to the board. Superintendent Carrie Ballinger says the board will work through or adjust the calendar over the month and the final calendar will be presented at the February meeting for approval.

Thomas Coffey, Instructional Supervisor, told the board about the diagnostic testing underway. According to Coffey, 50% of students in the district have shown improvement by now testing at their grade level where before they were testing below their grade level in K through eighth grade.

Coffey says students are moving in the right direction overall and he expects improvements to continue.

The board also decided to move all future meetings from 6 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on the Second Tuesday of each month. However, the February meeting will be held on the second Monday, February 13 due to Valentine's Day.

The board also heard the Personnel Action Report. It is as follows:

Full time certified employees hired

Regina Beth Eaton and Tammy Stevens, LBD teachers at RCMS; Cali Pensol, LBD itinerant LBD teacher district wide; Adam Coleman, social studies teacher at RCHS; Rita Shaffer, kindergarten teacher at BES.

Full time classified employees hired

Brent Lovell, JAG instructor at RCMS; Blayne Kelley, instructional assistant at RCHS.

Resignations

Jessica Owens, instructional assistant at MVES; Kevin Mullins, LBD teacher at RCMS; Tammi Singleton, instructional assistant at RCHS.

Certified substitutes hired

Jessica Owens, Casey Coleman, Savannah Jo Baxter and Mark Brumett, substitute teachers.

Classified substitutes hired

Greg Sartin, substitute bus monitor; Shelby Newland and Janetta McLemore, substitute instructional assistants.

Classified staff updates

Kendra Callico, instructional assistant moved to RCMS from BES.

“RCMS”

(Continued from front) through other legislation and the project was underway.

Deco Architechural firm was hired to design the project and has been meeting with board members, department heads and other school officials since. Presentations have been provided by the company at school board meetings since the project began

But in 2022 inflation began to rise dramatically. The cost of gasoline (thereby affecting delivery and transport charges for materials) soared until it was proclaimed by economists that the country was officially in a recession.

Due to some new regulations, some new requirements and some design ideas, the district also had to make changes to the HVAC (heating/cooling) system, the driveway and entrance and the gymnasium. Those changes, coupled with inflation, caused the cost of the project to rise but officials could not get an exact idea of how much the cost would rise.

Bray told those present at a recent Rockcastle Kiwanis/Chamber of Commerce meeting that the cost would rise but he did not know how much. "We don't know how much, but we know the \$34 million is not enough," said Bray. "We are all scrambling to find more funding. We just have to know how much more funding we need."

At the school board's regular monthly meeting last Tuesday, that new total was revealed...mostly.

Travis Curry, Project Manager with Codell Construction, told the board the new estimate, including the changes and allowing for inflation, is \$43,484,608.50.

However, he also said, "I could be off \$2 million either way." In fact, the district will be required to hold a \$1.8 million contingency fund above the \$43 million in the event that the cost is higher than \$43 million. But even the \$43 million plus the \$1.8 million contingency may not be enough.

Facilities Director

Trent Clark asked Curry, "Is that the most it could be? Is \$43 plus the \$1.8 the top dollar?" Curry said he is not certain. "There are things to consider," he said. "The \$43 million is my best estimate but we will know the actual cost on bid-opening day. The total costs could go up or down from there and during construction and if significant changes are required, that can raise the cost as well."

Chairman Angela Mink also addressed the possibility that costs could continue to rise. "In my life, every construction project I have ever seen has gone up, not down. Do you think it can go up more?" But there was still no guarantee from Curry. "I don't really expect it to go up more unless we run into significant changes to the design during construction." The definition of "significant changes" was not detailed.

Mink said she is concerned about the rise in price. "I don't want to put a halt to anything but I have to say, that is a huge jump in price," she said. "Managing a \$3 million budget is one thing. But a \$43 million project is another. I am going to have a lot of questions."

The board then voted to submit the new cost estimates to the Kentucky Department of Education for approval. Once approved, the project will move forward, according to Superintendent Carrie Ballinger.

The board has called a special meeting for January 30 at 5 p.m. to look at possible funding sources and will spend the time until the meeting searching for ways to find more funding for the project. "We will investigate different pots of funding that we can draw from and then we will meet to make decisions about funding," said Ballinger.

The vote to submit the new estimate to the KDE was unanimous.

“Court”

(Continued from front) agreements before deciding what to do with the building once it is vacated in March. Holbrook suggested Carpenter use the coroner's space in the courthouse with the existing cooler at the CSEPP building for the time being until the court has more information about the building in question.

Carpenter expressed concern about the very small office having secure files and sufficient storage for documents. However, Holbrook said there are now cabinets with locks in the office.

Alcorn promoted to Chief of Police

By: Mike French
Editor

Brodhead Mayor Jerry Adams recently awarded the title of Chief of Police to Brodhead officer Gary Alcorn.

The City of Brodhead has had some problems keeping a police department staffed in recent years, going through five officers in four years. In mid-2022 both police officers on the force resigned leaving no local coverage for the city. However, Alcorn was hired as an officer in October and has worked out well, according to city commissioners and Mayor Adams.

So last week Adams presented Alcorn with a promotion, naming him Chief of the Brodhead Police Department.

According to City Clerk Becky Bussell the promo-

The court also agreed to donations for some charities, and the monthly program support for the Economic Development Board.

The court had also asked County Attorney Jeremy Rowe to gather all documents and information about all county-owned property in Livingston for informational purposes. Rowe said he has presented information to the magistrates to study and more may be coming. No action was taken.

Last month the court agreed to keep the number of paid days off due to COVID as previously established. However, Holbrook said he had discovered that none of the surrounding counties still provide paid days off for COVID positive testing. The court voted unanimously to eliminate the paid COVID days off for county employees.

In other action, the court agreed to establish a new Animal Shelter Rescue Policy. The policy will be available to any who request it at the Judge/Executive's office or at the animal shelter.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz provided the financial statement which was unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

tion doesn't come with a salary increase, but simply aligned the department so that when the second officer is hired on the force, the hierarchy will already be established.

Though the city doesn't have extra funds for a raise at this time, Bussell says the promotion is currently serving as a 'thank you' for the good service Alcorn has provided since October.

Officials in Brodhead agree they are searching hard for a second officer. The City already has the equipment and the cruiser available for an additional police officer.

Anyone interested in applying for the position should contact Brodhead City Hall.

The City of Livingston is also seeking a police officer.

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2	\$ 1,984	6	\$4,029
3	\$ 2,495	7	\$4,541
4	\$ 3,007	8	\$5,052

Add \$511 for each additional family member

SPORTS

Lady Rockets beat Clay and Casey; Noble gets 600th win

The Lady Rockets picked up their 9th and 10th wins of the season and Coach Chrysti Noble got her 600th win of her career, placing her in the elite in winning coaches in the state.

At Clay County last Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets lost the first quarter 15-14 but came on strong in the second quarter, behind 14 points by Macy Spivey and Talyne Shearer to go ahead 30-19 at the half.

The Lady Rockets outscored the Clay County Lady Tigers 30-26 in the second half for their 60-45 win.

Shearer scored 15 points in the game to take scoring honors for her team, Haven King and Taylor King each got 10 points; Spivey scored eight points; Savannah Santo got six points; Camryn Cash five and Keelee King, Karlee Smith and Kiley Dunaway each scored two points.

The Lady Rockets didn't depend on their

three point shooting for the win, missing every one of their 10 attempts. They shot seven for 15 from the free throw line while the Lady Tigers were hitting eight threes and going five for seven from the charity stripe.

Shearer also took rebounding honors with eight, followed closely by T. King and Cash with seven each. Spivey pulled down three, H. King, K. King and Santo each got two rebounds and Calleigh Burdette, Smith and Brylee Mullins each got one.

At Casey County Friday night, the Lady Rockets found themselves down 15-13 at the end of the first quarter but came back strong in the second, scoring 27 points to the Lady Rebels 10 for a 40-25 halftime lead. The Lady Rockets took the second half 24-21 for their 64-46 win and Coach Noble's 600th win of her 32 year career at RCHS.

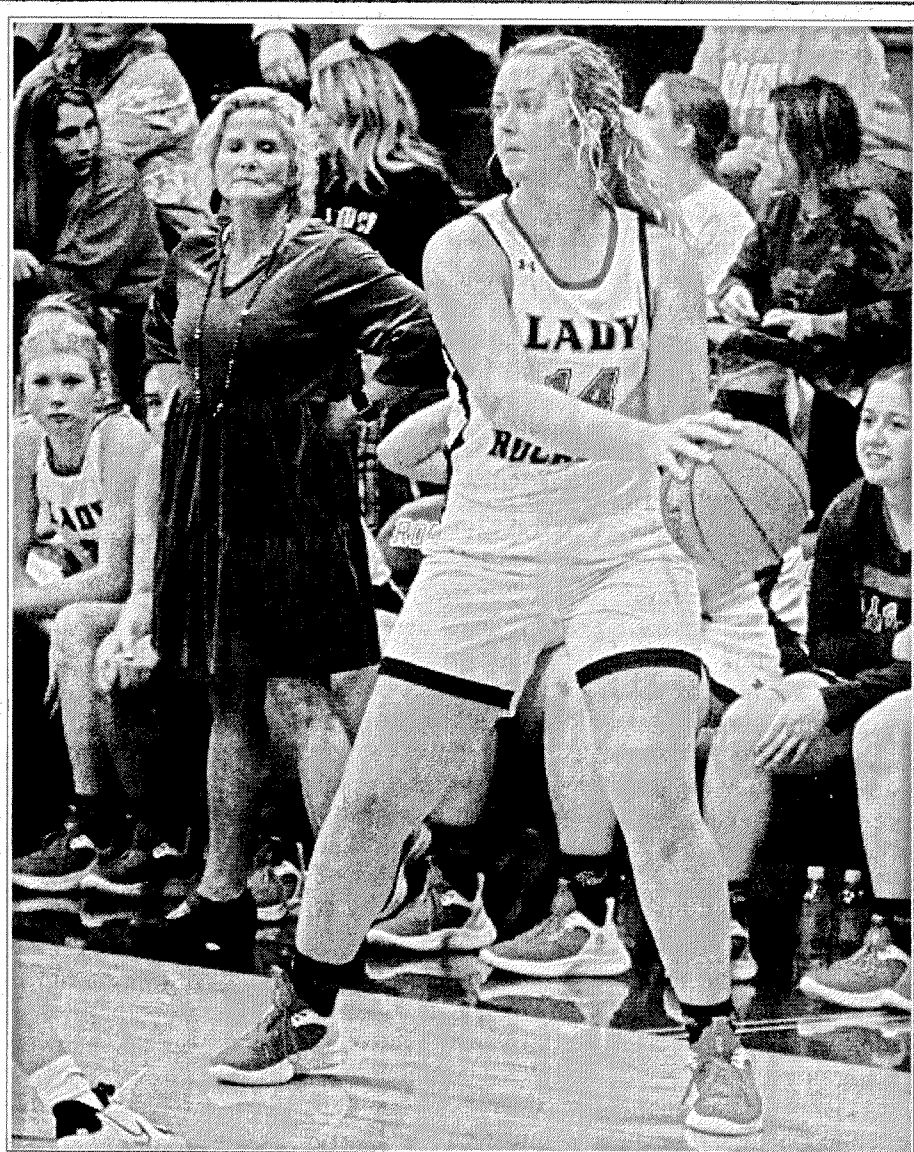
Shearer once again led the scoring with 21 points, including going

seven of eight from the free throw line; Keelee King got 18 points, including three three point baskets; Macy Spivey picked up 10 points, including the other two three point baskets the Rockets got in the game; Haven King got six; Taylor King four; Karlee Smith three and Savannah Santo scored two points.

The Rockets were 11/15 from the free throw line (with Shearer getting seven of those) and were five for nine in three point shots. The Lady Rebels were 13/20 in free throw shooting and only got one three point basket.

Spivey and Santo pulled down four rebounds each; Shearer and Smith got three each; T. King was credited with two and H. King and Ella McKinney each got one.

The Lady Rockets were scheduled to travel to Wayne County Tuesday night and host Pulaski County on Friday night before traveling to Estill County next Tuesday night.



Senior Keelee King has been a part of the many victories that make up head coach Chrysti Noble's, in background, 600 victories as head coach of the Lady Rockets. Noble's 600th victory came Friday night against Casey County.

Rockets defeat Casey 70-42

The Rockets lost a close one to Anderson County last week but followed that loss with a 70-42 victory over Casey County Friday.

Anderson County came away with a 66-62 win last Tuesday with only two Rockets scoring in double figures.

Kaden Kidwell led his team with 15 while Broedy Dunaway added 10. Maddox Parsons and Skyler Durham each scored eight, Trent Wilson added seven, Walker Craig scored six, Jace Rogers added five and Connor Hunt put in three.

The Rockets hit only

four of 11 from three point range while putting in six of nine free throws.

Kidwell also led his team with rebounds pulling down nine. Walker Craig was next with six.

Friday night, the Rockets traveled to Liberty and avenged an earlier loss to the Casey County Rebels with a 70-42 win.

Seven Rockets got in the scoring column with four of them in double figures.

Walker Craig led his team with 14, Trent Wilson and Skyler Durham each had 13, Jace Rogers added 11, Jaidan Burton

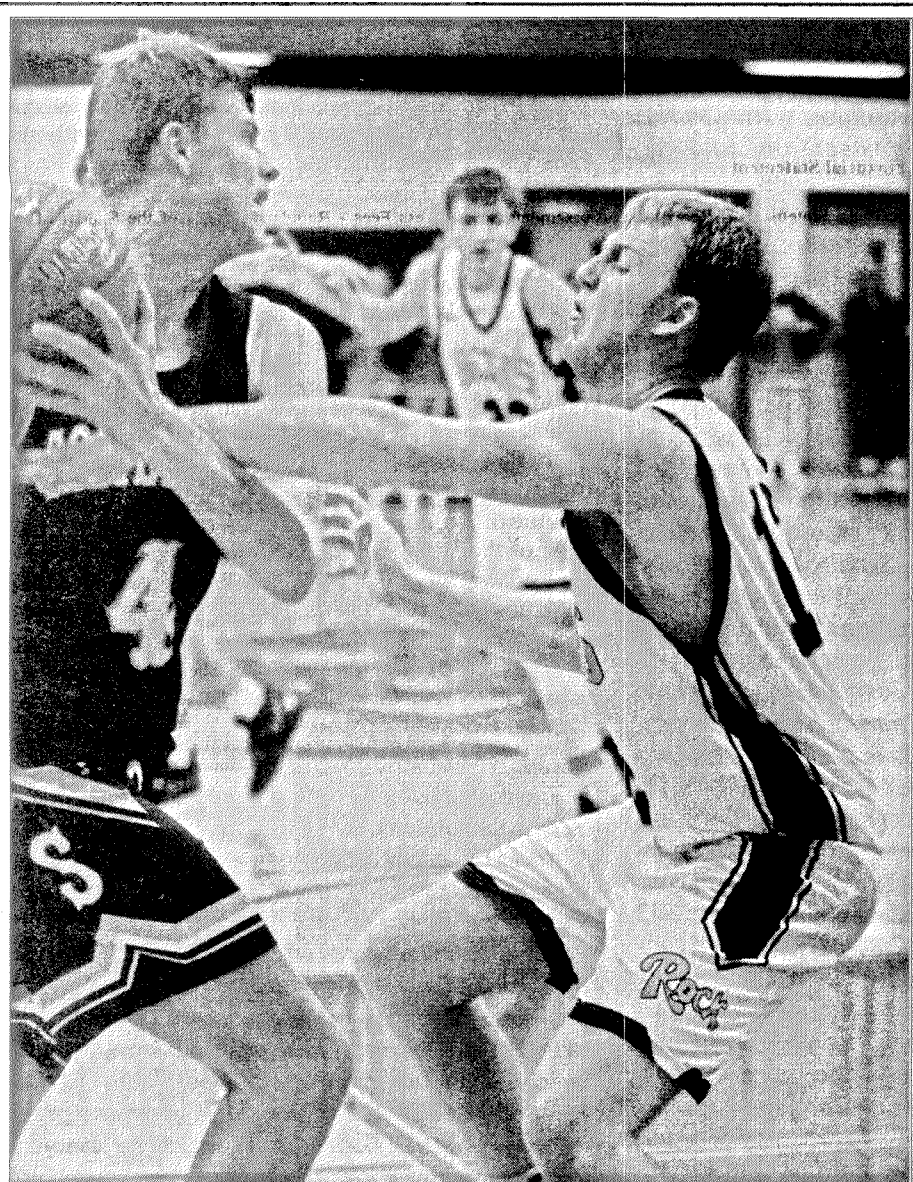
scored eight, Connor Hunt added seven and Broedy Dunaway scored four.

The Rockets shot 62% from the field while hitting 12 of 23 from three point land.


Durham had five rebounds while Rogers pulled down five for his team.

The Rockets look to get their record back to .500 when they take on Wayne County this Tuesday night on the road.

Pulaski County comes to town Friday night for a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.



Kaden Kidwell, shown here on defense, led the Rockets with 15 points in the Rockets' 66-62 loss to Anderson County. The Rockets came back with a resounding 70-42 win over Casey County Friday night. This Friday night, the Rockets host Pulaski County in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.



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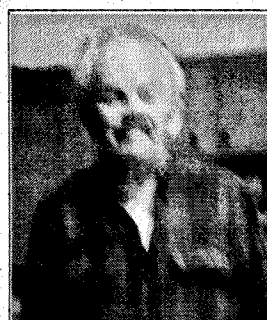
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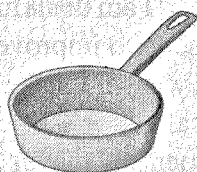

86th Birthday



Charles Sanders celebrated his 86th birthday on January 7, 2023 with family at his home in West Chester, Ohio. He wants to thank everyone for the cards and gift cards he received.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



Dinner is finally ready. The men are standing around the table and Mamaw is seated at the head of the table. "... Bless this food to the nourishment of our bodies according to thy will. We ask in your name. Amen." Mamaw ends the grace that she has said for every meal as long as I can remember. She then encourages everyone to "Sit down and dig in."

CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

1 large chicken
2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg, beaten
3 tablespoons shortening, melted
1/3 to 1/2 cup water or chicken broth
Place chicken in a large pot. Cover with water. Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat so water gently simmers. Cook for one hour or until chicken is tender and falling off bone. When done, remove from broth and let cool. Remove skin and debone when cool enough to handle. In large bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add beaten egg, shortening and liquid. Divide into 3 parts. Roll out very thin. Cut in small strips; drop into broth. Cook dumplings until tender. If desired add chicken to stock and dumplings until heated thoroughly.

MAMAW'S COLESLAW

1 small head of green cabbage
1 medium carrot
3 tablespoons milk
1 cup Miracle Whip®
3 tablespoons sugar
Salt and pepper, to taste
Shred cabbage and carrots into a large bowl. In small bowl, mix remaining ingredients. Stir in vegetables until all is coated. Chill.

MAMAW'S PECAN PIE

1 9-inch unbaked pie shell
1/2 cup syrup Karo white syrup
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup butter, melted
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
Preheat oven to 375°. Place pie shell on cookie sheet. Combine sugar, syrup and melted butter. Add beaten eggs, pecans, vanilla, and salt. Mix thoroughly. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes. Cool but serve warm with ice cream.

SWEET POTATO CROQUETTES

2 cups mashed sweet pota-

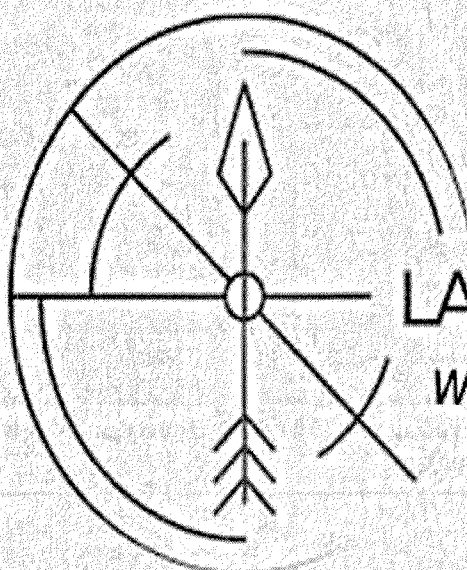
toes
1 tablespoon melted butter
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon white or brown sugar
Marshmallows, optional
1 egg white, slightly beaten
Breadcrumbs for coating
Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a cookie sheet. Mash sweet potatoes very fine and add salt, sugar, and butter. Shape into croquette rolls or patties, chill in the refrigerator for a half hour. If desired, place a marshmallow in the center of each of the croquettes. Roll each croquette in breadcrumbs, dip in the egg white, and in the crumbs again. If using marshmallows, make sure they are completely coated with the crumbs. Place on prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 20 minutes.

GRANNY BURTON'S POTATO CROQUETTES

This is my favorite way to use up leftover mashed potatoes. A couple of years ago while visiting Rhonda, some of her friends from church dropped by. Rhonda had told them so much about these very tasty croquettes; they asked me to make some. Everyone agreed—delicious.

1 large egg, divided
25 saltine crackers, crumbled and divided
1 and 1/2 cups cold leftover mashed potatoes
4 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil
1/2 onion, chopped fine
Divide egg and put yolk in a large bowl. Put the egg white in a smaller shallow bowl. In another small shallow bowl put all but 1/3 cup of the cracker crumbs. Add potatoes to the large bowl with the egg yolk. Add onions and 1/3 cup of the crumbled crackers. Mix thoroughly. Set back in refrigerator to cool for about 15 minutes. This makes the croquettes easier to shape. Beat the egg white with a fork until frothy and doubles in volume. Shape the potato mixture into 6 triangle shaped tubes (or into patties). Roll each croquette in beaten eggs, then in the cracker crumbs. Press cracker crumbs into the mixture until evenly coated. Put oil in large non-stick skillet. Heat on medium high. When hot, carefully place the croquettes in skillet. Let brown, about 3 minutes. Turn with spatula so the second side is in the oil. Brown. Turn again so the third side gets brown. This process should take about 15 minutes. Serve hot.

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• Office of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County •

Pursuant to KY statute KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2021 Sheriff Fee Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter was published by Auditor of Public Accounts on January 19, 2023 in the *Mount Vernon Signal*, shown below.

A copy of the complete audit report, including statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use.

Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

/s/ Shannon Franklin,
Sheriff of Rockcastle County



MIKE HARMON
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

The Honorable Shannon Franklin, Rockcastle County Sheriff

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Rockcastle County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2021, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Rockcastle County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2021, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for County Fee Officials*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Rockcastle County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Rockcastle County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Rockcastle County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 16, 2022, on our consideration of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

2021-001 The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office Does Not Have Adequate Segregation Of Duties

2021-002 The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office Did Not Obtain Bids When Required

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, KY

September 16, 2022

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs, and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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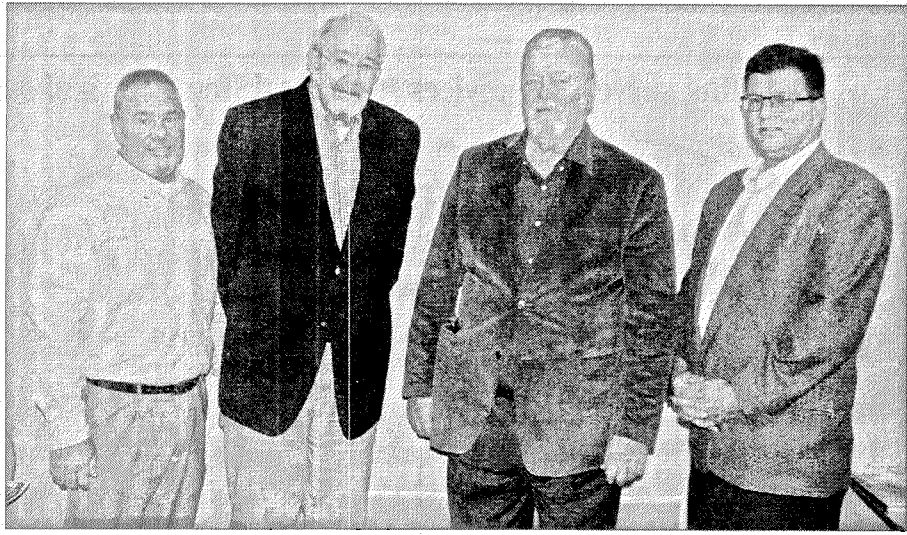
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Corrected from last week:

Shown above are those who have served in the coroner's field in Rockcastle County and would like to say thank you to everyone for their support over the years. From left: Jeff Smithern served under Coroner Marvin Owens for eight years. Billy Dowell served as Coroner for 49 years and Deputy Coroner for eight years. Marvin Owens spent 20 years serving as Coroner and deputy and Doug Hughes served under Owens for four years. Newly-elected coroner Dawn Carpenter began her term this January.



Dean's List at Midway

Midway University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to its Dean's List for the 2022 Fall Semester. To be named to the list, a student must be classified as full-time and obtain a 3.60 grade point average for the semester. There were 343 students who made the Dean's List.

•Kaleb Adams from Brodhead.

Midway University is a private, co-educational institution located in Woodford County and part of the greater Lexington, Kentucky area. Founded in 1847, Midway University's total enrollment (including traditional and online undergraduate, graduate, and dual credit students) is more than 1,900 from across Kentucky, the U.S., and several countries.

More information is available online at www.midway.edu or www.gomidwayeagles.com.

The Value of the Local Church

The word "church" is used in two senses: congregational and universal. Some people depreciate the local church. They think only in terms of the universal church. They think membership in the body of Christ is not that important. Others see no need of sacrificing or working to build up the local church. Others never stay home enough to build up the local church, always somewhere else on the Lord's day. Hopefully we can correct this condition if we can see the value the Lord places on the local congregation.

THE LOCAL CHURCH IS A CANDLESTICK. (Rev.1:20) The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. Each of the seven churches in Asia was a candlestick, A candlestick supports light. This is a wonderful compliment. If the local church does not do its duty, the Lord will remove the candlestick. (Rev.2:5) If upholding the light is great value, then so is the local church; for that is what it does.

THE LOCAL CHURCH IS A GOLDEN CANDLESTICK. (Rev.2:1) Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; Not a wooden, iron, or brass, candlestick, but a golden candlestick. This shows the value the Lord places on the local church.

HE WALKS IN THE MIDST OF IT. (Rev.2:1) The Lord must consider the church to be of most value, he is continually walking in its midst, in spite of the members faults and failures.

THE LOCAL CHURCH IS TO DO BENEVOLENT WORK. The churches of Galatia were ordered to take up collections for the needy saints in Jerusalem. (1Cor.16:1-2) This was done through the local churches. (Acts11:27-30)

JESUS RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH. If personal differences cannot be settled otherwise, they are to be taken before the local church. (Matt.18:15-18)

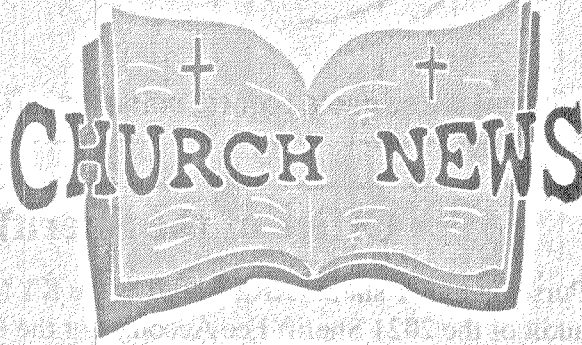
THE APOSTLE PAUL RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH. (ACTS 9:26) And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. Some members today are not like Paul. They wish to lose themselves in the crowd, rather than join themselves with the local church.

IS THE LOCAL CHURCH OF CHRIST IMPORTANT TO YOU? Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube website Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We want to know what you think whether you agree or disagree your suggestion is important to us. You can contact me at 606-224-1480 or you can email me ovabaker@windstream.net. (REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU). REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU

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In Revival

Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church will be In Revival January 22-27.

Services will be held at 6 o'clock on Sunday night, January 22 and at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 20-CI-00210

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a
Mr. Cooper Plaintiff

V.

Dakota Smith, Amy Johnson, unknown
spouse of Dakota Smith, unknown spouse
of Amy Johnson Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action January 28, 2022 and an order resetting the sale entered on December 9, 2022 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$145,705.50) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
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on Friday, January 27, 2023
Beginning at the Hour of 10:45 a.m.

Beginning on a found 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in the East right of way of State Highway No. 1250 and corner to Jim Mitchell; thence going with said right of way N 20 45' 20" W, 300.00 feet to a found 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in said right of way and corner to William Norton; thence going with the line of William Norton 68 35' 33" E, 450.00 feet to a set 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS # 2773; S 20 45' 26" E, 300.69 feet to a set 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS # 2773 corner to William Norton and in the line of Jim Mitchell; thence going with the line of Jim Mitchell S 68 40' 50" W, 450.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.10 acres.

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Being the same property conveyed to Dakota B. Smith, single and Amy Johnson, single by Deed dated August 2, 2019, from Brian Lee Baker, of record in Deed Book 269, Page 575 in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of four point six two five percent (4.625%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Thank You

When I started as mayor of Brodhead twenty-four years ago, I never thought I would stay on as long as I did.

Over the years, I have made new friends and learned a lot about how city government works. I am proud of the improvements that have occurred in Brodhead during this time. The new Depot Park in town has been a great addition to our small town and everyone seems to enjoy it. That project as well as others took the help of many in our community and I am thankful for everything that has been done to improve Brodhead.

I want to thank everyone who has stopped by, called, or sent cards and gifts for my retirement as mayor of Brodhead. It has been a pleasure to be a part of such a great town and I have enjoyed every day I was the mayor.

Thank you,

Walter Lee Cash

Nehemiah

Nehemiah shows us how Godly leadership revives and rebuilds. As we read the story in Nehemiah we see how he reacts when he finds out the walls of Jerusalem were broken down.

In Nehemiah's response to the news tells us in *Nehemiah 1:4*, as soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before God of Heaven. He wept His heart was broken at the situation.

(We won't do anything unless our hearts are broken) As you read *Nehemiah 1:5-11* Nehemiah also prayed earnestly over the situation (Our broken hearts move us to rely on prayer about a troublesome situation. Here we see Nehemiah acknowledge the greatness of God and his power.

(We also ask God to forgive us) Nehemiah acknowledged his willingness to be used by God to do something about the situation of broken walls. (We often miss great blessings and joy because we are not willing to have God use us in meeting the needs of others.)

Nehemiah prayed and then he also asked the help of the king.

(Today we need not be afraid to ask for help from the church family for strength.)

Nehemiah went to the city where the walls were broken down to survey the need. In *Nehemiah 2:11-15* it tells us, so I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. 12 and I arose in the night, and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast I rode upon 13 and went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. 14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass. 15 then I went up in the night by the brook and viewed the wall and turned back and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

(We need to go to where the needs are located even when it is out of our comfort zone.)

He enlisted others to help him rebuild the wall. We see in *Nehemiah 2:17-18* then said I unto them Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. 18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's word that he had spoken unto me. And they said, let us rise up and build. So, the strengthen their hand for this good work.

(Each member of the church is should work together in helping each other in reaching the need that is confronted in the church today.)

Nehemiah met opposition as so will we. *Nehemiah 2:19-20* But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Gershem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn and despised us, and said, what is this thing that we do? Will ye rebel against the king?

20 Then answered I them and said unto them, the God of Heaven, he will prosper us; therefore, we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, or right, nor memorial in Jerusalem.

They faced opposition when they began to rebuild walls.

(We can expect opposition especially when we are trying to do that which is right in the sight of God.)

Dear friends you will be ridiculed by others when trying to serve our almighty God. Just like Nehemiah, they tried to imply that all his work of what he was doing would not last and made fun of his work.

We see this in *Nehemiah 4:3* Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him and he said, even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

In *Nehemiah 4:8-9* it warns us that the enemy will always plot against us, to stop us from rebuilding the wall (doing God's will) and conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem and to hinder it 9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God and set a watch against them day and night because of them.

I pray that we call can learn from Nehemiah, and that is; Pray fervently, ask for forgiveness, seek help from others, work together in the kingdom of God and we together we can fight off this enemy, the devil together.

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Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Cupps Chapel Holiness
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

Fairground Hill Community Holiness
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Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor

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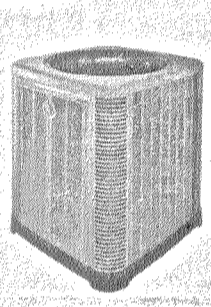
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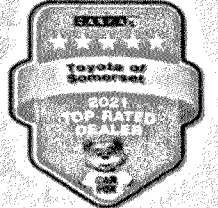
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