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MVFD gets high-tech truck

It took some time but the Mount Vernon Fire Department finally has the newest, high tech vehicle available to serve residents of Mount Vernon and assist all other county departments.

The new 2023 Rescue 613 is a Chevrolet 5500 custom built emergency vehicle with a 12-foot walk around rescue body and cost slightly over \$191,000

(See "Truck" on A5)



Shown above, the new \$191,000 Mount Vernon Fire Vehicle was delivered last week with high-tech devices as part of the custom design. Shown at left, Major Adam Bales, Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray and Chief David Bales stand with the new truck after it was delivered. Bray was able to gain a 75% USDA Rural Development grant for the purchase.

Four annexations move forward Council member seeks accounting of recent program support

By: Mike French
Editor

Mayor Tim Roberts led his first city council meeting as the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon last week with a full agenda, including four new annexation proposals.

Councilmember Shelly Raines Lewis presented the annexation ordinances to the council.

Ordinance 2022-5 was a requested annexation of nearly an acre on the north side of US-25 near Exit 59 of property controlled by James Noe.

Lewis's motion to accept the ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-7 is an intent and desire to annex property known as the Bridgeport Properties, which would include the Save-A-Lot building and property behind the establishment. The motion to accept the first reading was made by councilmember Lonetta Daugherty and passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-8 is an intent and desire to annex property known as Rockcastle Business

(See "City" on A5)

Bomb threat at local plant Schools initiates lockout out of abundance of caution

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County School district experienced two "soft" lockouts in one day last week.

According to the district website, the high school was placed on soft lockout around 8:30 a.m. Friday, January 20th due to a student medical issue. Superintendent Carrie Ballinger was unable to elaborate further on the circumstances of the student medical issue.

Then, later that day, a bomb threat was allegedly called into a local

manufacturing plant in the Rockcastle County Industrial Park, causing school officials to enter another soft lockout protocol at the RCHS and at the middle school.

Officials at the district say such lockout procedures were "out of an abundance of caution" and students were not in danger at any time.

A soft lockout procedure is the lowest form of alert and indicates the situation which prompted the lockout is off campus.

During a soft lockout,

(See "School" on A5)

Body found in tote after local high speed chase

By: Mike French
Editor

Last week, Rachel Luise Carder, 53, was showing her recently purchased 2016 Lincoln SUV to her friends at the bank where she worked in West Virginia.

The following day, Carder's stabbed and beaten body traveled through Rockcastle County in a Tupperware tote in the back of that Lincoln, according to witnesses.

"I knew something was wrong when she didn't show up for work," a friend of Carder told reporters Wednesday evening.

David Maurice Reed, 54, of Florida, was arrested and charged with the murder of Carder last Wednesday,

just south of the Rockcastle County line after a harrowing 40-mile police chase involving the Kentucky

State Police and several local police departments.

The chase began in Madison County after Kentucky State Police attempted to make a routine traffic stop on the SUV. Reed was driving the vehicle and pulled over for the stop but when officers approached the vehicle, Reed took off. A chase ensued with Reed hitting several police cruisers and turning onto the interstate southbound.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department, the Rockcastle County sheriff's office and the Mount Vernon Police Department were contacted to assist in the chase since it was headed towards Rockcastle County.

First responders helped set up road blocks and closed the interstate, directing traffic away from I-75 and onto US-25 in Rockcastle County. Police near exit 49 in Livingston set several spike strips but it did not stop Reed who

continued south. For the safety of citizens, troopers then crashed the vehicle with technical maneuvers and

were able to apprehend Reed.

Police then began a

(See "Body" on A5)

Police cruiser hit during high speed chase into Madison

By: Mike French
Editor

Police arrested Byron Watson, 62, of Franklin County after Mount Vernon Police officer Dylan Hale chased Watson to Madison County on Tuesday, January 10, according to a MVPD citation.

A caller reported a truck driving sporadically southbound on I-75. MVPD officer Hale waited for the vehicle at exit 62 and observed the suspected vehicle leave the interstate and then return to the northbound lane at exit 62. But when Hale activated his emergency lights, the truck sped away at speeds over 100 miles per hour, the report said.

Hale attempted to catch the suspect, who was passing vehicles in the emergency lane and nearly hitting several. Police say the vehicle struck a Hale's police cruiser in the side near exit 76 in Berea and continued northbound.

Spike strips were (See "Chase" on A5)

Message from Circuit Court Clerk

Eliza Jane York-Hansel, Circuit Court Clerk would like to inform all citizens that the Department of Transportation has added a new feature to the website (Drive.ky.gov) called a "pop-up page."

This allows anyone to see when there will be a pop-up in Rockcastle for anyone to be able to renew their drivers license, ID and apply for the new Travel ID/Driver's License. It allows only Rockcastle residents to sign up. There are 36 slots (See "Clerk" on A5)

Rockcastle man gets 25 years for rape of relative

Thanks to the evidence gathering and investigation work of Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Sam Brock and Assistant Commonwealth Attorney David Bridgeman, who prosecuted the case, a Rockcastle County child rapist will be behind bars for many years, according to a press release from Commonwealth Attorney David Dalton's office.

James Irvine, 54, of Rockcastle County, pled guilty to Rape in the first degree of a victim under 12 years of age and was sentenced Friday, January 13, 2023, the release says.

As the Signal reported in 2022, Irvine was indicted by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on August 29 of that year. The indictment alleged

that Irvine had sexual intercourse with a female (See "Rape" on A5)

Livingston holds special meeting

The City of Livingston apparently held a special called meeting on Friday, January 20.

According to Mayor Larry Davidson, the purpose of the meeting was to appoint and swear-in Samantha Smoker as the Livingston City Clerk and as the Alcoholic Beverage Administrator.

Davidson said the vote to install Smoker was unanimous.

No more information is available concerning the meeting.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Had a little health stumble last week, as only an 81-year-old can "stumble," and wasn't able to come up with a column since I was at the local hospital ER getting them to help me breathe after an attack of adult bronchitis.

We are very fortunate in this community to have this facility available with their superb personnel that has, thus far, come through for me each time I have needed them.

It's good for me to take a week off at times, to recharge my batteries and once again feel like pointing out all the things I think are wrong with today's world.

For example, I think it is wrong for the current trend that demonizes white people. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) recently introduced a bill, H.R. 61, that would criminalize white people (and white people only) who criticize mass (illegal) immigration or to SAY ANYTHING that she claims would vilify "a non-White person or group." Personally, I think it a horrible sign of our times that this Representative would even think it was appropriate to introduce such a biased bill that would, were it to pass, carve out a new type of crime, A "white supremacy-inspired hate crime."

If the law were to pass, white people would no longer be permitted to criticize any minority or minority-oriented group, such as Black Lives Matter, without a high likelihood of being charged with a hate crime.

And, then there's the "Declaration of North America" presently being pushed by the World Economic Forum (WEF) which would make Mexico, the United States and Canada one region, under one government with freedom of movement between the countries with no consideration for citizenship rights. Obviously our current administration is all onboard with the idea since they are busily allowing illegals to cross our southern border at will and allowing the cartels to bring illegal drugs into our country which resulted in the overdose deaths of over a 100,000 of our citizens in 2021, not to mention the documented human and child sex trafficking blatantly being carried out.

In December of 2022, there were over 250,000 illegals that crossed our southern border while the administration was assuring us that the border is "under control." Of course, they don't have a problem with looking us right in the face and lying through their teeth. Our President has stood before reporters and the

public numerous times and said that five capitol policeman were killed in the January 6th "Insurrection" when actually none were killed.

I know you think I pick on Democrats a lot and I do. It's not my fault they give me such good "picking on" material. But, RINOs have been busy since the new Congress took office the first of January as well.

For example, Representative Michael McCaul (R-Texas) told CNN recently that Americans who oppose sending billions more to Ukraine need to be "educated as to what is at stake" if we do not continue to fully support Ukraine's war efforts with equipment and billions of taxpayer dollars.

Of course, before the election, McCaul was all into advocating for the need to audit the billions of dollars being sent to Ukraine President Zelensky and his wife, now he is saying no to an audit.

And, Senator Lindsey Graham, traveled to the Ukraine recently to advocate, along with two far left senators for the United States to supply Ukraine with the M1 tanks they need to "defeat Russia" with no regard for the fact that it has recently been reported that our own armed services are short on equipment because of our government's largesse to Ukraine.

Then there is Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC) who has a problem with the banking profession being "too white," calling it a "pressing emergency."

An emergency to the extent, evidently, that all six financial services subcommittees have been told to get busy "fighting whiteness."

And, along the same lines, a recent mass shooting in Monterey Park, CA at a Dance Club, frequented mainly by Asians who were there to celebrate the Lunar New Year, drew the ire of left-wing journalists (are there any other kind?) who immediately called it a hate crime by white supremacists. Even after it was revealed that the shooter was a 72-year-old Asian man, CNN continued with the same theme, saying that "you don't have to be white to be a white supremacist."

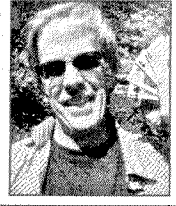
The idea of too much whiteness was recently bad news for students in 17 Virginia high schools. In those schools, notification of Merit scholarships available to students was delayed by administrators until it was too late for them to apply for these scholarships.

At first, administrators claimed it was a "mis-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There was nothing like hog killing day.

At the time, of course, I didn't appreciate how much I would look back at it, wishing it were still a part of my life. These days, I just can't find a good, old-fashioned hog killing place that did it like dad and our neighbor did it. And, somehow, even when I locate someone who kills hogs, the sausage, and even the rest of the meat, just doesn't taste like it did then.

It was cold, cold cold every time but we would flannel up, double our socks, put on our gloves and hood and head over to our neighbor's farm as soon as the sun cracked over the pond behind our house.

It used to bother me that the neighbor had made pets of all our hogs so that when he called them by name, they would come up to him so that he could put the .22 bullet between their eyes without missing the brain. If he missed, they squealed really loudly. That was kind of gross. But if he hit the brain dead center, they dropped like a rock.

The hogs were dipped in huge boiling vats over a wood fire and then the hair was scraped off with a big butcher knife. So old

Nessie hung by her back feet while the blood drained out and then we began chopping her up with a hatchet or an axe.

All this sounds a little morbid but it is more humane than the methods of many huge butcher plants that kills the hogs we eat every day.

Dad was a master at cutting up a hog. He knew exactly where to slice and where each bone was connected. My favorite meat on earth was the fresh tenderloin that still had body heat in it when we put it in the skillet. After it was cold, the flavor of the meat changed dramatically. And after it had been frozen, it was a complete 100% change in flavor. If you have never eaten pork cut directly off the hog and into the skillet, you have no clue what "real" meat tastes like. I promise it is completely different tasting than store bought meat that has been frozen or even chilled.

Dad spent days rubbing salt into the hams and hanging them in the smokehouse and we were cutting up chops, ribs, feet, backbone, tenderloin and such and wrapping it in individual

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



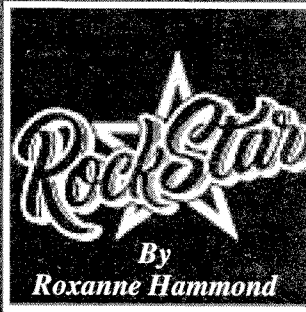
Taking the Long Way Home

Dear Journal,
The last few days of my life have been a learning experience for me as I'm learning to partially use my left side due to a stroke a few days ago. I think that I'm making progress although very slowly. But, I really just have to be thankful to be alive. I believe God has a purpose in mind for me to have survived all of the things I've survived in the past few years.

Turning over in bed is a challenge and pulling up the cover is difficult and I'm gradually learning to manage. I get a

little dizzy on occasion but I manage that, too. So far, I haven't had any seizures. I'm on medication for that. I guess my last challenge will be driving again. I'm not going to be in a hurry.

Last Thursday, on Stanley's birthday, was my big outing. We went out for his birthday lunch at our favorite Chinese buffet over in London. I sat at the table and Stanley plated the food for me. My appetite isn't what it was but that may be a good thing. I used a walker for mobility. Each day I see a little progress. I'm looking forward to spring like I never have before.



By Roxanne Hammond

Dr. Joe and Mrs. Ann Henderson

You Make Me Smile!
As I begin this new year and this Rock Star article, I wanted to begin by reflecting on Dr. Joe and Mrs. Ann Henderson and their many contributions to Rockcastle County, especially their unique ability to make us

smile. I recently sat down with Mrs. Ann Henderson to have her reflect on her and Dr. Joe and the Henderson family.

In 1920, Dr. John Davis Henderson graduated from the University

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Absolute Auction

of HISTORIC HOME & 35 +/- ACRES PLUS FARM EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Saturday, January 28th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

3532 Hwy 461, Somerset, KY 42503

PREVIEW: Thursday, January 19th, 2023, from 2-5 p.m.

Originally built in the 1830's, this historic home and surrounding acreage located near the industrial areas of Hwy. 461 will be offered in four tracts.

Tract #1 which contains .99 acres features the historic home, which is solid brick with a metal roof. There is living room, kitchen, a bedroom, full bath & utility room downstairs with 3 bedrooms, a sitting room and a half bath upstairs. The home has laminate, vinyl & carpet throughout. There is a closed-in porch, several non-working fireplaces & nice woodworks throughout the home.

In addition to the house there is a metal workshop that is 24 x 72. There is also a smokehouse and a shed/barn.

Tract #2 measures 11.46 acres and is a combination of cleared pastureland and woodland. This tract does offer some creek frontage and has two older barns and a machinery shed.

Tract #3 has 11.01 acres and has an older shed and outbuilding. This tract is all cleared crop and pastureland.

Tract #4 measures 11.58 acres and is all cleared pastureland.

EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL PROPERTY: In addition to the house and acreage there will be personal property for sale on Saturday (Live Only). Some items included are a Remington model 788 - 22/250 rifle with Bushnell scope ~ a Savage 93R-17 .17 cal rifle with CP scope ~ a Stevens model 87 Series E 20 ga shotgun ~ a Savage Stevens model 987 .22 cal rifle ~ a RG 10 .22 short revolver ~ a Raven Arms .25 cal auto pistol Model MP25 with holster ~ a Remington model 725 cal 244 rifle ~ Ford 3000 diesel tractor with loader ~ tractor post driver ~ International 3 bottom plow (hydraulic) ~ Post hole digger ~ TL100 International gas tractor with cultivator ~ gooseneck stock trailer ~ 3 pt hitch boom sprayer ~ metal post driver ~ rear tine tractor tiller ~ hay un-roller ~ head gate ~ hay fork ~ feed troughs ~ float beds ~ 2 bottom plow ~ hay ~ corral panels & gate ~ fencing material ~ lumber (including cherry, walnut & oak) ~ Craftsman table saw ~ routers ~ woodworking equipment ~ plumbing supplies and other farm equipment & supplies.

Household items to be sold will include: Whirlpool washer ~ GE dryer ~ round table & 4 chairs ~ wicker lover seat & 2 chairs ~ mantle clock ~ grandfather-style clock ~ small roll-top desk ~ Sterling Co organ ~ dishes and so much more!

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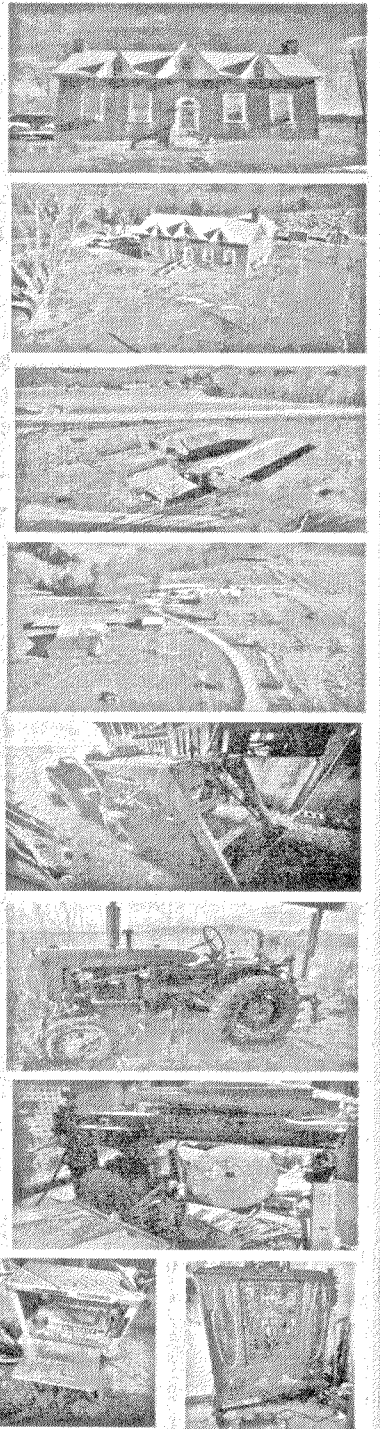
Note: Online bidding will be available on the real estate only.

NOTE: The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a period of ten days to inspect the property for the presence of lead-based paint. The inspection period is from January 17th through January 27th, 2022. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day post-inspection period.

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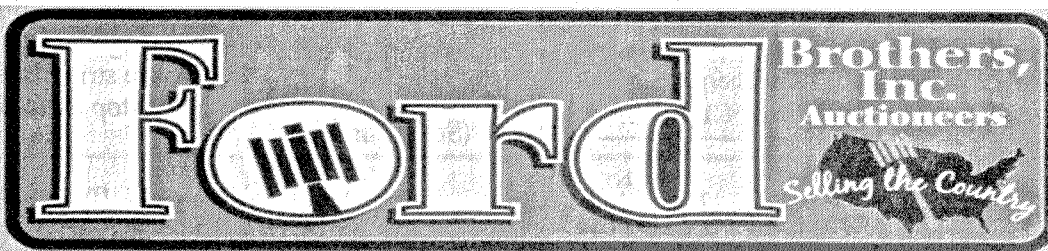
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"take" but when the "mistake" happened in 17 different schools it was a little hard to keep up the lie. It was finally revealed that 75% of the scholarships would have been awarded to Asian-Americans and administrators didn't notify them in order to not make other students "feel bad."

One school district went so far as to hire a "Diversity" administrator, at a salary of \$450,000 per year - \$50,000 more than the President of the United States makes. Evidently, his diversity agenda does not extend to Asian-American students.

It was sort of amusing Tuesday when a news story emerged that, on top of all the classified documents being discovered by pResident Biden's lawyers at his office at Penn State and his Wilmington, DE home, there have now been documents, with classified markings, discov-

ered in former Vice President Mike Pence's Indiana home last week, his attorney said.

It has always seemed a little strange to me that the only person associated with Trump, during his time in office, that has not been harassed by the DOJ and FBI was Pence. But, maybe it's a badge of honor and prestige now to be found with classified documents in your possession, without them being turned up in an armed FBI raid.

Stick around folks, with an impending budget crisis - we're running out of money, imagine that-the hatred for those dastardly "white" folks growing and the reemergence of antifa in Atlanta over the week end, things are once again heating up.

Aces

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packages for our freezer. But my favorite part was sausage making. We picked the choice parts of tenderloin, choice parts

of ham, and the extra cut-up pieces and ran it through the grinder. We hand rubbed countless bags of sage that dad had grown that year and then we ground up the red peppers he had grown. We added a pack of sausage seasoning mix, the sage and peppers, the salt and pepper and then used our hands to mix it all together. Man that was cold work. The meat had to chill in the smokehouse before we cut up the sausage and the hand mixing froze our fingers.

But then, we dropped a few pieces in the cast iron skillet and sampled it. We would add whatever was needed, usually more sage in my opinion, mix it all again and sample it again. Over and over until we had three batches (hot, mild and medium) just right.

Mom and I were in charge of making the lard. Using sheets we squeezed the boiling hot lard out of every piece of crackling. Everything tastes a hundred times better cooked in homemade lard. Ours was white as snow and waited in one gallon cans for our next meal.

It was hard, heavy labor and took the entire weekend. But it was a good eating weekend. Mostly, it was me and mom and dad and our neighbors all working together that was the part I miss most. We would laugh and talk and blame Democrats for the cold and prepare ourselves for winter with no government intervention. That was the life!

What I would give for one more weekend of hog killing time with mom and dad and the freedom and moral society we had in those days. Life was good.

There were several family times throughout the year involving dad's tobacco crop. But that hard labor didn't taste nearly as good as Hog Killing Day. Still, it was good family time preparing for hard times. As long as grandpa didn't twist off and chew up the profits.

Life used to be harder and involve a lot more work and a lot less government. But it always involved family and moral values.

I miss those days terribly.

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of Louisville Dental School. He returned home to Mt. Vernon to open the Henderson Dental practice. He wanted to meet a serious dental health need in our community. He was very much aware, especially young people, were losing their teeth at an early age due to poor access and affordable den-

tal care. He was also very instrumental in implementing fluoride treatment in our water system. In those early days of his practice he was unaware of just how renowned his efforts and those of his sons who would follow in his footsteps, would become. His sons, Jack and Joe would follow his example and become Dentists. Son, David, would graduate college with a business degree and in turn run the business part. They were joined by longtime friend and employee, Charles Baker. For nearly 70 years the general dentistry office in Mount Vernon continued to grow, flourish and eventually evolve into the business of making affordable, well fitted and excellent dentures. The obvious result was a host of smiles all across the country.

Dr. William Joseph Henderson, affectionally known by all as Dr. Joe, graduated in 1944 from Mount Vernon High School. He went on to serve in the US Army at the end of WWII, working in a military program called "I & E" or Information and Education. This unit helped prepare soldiers returning after their service to transition from military service to civilian life. He was able to apply his GI Bill to pay for his dental education. All the while he pursued the hand of Ann Lair, the oldest daughter of John Lair, the founder of the Renfro Valley Barn Dance. After high school Ann Lair went on to graduate from the University of Kentucky with a degree in advertising and journalism. Joe and Ann married while he was completing dental school in Louisville and after graduation they returned home to Mt. Vernon. Dr. Joe Henderson joined the dental practice of his father. He and Ann were blessed with three children they raised in Mount Vernon, Lida, Bill and Mary Blanche. They were an integral part of the community life and became life long friends and made us smile often.

Dr. Joe and Mrs. Ann were also actively involved in our Rockcastle community. They both were volunteer leaders in the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. They both taught youth Sunday School classes at First Christian Church and no one wanted to graduate from their class, which always included outings such as picnics, hiking, horse back rides, lots of fun and adventure all the while learning about God and the Bible.

Dr. Joe was renowned

in his love for Rockcastle County. He shared a wealth of information about so many locations and interesting facts, little known until you traveled the backroads with him.

Mrs. Ann also had a great love for this community. She was a founding member of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), the Women's Club, two time president of the "Willing Workers" women's circle at First Christian Church.

For most of the community that are my age, the Henderson's will always and affectionately be known for the winter sledding events. On every snow day that cancelled school, every youth in town would sled down "Henderson hill." It was often said that Dr. Joe would not let our road department salt the road up this his home. All of us truly thought of Dr. Joe as one "cool" guy who brought a lot of smiles and memories to us town kids. I made numerous trips up and down that hill in my growing up years. So much fun and "smiles!"

In our conversation Mrs. Ann told me that during those years three things were instrumental in bringing people form all over the country to Mount Vernon. One, the Henderson Dental Office. Two, the Renfro Valley Barn Dance and three, the federal highway known as US 25 (pre-interstate days).

She went on to tell me something I did not

know. When people from other states came to Mount Vernon to have dentures made they needed lodging. Because most motels were full, often local families in town would rent a spare bedroom, the earliest Airbnb. This often resulted in lifelong friendships. She also shared that people coming to town were seen on a first come, first served basis and that the dental office lobby would remain open 24 hours. Many people through the years would spend the night in the lobby.

In the many years after growing up here and the many places I've been, when people ask me where I'm from and after telling them, they either say, "oh, Renfro Valley!" or "oh, Dentures!" I was told once by a local doctor who while visiting Los Angeles in years past, was asked by a waitress where he was from. He stated that it was a little town no one ever heard of and after telling her, her immediate response was "where they make dentures!"

It is often quoted "that all roads lead home", well for our little part of the world, we know for sure that "US 25, a dental office and a Barn Dance leads home. Thank you, Dr. Joe and Mrs. Ann and all the Henderson and Lair families for putting Rockcastle County on the map and bringing to so many those happy smiles!"

Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm
State Senator

Military Kids Day is set for February 16 at the State Capitol

The Kentucky General Assembly's annual Military Kids Day at the Kentucky Capitol is set for Thursday, February 16 and I'm inviting military kids of all ages to participate.

Military Kids Day allows children of military families to see our state government at work and allow their state senators and representatives to honor their unique roles as military kids. I am inviting children of armed forces members who live in District 21 to participate and join me in Frankfort.

Originally initiated by my colleague, Sen. Jimmy Higdon of Marion County, Military Kids Day is an annual tradition hosted by the House and Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection (VMAPP) committees. The Senate is hosting this year's event.

Participants will meet in the Capitol Rotunda between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. EDT. Military Kids Day will officially kick off at 9 a.m. with a Senate VMAPP Committee meeting where

military kids will be recognized. Additionally, they will receive a Capitol tour, be treated to lunch, hear from special guest speakers, serve as a legislative page for their respective lawmakers and be honored in the House and Senate chambers. Participants can page for their senator or representative.

If you are in my Senate district and are a military family with children, I encourage you to register your children to participate. Visit legislature.ky.gov where you can find and fill out the application form. You will submit the form to Senate Clerk Donna Holiday at Donna.Holiday@lrc.ky.gov.

The deadline to submit the form is Monday, February 13.

Military Kids Day is truly a memorable experience, positively impacting those attending and participating in the day's festivities.

To all the military families in District 21, thank you for your collective sacrifices to our great nation, and I hope I will see you in Frankfort. Contact my office at 502-564-8100 if you need assistance registering to participate.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, Jan. 30th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. Tuesday, Jan. 31st: Green Hill, Fairview and Brindle Ridge.

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

Stanley Mullins

Ralph Stanley Mullins, 84, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Orlando, on February 14, 1938, the son of Fred, Sr. and Nancy Barnett Mullins. He was a former employee of the Mt. Vernon Ambulance Service, Ready Mix, and NACCO. He was a US Army Veteran and a member of Climax Christian Church. He had a great love for basketball, having played on the Livingston High School team. He graduated in 1957. He enjoyed watching the Kentucky Wildcats and Rockcastle County Rockets play. He also enjoyed dirt track racing and participating in local parades in his Mercedes.

He is survived by: his children, Ralph (Donna) Mullins of Mt. Vernon, and Buffy (Roy) Wheeler of Columbia, MO; a grandson, Cole (Justine) Wheeler of Ft. Irwin, CA; a great granddaughter, Addison Caleb Wheeler; a sister, Sue Cox of Dayton, OH; and his special companion, Renee Smith Childress. Other close extended family members include: Norma, Jared, Mikah, Danielle, and Robert Reams, Dee and Richard Mays, Javan Hasty, and Skyler Durham, all of Mt. Vernon, Shirley, Jr., and Aaron Park, of Humble, TX, Tony, Amy, and Bella Ledford, Tina Meece, and McKinnley Hargis, all of Ohio, Ryan and Terrell Ledford of Colorado, and Freddy and Jennifer Mullins of Eubank. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Lois Mullins; a sister, Lola White; three brothers, Junior Mullins, and Hubert and Everett Jennings; and a grandson, Caleb Roy Wheeler.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Bob Dalton. Burial with military honors followed in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Skyler Durham, Javan Hasty, Richard Mays, Aaron Parks, Jared Reams, Mikah Reams, Robert Reams, and Cole Wheeler.

Donations are requested to: Johnetta Cemetery, 5599 Climax Rd., Orlando, KY 40460.

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

Vernon Leon Doan

Vernon Leon Doan, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, January 15, 2023, at his home. He was born May 17, 1937, in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late Walker and Eva (Hasty) Doan. He was united in holy matrimony to Charlotte Lawson on November 11, 1960, and of that marriage came six children, Dennis, Dalmas, Vernon, Jr, Tina, Debbie, and Michael. He was a former pastor and preacher of Calloway Holiness Church. In his free time loved ginseng and mushroom hunting and playing guitar.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 62 years, Charlotte (Lawson) Doan of Mt. Vernon; five children, Dennis Doan and Donna of Mt. Vernon, Dalmas Doan and Vickie, Vernon Doan, Jr. and Denise, and Tina Doan, all of Livingston, and Debbie Doan and Larry of Mt. Vernon; 12 grandchildren, Amber Doan, LeAnn Doan, Deanna Doan, Josh Sowder, Heavenly Sowder, Scotty Hellard, Martha McKinney, Adam Hellard, Joseph Doan, Lula Scarborough, Kayla Doan and Kevin Mink; 28 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a brother, Dallas Doan and Beverly of IN; a sister, Glenna Bell and James of Monticello; a sister-in-law, Mary Doan of Livingston; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his son, Michael Doan; two grandchildren, Jason Wheeler and Randy Alexander Denny; a great grandchild, Katina Bond; and nine siblings, Elzie, Ray, Darrell, and Loretta Doan, Alma Hines, Alene Brown, Elsie McClure, Tessie Allen, and Sadie Hylander.

All services were held at Calloway Holiness Church. Funeral service was Saturday, January 21, 2023 with Phillip Doan officiating. Burial was in Doan Family Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

"Buck" Baker

James D. "Buck" Baker, 70, of Wildie, died Thursday, January 19, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born at Climax in Rockcastle County on November 13, 1952, the son of Zelma Baker. He was a retired press operator for Parker Seal Company and had been the minister for United Gospel of Christ Church.

He is survived by: his sister, Jo Cook of Orlando; an aunt, Hazel Fowler of Cincinnati, OH; an uncle, J.B. Baker of Mt. Vernon; a nephew, Stephen Blackwell of Orlando; and close cousins, Jamie Lainhart and Sue Ordefer.

Memorial services will be held Monday, January 30 at 1:00 p.m. at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. Burial will follow in Johnetta Cemetery.

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

Wanda Lunceford

Wanda Lunceford, 79 of Brodhead, died Friday, January 20, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born January 6, 1944, in Brodhead, to the late Arthur and Sadie Elizabeth (Ross) Burton. She was a member of the Worldwide Church of God and enjoyed crocheting, puzzles, singing, flowers, gardening, drawing, and painting. She married Gilbert Lunceford on August 9, 1959 and enjoyed 50 years together before his passing in 2009.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, David Wayne Lunceford of Brodhead, and Melissa Rose Mendoza of Oneida; three grandchildren, Tina Marie Galleous, Michael Andrew Mendoza, and David Wayne Lunceford, Jr. and great grandchildren; two brothers, Glen Burton (Ruth) and Denver Burton (Linda), both of Brodhead; one sister, Nevel Hacker (Jimmy) of Crab Orchard; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Gilbert Lunceford and one brother, Johnny Burton.

Visitation will be held Friday, January 27, 2023, from 12 p.m. until time for the memorial service at 2 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Dan Gutenson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Teresa Dunham

Teresa Dunham was born May 17, 1957 in Renfro Valley, to the union of the late Harry and Cletis Cummins. She was a 1975 graduate of Lee County High School and was the high school homecoming queen. She was united in marriage to Ernest Dunham on September 09, 1994, in Somerset.

Teresa was kind-hearted, she had an outgoing personality and was a friend to everyone. She was a University of Kentucky basketball fan. Teresa enjoyed reading and owned a library of books. By occupation, Teresa worked many years at a pet store. She had a vast knowledge of animals and had a genuine love for them.

Teresa departed this walk of life peacefully on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at her home in Brooksville, FL. She was 65 years old.

Teresa is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, Hattie and Loid Mullins.

Survivors include her loving and devoted husband of 28 years, Ernest Dunham of Brooksville, FL and one beloved daughter, Jessica Newman (Rob White) of Louisville. A host of other family including her uncle Roland Mullins and family also survive.

The funeral service was held Thursday, January 19, 2023 at the Wolfe & Sons Funeral Home Chapel.

Glenna Mae Mink

Glenna Mae (Owens) Mink, 81, of Orlando, died Saturday, January 21, 2023 at her residence. She was born June 10, 1941, in Orlando, to the late Charlie and Annie (Laswell) Owens. She was of the Holiness faith and enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, and her grandkids. She married Elmer Mink on April 1, 1960 and enjoyed 35 years together before his passing in 1995.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Kathy Owens (Danny) of Orlando, Deloris Brown of Mt. Vernon, Allene Laswell (Russell Kirby) of Orlando, Evelyn Overbay (Kelly Cameron) of Mt. Vernon, and Shirley Mink (Brian Evans) of Mt. Vernon; 16 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and two sisters, Icie Poynter and George of Livingston, and Wanda Hensley of Orlando.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Charlie and Annie Owens; her husband, Elmer Mink; one son, Glenn Mink; four brothers, Henry Clay Owens, Delbert Owens, Lloyd Owens, and Hubert Owens; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 23, 2023 at Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bros. Lonnie and Chris McGuire officiating. Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

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Ricky Gene Barron

Ricky Gene Barron, 59, of Livingston, died Saturday, January 21, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born February 8, 1963, in Lexington, a son of the late William Harvey and Betty (Mason) Barron. He was united in holy matrimony to Virginia (Jones) Barron on October 1, 1981, and they enjoyed 40 years together prior to her passing in 2022. He was of the Pentecostal faith, and enjoyed spending his free time outdoors – hunting, fishing, and hiking.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughter, Kerri Abrams of Livingston; his son, Rick Austin Barron of Livingston; two grandchildren, Alex and Kaylea Abrams; a brother, Billy Barron and Janice of Beaver Dam; two sisters, Joann Meadows of Hartford, and Janey Ashby and Earl of Beaver Dam; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia (Jones) Barron and a brother, Charles Eddie Barron.

Services will be held at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals on Thursday, January 26, 2023, beginning with the visitation at 12 p.m., until the time of the funeral service at 2 p.m., with Alan Hensley officiating. Burial will follow in Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Colby Howard, Tristin Wallace, Bobby Ashby, William Moore, and Chiania Ashby.

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

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 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 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.

Parcel #023-00-010.09 Address: 1959 Spiro Road, Mount Vernon, KY 40456

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

“Body”

(Continued from front) routine safety search of the vehicle and discovered the body of Carder in a plastic tote with severe head trauma, face damage and several cuts that could be stab wounds.

According to the arrest citation, Reed admitted to choking Carder, reportedly his girlfriend, earlier during an argument at a motel room but police were unable to identify which motel at press time. The report also says Reed had several red stains on his pants suspected to be blood.

Reed was arrested and charged with murder, domestic violence, tampering with evidence, abuse of a corpse, evading and/or fleeing police, criminal mischief, wanton endangerment, resisting arrest and driving without a license.

Officials then investigated the scene and reopened the interstate to traffic a few minutes after 3 p.m. Wednesday.

According to reports, Reed has a criminal history, including prison time after pleading guilty to a second degree robbery charge. Also according to reports, past charges include domestic battery, domestic violence, violation of a protective order and first degree robbery. But Reed had been released and friends of Carder had expressed to news crews that they were concerned about the relationship she had with Reed due to his past.

Mount Vernon Police Chief Joe Rush said he had two units at the Mount Vernon exits to protect local citizens and to assist the KSP in the chase as it crossed through Rockcastle County while Sheriff Shannon Franklin was blocking exit 59 to keep Reed from escaping on the ramp.

The body of Carder has been sent to the state medical office in Frankfort for autopsy. The case is under investigation by Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk, with the assistance of the MVPD, the MVFD and the sheriff's office.

Reed was arraigned in Laurel District Court last Friday and a preliminary hearing will be held on each of the charges.

Reed is being held in the Laurel County Detention Center on a \$1 million cash bond.

“Truck”

(Continued from front) in total.

Officials at the department say the 2009 Ford, that had been in use, simply no longer provided the needs of a growing community.

Officials began working on obtaining the new vehicle in 2019. City Administrator Josh Bray was able to acquire a 75% USDA grant for the majority of the cost of the vehicle.

However, in the face of COVID lockdowns, there were several delays in having the new truck built to specific design requirements.

The new truck features a fully organized 12-foot bed with five slide trays, two being transverse, a built-in inverter and electric cable reel, two hydraulic reels, a portable winch with anchor points on all four corners of the truck, a dual 24X12 roof top coffin compartment,

a 10 gallon enforcer, stored energy compressor air foam unit, a three gallon unit.

The truck also features a mobile hot spot and iPad for on-scene reference connectivity.

Officials at the department offer a special thank you to Bray and Southeast Apparatus as well as the City of Mount Vernon.

Chief David Bales, Major Adam Bales and Lieutenant Brandon Evans say the department can now better service the citizens of Mount Vernon and better serve in assisting other departments.

“Clerk”

(Continued from front) available for appointments at each pop-up.

Everyone needs to check their driver's license expiration date. You can renew up to 6 months early. Our next pop-up is scheduled for June 2, 2023 and appointments are available starting May 19.

“As your clerk I will still reach out to the Signal, WKRV and you on my personal Facebook page to let you know when it is coming to Rockcastle. A very special thank you to our judge/executive Howell Holbrook and Andrew Pensol for helping make this possible,” York-Hansel said.

“Rape”

(Continued from front) relative who was under 12 years old, on more than one occasion.

According to Bridgeman, instrumental to the case was DNA evidence and “solid police work” by Deputy Brock, that was very instrumental in prosecuting the case. Facing the evidence before him, Bridgeman says Irvine pled guilty to the charge, which resulted in a 25 year sentence from Judge Eddy Montgomery as recommended by The Commonwealth Attorney's office.

Bridgeman stated that he is “pleased that Mr. Irvine will be held accountable for his actions.”

Bridgeman said that due to the violent nature of the crime, Irvine will not be considered for parole until he has served a minimum of 85 percent of his 25-year sentence. Irvine will also be a lifetime registered sex offender.

As a sex registered offender, if Irvine is ever released from prison, he must remain a specified distance from schools, playgrounds and daycare centers, as well as any location where children may be present or face serious charges once again, according to Criminaldefense.com.

“The family of the victim would like to thank those who supported them with prayers of comfort,” said Bridgeman. “The family was glad that the truth has come to light.”

“School”

(Continued from front) students may be outside the classroom and instruction may continue in the classroom. However, no students or staff are allowed outside of the school building and no visitors are allowed to enter the school.

A lockout is designated for more serious issues and has different protocol.

The lockout was lifted slightly after 2 p.m. and students were released at the normal time.

Officials say the bomb threat was apparently a hoax but first responders swept the Integrity Mold and Tool premises and did not report finding any evidence of an explosive device.

“Chase”

(Continued from front) placed on the roadway near mile marker 83 in Madison County, eventually stopping the vehicle.

Watson exited the vehicle without further difficulty but Hale's report says he smelled alcohol and that Watson's speech was slurred.

Watson was transported to Baptist Health where he submitted to a blood test. He was transported to the Madison County jail.

Watson was charged with no turning signal, reckless driving, improper passing, wanton endangerment of a police officer, fleeing and evading police, driving under the influence and speeding over 26 miles per hour over the limit.

“City”

(Continued from front) Park South. Councilman Jim Bowman made the motion to accept the ordinance which also passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-9 is an intent and desire to annex portions of the Rockcastle Industrial Park. The motion to accept the ordinance was also made by Daugherty and passed unanimously.

Newly-elected council member Gertha Mink asked about the process of annexation and the difference in voluntary and Intent and Desire Annexations. Lewis said the intent and desire annexations require a first and second public reading and must be published in the legal newspaper.

It was the first reading of each of the three intent and desire to annex ordinances. The second readings are expected at the February meeting.

Also under new business, Lewis brought up a November, 2022 vote to provide \$12,000 per year to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) for program support at \$1,000 per month. “I am not going to make a motion to rescind that vote, but they have changed the rules in the middle of the game and we need some kind of accounting for when and how that money is used,” she said.

RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig had visited the council in November, asking for the \$1,000 per month support. The motion passed but Lewis voted against the idea saying she didn't feel the RCIDA Director should receive another raise when others, specifically 911 workers and county employees, deserve it as much or more.

The RCIDA board then approached the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court asking to change the Executive Director position from a county paid position to a board expense, thereby allowing the board to be in control of the salary. Rather than pay the salary, the fiscal court would provide \$100,000 in annual program support to RCIDA, which is slightly less than the court had been providing in salary and benefits. This is along with the usual \$50,000

annually in program support the county had been providing.

That request also met with disagreement when Magistrate Mike McGuire said he feels the position is paid enough, and he does not support another pay raise for the director position. “It takes 250 full time employees making \$15 per hour just to pay that salary,” he said. “Our county employees settled for a 5% raise and this one person got a 47% raise?. Something isn't right.”

Lewis said she feels the RCIDA Board should have approached the fiscal court and changed the position before asking the city to provide the program support. “We agreed to provide \$12,000 to them and now their director suddenly makes \$111,000-plus per year but is no longer a county employee,” she said. “I am looking into ways to account for the money but we need some form of accountability to the tax payer. I don't even know what program support is.”

City Attorney Bobby Amburgey pointed out

nearly \$40 million in investments through some of the many projects brought to the county through the RCIDA, including a natural gas pipeline in the works, but Lewis said she was aware of the success of the board. “I know about all that but we are still dealing with CDBG grants and we helped with an entrance and all that also, but none of that is the issue,” she said. “The money we are providing to them needs to be accounted for and if someone asks us what that \$12,000 is used for, we should be able to tell them something beside program support.”

Amburgey said he will begin working on a way to report exactly how the money is used each month.

Lewis also said she would like to see a timeline placed on the support. “We didn't put a time limit on that money,” she said. “Are we going to keep providing that next year or just this year?”

Amburgey said each year the council can address the issue and vote

to continue or discontinue the support.

The sentiment of the RCIDA board members and a peer review committee, seems to strongly support the raise as an investment in the community, from past comments made by board members and the committee.

City Financial Consultant Josh Bray was not present at the meeting to discuss the December financial reports but the council approved the submitted report unanimously without discussion.

After hearing department reports the council was adjourned to view the new Mount Vernon Fire Department fire vehicle. The \$192,000 vehicle was parked outside the chambers with full gear displayed while Chief David Bales and Lieutenant Brandon Evans explained the many new technologies and life saving equipment on the truck.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Local Fire Departments average over four calls for service per day

By: Mike French
Editor

The Mount Vernon Fire Department has released their detailed 2022 activity report. City Councilman Jim Bowman, who had requested the more detailed report last year, said he appreciates the information. “This is a very helpful report. We can use this kind of information to track trends and needs of the department and of the citizens and better serve the people of Mount Vernon,” he said.

According to the report, the department used 85,500 gallons of water in 2022 while answering 669 calls for service. This is more than 30 calls above the department's all time record number of calls. In fact, 35 more than in 2021 and more than 200 (32%) calls above 2020. The past two years have broken the department record each year.

According to the detailed report, including vehicle fires, the huge majority of calls, 328 of the 669 (49%), involved vehicles. In 2022 there were 32 calls for vehicle fires, 69 calls for accidents with injuries, 192 calls for accidents with no injuries and 35 calls for traffic control.

The next most frequent call came for medical assists with 59 while there were 37 calls for structure fires and 27 for wood or forest fires. The department was called 64 times for other reasons that are not listed but the department assisted other departments 38 times in 2022 and received help from other agencies 53 times.

The department made 273 calls the entire year of 2009 when the report began.

As for other fire departments in Rockcastle County, the report says Brindle Ridge Fire Department made 176 runs in 2022 which is 21 less than last year but much more than any other year since 2009.

The Brodhead Fire Department made 338 runs, according to the report,

which is also their all time record runs, the report says.

The Climax Fire Department made 71 runs in 2022 while the Livingston Volunteer Fire and Rescue made 200 runs which is well below last year's total of 310.

The Pongo Fire Department did not provide

a total and Western Rockcastle made 40 calls.

A total of 1,493 runs were made by Rockcastle County fire departments in 2022, for an average of 4.09 calls per day.

The Rockcastle Ambulance Service made 3,303 runs in 2022, according to the report.

October is busiest month MVPD report shows over 15 calls per day

By: Mike French
Editor

If trends, averages, probabilities and statistics provide information for professional services, the Mount Vernon Police Department is looking close at October of 2022 to discover why that month appeared to break monthly averages by nearly 500%.

Police Chief Joe Rush provided the Mount Vernon City Council with the year ending report showing department activity throughout 2022.

According to the report, the department made 5,576 calls for service last year. Through the year, the department averages 465 calls per month but the busiest month was


October with 764 calls for service, increasing over the average by 299 calls.

The department answered calls to 365 vehicle accidents averaging 30 per month.

The department made 387 total arrests in 2022 averaging or 32 arrests per month. However in October, there were 50 arrests made by the department.

The department reported 365 traffic violations, averaging 30 per month. In October there were 141 traffic violations reported.

The report shows 233 warrants served in 2022 with 15 DUI arrests. The biggest DUI month of 2022 was October with five.



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SPORTS

Rockets lose to Wayne and Pulaski; beat Nicholas Co.

The Rockcastle Rockets lost two of three in their most recent outings, taking their season record to 10 wins against 12 losses.

At Wayne County, last Tuesday night, the Rockets fell 65-50. Despite being up 30-28 at the half, the Rockets came out cold in the second half, scoring 20 points to the Cardinals 37.

The game had to be a short one, with only 14 total fouls called. The Rockets were six for six while the Cardinals hit six of eight. The Rockets also hit four threes.

Trent Wilson came off the bench to lead the scoring for the Rockets with 10 points, including two threes. Walker Craig got nine points, including one three; Connor Hunt and Broedy Dunaway scored eight points each; Jace Rogers, with the other three, got seven points and Skyler Durham and Jaidan Burton each scored four points.

The Rockets shot 35.1% from the field and pulled down 32 rebounds with Craig getting six; Hunt and Dunaway five

each; Wilson and Durham four each; Burton and Kidwell three apiece and Rogers two.

The Rockets got a sort of moral victory Friday night against the Pulaski Co. Maroons when they lost 63-53, after losing by 25 to PC earlier in the season 82-57.

The Rockets were only down 32-31 at the half but a cold shooting third quarter, when they made only two field goals and scored seven points to PC's 15, and a 16-15 fourth quarter for the Maroons sealed their fate.

Connor Hunt led the scoring with 13 points, including going 5/6 from the free throw line; Craig got 12 points, including two threes; Durham scored nine points, all threes; Dunaway got six points; Kidwell scored five, including the other three pointer and Rogers and Wilson four each.

The Rockets hit six of 17 threes and were 9/12 from the free throw line.

Hunt also took rebounding honors with seven of his team's 32. Craig and Dunaway

pulled down five each; Rogers, Kidwell and Durham each got four and Wilson was credited with three.

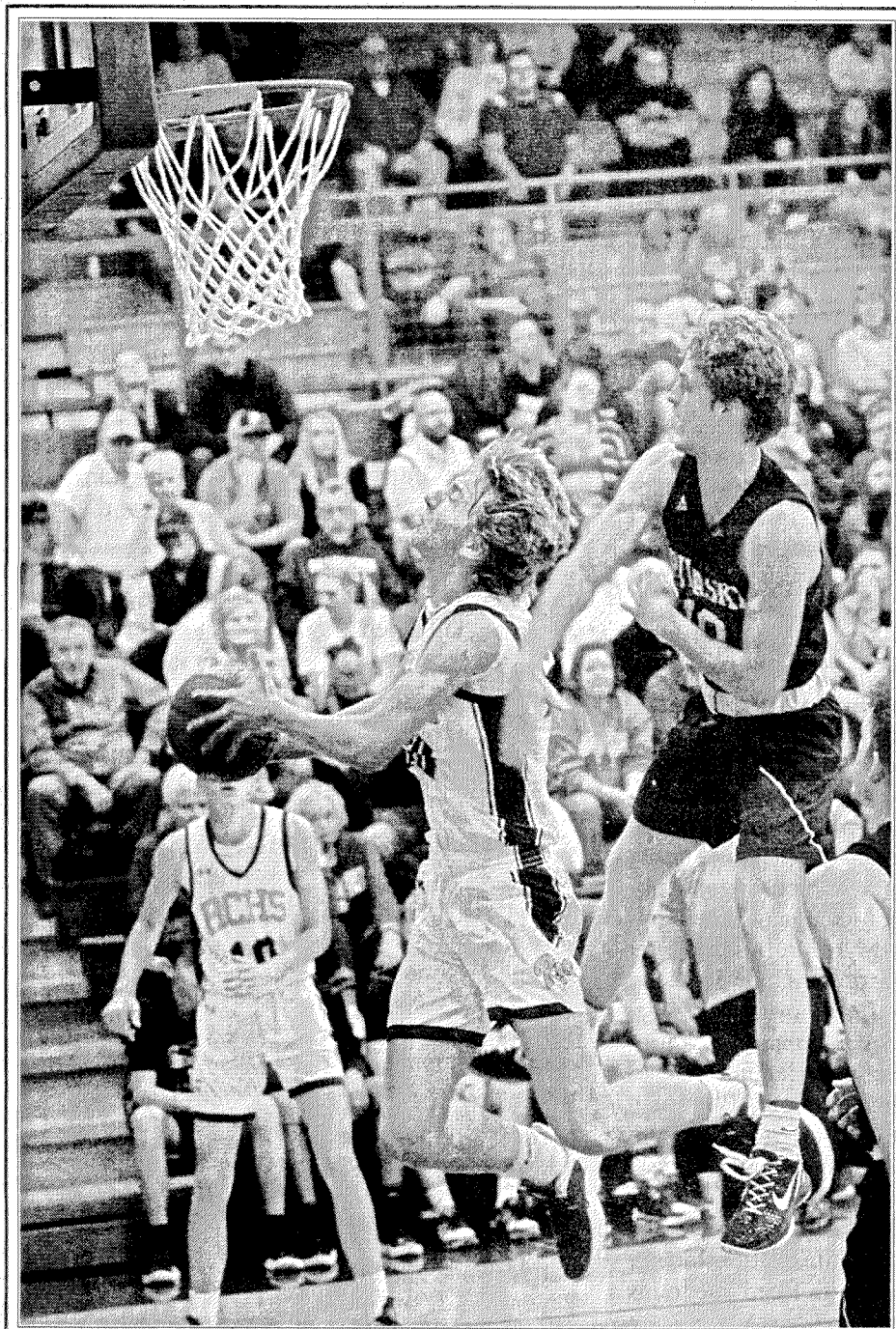
Saturday, the Rockets traveled to Nicholas County for the Nicholas County Classic and defeated the home team 70-47.

Eight Rockets got into the scoring column in the lopsided win with Durham leading the way with 16 points; Craig scored 15; Hunt 14 and Rogers 11. Also scoring were Wilson and Dunaway with five each and Burton and Kidwell with two each.

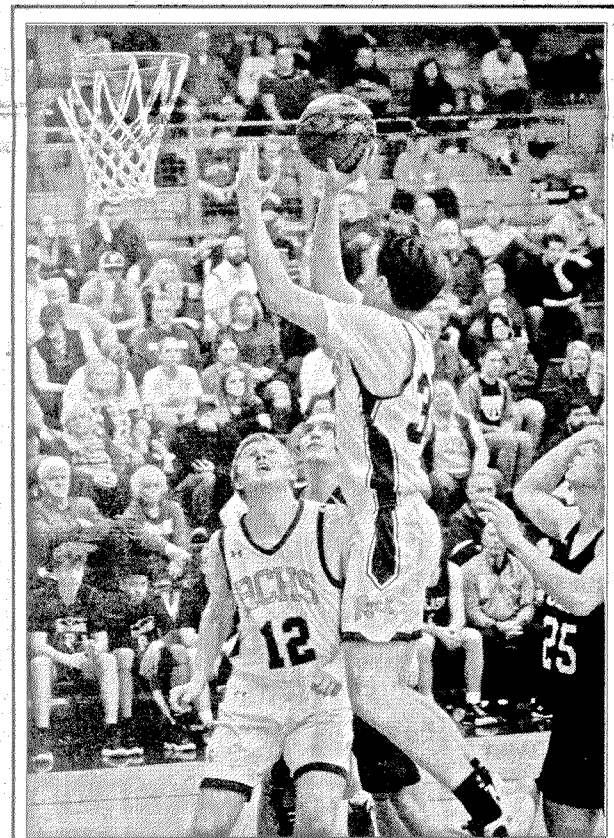
The Rockets shot 53.2% from the field and hit 12 of 15 free throws for 80%. Walker got three threes, Durham and Rogers two each and Wilson one.

Kidwell took rebounding honors with seven of his team's 33. Hunt got six; Craig five; Durham, Dunaway and Burton four each; Wilson two and Rogers one.

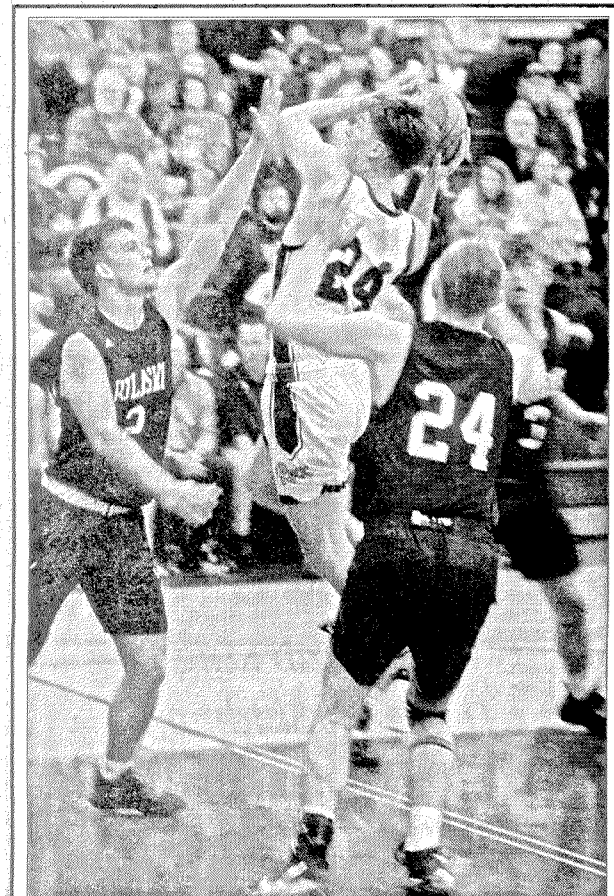
The Rockets will be at home this Friday and Saturday for the Rocket Classic.



Connor Hunt goes to the basket in the Rockets' 63-53 loss to Pulaski Friday night. Hunt led his team with 13 points. Hunt also led his team in rebounding with seven.



Broedy Dunaway goes for two of his six points in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Friday night.



Trent Wilson takes it to the hole in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Friday night. Wilson had four points in the loss. The Rockets will host the Rocket Classic this Friday and Saturday with the Rockets taking on Leslie County Friday night at 6:00 and Perry County Central Saturday at 6:45.

Girls beat Wayne and Pulaski; Noble's 600th win celebrated

On the same night that Rockcastle Lady Rockets Coach Chrysti Noble's 600th win of her career was publicly celebrated, in front of fans and family, her team gave her an even better reason to celebrate. They took down district foe Pulaski County Lady Maroons 60-55, avenging an earlier season 11 point loss.

This followed a game earlier in the week in which the Lady Rockets defeated the Wayne County Lady Cardinals 46-40.

Those wins put Noble to 602 in the win column in her 32 year coaching career.

Last Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets traveled to Wayne County and came away with their 11th win of the season 46-

40. The Rockets found themselves down 13-9 at the first quarter stop, 21-16 at halftime and 31 to 25 at the end of the third quarter.

But, the Lady Rockets came out strong, with 21 points in the 4th quarter, behind 10 points by Talyne Shearer and eight by Keelee King, to the Lady Cardinals nine, to take the 46-40 win.

King took high point honors for her team with 17, which included all four threes the team got. Shearer, who shot 87.5% on the night, got 14 points. Haven King contributed 11 points and Karlee Smith and Taylor King got two points each. As a team, the Lady Rockets shot 50%.

H. King and Shearer

led for rebounding honors with five each, Camryn Cash got two and T. King, Savannah Santo and Karlee Smith each pulled down one.

At home Friday night, the Lady Rockets fought hard against the Pulaski County Lady Maroons, who had defeated them 59-48 earlier in the season.

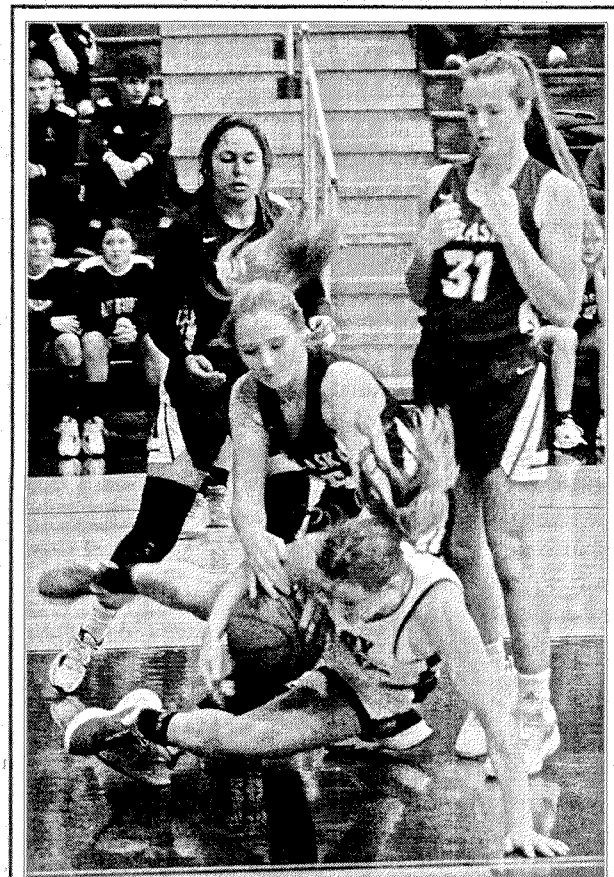
The Lady Rockets took a 16-13 lead into the second quarter but the Lady Maroons came back to tie the score 28-28 at halftime. The Rockets took the third quarter 16-15 behind 11 points by Keelee King and, in the fourth another King, Taylor, and Shearer, each came through with seven

of their team's 16 points in the quarter, to the Maroons 10, for the final 60-55, and their 12th win of the season.

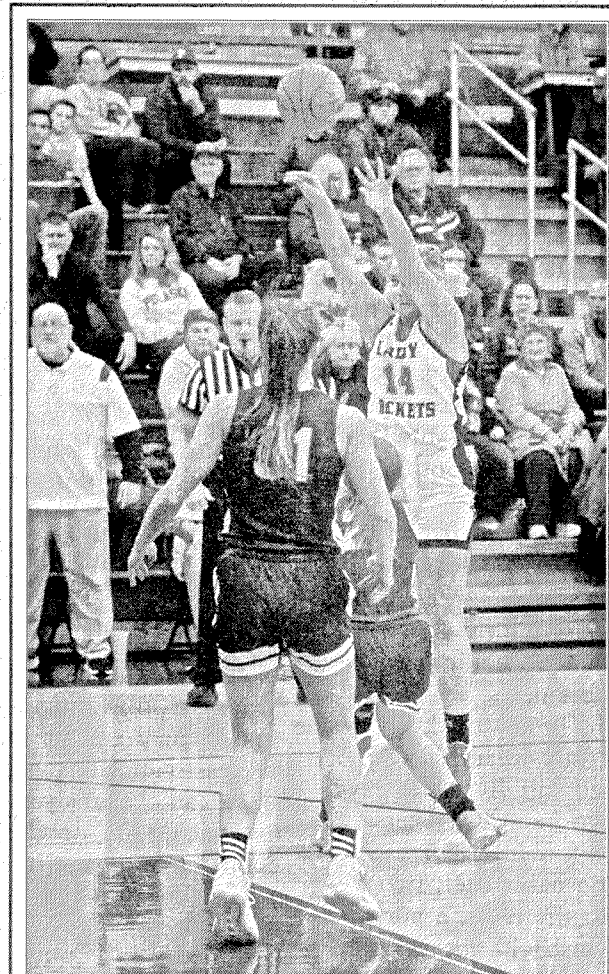
The Rockets hit eight threes in the game, with Keelee King getting five, Taylor King two and Camryn Cash one and hit 12 of 25 free throws. PC fared much better at the free throw line, hitting 15 of 19. They also got six three point baskets.

Keelee King once again led the scoring for her team, this time with 21; Shearer got 17; Taylor King 10; Cash and Smith scored three points each and Macy Spivey, Haven King and Calleigh

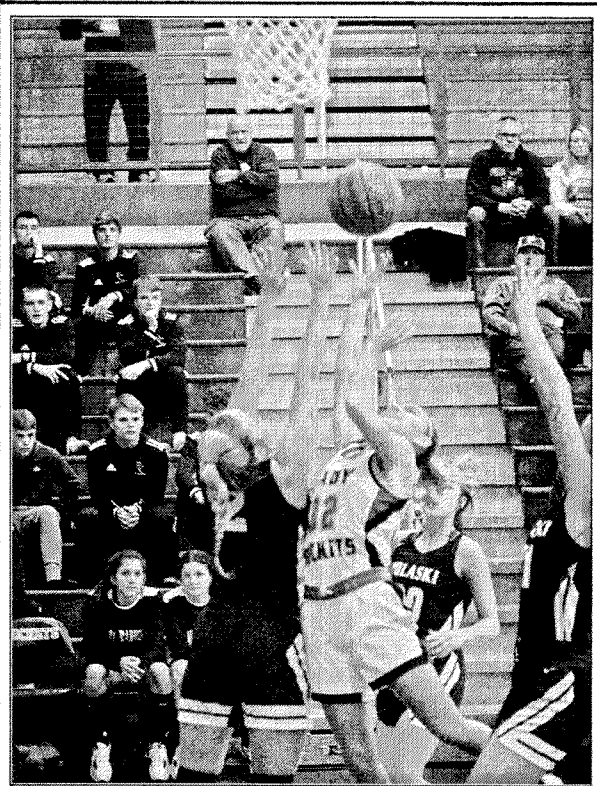
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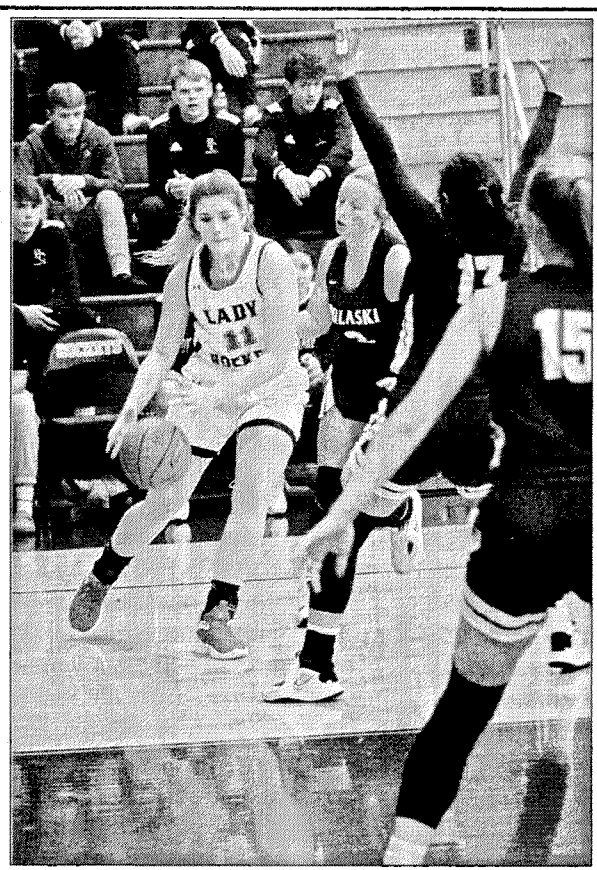
Haven King gets fouled on a rebound during the Lady Rockets' win over Pulaski County last Friday.



Keelee King puts up one of her five made threes in the Lady Rockets' win over Pulaski County last Friday. King led her team with 21 points.



Karlee Smith goes up for two in the Lady Rockets' win over Pulaski County last Friday night.



Talynne Shearer drives the baseline in the Lady Rockets' win over Pulaski County last Friday night.

Lady Rock

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Burdette got two points each.

Shearer led in rebounding with seven; Haven King got four; Taylor King and Keelee King rounded up three each and Burdette, Cash,

Santo and Smith were each credited with one.

The Lady Rockets, will take part in the Rocket Classic this weekend facing Shelby Valley Friday at 7:30 and Harlan Saturday at 5:00. They will host Whitley County next Monday night, January 30th.

Rocket Classic

January 27th & 28th

January 27 at RCMS

Danville Christian vs. North Laurel (Girls) 6:00
Barbourville vs. Danville (Boys) 7:00

January 27 at RCHS

Rock vs. Leslie County (Boys) 6:00
Rock vs. Shelby Valley (Girls) 7:30

January 28 at RCMS

Shelby Valley vs. Danville Christian (Girls) 10:00

January 28 at RCHS

North Laurel vs. Owensboro Catholic (Girls) 10:00
Pulaski Co. vs. Bates Creek (Boys) 11:45
Pulaski Co. vs. Perry Central (Girls) 1:30
Madison Central vs. Harlan Co. (Boys) 3:15
Rock vs. Harlan Ind. (Girls) 5:00
Rock vs. Perry Central (Boys) 6:45

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: kentuckymusicchalloffame@gmail.com

MVES Academic List

Kindergarten

K. Asher

Mackenzie Begley, Everleigh Breadley, Hunter Bray, Layla Crawford, Connor Cromer, Jaycee Dillingham, Kenley Fletcher, Abel Lamb, Naomi Lawson, Logan Martin, Charlee Scroggins, Shasta Trett.

Collins

Willis Brown, Nirvana Clines, Elijah Deborde, HarveyAnna Gregory, Myla Hunter, Samuel Moore, Emmersyn Parker, Ella Powell, Merit Rohrer, Max Wallin, Zion Winkler.

Hunt

Kadence Anderson, Carson Carter, Dylan Carter, Eivin Denney, Kymber Johnson, Haleigh Lewis, Ella Lunsford, Greyson McClure, Myla Medley, Rylee Miller, Gunnar Reynolds, Evaleigh Smith.

Phillips

Waylon Barnett, Aivyn Barron, Xavier Bennett, Myla French, Lennon Hines, Kaydee May, Madi Marcum, Adalin McFerron, Abby Ridner, Ava Tillery.

Rigsby

Laura Abney, Isla Bray, Katie Howson, Axton Isaacs, Camden King, Chase Mullins, Brian Patrick, Maelynn Powell, Julianne Rhodus.

First Grade

Bowman

Beau Adams, James "Sam" Barron, Brittany Carpenter, Alex Childress, Weston "Luke" Jackson, Abigail Maxie, Finlee Northern, Maddox Ramsey, Toni Ray, Eli York.

Bryant

Connor Allen, Willow Carpenter, Corwan Clark, Easton Coffey, Elijah Dodd, Faith Dooley, Rhett McNew, Maddox Medley, Eli Noble, Emalyn Owens, Quentin Owens, Brayden Parker, Kinley Rush, Wesley Sheene.

Hasty

Kamryn Carpenter, Brevin Collins, Paisley Kirby, Annabeth Martin, Emmalynn Mink, Ava Parker, Ryder Parker, Parker Phillips, Liam Rader, Jocelyn Reynolds, Rylee Rogers, Landon Tucker, Addison Wearren.

Isaacs

Emilee Albright, Harper Blair, Jaxon Burkhart, Tyrus Coffey, Sophie DeBorde, Kenley Doan, Ariana Dominguez, Makynlee Lakes, Riley McFerron, Cambree McHargue, Branson Nicely, Emmett Rigsby, Oliver Smith, Shandelle Stevens, Adelynn Wilson.

Williams

Noah Bullock, Justin Caldwell, Alex Coffey, Korie Davidson, Zachary Doan, Alivieh Green, Matthew Johnson, Andrew McCoy, Ethan Woods.

Second Grade

Anderson

Cooper Burkhart, Lyla Bustle, Kohler Carpenter, Connor Cochran, Skylar Ennis, Savannah Fleming, Alessa Hiatt, Charles Johnson, Gunnar Lakes, Haven Ledford, Dexton May, Zakkariah McFerron, Allie Mullins, Krina Patel, Charlee Patterson, Savannah Woodard.

J. Asher

Connor Barnett, Addyson Collins, Abriela Dominguez, Kinley Hunt, Corte Jones, Bethany McClure, Cace McClure, Bonnie Price, Ransome Ray, Abigail Rowe, Aubrey Smith,

Collin Smith, Peyton Wilson.

Burton

Saydee Barnes, Jace Brifford, Bentley Brown, Piper Durham, Cooper Ford, Weston French, Thayer Haines, Penny Howard, Mason Lunsford, Isabelle McGuire, Henry Rader, Destiny Reynolds, Knox Sexton-Lear, Jaxson Smith, Christina Sparkman.

McKinney

Leighton Barron, Micah Blakey, Olivia Brown, Loukas Bubulici, Tucker Hasty, Brayden Hursey, Everly King, Dawson Martin, Avery Renner, Addison Rice.

Third Grade

Alexander

Principal's List
Alyana Johnson, Arianna Sizemore, Hannah Taylor.

Honor Roll

Avery Dobbs, McKinzie McFerron, Kaelynn Overbay, Jaycee Rhodus.

Bradley

Principal's List
Cooper Brown, Grayson Carvalho, Josie Cruz, Aaron Eckert, Kiley Larkey, Gunner Mize, Lynlee Shepherd.

Honor Roll

Parker Anglin, Ellarae Bradley, Bailey Cotton, Jase Napier.

McClure

Principal's List
Raleigh Begley, Tucker Bowman, Lillith Cornelius, Kyelx Durbin.

Honor Roll

Scott Anger, Kinley Collins, Joey Kirby, Cadence McFerron, Madelynn Smith, Trinity Tanner.

Rose

Principal's List
Tilly Cope, Brylee Dollins, Kinley Harris, Liam Middleton, Adasynn Payne, Saniyah Robinson.

Honor Roll

Hunter Payne, Ethan Powell, Kaitlyn Powell, Landyn Smith, Abel Sparks, LaShay Wentzel.

White

Principal's List
Daimen French, Aliegha Hensley, Aubree Kerr, Adilynn Rowe, Shooter Strunk, Grayson Vance.

Honor Roll

Maliah Morgan, Arabella Smith, Brycen Thomas.

Fourth Grade

Martin

Principal's List
Alex Bray, Wyatt Carter, Brody Deborde, Kennedy Hall, DJ Martin, James Mink, Aleena Napier, Chloe Stewart, Elayna Wearren, Paisley Wheeler.

Honor Roll

Jasse Bugg, Carson Burdine, Mason Fletcher, Marcas Jones-Njie, Colten Lear, Draven Mullins, Zander Rudie, Jamison Santo, Matthew Wallin.

Reams

Principal's List
Isaiah Barnes, Vaya Barnett, Bella Brown, Kaden Camel, Madison Carter, Hanna Cornelius, Ella Ford, Avery Graham, Braxton Hensley, Leighland Moore, AJ Poole, Rachael Powell, Christopher Sprinkles.

Honor Roll

Parker Bach, Landon Cochran, Annabella Deatherage, Lorelai Edwards, Ava Phillips, Tristian Potter, Jordyn Rhodus, Abigail Rush, Logan Scalf, Airibella Taylor.

H. Shepherd

Principal's List
Audrey Caldwell, Zane Gilbert, Kara Philbeck, Abigail Reynolds, Brodie

Rumsey, Jasper Smith.

Honor Roll

Braxton Falin, Ashton Fleming, Liam Mansfield, Allie Mullins, Emma Reynolds, Ashton Taylor.

A. Taylor

Principal's List
Blyth Baker, Aubree Harris, Addilyn McFerron, Brannon Northern, Reagan Tracy, Madison VanWinkle.

Honor Roll

Connor Baker, Raleigh Biggs, Christopher Brasher, Gavin Chrisman, Waylon Cowan, Jace Doan, Bristol McClure, Maggie Medley, Sophia Poe.

Fifth Grade

Albright

Principal's List
Gus Akin, Trapper Bray, Colten Johnson, Gavin Lovett, Christian Willis, Spencer Woods.

Honor Roll

Aniya Barnett, Carlee Davidson, Ethan Hall, Devin Means, Gracie Parker, Hanna Parsons, Erika Pheanis.

Cameron

Principal's List
Sadie Adams, Charles Ashcraft, Lillie Bowman, Casen Burdette, Kynlee Calico, Brycen Dollins, Christian Ginter, Desmond Martin, Molly Willis, Aubree Winkler.

Honor Roll

Landon Carvalho, Kerri Jo Fox, Daniel

Jackson, Bella McClure, Colt McClure, Gabby Milburn, Haylee Miller, Chase Hewitt, Taylor Sizemore.

Coguer

Principal's List

Lilyanna Asher, Parker Cash, Kennedy Hopkins, Bryce Hunt, Titus McGuire, Jasper Reynolds, Mia Scalf, Brylee Silcox, Beckham Smith.

Honor Roll

Ryli Harris, Brylee Hiatt, Jacob Renner, Makenna Stanley.

Lovell

Principal's List

Henry Joyner, Logan Rogers.

Honor Roll

Chloe Barron, Lucinda Brown, Jayla Coleman, Jaylen Hager, Wesley Maupin, Jonathan McClure, Bryson Miller, Ayden Nolan, Lauren Overbay, Hunter Patterson, Gabriel Phillips, Kooper Sexton-Lear, Gabe Sowder, Matthew Vanwinkle, Chloe Wren, Taylin Hembree.

Mason

Principal's List

Carabella Mink, Chloe Mullins, Lacey Mize, Theo Riggs.

Honor Roll

Layla Armstrong, Abigail I. Northern, Abigail M. Northern, Kylie Phillips, Dawsyn Santo, Maleigha McFerron.

Mt. Vernon Message

RCHS FCCLA students Caydee Hasty and Kayla Miller presented a lesson to Mrs. Angie Hunt's kindergarten class. Caydee and Kayla are in Mrs. Tammy Camel's Child Development Class. The lesson focused on character development, being kind, showing compassion, and lifting others up.



RES Honor Roll...

Second Nine Weeks

K- Ms. Tanya Clark
Rhett Brown, Jaxon Farmer, Ivy Lamb, Elliott McFerron, Grant Short, John Stamper, Brayden Taulbee, Kori Woods.

K- Ms. Imogene Williams

Aubrey Burdette, Lincoln Callebs, Sawyer Caswell, Layla Cobb, Kenlee Hacker, Ashton Hampton, Mollie Hayes, Aiden King, Emerson Mullins, Brody Slagle.

1st- Ms. Katie Thacker

Annie Anglin, Dallas Coomer, Kindi Denny, Autumn Kelley, Roman Klave, Darby Venable, Dustin Yates.

1st- Ms. Melissa Wilson

Archer Bowles, Rusty Clark, Phoenix Clouse, Jozlin Cole, Sarah Cromer, Joshua Gregory, Emma Hacker, Melody Jones, Alec McGuire, Rosalynn Owens, Keaton Shearer, Dylan Weaver, Ryker Wright.

2nd- Ms. Emily Craig

Audrina Dooley, Hayden Isaacs, AJ Jones, Chrystian Lamb, Ayden McDaniel, Marley Rayburn, Peyton Richmond, Abigail Robinson, Colton Watkins.

2nd- Ms. Ainsley VanWinkle

Aiden Harper, Branson Lamb, Brooklyn Nagel, Caleb Owens, Jon Luke Pingleton, Grayson Stallsworth.

3rd- Ms. Jessica Bullock

Avalynn Baxter, Carson Burnett, Alana Doan, Kash Fowler, Liam Leger, Weston Mobley,

Hunter Robbins, Emmie Saylor, Maddilynn Stamper, Maelee Stephens, Graceson Ward, Easton Williams.

3rd- Ms. Nikki McKinney

Maycee Abney, Kinsli Cole, Bryer Fuqua, Audrey Harding, Zarina Harris, Ava Klave, Jeremy Owens, Ian Rowland.

4th- Ms. Krystal Gatliff

Wrett Craig, Eli King, Kinzie Lohrey, Shayla Prewitt.

4th- Ms. Jennifer Peavie

Isabella Bowles, Ryan Bradley, Silas Burdette, Kendall Collins, Hollyann Savage, Railee Stamper, Trinity Wright.

5th- Ms. Jennifer Chandler

Mya Didelot, Avery Gatliff, Milanah Keathley, Vivie Ann Short, Elijah Williams.

5th- Ms. Skylar Holcomb

Boaz Bishop, Krysta Chasteen, Eli Hayes, Astrid Isaacs, Jada James, Kaydence Johnson, Makenna McNally, Lilah Sizemore-Rankin, Chloe Ward.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Christopher and Monica Hurst, property in Rockcastle County, to Telisa Ann Harris. Tax \$425

Thomas Dean Hayes, property on Wabd Jones Road, to Donnie and Charlotte Hayes. Tax \$17

Dennis Sakkinen, property near Maple Grove Church, to Chester Douglas Phillips II and Kami Phillips. Tax \$190

Winfred and Barbara Graves, property in Rockcastle County, to Brandon and Stephanie Lamb. No tax

Donald E. Singleton, property on Poplar Gap Road, to Donald E. Singleton and Brenda Czubaj. No tax

Jeffrey S. Stevens, property in Rockcastle County, to Jan Eyvan Stevens III and Jessica Stevens. No tax

Jan I. and Marjorie June Stevens, property in Rockcastle County, to Jan Eyvan Stevens III and Jessica Stevens. No tax

Roger and Rebecca Isaacs, property in Mt. Vernon, to Melissa Gail Bennett. Tax \$230

Gene and Anita Todd, property in Rockcastle County, to Shannon Williams. Tax \$2

Watts Chapel Baptist Church, property on Copper Creek Road, to Creekside Baptist Church. No tax

Mari Lou Marler, property in Rockcastle County, to Thomas P. Croskey, co-trustee of the Mari Lou Marler Revocable Living Trust. No tax

Willie Shawn and Gari S. Thacker, property in Mountain View Estates, to Charles and Stacy Buchanan. Tax \$180

George William and Janice F. Davis, property in Rockcastle County, to Justin Clay Brown. Tax \$250

James Robert and Marcella Wren Whitaker, property on Poplar St., to Timothy Jenkins and Shoniqua Barricks. Tax \$140

Rodney A. and Letonya Lawson, property on Brush Creek Road, to Amanda N. Bullens. Tax \$80

Jacob and Amberly Renae McKinney, property on John Cash Road, to Rhonda G. Brown. Tax \$95.50

David Meece, property in Copper Creek Community, to Phyllis and Rodger Linville. Tax \$15

KPA Holdings, property in Livingston, to Stop & Go Properties, LLC. Tax \$816.50

Mary Owens, property in northern Rockcastle, to Johnny Owens. No tax

Marriage Licenses

Melissa Ann Doan, 47, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, and Johnnie Lee Bullock, 75, Mt. Vernon, retired. 1/6/23

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Circuit Civil Suits

Republic Finance, LLC vs. Lonnie E. Vanwinkle, complaint.

Darrell Sizemore vs. Megan Newberry, et al, complaint.

Firstbank vs. Karen Denise Brummett, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Candice Kidwell, complaint.

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Charles Price, complaint.

Velocity Investments LLC vs. Charles Brown, complaint.

Darlene Peterson vs. John Livingston Peterson, III, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kenny Holt vs. Carolyn Holt, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Melanie Gadd vs. Caleb Hughes, petition for dissolution of marriage.

District Civil Suits

Castle Village Apartments vs. Sarah Saylor, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Absolute Resolution vs. Peyton Saylor, complaint.

Melissa Blackburn, et al, vs. Megan Newberry, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Melissa Blackburn, et al, vs. Lissette Scott, forcible detainer complaint.

Cave Valley Apartments vs. Mary McGuire, forcible detainer complaint.

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Maeteca Shackelford, complaint.

Cash Express LLC vs. Jeffery Jones, complaint.

Cash Express LLC vs. Jimmy Tudor, complaint.

Heights Finance Corporation vs. Toni Sellars, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Charity Falk, complaint.

James E. Lunsford vs. Larry Woodall, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

District Court

Jan. 4-11, 2023

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Donald Abney: operating motor vehicle under influence of substance, \$200 fine plus costs and license suspension.

James Ray Allen: disorderly conduct, 10 days in jail; resisting arrest, 10 days in jail/concurrent.

Charles Walter Alexander: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months and ADE.

Deewonda Asher: careless driving, \$100 fine plus costs.

Jose R. Ayala: failure to give right of way to emergency stopped vehicle, \$50 fine plus costs.

Joshua B. Baker: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/license suspended.

Jarred Logan Blevins:

no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bw issued for fta.

Thomas Casey Cllins: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Clayton Cox: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, no motorcycle operators license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bw issued for fta.

Nicholas Cromer: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Greg Fitzpatrick: disorderly conduct, 10 days in jail/costs merged.

Mary Irene Helton: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Sabrina Nicole Hensley: harassing communication, bw issued for fta.

Paco Lopez: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, no operators/moped license, license suspended for fta.

Johnny E. McCoy: careless driving, \$100 fine plus costs.

James Shawn Mink: careless driving, \$50 fine plus costs.

Michael Lance Newton: careless driving, \$100 fine plus costs.

Brittany Pittman: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Grayson Proctor: criminal mischief, 365 days/probated on condition.

Jeffrey Frank Richards: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Chris Ray Sparks: failure to wear seat belts, n/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Eddie Gilbert Vanwinkle: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and seven other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Trevon Warren: operating motor vehicle under influence of substance, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued.

Samson Ellory Kane Weaver: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Kenneth Wayne Woodrum: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belt, license suspended for fta.

Anita M. Adams: criminal mischief (two counts), operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, rear license not illuminated, bw issued for fta.

David Barnes: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Jason K. Blair: fines/fees due (\$273), payment in full or six days in jail.

Zachary James Bush:

fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

Eugene Bernard Byrd: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Stefani Lynn Cole: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Steven McKinley Crabtree: improper passing, disregarding compulsory turn lane, operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Justin Michael Denney: failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta

Joanna Denny: fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest, public intoxication, assault, bw issued for fta.

Lauree Ann Farmer: no license in possession, \$100 fine plus costs.

Dustin L. Gentry: fraud use of credit card u/ \$500, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus \$100 restitution and costs.

Rena Lasandra: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

James F. Hasty: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine.

Robert Dylan Allen: disorderly conduct, 90 days in jail/probated 24 month on condition plus costs.

Joshua Thomas Hatfield: fines/fees due (\$208), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Katelyn Marie Helton: bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Seth Alton Henry: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, bw issued for fta.

Phillip W. Hudson: fines/fees due (\$168), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Angela Kirby: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Donna C. Korsmoe: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Gary Phillip Maxie: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol and three other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Matthew McClure: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jerry Morris: no operators/moped license, \$50 fine plus costs.

Erica Oaks: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for

fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Darrell Pittman: fines/fees due (\$173), four days in jail or payment in full.

Nathaniel Robinson: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, no operators/moped license, license suspend license for fta.

Hubert D. Stewart: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Eric Thacker: all terrain vehicles violations, \$25 fine plus costs.

Jairo Alejandro Navarrete Vanegas: harassment (two counts), sexual abuse, bw issued for fta.

Shanian Vasquez: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Beah R. Whitaker: fines/fees due *\$243, bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Lisa Kay Wise-Schellig: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Marsha Sue Banks: careless driving, \$50 fine plus costs.

Kimberly D. Brinson: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

Heather M. Brock: fines/fees due (\$246), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Jessica R. Carr: fines/fees due (\$173), four days in jail or payment in full.

Brittney Melissa Cope: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Tonya L. Daugherty: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Jobie A. Fox: failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Amanda Helton: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Bobby Earl Henrickson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Tommy D. Isaacs: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Heather Jones: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Brittany Kempton: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.

Joshua David Lopez: no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.

Alicia Mullins: careless driving, \$50 fine plus costs.

Wayne Owens: fines/fees due (\$1,671), bw issued for fta/34 days in jail or payment in full. failure to or improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

S a m i r k u m a r Baldevbhai Patel: failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Brittany Nicole Pittman: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs.

Kenneth S. Robinson: Schellig: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to add taxable unit to taxable inventory, license suspended for fta.

Juan A. Rodriguez: fines/fees due (\$278), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Murby Scott Scalf: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Gwendolyn Conn Smith: fines/fees due (\$1,310.70), bw issued for fta/26 days in jail or payment in full. Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

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Noah Michael Trump: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
Reflections on the
sanctity of life

Sunday, January 22 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. On that historic day, seven of the nine justices of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) released an opinion that declared the Due Process Clause in the United States Constitution implied a right to privacy that in turn opened the door to constitutional protection for abortion.

For many, this day stands out as one of the single greatest acts of judicial activism in our nation's history. Roe v. Wade had an immense impact on the laws and policies of all 50 states. An estimated 63.5 million abortions took place under Roe.

For almost five decades we have memorialized the lives lost and marked the day as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. But not this year. This year, we celebrate SCOTUS's ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, another landmark case that overturned the Roe v. Wade ruling.

"Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division," the majority opinion reads.

In Dobbs, the court spoke clearly to the fact that the constitution does not confer a right to abortion and that the right to such a procedure is not rooted in our nation's history. SCOTUS declared that it is up to the people, through their duly elected state legislative representatives, to determine whether or not abortions should be allowed and how they should be regulated.

The Dobbs decision in turn prompted a ban on the procedure, except in cases where a physician determined the life of the mother was endangered. A legal challenge to that ban is now being considered by the Kentucky Supreme Court, granting the state Supreme Court an opportunity to weigh in

on whether or not the state's constitution provides a legal right to abortion. The seven member state court continues to consider the case and may do so for a while given that two members have just been sworn in to their first term.

As pro-life advocates watch the state Supreme Court, we will continue to pray and reflect on this chapter in our nation's history. America has never pretended to be a perfect nation. However, we have time and again proven that we can right wrongs, no matter how egregious. We have overturned the shackles of slavery, provided equal opportunity, and defended personal liberty. We can learn from this experience that, as the official proclamation for Sanctity of Human Life Day by President Ronald Reagan in 1984 reads, "The values and freedoms we cherish as Americans rest on our fundamental commitment to the sanctity of human life. The first of the 'unalienable rights,' affirmed by our Declaration of Independence is the right to life itself, a right the Declaration states has been endowed by our Creator on all human beings - whether young or old, weak or strong, healthy or handicapped."

The proclamation goes on to read, "We are poorer not simply for lives not led and for contributions not made, but also for the erosion of our sense of worth and dignity of every individual. To diminish the value of one category of human life is to diminish us all."

Reagan's words hold truth even today. As the court considers how they will rule, the legislature will continue its work to defend the dignity of life - whether it means reforming our state's tragically broken juvenile justice system, making sure resources are available to help children in foster care, or empowering parents to make the best decisions for their children.

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



RCCHS wins third District Championship in four years

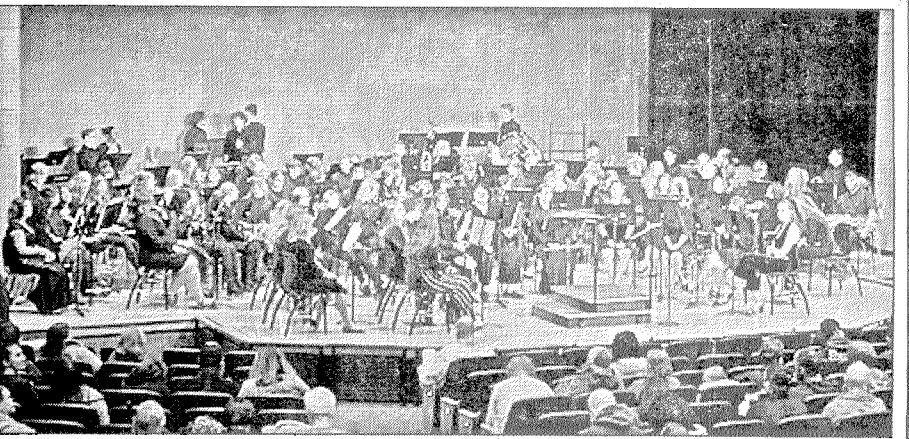
The RCCHS Academic Team clinched the Governor's Cup 48th District Championship with a second place finish in FPS and a first place finish in Quick Recall on Saturday, January 21st. The following students placed in individual competition and will go on to Region next month: In Written Composition, Callie Bengel placed third. In Math, Will Miller placed fifth and Levi Lovell placed fourth. In Science, Austin Sweat placed second and Will Miller placed first. In Language Arts, Amber Horn placed fifth, Kaity Carter placed fourth, and Austin Sweat placed first. In Arts and Humanities, Sierra Akemon placed fifth and Gracie Burdette placed second. And, in Social Studies, Harrison Mullins placed fifth, Kaity Carter placed third, and Jeremiah Mikeworth placed first.

Pictured front from left are: Gracie Burdette, Sierra Akemon, Jeremiah Mikeworth, Amber Horn, Kaity Carter, and Will Miller. Back row from left: Levi Lovell, Harrison Mullins, Austin Sweat, Samuel Rowland, and Kory Tompkins.



RCCHS students perform 2023 Bluegrass All-Regional Band

Two members of the RCCHS Concert band were selected by audition to perform with the 2023 Bluegrass All-Regional Band held at the Boyle County Performing Arts Center in Danville, Kentucky. Hannah Atkinson (left) and Haylee Miller (right) spent two days in intensive rehearsals with top students from across the region and gave a concert on Friday January 13th under the direction of Morehead State University's DuWayne Dale, Director of Band at the University. Haylee plays the bass clarinet and Hannah plays clarinet for the RCCHS Band.



President's List at Campbellsville

The academic honors' President's List for the Fall 2022 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

- Samarah Lovins of Livingston.
 - Elijah McKinney of Brodhead.
- Campbellsville University is a widely acclaimed Kentucky-based Christian university that offers over 100 programs including doctoral, master, bachelor, associate and certificate programs.

The website for complete information is www.campbellsville.edu.

Dean's List at Campbellsville

The academic honors dean's list for the Fall 2022 semester has been announced by Campbellsville University:

- Breanna Brock of Brodhead.
- Noah Fain of Mt. Vernon.
- Tiffany King of Livingston.
- Tara Mink of Mt. Vernon.
- Gentry Phillips of Mt. Vernon.

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Because "love is of God." "Let us love one another."

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(1 John 4:8) He that loveth not knoweth not God;

for God is love. In spite of difference in temperament

(Eph. 4:2) Forbearing one another in love. In spite of diversity of opinion.

(Heb. 13:1) Let brotherly love continue. In spite of slights and injuries,

(Eph. 5:2) And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us. That we may pass from death unto life.

(1 John 3:14) We know that we have passed from death unto life, Because we love the brethren. The unity of Christ body may be preserved.

(Col. 3:14) But above all things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. That men may know we are Christ's disciples.

(John 13:35) By this all men will know ye are My disciples, If ye have love one for another. We will cover one another faults and uncover one another's virtues.

(1 Pet. 4:8) And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins. Loving one another, will help us to enter the gates together, for heaven is a city of love.

God is there and "God IS LOVE".

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Notice is hereby given that Shanda Michelle Hayes, P.O. Box 114, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix, with will attached, of the Estate of Ethelene Caldwell on the 9th day of January, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Shanda Michelle Hayes or to Jeremy B. Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 10, 2023. 49x3

Notice is hereby given that Larry Friend, 163 Fox Harbor Drive, Danville, Ky. 40422 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Beulah Newman, deceased, on the 11th day of January, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Larry Friend or Hon. Rob Donald, 1900 Plantside Dr., Louisville, Ky 40299 on or before July 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

Notice is hereby given that Vicki Lynn Webb, 70 Sand Springs Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Donna Robbins, deceased, on the 11th day of January 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Vicki Lynn Webb or Hon. William a. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

Notice is hereby given that John E. Clontz, 2846 Amelia Bluff Dr., Jacksonville, Florida 32226 has been appointed Executor w/will attached of the Estate of Geraldine Clontz on the 18th day of January, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said John E. Clontz or to James W. Clontz, 760 Clontz Road, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 on or before July 18, 2023. 50x3

Notice is hereby given that Vernice Brinegar, 3095 Old Brodhead Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Teresa G. Bryant, deceased, on the 18th day of January 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Vernice Brinegar, or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 50x3

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Executrix of the Estate of Freeman Jack Robinson, deceased, on the 18th day of January 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Reda Bowman or to Hon. William Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 50x3

Notice is hereby given that Roger D. Proctor, 7166 Quail Road, Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administrator (no will) of the Estate of Wanda A. Proctor on the 23rd day of January, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Roger D. Proctor or to James L. Cox, PSC P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, KY

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Officials fight bad taste in water for several decades

By: Mike French
Editor

While working as City Administrator for the City of Mount Vernon, Josh Bray, along with Mayor Mike Bryant, Superintendent Frank Baker and countless others worked tirelessly to solve the problem of bad taste and odor in the Mount Vernon water system. The problem has existed for over a decade, according to Bray. "When I was young, I remember people complaining about the water in Mount Vernon," he said.

Dozens of new techniques, new filter systems and new protocols were tried but nothing corrected the problem. Officials estimate nearly one hundred thousand dollars has been spent over the years attempting to correct the issue. Each new effort offered hope for officials as well as local residents and businesses, as those using the system practically begged elected officials to correct the problem. But after each new attempt, the bad taste and odor remained.

Mayor Bryant had made correcting the issue a top goal of his administration and he attacked the problem as a priority throughout his 12 years in office. "This has been an issue for decades," he said.

Bryant, Bray and Baker worked on the problem for many years and several times had expected the latest new technology or filtration system to correct the issue. But with each new filter system or change in operations, the bad taste and odor remained.

After years of searching and hiring many ex-

pers on the subject, officials discovered the cause of the bad taste and odor stems from a rare algae that grows near Lake Linville at certain times of the year. The bad taste is almost always in the system but it becomes worse during peak growth months of the algae, according to engineers who have studied the local issue.

It was determined the algae is not harmful to humans or animals but complaints from tourists and local residents continued to flood the mayor's office asking officials to correct the problem.

Finally, engineers and state water experts devised a system that is expected to correct the issue once and for all. But this presented a new problem.

The cost of the project was going to be close to a million dollars. Finding the grants and other funding for the project was feasible, according to Bray. The hard part was going to be getting the permits and approvals required to build a new water basin near the water plant next to I-75.

Bray began seeking such permits but time and time again the project was stalled due to "red tape" from one of the many government entities who had to sign off on the project.

The Army Corps of Engineers delayed the project for over a year but other agencies also stalled the project, until three years later, the project is still waiting to begin, according to Bray.

However, local officials did not stop fighting for the project and fi-

nally, approval to build the new basin was one approval away. The USDA Rural Development Board agreed for the project to move forward.

Once again delay after delay held the project up until Mike Bryant is no longer mayor and Bray is no longer city administrator.

However, now Kentucky State Representative Bray says he will not stop until the problem is corrected. "I will never stop working on this project until it is finished," Bray said this week. "I, and others before me, have fought this issue for decades and I will not stop until this new water basin is complete."

Bray was told by the USDA that he would have final approval in October of last year. But as has happened countless times, such approval did not come.

In his last month as mayor, Bryant told the city council he too had met with USDA officials once again and they seemed "enthusiastic and ready to move forward."

Four months after it was promised, the letter came last week. Bray said he received a notice from the USDA last Sunday that shows promise. "I got a letter last Sunday with a checklist of things they need in order to put the project out for bid," said Bray. "What I don't have on the checklist already, the engineers are putting together right now."

Bray said he continues to be skeptical due to the countless disappointments over the years, but the project is still moving forward.

For the countless who

ask, this is where the project stands and officials have not given up. Bray and others say they will continue the fight but will "believe it when we see it. I am not going to get my hopes up again until they let us put it out for bid," Bray said.

Newly-elected Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Rob-

erts said he met with Bray and other officials last week.

The problem now becomes the new price. Bray says the original estimates came several years ago and he fears that inflation will cause the cost to rise dramati-

cally.

For example, the new middle school project's estimated cost rose nearly \$10 million in the past few months. Bray says he wonders how much the water basin price will rise after several years.

Stay tuned...

Mount Vernon receives overall clean audit

By: Mike French
Editor

The new Mount Vernon mayor and three new councilmembers took their seats, along with incumbent members, for the first time last week to hear the annual audit report by Craft, Waninger and Noble CPAs.

The presentation by Sam Waninger went over all 50 pages of the year ending June 30, 2021 and concluded "The City of Mount Vernon has an overall clean audit." Waninger said the audit was well behind schedule due to the illness of employees and the changes in staff positions in 2021 but that the audit is now complete.

According to the report, the city's "total net position (total assets and deferred outflows of resources less total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources) at the fiscal year end of June 30, 2021 was \$6,922,791. Net assets invested in capital assets were \$6,262,499. Restricted net assets were \$1,501,350 and the unrestricted deficit in net position was \$841,058."

The audit says the

city's total net position decreased by \$527,578.

The city's governmental activities reported combined ending net position totalling \$848,424, a decrease of \$13,368 for the year and proprietary funds combined ending net position decreased by \$514,210 to \$6,074,367, the report says.

The unrestricted fund balance for the governmental fund was \$396,559, or 17% of total governmental fund expenditures and the city has total assets of \$18,466,805 with \$13,190,650 of that as fixed assets.

Lastly, the financial highlights says the city has total liabilities of \$12,452,499 with \$6,426,613 long term debt and \$3,879,202 is the net pension liability with \$1,220,642 as net OPEB liability.

The final analysis of the city as a whole says

the city's combined net position was \$6,992,791 with \$6,074,367 as business type activities and \$848,424 as governmental activities.

The report indicated 4% of the city's revenue is made up from property taxes, 34% from other taxes, 7% from grants and contributions, 54% from charges for services and 1% as other.

Approximately 24% of the city's net position is restricted for various purposes and the \$841,058 deficit of unrestricted net position represents resources available to fund the programs of the city the following year.

The 50-page report includes countless other details and information concerning the financial position of the City of Mount Vernon for the year 2021. To view the entire document, call city hall at 25-3437.

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- ACROSS
- Some double-reed instruments
 - Drawn tight
 - Campus cadet's org.
 - Feel grief
 - Subj. matter
 - Turkish honorific
 - It may be given to hospitalized cattle?
 - Golf peg
 - Cookout requirement
 - Alludes (to)
 - "Reduce, ____, recycle"
 - "What ____ can I say?"
 - Easy win
 - Teach
 - Standoffish
 - Medicore
 - ____-fi (book genre)
 - A Tupelo "yo' mama" joke?
 - Coffee holder
 - "You were saying?"
 - Speaker's subject
 - Plumber's helper
 - Confederate soldiers, briefly
 - A theater award
 - One with a long face
 - Some curly-tailed dogs
 - Church alcove
 - Healthful resort
 - Skiing, surfing and a trip to Rodeo Drive?
 - Tricycle rider
 - Common entrance
 - AV component
 - Sound before going flat
 - Teenager's facial bane
 - Eyes suggestively
- DOWN
- Skip over
 - Rib, for one
 - Situated farthest from the center
 - "To ____ is human"
 - Glitch
 - Like large parking garages and stadia
 - Prince Charles' sister
 - Strange sighting in the night sky
 - It may be taken around the world
 - Fundraising device
 - Curved moldings
 - "And ____ you have it!"
 - Bounders
 - Strong gripper
 - Take care of something
 - Grand-scale poetry
 - Highway exit
 - Edible hodgepodge
 - "That's ____ your head!"
 - Police officer
 - "Worm of the Nile"
 - Adam's shameful cover-up?
 - Take the place of
 - Nursery item
 - Abbrs. in many company names
 - Former French coin
 - Dad's boy
 - Make yawn
 - Shows compassion for
 - Emperor's domain
 - Santa ____, Calif.
 - Gives approval to
 - Takes for a ride, so to speak
 - Brake, e.g.
 - Gets theatrical
 - Effervescent beverage
 - Unknown quote source, for short
 - Lowest poker hand
 - First Old Testament book, alphabetically
 - Mythical elephant-eater
 - Regret

Horror Movie Villains

- NORMAN BATES
JASON VOORHEES
PENNYWISE
MICHAEL MYERS
CREEPER
DRACULA
DAMIEN
THREE FINGER
LEATHERFACE
THE STRANGER
CHUCKY
JIGSAW
DOLLFACE
PINHEAD
SAWYER
BILLY
TIFFANY
SAW TOOTH

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