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## COVID still here

According to the official Team Kentucky COVID website, COVID cases are improving. As of Monday, 50 counties are now in the orange rating and several are in the yellow rating for the first time in 2022. Rockcastle remains in the red zone but is quickly improving each week with a current rating of 53. Health officials say they expect the county to leave the red zone sometime in March. The CDC lifted the mask mandates for school buses this week. One COVID-related death was recorded in Rockcastle in the past seven days.

## School Board

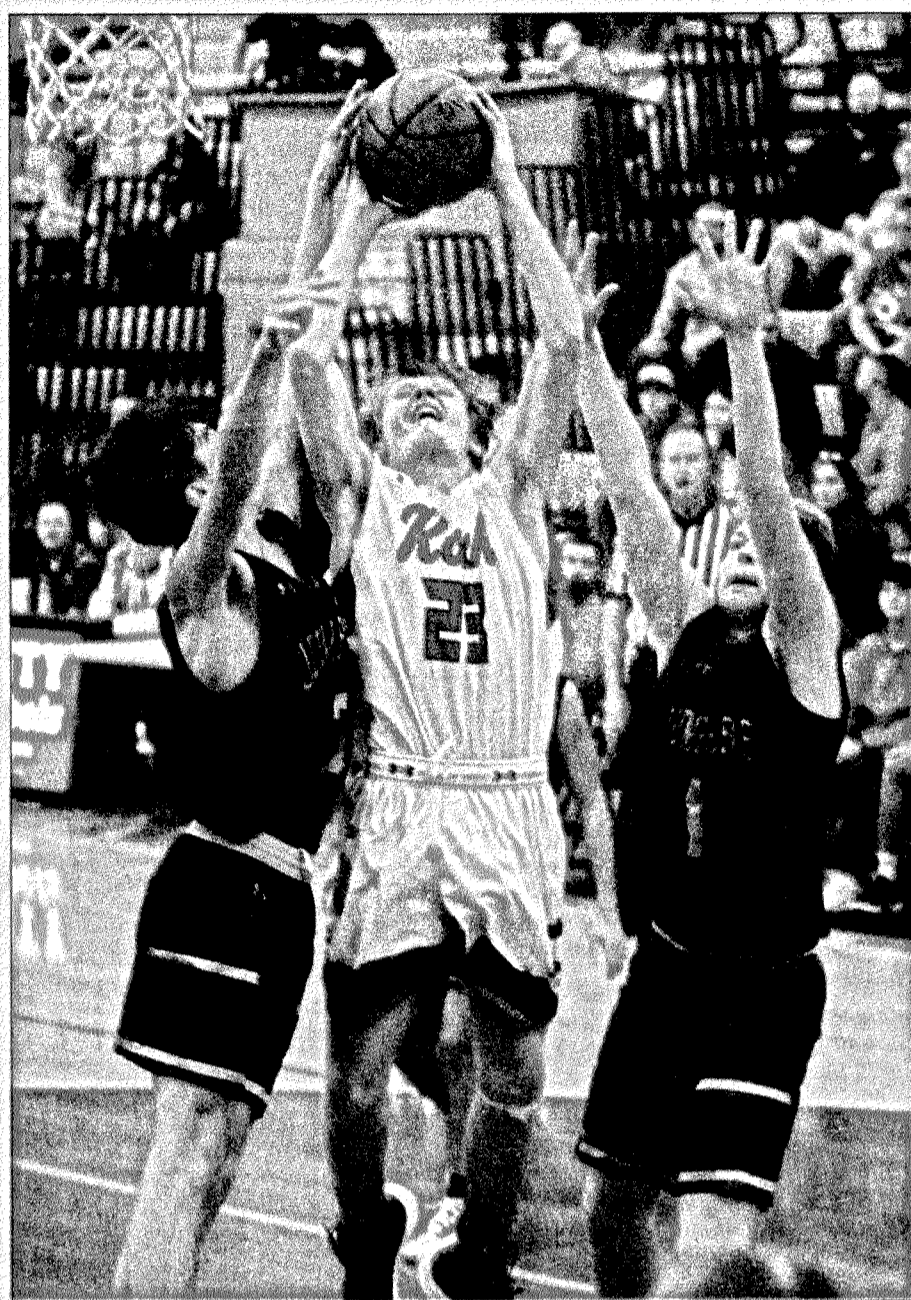
The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

## Fiscal Court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

## Free lunch in Livingston

Soup beans and the fixings are on the menu at a free community lunch in Livingston, provided by the Livingston Baptist Church. The community outreach program will be held Saturday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Livingston Cafeteria. Everyone in the county is invited to come and eat. If you need a meal delivered, call 606-510-7440.



Sophomore Matthew Chasteen pulls down one of his 18 rebounds in the Rockets' win over Somerset in the first round of the 47th District Tournament. Chasteen also scored 19 points in the victory. Rockcastle lost to Pulaski in the finals Thursday night 68-62. Rockcastle will now face Lincoln County in the first round of the 12th Region Tournament at Pulaski County on Wednesday night at 8:15. See story and more photos on A6.

## Mount Vernon City Council meeting

### James Bowman is newest member

By: Mike French  
Editor

Mount Vernon's James Bowman has been appointed as the newest Mount Vernon City Council member after his name was drawn from a hat.

For the first time in Mayor Mike Bryant's memory, there were more than one candidate to replace a resigning council

member. "We checked with the attorney and the Kentucky Revised Statutes and other cities and apparently the manner by which the council members appoint the new member is completely up to the council," said Mayor Bryant. "There is no protocol concerning how you choose the new member. It is entirely up to the council how to handle this."

Councilmember Jamie Bryant brought the idea to the council saying she feels both candidates were equally qualified and "both would be good candidates." Bryant said she felt drawing the name from a hat "would be the most fair way to handle this."

So, Councilman Clifford Mullins placed the name of Bowman and

(See "City" on A9)

## RCIDA pushes for big regional project funding

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) welcomed John Ford as the newest mem-

### Saylor withdraws

Jamie Saylor has withdrawn her name and a candidate for the office of Rockcastle County PVA in the May Primary election.

Saylor said she will also be leaving her post as Food Service Director at the Rockcastle County School Board.

"I received a job offer that I simply could not refuse," she said. "This is just what is best for my family."

ber, replacing Tommy Harold Mink who recently resigned his seat, during Tuesday's regular monthly.

Members of the board held their annual officer elections with Corey Craig, Dale Whittaker and Roland Mullins, retaining their positions as

chair, vice chair and treasurer, respectively.

The board approved the monthly financial reports and budget summaries and discussed the progress of the Farmers Market, which is expected to be open for business at any time.

(See "RCIDA" on A9)

## Prayer Walk

By: Mike French  
Editor

A Faith and Prayer Walk is planned for Saturday, March 5 beginning at 10 a.m.

Anyone willing or interested in participating in the event is asked to meet at the parking lot below the Rockcastle County Court-

house. Fellowship will begin at 9 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10.

The walk will travel from Main Street to Williams Street and around the elementary school to Richmond Street and back to Main.

Event organizer Jeff

(See "Prayer" on A9)

## Bus masks optional

### CDC ends mandate

By: Mike French  
Editor

With excited voice, Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger announced the Center for Disease Control (CDC) had lifted the mask mandate for school children who ride school buses.

"Yes. This is a good thing for all of us," she said. "We are very pleased that the mandate was dropped."

Until Friday, February,

25, the CDC required masks at all times for anyone on public transportation that involved school students. On Friday, that mandate was lifted and the official requirements of the Rockcastle County School District were changed immediately. "Students, drivers, monitors and anyone on a school bus now have the option of wearing a mask," she said.

(See "Mask" on A9)

## Fatality reported

### First responders have busy week

By: Mike French  
Editor

It has been a busy week for all Rockcastle County first responders and a life was lost in an accident last week.

On Friday, February 25, a vehicle driven by Stacy Day, 45, of Mount

Vernon, went out of control and hit a vehicle head on that was driven by Mary Durham, 75, also of Mount Vernon, according to a Kentucky State Police report. The road was closed for nearly an hour, according to reports, af-

(See "Wrecks" on A9)



### Dotson wins 800-meter state title; ranked 17th in US among sophomores

At the Class 2A Indoor State Championships on Saturday in Louisville, RCHS sophomore Lexi Dotson had the best indoor meet of her career with several amazing performances. In the 1500-meter run, Lexi finished as state runner-up with an awesome new all-time RCHS record and personal best of 4:45.36, shattering her previous record by an impressive margin of 6.64 seconds. In the 800-meter run, Lexi led from wire-to-wire, winning the state championship title in the event with an incredible new all-time personal best of 2:16.92, while also improving upon her all class state best time. She's currently ranked 17th in the U.S. among all sophomore 800 runners. She finished her amazing day with a 58.85 second 400-meter split on the girls' state runner-up 4x400-meter relay team. See more photos from Indoor State on page A7.

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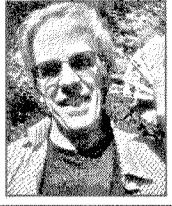
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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Wow! Russia did it, I suppose. They invaded the Ukraine.

I can't even fathom what that must be like for the Ukrainian people. Do we sit and think about such things? Do we ignore it and try not to imagine it? Is it impossible here? Could our lives change overnight too?

I wonder when I hear so many people saying things like "I could handle it. I'd just stand right up and fight if we were invaded. They wouldn't run me out of my home!" Yeah, right. We are the country that just hid in a basement corner for two years from the flu.

How many people know how to can vegetables anymore? How many know how to kill and butcher a hog. And if they do, how many know how to make the meat last more than a week without spoiling? Where is there drinkable water anymore that doesn't come out of a faucet?

It was just two generations ago that a person could live just fine and never see a dollar and never go to WalMart. But in just two generations, we somehow have become completely dependent upon everything we touch. We "need" cars and Kroger's, television, cell phones, internet, gasoline, electric, blood pressure meds, chocolate, refrigerators, furnaces, water heaters and everything else that didn't even exist 150 years ago.

How did we become a people that are suddenly completely dependent upon anything that is invented or we die? I actually complain if my pillow is too soft. How did we get this way?

Overnight, the Ukrainians went from a warm, cuddle with their children in front of a fireplace and planning their next day at work, to hiding in the muddy snow banks or subway gutters to live. What would we soft Americans do if such a

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### In Search of the Elusive Beignets

Dear Journal,

It was about this time last year I was in search of some beignets. (Pronounced Ben Ya(s). They are a seasonal pastry that originated in France and to me are very delicious. They are usually served just before "Fat Tuesday" or after if you wanted, I suppose. They are a must have at Mardi Gras, along with the ever popular King Cake in New Orleans. I have never been to New Orleans nor am I Catholic but I know good eating when I taste it.

These pastries are a deep-fried dough and can be made with yeast. The down home version is a funnel cake. Sometimes they have a filling of some kind. Basically, they are very similar to a donut without the hole and are covered in powdered sugar. Right there is some good eating. My first experience with a King Cake or beignets was about two years ago at a DAR meeting when my niece Karen brought some of each for refreshments. Well, I was hooked.

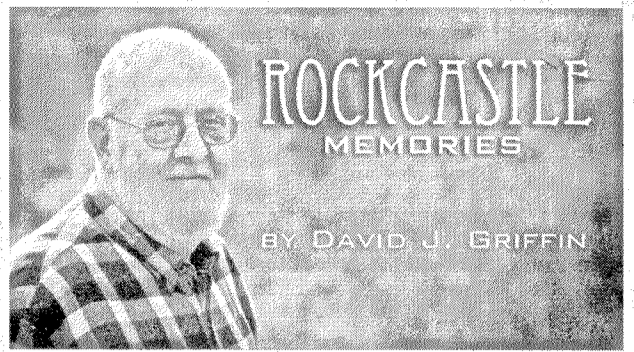
I remember last year trying to find some beignets but I couldn't. I thought that next year I'll get on the ball and get some beignets for next year. I'll start just after Christmas if I have to. Well, the time sneaked up on me this year and I've tried again with no success.

I knew better than to try locally, even in London or Somerset. The bakery at Somerset at

least knew what they were. One of the bakers lived in New Orleans at one time and was very familiar with them. She said that they tried to make some last year but failed miserably. Evidently they must be hard to make when professional bakers fail.

I decided to call around at Richmond at Kroger and Meijer but no success. Stanley got online and found some on Amazon. (He originally thought I was desperately trying to find some Bengay and said that he'd try to go to the Dollar

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### Mother Needed No Alarm

When I was in elementary school and high school in Mt. Vernon, my mother (Bee) served as my personal alarm clock. Bee always had the ability to wake up at whatever time that she needed to. I have no recollection of her ever using an alarm clock. Unfortunately, I did not appear that I had inherited that ability.

If I needed to get out of bed early while growing up, I simply had to tell my mother, and she would have breakfast

waiting on me when she woke me up. She could accomplish all of that without waking me until she was ready. As I recall her love and generosity, I am always amazed at how well she took care of her family.

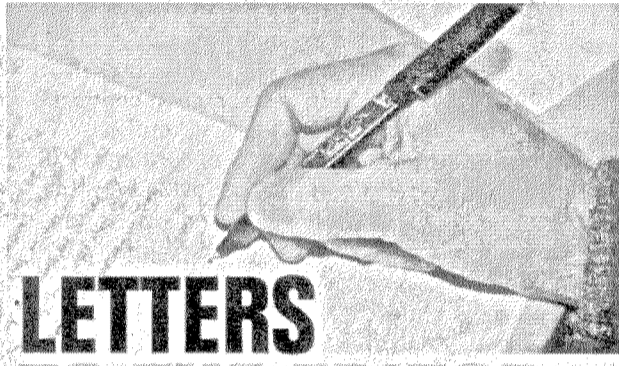
There is one thing that I distinctly remember about alarm clocks: when they first began to sell with the built-in "snooze alarm" feature. General Electric introduced the snooze in 1956. When the alarm sounded, you could hit a button on top, and then sleep for an additional nine minutes. I find it notable that so many smart phones are still equipped with the 9-minute snooze.

When I left home for UK in May of 1962, Bee put a new "snooze" alarm in one of my suitcases. I was delighted, because I had already questioned how successful that I would be getting out of bed on time to attend my classes.

The first time I used the new alarm, I kept hitting the button on top to get a few more minutes of sleep. I had to skip breakfast on my first day of classes at UK. It was certainly not like Bee waking me up to a hot breakfast, that's for sure. It was another step welcoming me into the real world.

Because I could see that hitting the snooze button was not going to work, I put my alarm

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Served with dignified quiet honor...

Dear Editor,

In the February 17 edition there was a remarkable article about a remarkable man who served our country in WWII.

Those words on paper - and the story of James Prewitt - made me realize again how many men and women have served our nation's interests through our history without fanfare, without any attempt to draw attention to themselves, but rather with dignified and quiet honor.

Upon James Prewitt's return from a POW internment camp at which only 20% survived, he came back and became a family man and contributing citizen.

To such noteworthy citizens should we give our accolades and thanks. They represent the true American patriot.

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# VOTE

# Anthony

# ASHER



# for



# Rockcastle County PVA

I really didn't want to get into this, but by popular demand, here goes:

I have a Bachelor's degree in Agribusiness with a minor in Finance from EKV. I graduated at the top of my class and was on the Dean's List several times.

After college, I went straight into banking, an industry that I've now accumulated over 28 years of experience in. During my time working for the bank, my duties consisted of using residential and commercial appraisals on a daily basis.

Bottom line is, this position is in my wheelhouse and I'm cut out for it! I will do the same with assessments as I have always done with interest rates: I will side with the people of Rockcastle County and give them the very best deal possible and that's my word!

*Please elect me to be your next  
Rockcastle County PVA!*



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# Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

## USDA Provides \$1.8 Billion to Offset Market Fluctuations

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is in the process of issuing \$1.8 billion in payments to agricultural producers who enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2020 crop year. These payments provide critical support to help mitigate fluctuations in either revenue or prices for certain crops. These two USDA safety-net programs help producers of certain crops build back better after facing the impacts of COVID-19 and other challenges.

In addition, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is encouraging producers to contact their

local USDA Service Centers to make or change elections and to enroll for 2022 ARC or PLC, providing future protections against market fluctuations. The election and enrollment period opened on Oct. 18, 2021 and runs through March 15, 2022.

### 2020 Payments and Contracts

ARC and PLC payments for a given crop year are paid out the following fall to allow actual county yields and the Market Year Average prices to be finalized. This month, FSA processed payments to producers enrolled in 2020 ARC-County (ARC-CO), ARC-Individual (ARC-IC) and PLC for covered commodities that triggered for the crop year.

For ARC-CO, view the 2020 ARC-CO Benchmark Yields and Revenues online database for payment rates applicable to their county and each covered commodity.

For PLC, payments have triggered for barley, canola, chickpeas (large and small), dry peas, flaxseed, lentils, peanuts, seed cotton and wheat. More information on rice payments will be announced later this fall and in early 2022.

For ARC-IC, producers should contact their local FSA office for additional information pertaining to 2020 payment information, which relies on producer-specific yields for the crop and farm to determine benchmark yields and actual year yields when calculating revenues.

### By the Numbers

More than 1.7 million contracts were signed in 2019. In 2020, producers signed nearly 1.8 million ARC or PLC contracts, and 251 million out of 273 million base acres were enrolled in the programs. In 2021, signed contracts surpassed 1.8 million.

Since the ARC and PLC were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and reauthorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, these safety-net programs have paid out more than \$32.5 billion to producers of covered commodities.

### 2022 Elections and Enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-CO or PLC, which are both crop-by-crop, or ARC-IC, which is for the entire farm. Although election changes for 2022 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a

## T.J.s

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store or drug store. How bad did I hurt and in how many places to be that desperate? Amazon had various kinds, but the beignets they had were of all price ranges up to fifty some dollars for about two dozen or less. I settled on a package for sixteen dollars plus. Then they wanted another sixteen dollars plus for postage and handling. I just refuse to pay such a price for a few donuts and a fortune to get them here. I guess I didn't want them as badly as I thought or had some common sense. Normally, I'd try to make some myself but I know better.

I finally decided to call Karen in Lexington and see if she can get a few for me. It will be a few days before she come this way for a DAR meeting and they would be stale of course but stale beignets is better than no beignet at all. I wonder if I can find a beignet bootlegger?

multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2022, it will be necessary to sign a new contract.

If an election is not submitted by the deadline of March 15, 2022, the election remains the same as the 2021 election for crops on the farm. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed, and wheat.

### Web-Based Decision Tools

In partnership with USDA, the University of Illinois and Texas A&M University offer web-based decision tools to assist producers in making informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations. Tools include:

- Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, a tool available through the University of Illinois allows producers to estimate payments for farms and counties for ARC-CO and PLC.

- ARC and PLC Decision Tool, a tool available through Texas A&M tallows producers to estimate payments and yield updates and expected payments for 2022.

### Crop Insurance Considerations

ARC and PLC are part of a broader safety net provided by USDA, which also includes crop insurance and marketing assistance loans.

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products. Producers on farms with a PLC election have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider; however, producers on farms where ARC is the election are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres for that crop on that farm.

Unlike SCO, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by an ARC election. Producers may add ECO regardless of the farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

### More Information

For more information on ARC and PLC, visit the ARC and PLC webpage/ or contact your local USDA Service Center.

Next COC Meeting: March 2nd 2022.

## Aces

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thing happened here?

The Parliament, government officials, high-rankers and judges of Ukraine saw 40,000 Russian troops coming. What did they do? They took up an automatic rifle, made up Molotov Cocktails, filled their pockets with bullets and stood a post.

In America, protesters dressed in fuzzy suits showed up at our capitol and our leaders scurried into a hidden bunker and curled in the corners until they went away. And they are still crying about it to this day.

While Ukrainians were building a military and creating high-tech weaponry, America was building gender-free bathrooms and rainbow colored sidewalks scared to death they may say a word that offends someone.

I firmly believe if the American electrical grid went completely out, 200 million people would die within the first month. They would have no clue how to procure food, stay warm or find water.

I am a country fellow and I know how to hunt and I could feed my family with wild game I suppose. But I don't know how to preserve vegetables and I'm not sure how I would keep my family warm. And, being an older fellow, I depend upon a medicine now to live. I think without it, I wouldn't live long and I certainly wouldn't have much chance in hand-to-hand combat against trained soldiers. I am an extremely good shot and my scope will drive nails from 50 yards, but I most certainly could not withstand an attack from trained soldiers for very long.

I just can't imagine what life must be like today for the Ukrainian people. I guess I am one of those doomsday guys because I firmly believe

it could happen here just as easily. I think we are actually lucky our electrical grid has lasted as long as it has since it hasn't been upgraded for decades, as I understand it.

I am worried about all those people out in the cold with no food or water or heat and I am worried that it could happen here at any time. It is a fragile world. Only a blind sheep would think it could never happen here.

I pray we never see such a day as the Ukraine people are living today. But it can happen here just the same.

One last note. Did you notice how once the first tank rolled towards Ukraine, COVID was gone around the world. I've not heard a single word about COVID since the invasion began. Must not have been so "world-ending" after all.

And for the fools who wonder why we need 30 round magazines for our AR15, watch the news!

## Memories

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clock across the room from my bed. I figured that if I had to actually get up out of the bed, I would stay up and go to my classes. And it worked.

All of this talk about alarm clocks seems distant to me now. As I enter the winter of my life, I am surprised to learn that, like my mother, I do not need alarm clocks either. It seems that if I have to get up early, I just wake up at that time. I no longer own an alarm clock.

Once again, I am reminded what a wonderful mother I had as a growing boy. I wish I could tell her just how blessed I was at that time in my life. But I think she knows.

(You can reach me at [themrnan1962@gmail.com](mailto:themrnan1962@gmail.com) or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)

## Lady (Balue) Traugott

Brodhead: In loving memory of our very special girl. We were blessed by God that she became part of our family for almost 14 years and she chose to let us love her and care for her. She brought enormous joy to our lives and to everyone who either knew her or ever met her. She is survived by her Moma Tina and Popa Chris and many family members. There will always be a hole in our hearts she once filled. She will be forever missed.

Special thanks to Rockcastle Veterinary Clinic.



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## Does your insurance fit the way it used to?



As you and your family grow, your insurance needs change too. That's why it's a good idea to schedule an insurance review with your local Kentucky Farm Bureau agent, and make sure you have the appropriate coverage.

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
Monday, March 7: Child Development, Seek 'n Learn, Lisa's Little People and Tic Toc. Tuesday, March 8th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

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

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

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

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

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

**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.  
Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY Contact 859-308-8900  
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.  
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099.  
Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 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.  
Saturday-Narcotics Anonymous-Brodhead: 3 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY, contact: 606-392-1577.  
Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-COED 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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

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

# Obituaries

## Vivian Ruth Cummins

Vivian Ruth Cummins, 92 of Berea and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, February 26, 2022 at St. Joseph Hospital in Berea. She was born in Rockcastle County on January 8, 1930, the daughter of Joe and Nancy Sowder Cummins. She was a retired restaurateur and was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon and most recently Westside Baptist Church of Berea. She was a graduate of Mt. Vernon High School and enjoyed sewing, cooking, and flower gardening.

She is survived by: her daughters, Pamela Martin and husband Roy, and Jan Cummins, both of Mt. Vernon, and Kelli Miller and husband Lionell of Lexington; her grandchildren, Chelsey Parker, Anderson Miller and wife Andi, and Alexandra Bishop and husband Dylan; and two brothers, Bentley Cummins of Kodak, TN, and Glen Cummins of Nicholasville. Many nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by: her husband of 68 years, Alfred Cummins; a sister, Jean Anderson; and brothers, Earl Cummins, Kenneth Cummins, Ivan Cummins, and Vernon Cummins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 1st at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Allen Livingood and Dennis Wilder. Entombment services will be in Berea Cemetery.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.



## Teresa Ann Adams

Teresa Ann Adams, 55 of Brodhead, died Saturday, February 26, 2022, at her residence surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born on May 5, 1966, in Oneida, Ky. to the late Belph "Paige" and Bonnie (Hoskins) Campbell of Manchester, Ky. She was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church. She was co-owner of Earl's This-N-That in Brodhead for 20 years. Besides running the store, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family, shopping and sitting on the front porch. She was united in marriage to Lee Earl Adams on June 21, 1986, and from that union came four children: Brandon, Zachary, Danielle, and Destiny.

Those left to celebrate her life are her husband: Lee Earl Adams; four children: Brandon (Brittney) Campbell, Zachary Adams, Danielle (Caleb) Miller, and Destiny Osborne; seven grandchildren, Braedon Campbell, Kayleigh Miller, Brody Campbell, Addison Miller, Blaine Campbell, Gracie Miller, and Spencer Rowe; one sister, Phyllis Woods; and two brothers, Larry (Margaret) Campbell, and Jimmy (Teresa) Campbell; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her brothers, Raleigh and David Campbell; sisters, Deborah Whitehead, Evelyn Curry, Helen Amburgey, Sherry Argenbright, Michelle Henson, and Connie Jones; her beloved unborn grandchild, baby Campbell; and her in-laws, Earl and Myrtle Adams.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brandon Campbell, Danielle Miller, Lee Earl Adams, Braedon Campbell, Caleb Miller, and Steven Rowe. Honorary pallbearers were Zachary Adams, Destiny Osborne, Brittney Campbell and the remaining grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)



## Connie Witherstine

Connie Witherstine, 77, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Frankfort on July 31, 1944, the daughter of Loren Otto and Gladys Singleton Castle. She was a retired computer programmer and a member of First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon. For many years, she had been a devoted caregiver to many of her family members.

She is survived by: two sons, Alan Cain of Mt. Vernon, and Tim Cain of Tamarac, FL; four grandchildren, Kent Pratt, Brian Pratt, Sarah Rose Stephens, and Ian Cain; 13 great grandchildren, Karly "K.K.", Kayley, Abigail, Noel, Hayden, Logan, Harry, Brian Jr., Alyson, Ethen, Trint, Harry, and Joslyn; and one great great grandchild, Maney. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Witherstine, and a brother, Charles Castle.

The family chose cremation with no services. Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.



## James "Jim" Mitchell

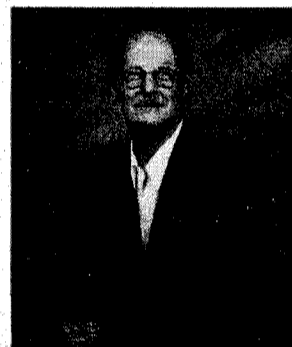
James "Jim" Mitchell, 85, of Mt. Vernon, left his earthly body to join his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was a resident of Beechtree Manor in Jellico, TN. He was born to the late Raymond Shepherd Mitchell and Mary Katherine Scott on July 7, 1936, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and grew up on his family farm with nine siblings. He left home at age 14, and was a self-taught master builder and business owner. In 1998, Jim was involved in a horrific car accident that changed the course of his life. His survival, and recovery is considered a miracle, and led him to the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and resulted in him giving his life to Christ. He was baptized by the late Bro. Wayne Harding.

Jim is preceded in death by both parents and six siblings, Reva Jo Cole, Raymond Mitchell, Ruth Coy, Sue Duncan, Nancy Johnson, and Doug Mitchell, and step-son, Stuart Utley. He is survived by: his wife of 35 years, Evelyn Mitchell of Richmond, Kentucky; three siblings, Betty Payton, Dennis Mitchell, and Bruce Mitchell; two children, Dwayne Mitchell and Kim Mitchell; three stepchildren, Vanessa Downey, Wess Reynolds, and Zondra Shannon, along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mark Shannon, Paul Shannon, Lucas Reynolds, Harry Hunsucker, Art Bedel, and Nate Richardson. Honorary pallbearers were Ryan Shannon, Gary Hucker, Alex Bedel, Wess Reynolds, and Randy Hucker.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Randy McPherson officiating. Burial followed at Berea Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gideons International.

Condolences may be left at [lakesfuneralhome.com](http://lakesfuneralhome.com)



## Lisa Marie Shields

Lisa Marie McGinnis Shields, 46, of Tucson, Arizona, died Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Tucson. Born in Flemingsburg, KY on June 19, 1975, she was the daughter of Fred McGinnis and the late Patricia Jolley Tester.

She is survived by: her four children, Ashlee Warren, Trevor Warren, Magain Dawson-Maupin, and Angelina Dawson; her four grandchildren; her father Fred; and her siblings, Tara McGinnis Jones and Jessica Everman.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by: her sister, Michelle Planck; her maternal grandparents, Raymond and Ruby Jolley; and her paternal grandparents, James and Lavaeda McGinnis.

Graveside services were held Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Elizaville Cemetery.

A fellowship dinner followed the service.

In place of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Lisa to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation (733 Third Avenue Ste. 510, New York, NY 10017 or online [www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org](http://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org)).

Friends may offer online condolences at [www.boonenickellfuneralhome.com](http://www.boonenickellfuneralhome.com)

## Rollie Bryant

Rollie Nelson Bryant, 90 of Livingston, husband of Catherine Barnett Bryant, died Friday, February 25, 2022.

Funeral services for Mr. Bryant were conducted Wednesday, March 2 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Mary Bryant Durham

Mary Bryant Durham, 74, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, February 25, 2022, due to a tragic automobile accident.

Mary was born in Mt. Vernon, Ky., on May 19, 1947, a daughter of the late Robert (Bob) and Martha May Bullock Bryant. She was of the Baptist faith and was a member of Northside Baptist Church. She enjoyed traveling and playing bingo.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Devin Miller and Becky of LaFollette, TN and Regina Capilla and Carlos of Parsons, TN; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a brother, Larry Dale Bryant and Rose of Scottsville, KY; a sister, Fannie Howard of Richmond, IN; special sister, Margie Harris, Pam McFerron, and Laurie Gray; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her fiancé, Eugene Haight; a daughter, Mary Marie Clear; and six siblings, Mary Elizabeth Bryant, Dorothy Louise Bryant, Bill Bryant, Charles Bryant, Willie Bryant, and Jim Miller.

Funeral services will be held at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, beginning with the visitation from 11am -2pm, followed by the funeral service at 2pm, with Jack Weaver officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Mary, to Hospice.

Condolences can be made to them family at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)



## Thomas Laney Poynter

Thomas "Tucker" Laney Poynter, 67, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 28, 2022, at his residence.

Tucker was born on December 23, 1954, in Berea, a son of the late Warren and Nora Dees Poynter. He volunteered as a firefighter for the Brindle Ridge Fire Department and enjoyed working as a farmer and a butcher. He was a member of the Roundstone Baptist Church, and spent his free time fishing, making sausage, and gardening.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Thomas "Tommy" Laney Poynter, Jr., Tammy Renay (Nathan) Boggs of Frankfort, Joshua (Tasha) Ramsey of Mt. Vernon, Jessica (Aaron) Stallsworth of Mt. Vernon, Cassandra Sparkman of Somerset, and Mourine (Jordan) Smith of Morehead; 17 grandchildren, Felica Doan and Michael, Megan Yates and Derrick, Billy Boggs, Kelsey and Logan Jett, Kimhari, Jackson, Xavier, Maryanna, and Kayti Stallsworth, Jace, Adley, and Hayden Ramsey, Ashlee and Sophia Smith, and Jaydin and Shania "Nikki" Sparkman; six great-grandchildren, Alana, Elijah, and Teddy Doan, and Dustin, Brooklynne, and Asa Yates; two brothers, Douglas Poynter of Berea, and Kevin Poynter and Debbie of Mt. Vernon; four sisters, JoAnn Croucher of Mt. Vernon, Betty Kemper and John of Berea, Fran Gabbard and Robert of Mt. Vernon and Janice Ingram and Jeff of Mt. Vernon; as well as numerous other relatives, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Melinda Kate Poynter; and two siblings, Warren "Razz" Virgil Poynter, and Raymond Wendall Poynter.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, beginning with the visitation at 12pm, followed by the service at 1pm, with Jack Stallworth officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Tucker to the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)



## Faith & Prayer Walk Saturday, March 5 • 10 a.m.

### Everyone invited

A Faith and Prayer Walk is a powerful way for believers to step out in faith and pray for our community and neighborhoods in powerful, and strategic prayer.

It is a powerful strategy.

How powerful would it be that everywhere you went, every spot your feet touch, every chair you sat in, was prayed over? How powerful would it be if every street in our city, every house in our neighborhoods were covered in prayer? That is the vision for a Faith and Prayer Walk - to fill our community with prayer, instead of sitting in our homes, it is Christians stepping out in faith and being the change we long to see.

We will be meeting at the parking lot below the courthouse on Main Street in Mount Vernon. Fellowship will begin at 9 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10:00

The walk will be from Main Street to Williams Street, around by the elementary school to Richmond Street and back to Main.

You do not have to walk the whole route. Walk at your own pace and only the distance you feel comfortable with. You may want to bring a chair and sit in the parking lot or along the route. The important thing is to show up and pray and be expecting a "Move of God."

For more information, please call Jeff Cromer at 606-308-1314.

## Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

### Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:

Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky.

Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.

Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY Contact 859-308-8900

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

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

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 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.

Saturday-Narcotics Anonymous-Brodhead: 3 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY, contact: 606-392-1577.

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-COED

6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646

or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

## Rockcastle Regional recognized in outstanding outpatient experience for fourth consecutive year

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has been named one of America's Best Hospitals for Outpatient Experience by the Women's Choice Award.

Hospitals aiming to provide the most appropriate and value-based care along with advances in technology, such as minimally invasive techniques, have shifted many patient cases to outpatient settings. As a result, hospitals have made significant strides in providing increased customer service to improve the outpatient experience.

With women making over 80 percent of family healthcare decisions and considering their demanding lifestyle with over 70 percent of moms employed, the Women's Choice Award helps women make those decisions by identifying the hospitals that provide the best outpatient experience.

"We take pride in the individualized care we provide each patient and their families," said

Stephen A. Estes, president and CEO of Rockcastle Regional. "Receiving this award for the fourth year is a testament to the commitment we have towards achieving the best health outcomes and ensuring our patients have the best experience possible."

The methodology used to select Rockcastle Regional as one of America's Best Hospitals for Outpatient Experience is exclusive in that it evaluates patient satisfaction measures with a hospital visit based on criteria in the Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Survey (OAS-CAHPS). The evaluation process is the only national list that focuses on the opinion of females. It is the only award recognizing excellence in outpatient satisfaction based on robust criteria that considers the patient experience.

To receive the award, hospitals must first be accredited by the Joint Commission, The Healthcare Facilities Outpatient Program, or Det

Norske Veritas Healthcare. Rockcastle Regional is accredited by the Joint Commission. Accredited facilities are continuously improving the safety and quality of patient care and this certification signifies the facility's commitment in meeting regulations and best practices for the medical industry.

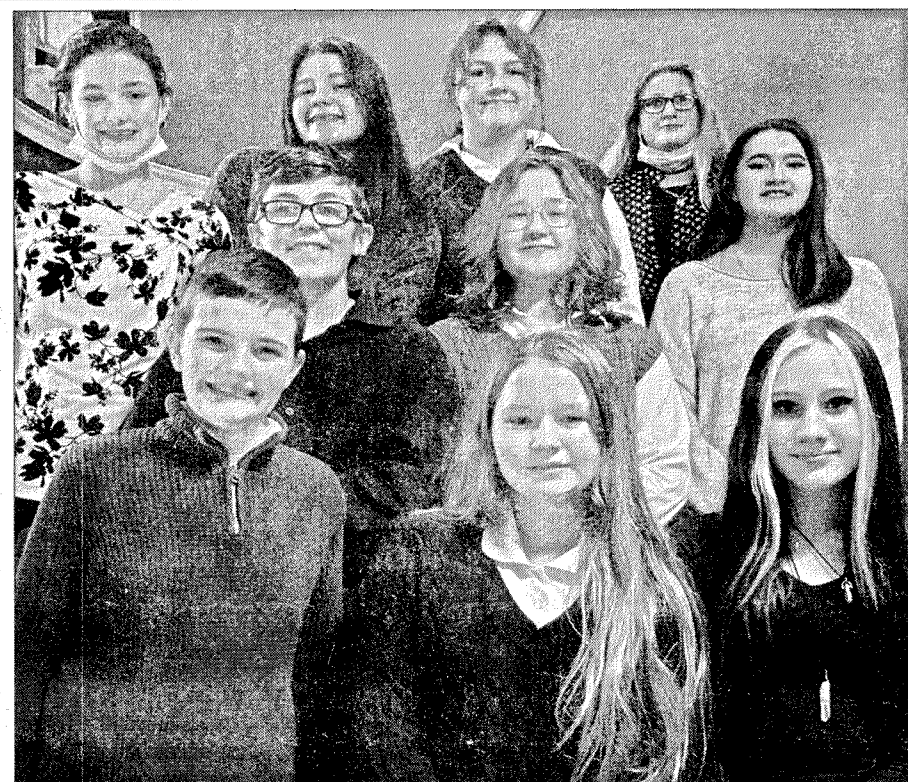
The categories in the OAS-CAHPS survey are assigned weights based on the feedback received from the Women's Choice Award Survey. Only hospitals that achieve rankings higher or equal to the national average in communication and care by hospital staff, pre- and post-surgical coordination, facility ratings, and patients' recommendation are eligible for the outpatient experience award.

Rockcastle Regional is one of 267 award recipients in the nation representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for outpatient experience in the U.S. by the Women's Choice Award.



### RCMS Band Students selected for WKU High School Honor Band

Congratulations to members of the RCMS Band who were selected by audition as members of the 2022 WKU High School Honors Band. Members spent last Friday and Saturday in rehearsals with two of the most renowned composers in the U.S. Mr. Brian Balmages and Mr. John Fannin. The weekend culminated in a concert on the WKU campus Saturday afternoon with students from high schools across Kentucky, Middle Tennessee, and Southern Indiana. RCMS students who performed with the group include Haylee Miller, Julian Isaacs, and Allie Dunn. Senior Allison Dunn also auditioned for the WKU Music Department during the event where she learned that she would be offered a music scholarship to attend WKU in the fall. Pictured is Seniors Allison Dunn, Julian Isaacs and Freshman Haylee Miller with RCMS Director Greg Daugherty.



Recently members of the RCMS 7th and 8th Grade bands were selected as part of the 2022 ECU Middle School Honors Band Program. The band members, along with top band students from nearly 20 middle schools from across the state, gave a concert in ECU's Brock Auditorium on Saturday February 26th after spending the day with guest conductors and ECU Staff in rehearsals. RCMS Band members who performed in the concert pictured were: back row from left, Susanne Mullins, Kaylee Holcomb, Julissa Alcorn and Sydney Graves. Middle row from left: Jailun Tyree, Gracie Burdette, and Madison Shuart. Front row from left: Luke Willis, Jaylen Smith, and Shelby Sandusky.

### Kiwanis donation



Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle County recently donated 50 books to Brodhead Elementary School to be used in their new book vending machine. Bryanna Mullins, BES School Secretary, spoke to club members about how the new book machine has encouraged reading among students at all grade levels. Students earn tokens to use to "purchase" books. Pictured are, front from left: Kayla Prewitt, Chelsea Dillingham, Bryanna Mullins, Jamie Saylor, Rose Brown. Back row: Keith Pierce, Betty Frederick, and Eliza York-Hansel.

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To the Voters of Rockcastle County District 4, which is comprised of the voting precincts Climax, Roundstone and Conway. I would like to take this opportunity to quickly introduce myself to you.

My name is James Smith, and I am running as a Republican for the position of Constable in the 4th District. I am 56 years old and happily married for 35 years to my wonderful wife Teresa. I am a 1985 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, and I have lived in the same location in the 4th district for forty years, so I know the 4th District well, including the issues we all face day to day. My wife and I are self-employed, and have owned and operated D & S Computers AKA Design & Service in Mt. Vernon for the last thirty one years.

I am seeking the office of Constable to make a positive contribution to my community in a way I feel can be most effective. For those of you who don't know me personally, I hope to meet you and change that. However I know I will never be able to visit everyone in the district personally in the short window of time before the primary election, especially during these times of Covid-19. I also encourage anyone with questions or concerns to come see me at Design & Service, or call / text me at 859-779-2945 anytime. So If I don't get to see you personally, I apologize beforehand, and reach out to ask for your vote.

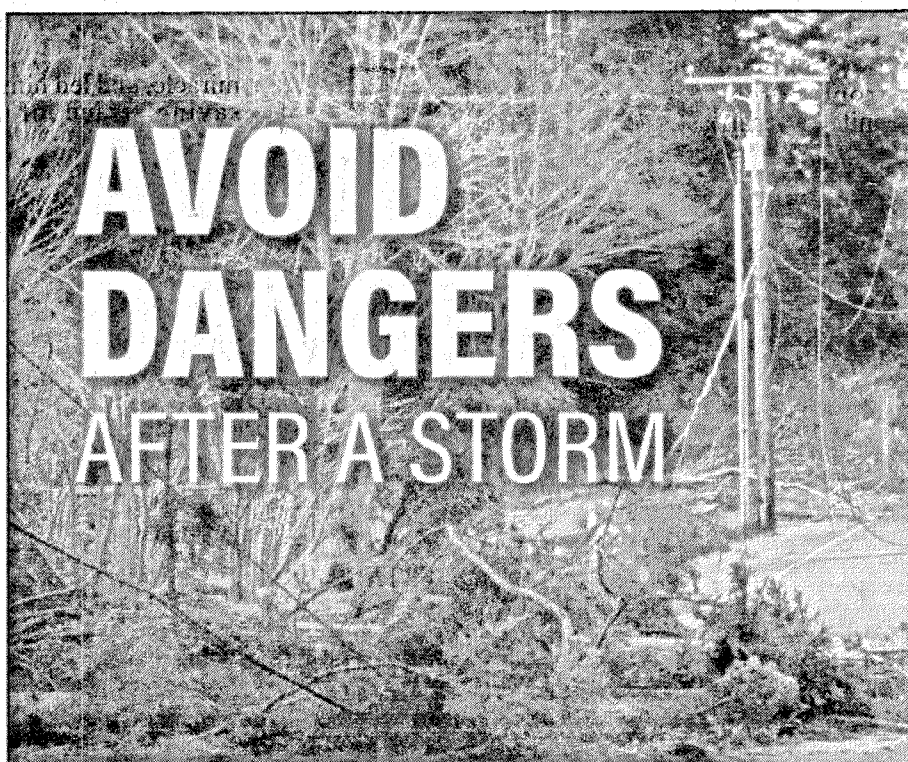
As a candidate I will make you only one promise. If you elect me to do this job, I will do my very best to fulfill the duties of 4th District Constable in a respectable way you can always be proud of.

Please help me and our district, by voting "SMITH". Even if I don't have your vote, whatever the reason, please go to the poll and cast a vote for your candidate.

Thank You, and God Bless.  
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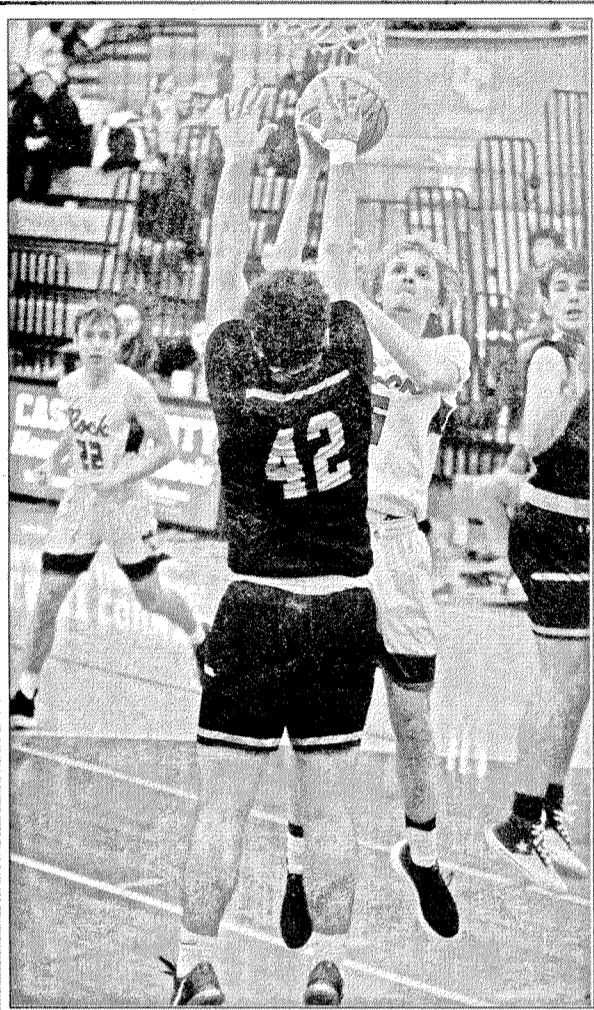
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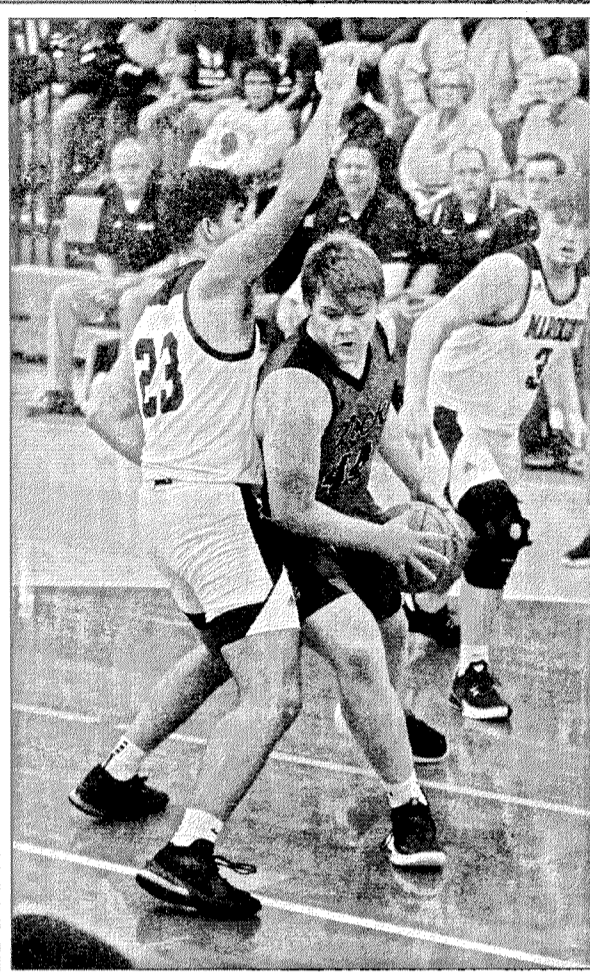


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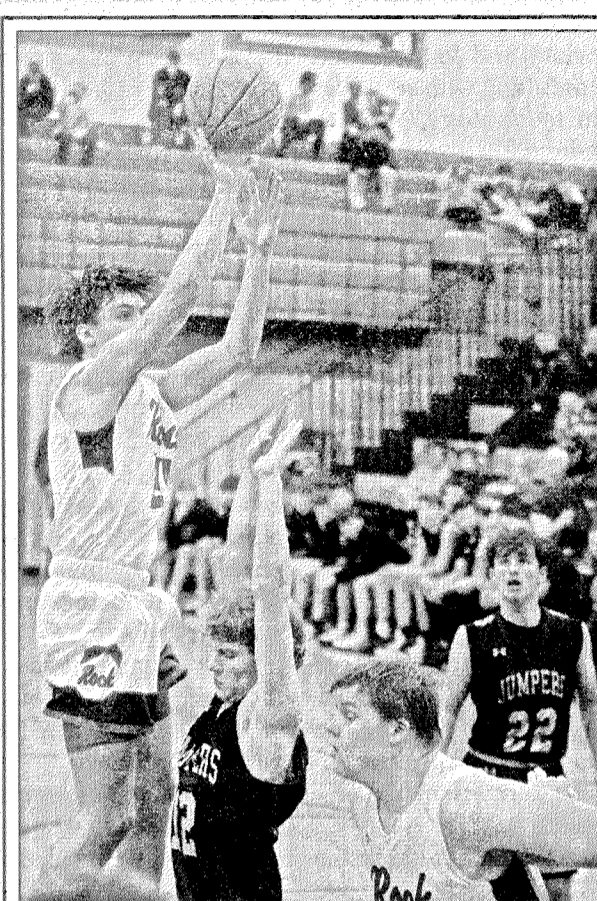
# SPORTS



Drew Hopkins puts up a jumper in the Rockets' win over Somerset. Hopkins had 10 points in the win.



Jake Sanders works to get to the basket in the Rockets' loss in the finals of the 47th District Tournament to Pulaski County.



Daniel Mullins goes up for two of his 27 points in the Rockets' 47th District Tournament first round win over Somerset Tuesday night.

Defeat Somerset 72-63 to advance to finals

## Rockets lose by six to Pulaski to take 47th district runner-up title

It was a wild and wooly 47th district tournament for the Rockcastle County Rockets.

On Tuesday night they made it three for three for the season against the Somerset Briar Jumpers although this was the closest contest of the three,

winning by a score of 72-63. In regular season action, the Rockets defeated Somerset 77-49 at home and 68-56 on the road.

The game last Tuesday night was tied in the first quarter three times and ended up 13 all at the end of the period with Daniel

Mullins putting in 9 of those 13 points.

Mullins started off the second quarter with a three basket and the Rockets eventually built a 31-21 lead on Somerset. However, the Briar Jumpers came back to outscore the Rockets 11 to 4 to cut their lead to three at half-time 35-32.

In the third quarter, the Rockets got outscored 21-15 with Somerset immediately scoring a three to tie the score at 35 all and then the lead bounced back and forth with Somerset taking the lead 53-50 at the end of the third period.

In the fourth, the Rockets got down by five 55-50 but three free throws by Matthew Chasteen and a basket by Drew Hopkins tied the score at 55 all. Jake Sanders came up with a steal and Mullins got the basket to regain the lead for the Rockets at 57-55 and the Rockets were on their way with points by Mullins, Chasteen and Sanders giving the Rockets a 70-61 lead and then they hung on for the 72-63 win.

Mullins, who had 18 points in the first half, led in scoring for his team with 27.

Chasteen came through with a stellar game, scoring 19 points, including going 9 for 13 from the free throw line. Drew Hopkins got 10 points, Jake Sanders and Reese Coguer had six each, Skyler Durham got three and Kaden Kidwell one.

In the rebounding department, Chasteen took the honors by a long shot, pulling down 18; Sanders got nine; Coguer five, Hopkins two and Mullins and Broedy Dunaway one each.

In the championship game, the Rockets were pitted against the Pulaski County Maroons who came into the contest with a 27-2 record against the Rockets 20-10.

In the regular season, the Maroons defeated the Rockets 68-55 at home (in

a game in which Mullins did not play) and 79-50 at PC. And, in the championship game, played at Casey County, the Rockets fell just short losing 68-62.

The Rockets got down early, behind 13-5 in the first quarter but they came back with an 11-4 run to only be down one 17-16 at the end of the period.

But, the Maroons put on their own run in the second quarter, after the Rockets briefly took the lead at 29-28, on a basket by Hopkins. Pulaski then went on a 10-1 run to take a 38-30 lead to the dressing room.

After that, it was the Rockets trying to play catch up the entire second half before losing 68-62.

This game, big man Jake Sanders took scoring honors with 20 points; followed by Hopkins with 17; Coguer and Mullins each had 11 points and Chasteen got three.

The Rockets went 10 for 17 from the free throw line to PC's 15 of 25 and the Rockets had seven turnovers to the Maroons eight.

In the Region 12 drawing Saturday, the Rockets will take on the Lincoln County Patriots Wednesday night at 8:15 at Pulaski County and the winner of that will take on the winner of the McCreary Central/Mercer County game.



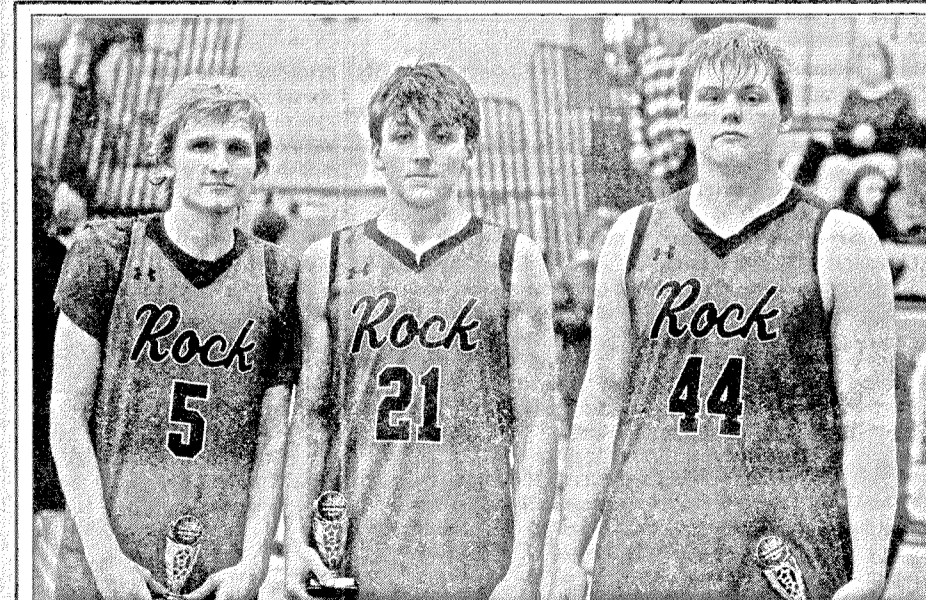
Reese Coguer takes it to the hole in the Rockets' loss in the finals of the 47th District Tournament to Pulaski County. Coguer had 11 points in the loss.



Skyler Durham looks over the offense in the Rockets' 68-62 loss in the finals of the 47th District Tournament to Pulaski County.

**NOTICE**  
Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice of its requested adjustment of the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee. The fees contained in this notice are the fees to be proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission no later than March 1, 2022 to be effective on March 31, 2022. The current fee, which applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority and Sales for Resale customers, is \$0.0290 per 100 gallons. The requested fee, which applies to the same customer classes as the current fee, is \$0.0275 per 100 gallons. For all customer classes to which the fee applies, the requested fee is a decrease of \$0.0015, or -5.17%, per 100 gallons. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the fee applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 342; Industrial: 9,713; Other Public Authority: 1,205; and Sales for Resale: 18,720. The effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class to which the decreased fee applies is: Residential: -\$0.06; Commercial: -\$0.51; Industrial: -\$14.57; Other Public Authority: -\$1.81; and Sales for Resale: -\$28.08. Customers in Eastern Rockcastle County are not charged the fee, therefore are excluded from the calculation. Any person may examine this tariff filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

**NOTICE**  
Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice that it is filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2022-00032 for an increase in the amount of its Qualified Infrastructure Program Rider ("QIP Rider"). The filing will be made no later than March 1, 2022 with a request for the new amount to be effective on July 1, 2022. The current amount is 2.14%. The proposed increase is an addition of 2.47% for a cumulative proposed amount of 4.61%. The QIP Rider applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority, Sales for Resale, and Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant customers. The additional revenue to be requested in this QIP Rider filing is \$2,490,262. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the QIP Rider applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 342; Industrial: 9,713; Other Public Authority: 1,205; Sales for Resale: 18,720; Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant: 0. The effect on the current average monthly bill for each customer class to which the increased fee applies is: Residential: \$0.92 (2.47%); Commercial: \$4.76 (2.47%); Industrial: \$106.23 (2.47%); Other Public Authority: \$17.23 (2.47%); Sales for Resale \$198.82 (2.47%); Public Fire Hydrant: \$1.20 (2.47%); Private Fire Service 6": \$1.96 (2.47%); and Private Fire Hydrant: \$1.89 (2.47%). Any person may examine this filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

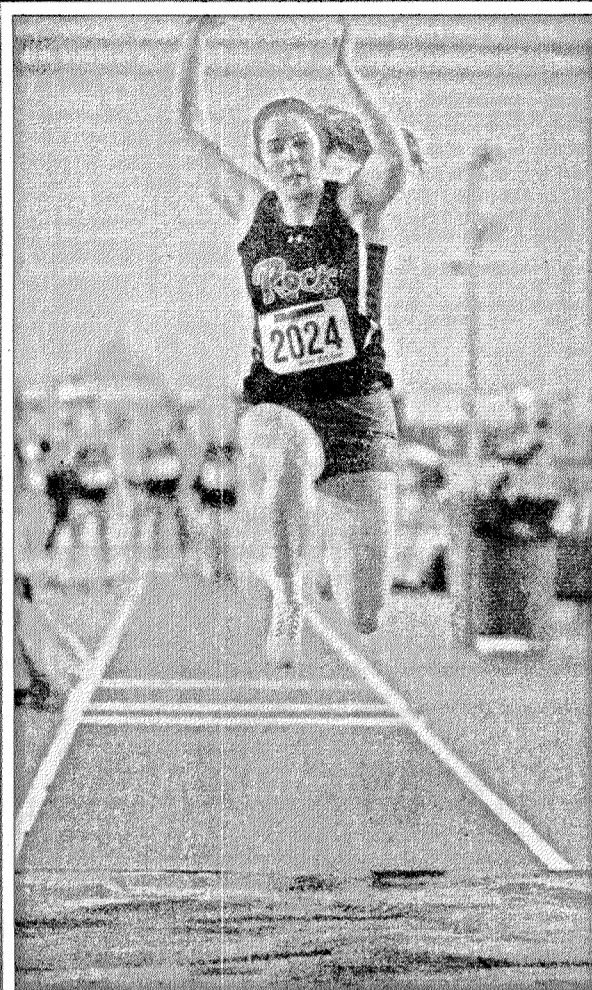


Drew Hopkins, Daniel Mullins and Jake Sanders were named to the All-District Team for the 47th District.

## RCHS Girls' Track Team places third at Class 2A Indoor State Championships



The RCCHS girls' indoor track team had an outstanding performance and placed 3rd at the Class 2A Indoor State Championships on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville. The team had a very impressive meet with only five girls that competed. Team members included (l to r): seventh grader Maliyah Swinney, senior Allie Martin, junior Emma Watson, and sophomore Lexi Dotson. Not pictured - Freshman Caitlyn Kirby.



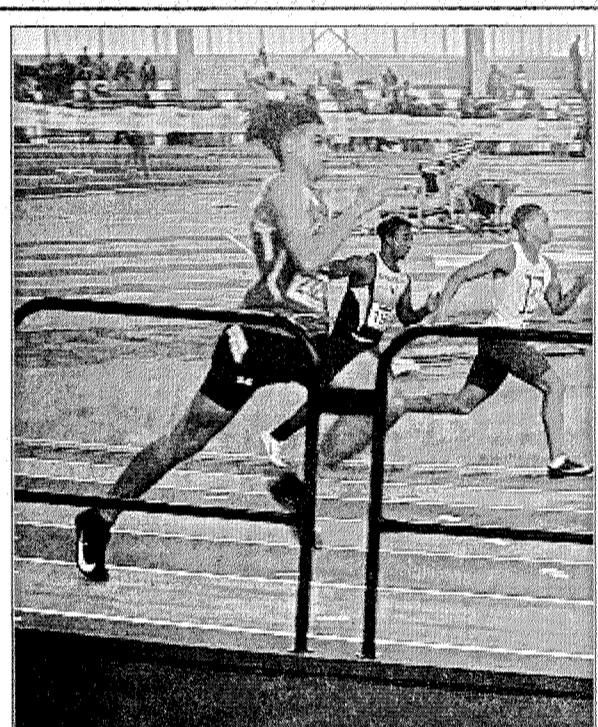
### Martin State Runner-up in Long Jump

At the Class 2A Indoor State Championships on Saturday, RCCHS senior Allie Martin had several outstanding performances. In long jump, Allie had an amazing jump of 17'0" and finished as state runner-up in the event with a new all-time indoor personal best. She was only 2" away from her all-time overall personal best including outdoor season. She had several great jumps in the triple jump competition that followed and was preparing to correct her last of three fouls in the event, two of them very close, when the officials decided to change the number of attempts for each athlete from four to three. That prevented Allie from adjusting one more final jump approach and getting a mark. Her best jump would have been close to the winning mark. She finished her awesome day with a fast third leg 400-meter split on the girls' state runner-up 4x400-meter relay team.

## 4x400 Relay State Runners-Up



At the Class 2A Indoor State Championships on Saturday, the RCCHS girls' 4x400-meter relay team had an absolutely amazing season's best performance. The team of senior Allie Martin, junior Emma Watson, sophomore Lexi Dotson, and seventh grader Maliyah Swinney ran a hard-fought race and challenged Bourbon County for the win. The girls finished a close race as state runners-up in the event with an awesome time of 4:14.25, shattering their previous season's best time by approximately seven seconds.



### New RCCHS Indoor 200 Record

At the Class 2A Indoor State Championships on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville, RCCHS junior Jaidan Burton had one of the best indoor meets of his career with several awesome performances, including a new indoor school record. In the 60-meter dash, Jaidan placed 22nd overall with an impressive time of 7.91 seconds, just missing his all-time indoor personal best. In the 400-meter dash, Jaidan placed 19th overall with another exceptional time of 59.5 seconds. In the 200-meter dash, he broke the all-time RCCHS indoor record in the event, sprinting to a 12th place finish with an awesome time of 24.73 seconds. He just missed his all-time personal best.



### Watson State Runner-up in 4x400 Relay

At the Class 2A Indoor State Championships on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville, RCCHS junior Emma Watson had the best indoor meet of her career with several incredible performances. In the 60-meter dash, Emma placed 5th with an awesome new all-time personal best of 8.35 seconds. In the 400-meter dash, Emma ran an exceptional race and placed 5th with a very impressive season's best time of 1:03.28. She ran the first 200 in a fast 28.2 seconds and led for most of the race. Her time was her second fastest indoor time ever and less than a second away from her all-time indoor personal best. In the 200-meter dash, she blazed her way to a 7th place finish, shattering her indoor all-time personal best with an amazing time of 27.87 seconds. She finished her sensational day with a fast lead leg 400-meter split on the girls' state runner-up 4x400-meter relay team.



### Swinney State Runner-up in 4x400 Relay

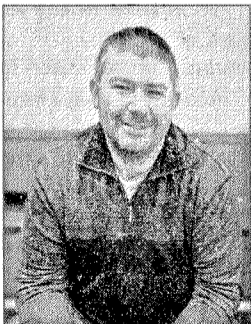
RCCHS seventh grader Maliyah Swinney had several outstanding performances at the Class 2A Indoor State Championships on Saturday. In long jump, Maliyah had an amazing jump of 14'5.25" and placed 10th overall. She followed that with several outstanding jumps in the triple jump competition. On her final attempt, she posted an awesome jump of 31'6.5"; not far from her all-time personal best and only 4.5" from a state runner-up finish in the event. She finished her exceptional day with a fast second leg 400-meter split on the girls' state runner-up 4x400-meter relay team. Her time was an amazing all-time personal best of 1:06.6. Maliyah will compete in the middle school state championships this Saturday in Louisville.

## Vote For BRIAN WYNN 5th District Constable

Hello, Members of Rockcastle County's District 5, My name is Brian Wynn, I am 39 years old and have lived in the 5th District my entire life.

I am happily married to my wife, Melony Wynn, for 15 years. I am of the Pentecostal Faith and attend Bethesda House of Mercy in Waco. I have been employed at Hyster-Yale Group in Berea for 11 years.

I enjoy serving and helping those in our community. I have been a member of Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue for 10 years and Climax Volunteer Fire Department, serving as chief for nine years.



As part of my desire to make a positive impact in our community, I have decided to run for the position of Constable in the 5th District. I would thoroughly enjoy serving our community in this role. As your constable, I would strive to fulfill all of the duties of this office to the best of my abilities. I would like to ask you for your support and your vote for the opportunity to serve as your Constable.

A vote for Brian Wynn is a vote for a dedicated, responsible, dependable candidate who is committed to serving this community.

Help me help our community by showing your support at the polls and casting your vote for Brian Wynn for 5th District Constable! Feel free to contact me at 859-358-0955.

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Paid for by Brian Wynn

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### 4th place in Shot Put

At the Class 2A Indoor State Championships on Saturday, RCCHS freshman Caitlyn Kirby had another outstanding performance in the shot put competition. She placed fourth overall with an awesome throw of 25'9.25". Her throw was an indoor and all-time overall personal best with the 4k shot put.

## • Seniors Honored •



RCHS honored their senior cheerleaders and ball players during their final home game. Shown above is senior Molly Craig with her parents, Chris and Mary Craig.



Senior Paige Lovell, escorted by her mom and stepdad, Brian and Susan and dad and stepmom, David and Sheila.



Senior Taryn Powell, escorted by her parents, Steve and Becky and siblings, Jordyn and Carter.



Senior Daniel Mullins, escorted by his parents, Kevin and Angela Mullins and siblings, Spencer and Hannah.

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### The power of God, the wisdom of God, revealed in Christ!

Paul told the church at Corinth that all we need to know is revealed in Christ. There were many at Corinth that saw themselves as great philosophers and they felt very wise. Paul had to explain to them that Christianity was not about the wisdom of men, but rather about the wisdom and power of God, that was manifest in Christ.

Christ was God in the flesh, He came to this low land of sin and sorrow that He might carry our sin debt to Calvary's Cross and reconcile us unto God. While He was upon this earth He lived and taught His Fathers will and did it while being questioned and persecuted. But in doing so, He displayed the true power of wisdom. This kind of wisdom, many men will never understand, even His disciples often wanted to think of His kingdom as being like Earthly kingdoms. *Matthew 18:1-4* says, at the same time came the disciples unto Jesus saying who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven? V2 And Jesus called a little child unto him and set him in the middle of them. V3 and said, verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven.

Time and time again, Christ showed his strength by being humble, men don't understand that kind of strength. For example, how do the Russian leaders measure strength, it's simply by his wisdom and power which he has in his military? He does not measure life or the lost of it at all, he does not concern himself with the life of innocent women and children. He is not a humanitarian; God will deal with him in due course.

In *Matthew 26:53*, Christ said to those who were crucifying Him, do you now know that I could pray to my father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? Here, Christ displayed true wisdom and strength. This was all done out of obedience to His Heavenly Father and love for all of us. It certainly wasn't a pleasant experience for Him and took a lot of strength on His part, but He came to fulfill His Father's work. *Matthew 26:39*, Oh my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will but as thou will.

Everyone Welcome  
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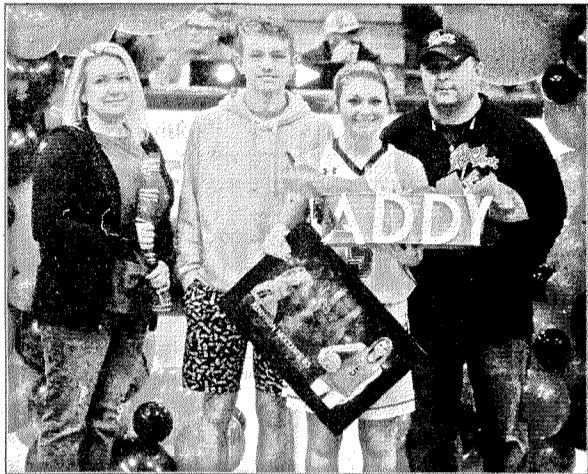
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 Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00



Senior Lindsey Robinson, escorted by her parents, Kyle and Michelle and her siblings, Hayden and Madison.



Senior Addie McClure, escorted by her parents, Dusty McClure and Crystal Clark and brother, Maddux.



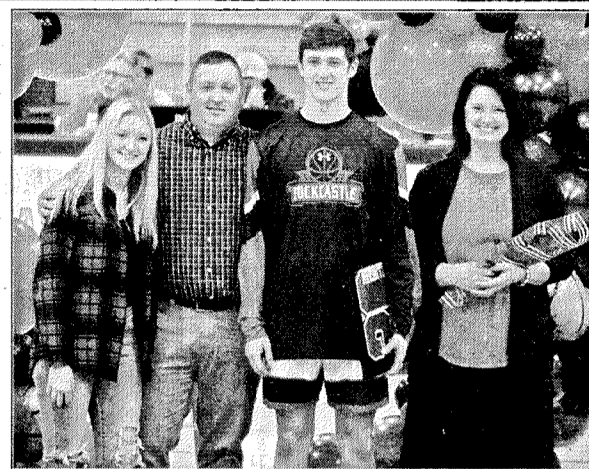
Senior Matthew Chasteen, escorted by his father, Denzil and sister, Kira Owens.



Senior Drew Hopkins, escorted by his parents, John and Amy Hopkins and sister and niece, Cali and Andi Claire.



Senior Reese Coguer, escorted by his parents, Jason and Sara Coguer and sister and brother-in-law, Brad and Alaina Taylor and sister, Caroline Coguer.



Senior Landon Dillingham, escorted by his parents, Jason and Tasha Dillingham and sister, Averi.



Senior Jake Sanders, escorted by his mom, Ashley and grandmother, Iola and siblings, Haley and Ashton.

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### ATTENTION:

The following is an invitation to bid on the harvesting of the hay from the property belonging to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) located on Hwy. 2549 known as Rockcastle County Business Park South for the years 2022-2024. The subject property is approximately 70 acres. The contract will be awarded to the highest per acre bidder (based on 70 acres). The contract for the hay is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The hay must be cut a minimum of 2 times-once in the Spring and once in the Fall each year
- Once the hay is cut it must be moved from the field within 2 weeks (weather permitting)
- Any area that cannot be mowed for hay, must be bush hogged a minimum of 2 times-once in the spring and once in the Fall
- No member or direct family member of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority or the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is eligible to bid on the contract
- In the event the RCIDA sells a portion of the property to an industrial prospect in the middle of the contract, the person awarded the contract would be refunded monies on a pro-rata basis. Example: the person awarded the contract bids \$1 per acre and has paid the RCIDA \$70 and hasn't cut the hay yet. The RCIDA sells 10 acres, the person awarded the contract would be refunded \$10 or if the hay had been cut once the person would be refunded half of the pro-rata amount or in the case of this example \$5.
- All expenses incurred by the successful bidder on the property, i.e. fertilize, etc., are done so at the successful bidders own risk. None of these expenses will be reimbursed by the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority under any circumstances.
- The successful bidder will be required to pay the contract amount in full by May 1st of each year during the 3 year term.
- Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted.

All bid sheets should be sealed in an envelope and returned to  
**Attention: HAY BID--Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority**  
 at the Rockcastle County Judge Executive's office on the second floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse  
 by 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday March 15, 2022. Bid sheets should be returned in person.

The bids will be opened at approximately 12:00 p.m. Tuesday March 15, 2022. The successful bidder will be notified via contact information provided below.

In the event that the successful bidder becomes in default of one of the above mentioned terms and conditions at any time during the term of this contract, the contract will be taken from that person and awarded to the next highest bidder.

The bid should be made for one year and then that amount will be required by May 1st each of the 3 years of the term.

I \_\_\_\_\_, agree to all of the terms and conditions listed above and I bid  
 (Print name)  
 and agree to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per acre for the 70 acres of hay.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*This bid sheet must be completed and returned by 11:00 a.m. March 15, 2022. Incomplete bid sheets, unsigned bid sheets or bid sheets that are returned not sealed in an envelope will not be accepted. The RCIDA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to choose the bid that is most advantageous to the RCIDA.



## “Masks”

(Continued from front)

Anyone who wishes to wear a mask may still do so, according to Ballinger. “We are not forbidding the use of masks. Anyone who feels safer with a mask is still welcome to wear one. But now it is up to each person to make that choice for themselves.”

The mandate was lifted Friday and by Monday morning, Ballinger said the school district had changed its policy to match the CDC guidance. “I don’t think it took very long for word to spread through the county,” said Ballinger.

As usual, the CDC reserves the right to reinstall the mandate should COVID numbers surge and all Kentucky school districts reserve the same right, according to officials.

## “Wrecks”

(Continued from front) After the accident Friday afternoon on Old Somerset Road.

Mount Vernon Fire Department personnel were able to remove Durham from her vehicle but after Rockcastle EMS transported her to Rockcastle Regional Hospital, she was pronounced dead by the Rockcastle County Coroner.

The reports says Devin Miller, a passenger in Durham’s vehicle, and Day were also transported to the hospital where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The accident occurred on Dysart Way, also known as Somerset Road, and KSP Post 11 Trooper Dackery Larkey is investigating the incident, according to the report.

There were also two vehicle fires and other accidents in the county, including two I-75 crashes, according to reports from several departments.

The Brindle Ridge Fire Department, as well as the Mount Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston fire departments were assisted at several accident scenes last week by EMS crews, the Kentucky State Police, KSP Vehicle Enforcement, Rockcastle County Sheriff’s office, Mount Vernon Police Department, the Coroner’s office and other local services.

There were also many additional calls to local first responders that did not involve vehicles including a calf which had fallen into a sink hole in Brodhead.

There were also four different fire calls, including a structure fire on Flat Gap Road which was destroyed but no injuries were reported.

## “City”

(Continued from front)

Lonetta Daughtery into a hat and Mount Vernon Police officer Shey Helton drew Bowman’s name. Mayor Bryant said he will perform the swearing in ceremony very soon. Once again the appointment came in the eleventh hour since failure to appoint a new member at this meeting, would have resulted in a Governor’s appointment.

The meeting was a special called meeting since it had been changed to last week after postponing the regular scheduled monthly meeting.

### Finances

City consultant Josh Bray presented the finan-

cial report on a screen in front of the chambers via teleconference. The report shows total revenues of \$2,373,064 and total appropriations at \$2,367,075, from July 1, 2021 to date, leaving \$5,989. “You may notice the \$5,989 in the total, but we are in much better shape than that,” said Bray. “Microfoodery has sold their building and next month that number will include his payment of \$1.44 million.”

### Microfoodery

Council member Shelley Raines Lewis expressed some confusion concerning the payment and the CBDG grant for the company and asked for more details concerning all the money involved between loans and grants for the company. City Attorney Bobby Amburgey said the City “has been made whole” and attempted to answer some of Lewis’s concerns. Lewis requested that the council invite Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director Jeff VanHook to the next meeting to explain more details about the loans and grant. “These are questions that I get from people a lot and I’d like to better understand so that I can answer them,” said Lewis.

In a telephone interview after the meeting, VanHook said he would be happy to attend the next meeting if invited and answer any questions Lewis or any other members may have. “Some of this process took place before I was a part of the RCIDA,” he said. “But I would be glad to do my best to explain how things were done every step of the way. We have all been completely and totally transparent but economic development can be complicated and I’d be happy to answer any questions Shelley may have.”

### Water Basin Project

Before Bray signed off, he informed the council that the water basin project may finally be about to begin. “We finally received notice that USDA approval is coming and we are ready to place an ad for bid on the project next week in the *Signal*.”

### Night Market report

In other action, the council heard from Carrie Mullins of the Rockcastle Arts Association with a detailed report concerning the Noel Night Market. Mullins told the council it was the most successful event since the event began. She requested assistance from the city on several issues, including more electrical service, trash pick-up, safety issues and others.

Mayor Bryant said the city is currently working on the issues she mentioned and will continue to help improve the event. He also expressed his appreciation for the work and success of organizers. “It was a wonderful event and we would like to discuss partnering with the Arts Council on the Bittersweet Festival as well,” he said. “We believe your input could make our Bittersweet Festival an even better event also.”

Mullins discussed the massive growth of the event in both patrons and participants and said she expects an even bigger Night Market this year.

### Tourism Dept.

Emily Bullock, director of the Rockcastle County Tourist Commission requested a donation

of \$20,000, from the city’s share of the restaurant tax collected by the tourist commission, for the next Food Truck event. The event this year is planned to spread across the Valley with more events for children and better parking than last year’s first event. Organizers also expect to more than double the amount of food trucks and provide free music throughout the day as well as many more events during the weekend.

“Last year the city gave \$15,000 and things went so well,” said Mayor Bryant. “I believe this is a good thing for the City of Mount Vernon and I expect this year’s event will be even better.” The council agreed to provide \$20,000 in support for the event from their share of the restaurant tax.

### Reports

Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales provided the council with the department’s January report. According to the report, the department made 80 runs using 2,750 gallons of water. There were 44 calls to vehicle-related incidents and seven EMS assists.

Helton provided the report for the Mount Vernon Police Department listing 352 calls for service in January. The department served 18 warrants and received seven grand jury indictments.

Wayne Bullock, head of the All-American Club reported picking up 20 bags of trash with the most coming from the Mount Vernon Elementary School grounds.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## “Prayer”

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Cromer says participants do not have to walk the entire length of the course and that everyone may walk at their own pace.

Also, local residents are encouraged to bring a chair and sit along the route and take part by waving at those in the walk and adding your own prayer to those involved.

“The important thing is to show up and pray and be expecting a move of God,” said Cromer.

For more information about the event, call Cromer at 606-308-1314.

## “RCIDA”

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“The request for the Certificate of Occupancy was sent on January 31 and we are still waiting on that piece of paper,” said Executive Director Jeff VanHook. “Typically a three-day wait, we are expecting to receive that very soon.”

VanHook said the building is 100% complete and a grand opening is being planned. “We are working out the details of how the space will be used and how the protocol will be set,” he said. “We are already getting calls from people hoping to lease the space.”

Most of the conversation during the meeting centered around the plans for natural gas in Mount Vernon and the Highway 150 corridor from Lincoln County, where the gas tap is located.

VanHook explained to the board and guests that Rockcastle County is a center hub of activity and the natural gas pipeline here would change the presence of the entire county.

“We have airports minutes away, we are on I-75,

we have industrial parks and we are the Gateway to Lake Cumberland,” he said. “Four million visitors per year head through this area to Cumberland and we believe that if natural gas were present here, we would have everything a mega-site could possibly look for. Not only big business and factories and plants but mega-sites are available on this corridor.”

VanHook traveled to Frankfort recently with Mayors and council members of other cities along the corridor involved, to meet with senators and representatives to push for the movement of the 641 project. The project has been under consideration for many years and VanHook believes the idea

is beginning to gain traction among lawmakers. “We have to keep the 150 corridor project and the 461 widening project on their radar every chance we have. And we do,” he said.

The board is continuing to seek funding for the gas line project through grants or any other outlet. “Delta is willing to put up \$12 million and we need another \$20 million. This pipeline would be monumental to this county and the entire corridor. In fact, the state would gain more than anyone with these projects completed.”

VanHook said such meetings in Frankfort are the events that start such projects on their way. “Rockcastle County, Boyle County, the City of Danville

and the City of Stanford share the same workforce and connective infrastructure and this will enhance us as a mega-site target for large industrial site selection opportunities,” he said.

In other action, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr told the board that he has received notice that if the county is required to redistrict, due to lower Census numbers, that redistricting process has been postponed to May of 2023.

The board then entered closed session.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## Legislative Update

By: Senator Brandon Storm

As we draw to the close of week eight of the 2022 Regular Session, we passed significant legislation to help people across the commonwealth.

This week has been a very busy week spending time visiting with constituents and having a host of Senate pages and special guests travel to the Capitol. I attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for Caine E. Steenberg (Laurel County); I was honored to receive a Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial challenge coin from Eric Philpot of the Kentucky Firefighters Association; Coleman Wright (Casey County), 2021-22 Casey County Future Farmers of America vice-president, served as a Senate page for Sen. Jimmy Higdon and myself; Karlee Gray (Laurel County), a very polite and cordial young lady, served as my Senate page; Embry Winkfein (Laurel County) was a special guest of mine who magnificently sang the national anthem; and I had the distinct honor of introducing Dr. TeShawna B. Sutton, O.D., president of the Kentucky Optometric Association as my special guest on the Senate floor. Dr. Sutton is an outstanding optometrist, strong leader and pillar in the community. I am extremely privileged to serve the 21st Senate District.

The Senate rolled out a tax rebate plan this week in Senate Bill 194 as a response to inflation hitting a 40-year high. Under the Senate’s plan, introduced during a special Appropriations and Revenue Committee meeting Thursday, each single working Kentucky taxpayer will receive up to \$500 and each household up to \$1,000. This tax rebate is possible because of the conservative budget of the commonwealth; unexpected and exceptional revenue growth is expected to yield over \$1.94 billion in excess funds that rightly belongs to Kentucky taxpayers. This plan will keep more money in taxpayers’ pockets and empower them with the tools to make appropriate choices for their families.

SJR 150 Senate Joint Resolution 150 (SJR 150), sponsored by Sen. Donald Douglas (R - Nicholasville) aims to end the COVID-19 state of emergency declared by Governor Andy Beshear on March 6, 2020, and was voted favorably out of committee and off the Senate floor this week.

Prior to the legislature’s involvement in COVID-related decision making in 2020, the Governor imposed widespread damaging mandates across the state; all elective medical procedures were halted, statewide mask mandates were imposed, schools were shut down, churches targeted, businesses were forced to close their doors and travel was restricted. Since the onset of the pandemic, overdose deaths, suicides and child abuse rates have skyrocketed. If lawmakers do not repeal this current state of emergency by March 7, it will expire on April 15 and the Governor will have the ability to file another extension. The General Assembly would then be unable to curtail the extreme actions our Governor has proved he is inclined toward, stoking additional fear in the constituency and further damaging our economy.

While the General Assembly recently passed Senate Bill 25, extending a limited state of emergency, the COVID-19 positivity rate for the commonwealth is significantly lower than it was in January. Until a House Committee Substitute was added to SB 25, it was

originally a clean bill providing flexibility for COVID mitigation in schools. The Senate had to decide whether to pass that bill or leave schools without mitigation funding and thus, in-person funding. We ultimately determine the good of SB 25 outweighed the bad.

SJR 150 is a thoughtful approach to end the Kentucky state of emergency, as it gives the executive branch time to determine whether to file administrative regulations based upon existing statutory authority. What’s does this really mean? This encourages the Governor to engage the legislature as opposed to unilaterally dictating policy. If the Governor chooses not to include the General Assembly in legislating, it will be clear to the residents of the commonwealth he is playing politics with their lives and livelihoods. With COVID-19 here to stay, it is finally time for Kentucky to return to normal and declare COVID an endemic, no longer a pandemic.

Below is some notable legislation that I would also like to bring to your attention:

SB 138, also known as the Teaching American Principles Act, extends existing elementary social studies standards to both middle and high school. It encourages a study of United States historical documents and uniting students around our nation’s history, not dividing them.

SB 138 preserves classroom discussion of controversial aspects of history and the historical oppression of a particular group of people. It also maintains a teacher’s ability to teach current events on controversial subjects and help students draw their own conclusions. It supports civic learning in settings that students may encounter in their lives, such as the legislative process. The bill also allows teachers to choose whether to engage in diversity-based training programs.

It does not circumvent the established standards adoption process or diminish employee professional growth and development, nor does it inhibit frank conversations about past injustices done. It prohibits homework assignments,

projects or extra credit on political, social-policy or lobbying activities to which a student or their family objects.

SB 138 was drafted in response to the growing concerns from parents, students and teachers alike, that our nation’s history is being rewritten in the academic setting. This has been a growing trend nationwide causing division and angst amongst parents and school boards. SB 138 sets out to unify these groups in the commonwealth by the inclusion of our nation’s primary source historical documents that embrace the good, the bad and the ugly of the authentic American story.

SB 124 allows CDL license holders to renew expired licenses less than 5 years old without taking both the knowledge and skills tests. This only applies to CDL license holders whose license was not suspended, revoked or disqualified. Drivers must submit medical clearance, self-certification, a criminal background check, a review of driving history and a vision test. Any former CDL license holders whose license was suspended because of a failure to submit medical evaluation, may renew their license. Finally, it allows drivers to keep their hazardous materials endorsements if they retake the required examinations.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to highlight a very important date. February 23 marked the anniversary of one of the most grueling battles in United States Marine Corps history, the battle of Iwo Jima. More than 6,000 Marines died and nearly 20,000 Marines were wounded taking Iwo Jima. Please join me in paying humble respect to those brave soldiers who fought heroically in the face of tyranny and nearly insurmountable odds in the fight for freedom.

As always, it’s an honor to represent the residents of the 21st District here in our commonwealth’s capital. If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please contact me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Brandon.Storm@rc.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature’s work online at www.legislature.ky.gov.

### Worshipping the Lord in Spirit and In Truth

There are five items we must practice, when we come together on the first day of the week to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. All these five items have the same value when it comes to worshipping God, we must hold to this pattern because it was given to us by God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

1. First, we are to sing. Hebrews 2:12 In the midst of the church I will sing. Ephesians 5:19 Speaking unto yourselves in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing making melody in your hearts unto the Lord. One of the greatest joys in the church, is singing unto the Lord. The apostle Paul reminds us, that our singing should not be taken lightly in, 1 Corinthians 14:15 I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding. The songs we sing are to encourage and to lift our spirits and to give us hope and joy in our hearts.
2. Second, we are to pray. I think we all realize how important prayer is to our worship. 1 Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting holy hands, without wrath and doubting. There is a way to pray to the Almighty and the living God. We are to pray clearly and loud enough so everyone can hear the prayer, if not how can we say Amen, when the prayer is finished. The apostle Paul states in 1 Corinthians 14:15 I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding. Our prayers are to be directed toward Heaven, in a manner that is pleasing unto the Lord. Matthew 6:7 We are not to use vain repetitions, as the heathen do, for they think they will be heard for their much speaking. We all need to remember, when we pray, it is not a competition, against one another to see who pray the longest or the loudest, but it is prayer for one another and unto the Lord.
3. Third, is the Teaching. Teaching and preaching the word of God also is very important, through teaching the word of God, the church is edified. We could not grow, progress, or develop. What should be taught? Acts 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God. The whole word of God should be taught from Genesis to Revelation. This is the only way the man of God can be complete, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Thank you for reading this article. We will continue with the three remaining items in the worship next week, in part two of our study. If you would like a free Bible correspondence course, you can contact me at the number listed on the article or you can e-mail me.

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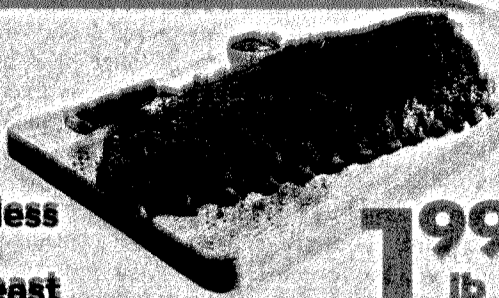
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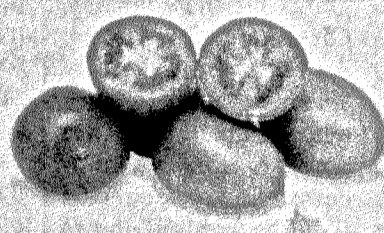
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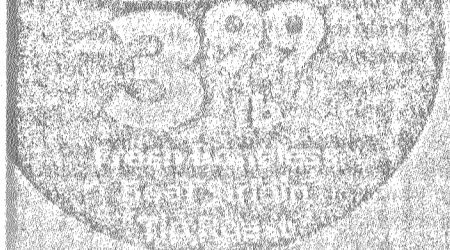
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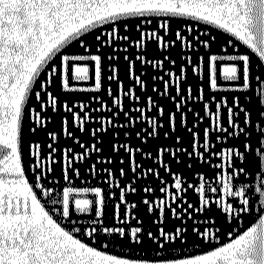


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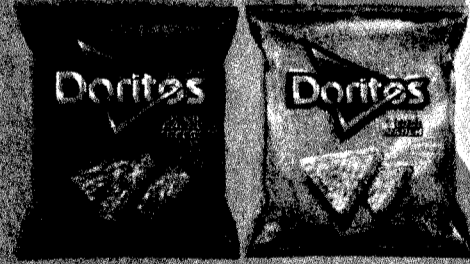


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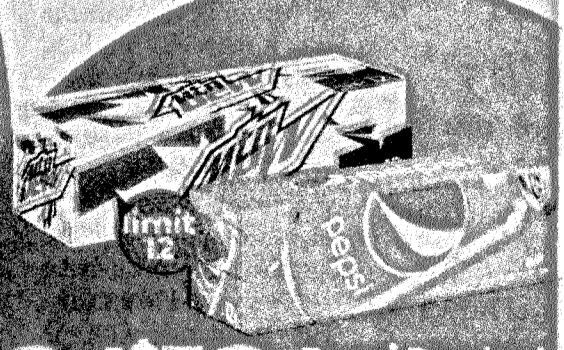
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## Vaping

### Becoming a problem in the local school system

By: Mike French  
Editor

Vaping in the local school system has become a problem, according to school officials.

In 2003, Hon Lik, Sr., of China, died of lung cancer. His son, according to sources, invented the e-cigarette to keep those addicted to smoking from breathing dozens of harmful chemicals in cigarettes, while giving them the nicotine they craved.

It is estimated that the idea took hold in America around 2013. Last year, nine years later, there were over 22,000,000 electronic cigarettes sold in America, providing the industry with nearly half a billion dollars in revenue annually.

The e-cigarette, also known as "vaping" has grown nearly as fast as any business since the invention of the television, according to some internet sources.

Many believe vaping to be nearly as dangerous as smoking cigarettes. While the issue is hotly debated, there is no argument that many vape users add other chemicals to their e-cigarette, including illegal drugs. Countless vapes have been found across the country with methamphetamine or fentanyl in the "juice." THC and leaf marijuana are also often found inside vape units at schools across the country.

"How do you know what they are smoking?" asks Rockcastle County Schools Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert. "It is a stick and you just see smoke. There is no way to know what is inside that stick they are smoking."

Though some doctors recommend vaping as an alternative to smoking, many agree that vaping is dangerous for a younger body and provides a way to hide the use of illegal

drugs. Many believe vaping, even without introducing illegal drugs, is extremely dangerous to the lungs and heart of anyone who vapes. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that "vaping can be harmful to children and young adults."

Carl Varney, of the UNITE Program, agrees. "We have to let these kids know of the dangers of vaping and we will continue our efforts to end addiction," he said.

Varney travels to schools across the fifth congressional district teaching the youth at each school about the dangers of vaping. He presented his program to the students of Rockcastle County Middle School on Friday. "These people (Vape manufacturers) don't care about your lungs," said Varney. "All they care about is getting you addicted to nicotine."

Varney led three programs telling every student about the dangers of vaping. "The next time someone offers you a draw from a vape, I want you to see my face and remember what I am telling you," he told each class last week. "I want you to picture that juice forming into a vapor and then getting into your lungs and turning back into a liquid and filling your lungs."

The UNITE representative showed videos of vape devices exploding in the hands of children and provided statistics showing that 37 percent of high school students have vaped. "When someone hands you a vape, you have no idea where that came from and neither do they," he said. "You have to remember that 2 milligrams of pure fentanyl is lethal and that is just a speck."

Varney said statistics show that there are students at RCMS that vape

already. "We have to put a stop to this," he said.

Principal Robert Phillips at RCMS said his staff had noticed a severe vaping issue this year. "It has slowed down slightly now but

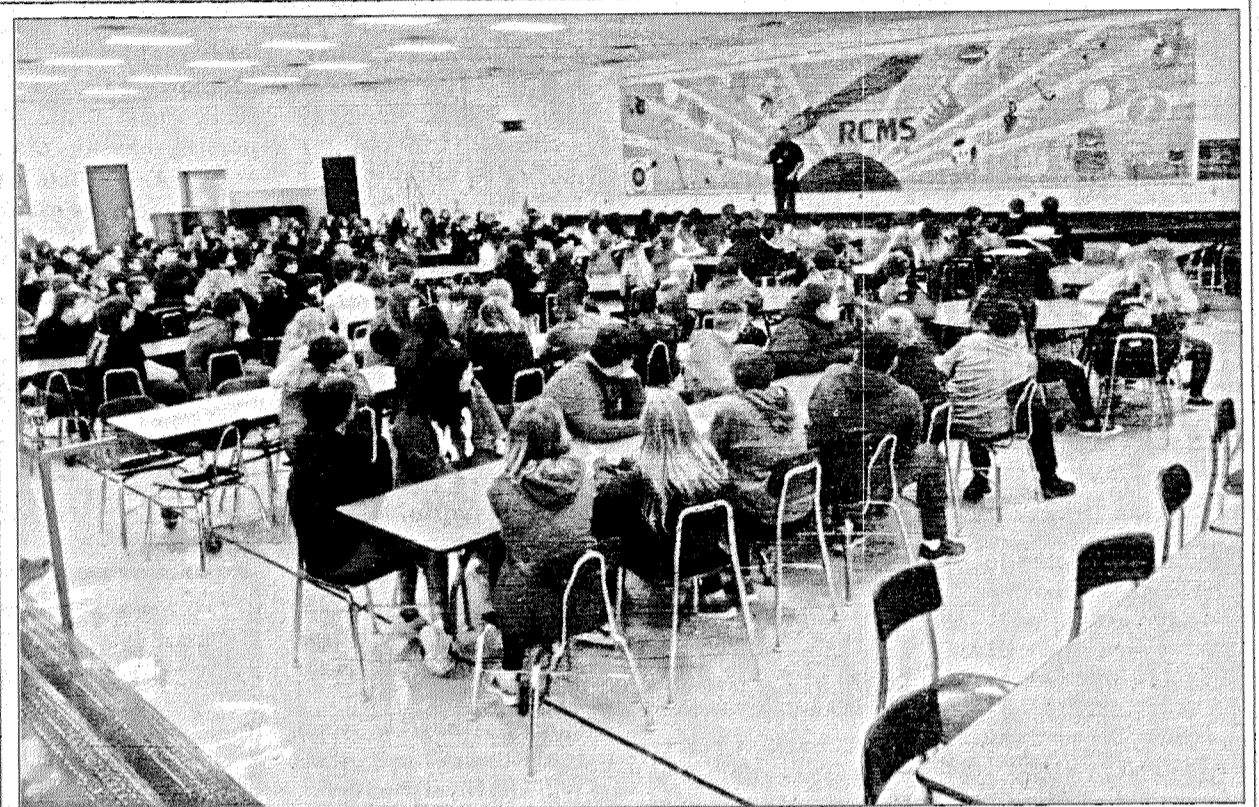
it is still an issue," he said.

Parents are encouraged to keep a watch and to teach their children the dangers of vaping in youths. Nicotine has been associated with lung

disease, heart disease, brain development, blood disorders, cancer, mood swings and many other side effects.

Anyone interested in having Varney provide a program for a youth

group, church or organization, is welcome to visit the UNITE webpage and submit a request. "We will do anything we can to help stop this addiction in our youth," Varney said.



Carl Varney, with UNITE, provided three presentations to all students at the Rockcastle County Middle School last Friday, concerning the dangers of vaping. Principal Robbie Phillips said vaping has become a serious issue at all local schools.

## Mayor's grandson changing the world of golf using his talent and his mind

Hunter Stewart

By: Mike French  
Editor

Hunter Stewart has become a well known name in the world of Golf. The grandson of Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, the 28-year-old hit the amateur golf world like a tornado on Main Street, eventually changing the overall streetscape forever.

Stewart's mother Melissa Stewart, Bryant's daughter, graduated RCHS and moved to Lexington but the family's Mount Vernon roots are still strong, according to Bryant.

Stewart was featured in *Golf Week Magazine* recently as his efforts are beginning to change the way professional golfers around the world approach the game.

The young man became the first player from Vanderbilt to be chosen as the SEC Player of the Year in 2015. In his amateur status, he took three individual titles and, after claiming the Northeast Amateur that summer, he became number one in the scratch players world amateur rankings. He made eight PGA starts, after turning pro, including a top ten finish at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba and pocketed \$137,433 for a week of work.

However, Stewart didn't make the cut in the 2016 Farmers Insurance Open, and then a skiing accident in 2017 held him back from other goals he had in mind, according to the article. He played three seasons in the PGA Canada tour earning \$72,000 over the three years.

After even more setbacks in the next few years, Stewart told the magazine he didn't handle the situation well. "If

there is anything I regret it would be I felt too sorry for myself when I didn't get it done," he told the magazine.

But, there was still a lot that Stewart could do for the world of golf. Stewart, being called "A beautiful mind" in the golf world, Stewart combined his two passions of golf and strategy and began helping pros use data and statistics to improve their game.

Stewart began offer-

ing his mind for free to players with the sales pitch, "What if I could save you a shot a tournament?" This happens to be the first goal of every professional golfer. Hence, the idea began to catch on. Stewart has a crew of professional golfers who look to him for advice and strategy and has attended 27 tour events in 2021 with some of the top players in the world using his strategies.

Stewart apparently analyzes player's games, strokes, and every facet of their play to create a pattern and look for ways to strengthen their game-- and it works.

Stewart now takes his strategy to tours around the world and is making a difference in the game of golf.

He did not rule out a professional comeback of his own, but right now he is helping other players make their game better.

## Donnie Lamb bond increased

County Attorney asking to increase charges also

By: Mike French  
Editor

According to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe's office, Donnie Lamb, 57, of Mount Vernon, was arraigned on a charge of Assault in the first degree last week in a Rockcastle court.

Lamb was charged after an altercation in which he allegedly shot George Davis, also of Mount Vernon, after a dispute between neighbors on Three Oaks Road. Davis was flown to the University of Kentucky medical Center where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

## Mason held pending grand jury indictment

By: Mike French  
Editor

Judge Scott Lawless found probable cause to

However, Assistant County Attorney William Leger, who was present at the arraignment on behalf of the county attorney's office, made a motion to raise Lamb's bond from \$25,000 to \$75,000 cash or property. According to Rowe's office, District Court Judge Scott Lawless granted Leger's motion.

Leger also made a motion to amend the charge of Assault to Attempted Murder. The court waited until this week to schedule a hearing when Lamb's attorney could be present, and will then consider that motion as well.

hold Robin Mason, 21, on a second degree assault charge, involving the

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**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 52x28

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

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

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**Posted:** No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

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**Notice is hereby given that** Stacey Blanton has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Lillie Fleming on the 24th day of January 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Stacey Blanton or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 24, 2022. 2x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Shannon Franklin, Rockcastle Co. Sheriff, 205 E. Main St., Box 2, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Public Administrator of the estate of Courtney Duff on the 31st day of January, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Shannon Franklin or to Hon. Gregory E.H. Smith, Flint Law Firm, 2690 Olivet Church Rd., Paducah, KY 42001 on or before August 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. 2x3

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**Notice is hereby given that** Merita McGuire, 1384 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Christopher Ryan McGuire on the 14th day of February, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Merita McGuire or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. 2x3



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Woods and Waters W/M & S LLP, property on Lear Lane, to Lynn Woods-Lamb. Tax \$55

Charles H. Spivey and Kevin and Tammy Joan Shelton, property in Rockcastle County, to Walter Zachary Baker. Tax \$115

Ray and Lois Philbeck, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Tommy Ray Philbeck. No tax

Deanna Cartmill, property in Hwy. 70 Subdv., to Cameron Properties LLC. Tax \$20

JaDawn and Michael Lopez, property in Rockcastle County, to Brandi Leah Ricketts. Tax \$80

Melinda and Michael McGuire and Ressa Bowman and Donald Bowman, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald Bowman. Tax \$10

Ann Cromer and William Chaffins, property on Boone Fork of the Dix River, to Timothy and Leslie Cromer. No tax

Justice and Mackenzie Barron, property on KY 1249, to Danny Barron. Tax \$7.50

Shelby and Kathy Reynolds, property in Rolling Hills Subdv., to David and Anna Light. Tax \$220

Darrin and Cheryl Chasteen, property near Lambert Road, to Arthur and Amy Baxter. Tax \$50

Brady Brummett, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Adam and Kinsye Collins and Darcy Eric Clark. Tax \$21

Kenneth David and Deborah Kay Gilliam, property in Rockcastle County, to Adam Kinsye Collins and Darcy Eric Clark. Tax \$17

Nathan D. and Kimberly A. Kerr, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Adam Kinsye Collins and Darcy Eric Clark. Tax \$12.50

Jackson D. Morris and Irene M. Morris, property on Copper Creek Road, to Carlos Powers II and Tina Powers. Tax \$360

Spencer Paddock and Don Dees, property on Hammnds Fork Road, to Cody and Alice Harkins. Tax \$240

Cameron Properties LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Greg and Patricia Coyle. Tax \$100

Eddie Powell, property in Rockcastle County, to Amy Wyatt. No tax

Robert C. and Paula Allen, property on U.S. 25, to Aliana Cherpitel. Tax \$99

Bob Lunsford, property on U.S. 150, to Aasvi, Inc. Tax \$80

Ashley S. and Robert Thomas and Derrick Andrew and Kimberly Isaac, property in Rockcastle County, to Derrick Andrew Isaac.

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Michael Allen Johnson and Dale Rodney Johnson, property in Rockcastle County, to Misty Johnson. No tax

Rita Darlene and James A. Worley, property in Sunset Place Subdv., to Matthew and Cara Hill. Tax \$367.50

Jeremy and Melissa Neeley property on KY 150, to Rockcastle Self Storage LLC. Tax \$177.50

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## Marriage Licenses

Delores Jean Gray, 63, Mt. Vernon, disabled and Clinton Padgett, 74, Eubank, retired. 2/14/22

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## District Court

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Hon. Kathryn G. Stone  
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Rebecca Lynn Green: public intoxication, 6 days in jail/costs merged.

Logan McGuire: unauthorized use of property, and two counts of fleeing or evading police, 12 months in jail/conditionally discharged 24 months on condition/court costs merged.

David S. Blackburn: fines/fees due (\$61)/two days in jail or payment in full.

Jason Neil Cope: fines/fees due (\$223), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/five days in jail or payment in full.

Kimberly Ann Cope: bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Michael Wayne Cope: flagrant non support, bw issued for fta.

Nancy K. Damrell: possession controlled substance and three other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Stephen Mitchell Dockery: fines/fees due (\$318), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full.

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

Becky Lynn Hasley: fines/fees due (\$151), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Billie Hines: fines/fees due (\$813), bw issued for fta/17 days in jail or payment in full.

Andrea Elizabeth Johnson: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Regina Jones: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and five other charges, bw issued for fta.

Kasey Leigh Newcomb: no/expired registration plates-re-

ceipt, bw issued for fta.

Jessica A. Nunnally: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Brian L. Perry: speeding and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jeffrey Robert Phelps: fines/fees due (\$193), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Jameson Lee Pingleton: fines/fees due (\$188), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Matthew Lwis Pratt: fines/fees due (\$418), bw issued for fta/nine days in jail or payment in full.

Rufus K. Simpson: operating vehicle w/expired operators license and three other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Matthew D. Spoonamore: fines/fees due (\$943), bw issued for fta/19 days in jail or payment in full.

Tammy Lynn Stevens: speeding, no/expired registration plates-receipt, license suspended for fta.

Tamatha Lynn Stewart: fines/es due (\$353), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Cassie Torres: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and eight other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

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

Adam Higgins: two counts of stalking, 30 days in jail; terroristic threatening, 30 days in jail/concurrent/costs merged; fines/fees due (\$248)/converted to five days in jail.

Robert L. Conley: two counts of driving motor vehicle texting plus three other charges, license suspended for fta.

Joe Thomas Lamb, Jr: speeding, \$25 fine plus costs and failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Billie Tharp: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and three other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

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

Billy Jack Rayburn: fines/fees due (\$283), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Joshua D. Sizemore: no weight distane tax license and Pt 396 Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Reair/Maintenance, court notice issued.

Noah Michael Trump: assault, 60 days in jail plus court costs.

Jessie W. Wagers: operating on suspended/revoked operators license plus three other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

James Melvin Whitener: speeding and careless driving, license suspended for fta.

Richard Brightwell: public intoxication controlled substance and disorderly conduct, bw issued for fta.

Teddi Faye Day: theft by unlawful taking and harassing communications, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition each charge/concurrent/costs merged/plus restitution.

Mark Shane Griffis:

no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Mark S. Hughes: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and seven other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jeremiah Marks: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and six other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Derick Bishop: no operators/moped license, court notice issued.

Jason D. Bullock: alcohol intoxication in public place, 90 days/probated 12 months on condition; DUI, \$200 fine, \$425 service fee, csts merged, license suspended up to six months plus 365 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition and full restitution.

Jamie Reed: assault and controlled substance prescription not in original container, 30 days in jail (each count/concurrent/costs merged).

Gary M. Berryman: possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.

Donald J. Charlton: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and six other charges, bw issued/license suspended.

Devin duane Didonato: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jacqueline Renee Harding: no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.

Adam Ray Higgins: receiving stolen property, theft by unlawful taking, theft by deception, court notice issued.

Dorothy Louise Hurst: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Gary D. Lamb: failure to wear seat belts and operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jeremiah Marks: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; license to be in possession, \$100 fine plus costs.

Rodney Lee Moberly: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to surrender revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

William David Mosley: public intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs.

Amber M. Partin: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and four other charges, court notice issued.

Kenneth Wayne Powell: fines/fees due (\$313), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full.

Allen Ray Roberts: terroristic threatening and harassing communications, 30 days each charge/concurrent/probated 12 months on condition plus costs.

Toni Larae Sizemore: no/expired registration plates - receipt and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

James Spoonamore: operating on suspended/revoked operators license

and nine other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Gary Holland: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, court notice sent.

Sammy A. Isaacs: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and four other charges, bw issued for fta.

Joseph Isom: driving DUI suspended license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

John Lake: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances, sentencing order entered.

Amber Dawn Phillips: instructional permit violations, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Frankie Allen Cope: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 30 days in jail/each count, concurrent/costs waived.

Kyle Andrew Barton: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Brandon Troy Beatty: fines/fees due (\$179), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Johnny Dwayne Bowling: fines/fees due (\$25), bw issued for fta/one day in jail or full payment.

Israel A. Cedeno Franco: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or full payment.

Bennie R. Coots: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Rebecca Green: fines/fees due (\$98), bw issued for fta/two days in jail or full payment.

Frances K. Hensley: fines/fees due (\$343), seven days in jail or payment in full.

Virgil Leon Janeway: fines/fees due (\$798), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or full payment.

James M. Westley: cultivate in marijuana, bw issued for fta.

Shannon Lee York: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$250 fine plus costs.

Jamie Corwin Medley: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or full payment.

Shawn Douglas Miller: fines/fees due (\$293), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or full payment.

Samantha Naylor: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or full payment.

Jadawn L. Powell: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or full payment.

Hugh A. Rader: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or full payment

Juanita Renner: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Johnny Dale Singleton: fines/fees due (\$393), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Gregory Scott Vanover: fines/fees due (\$142), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

Craig Marion McCreary: failure to wear seat belts, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt and no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine each count; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine.

James M. Russell: two counts of resisting arrest, 60 days in jail each count/concurrent/costs waived.

Joseph Baker: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Bradley Choemae: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and driving without license/negligence in accident, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Darin S. McKinney, Renee Edith Boyd, Tiffany Stanton Miller, Justin Ochoa, Johnny L. Sullivan, Logan Williams, Lakeisha Shantelk Gaddies, Jameel Syed Ahmad, license suspended for fta; Herbert H. Mayo, paid.

Joshua Odas Bowling: speeding and failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Brittany M. White: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Natasha Samples: public intoxication controlled substance, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Mathieu Lee Warf: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; disregarding stop sign, \$25 fine plus costs.

James Robert Wynn: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances, sentencing order entered.

## "Mason"

(Continued from B1)

stabbing of Anthony Dattilo of Livingston, with a \$15,000 bond, according to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe's office.

On February 10, several Livingston residents gathered on Black Street to witness police interviews following the stabbing.

After an investigation, police determined the stabbing occurred after an extended argument over a hoodie. Mason was arrested and charged with Assault in the second Degree and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

On Wednesday, February 16, at a preliminary hearing, Judge Lawless found probable cause to hold Mason who will be held on the District Court bond for 60 days pending a grand jury indictment.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass, Giant foxtail, Canada thistle, Nodding thistle, Common teasel, Multiflora rose, Amur honeysuckle, Poison hemlock, Mares tail, Japanese knotweed, and Kudzu.

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at [transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages](http://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages)