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RCCHS held homecoming festivities Friday night before the Rockets' game against Lynn Camp. Senior Alexa Bussell, third from left, was crowned Queen and senior Justin Mink was crowned King. Senior Audrey Childress, at right, was first runner-up and senior Casey Coleman, at left, was second runner-up. The homecoming was sponsored by the RCCHS Student Council and the King and Queen will each receive \$500 scholarships with money raised solely by the student council.

Mount Vernon man is shot in altercation

Investigation underway

By: Mike French
Editor

A man was shot during an altercation in Rockcastle County last week. Information about the incident is limited since the investigation is still underway, according to Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk.

Police will say the investigation has shown that Joshua S. Little, 42, of Mount Vernon shot Timothy W. Clines, 43, also of Mount Vernon, just after midnight on March 4.

A press release from the London Post of the Kentucky State Police says the incident took place on Sand Hill in Rockcastle County. The release says 911 was contacted with a domestic violence complaint involving Clines and an unidentified female.

According to the investigation, Little shot Clines once in the torso.

Police have not said why, but both men were transported to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries and Clines

(See "Shot" on 5)

High speed chase through county

By: Mike French
Editor

A Florida man was chased through Rockcastle County Friday, March 5, at 130 mph, according to a Kentucky State Police press report.

The release says police responded to a complaint about a man driving a car with a beer in his lap and police located the vehicle and performed a traffic stop. However, when police approached the car, John Joseph Melotik, 56, of Lauderdale, Florida, sped away.

The release says police chased Melotik at speeds

reaching 130 mph northbound until the car crashed at exit 83. Still, the release says melotik would not exit his vehicle or obey commands.

Melotik was arrested at

(See "Chase" on 5)



Candidates for the 2021 RCCHS Homecoming are shown above, from left: Hannah Neeley, Kerrigan Medley, Casey Coleman, Justin Mink, Alexa Bussell, Audrey Childress, Kyra Ramsey and Laurel Yates.

COVID cases fall

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department reports only three new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the past seven days in

Rockcastle County. Deaths remain at 15 in the county with total positive new cases now at 700.

There are also ten less probable cases than last week. Probable cases stand at 646 with 41 active cases.

Flood relief available

Any citizen affected by flooding is urged to complete a free application form on page 9 in this issue of the Signal, and mail it to the Flood Relief Fund address shown on the form, to be eligible for a \$500 grant.

School Board

The Rockcastle County School Board's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon. The public is invited to attend. (See next week's Signal for details)

Livingston Police officer resigns Monday

On Monday, March 8, the Livingston City Commission meeting was called "lively" by some present and ended with the resignation of

Police Chief William Barrett and the strong disgruntlement of local business owners.

The commissioners planned to discuss whether to approve the purchase of lawn care equipment for the city.

The estimated cost for the needed equipment was estimated at \$9,377. The motion to purchase these tools was unanimously approved after some disagreement about how the voting process works in a City Commission form of government.

Commissioner Clyde Carpenter stated, "We need to come up to the 21st century."

This was the only subject on the agenda but a full house prompted Mayor Dwane King to ask if those present

wanted to address the commission.

Larry Davidson, Owner of Rockcastle Outdoors Company located in Livingston, spoke up presenting

several questions to the commissioners.

The list of questions included asking commissioners and the mayor if they are aware

(See "Resign" on 5)

Landlords say renters should pay water bills

By: Mike French
Editor

In a very lively, sometimes heated, meeting members of the Brodhead City Commission and Mayor Walter Cash, had to bring order to the regular monthly meeting Monday night, March 8th several times as those present often spoke over each other.

With more guests than the regular chambers would hold, commissioners moved the meeting to the firehouse Monday evening in order to meet social distancing mandates.

Guests expressed concern about recent discussion concerning who would be responsible for

(See "Bills" on 5)

Crews still out cleaning debris

By: Mike French
Editor

It's not over yet.

A snowstorm hit the area, followed by an ice storm, followed by severe flooding, in February and

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and many others have been working almost around the clock since the storms began.

"We had so much damage" (See "Crews" on 5)

County sees first day of no new COVID cases

Officials say remain diligent

By: Mike French
Editor

For the first time in a year, the Cumberland Valley District health Department (CVDHD) was able to report no new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Rockcastle County

on Thursday, March 4.

The "zero new cases" report was released last week after a continued decline in cases in Kentucky as well as the nation. In fact, this week, only three new confirmed

(See "COVID" on 5)



Daylight Savings Time will begin Sunday, March 14 at 2 a.m. Citizens are asked to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening. The next time change will occur on November 7.

Call first in Brodhead

Anyone wishing to use the Brodhead City Park must call City Hall at 606 256-8635 to reserve the area. Anyone without reservations will be asked to leave.

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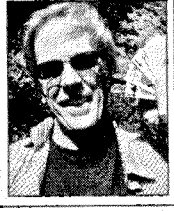
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I consider myself a country boy and I always will. I grew up working in tobacco and hay and gardens and killing hogs. In our homemade sausage, we used our own sage that we hand rubbed and our own peppers that we minced. We salted our own hams, and pickled our own pig's feet. We canned our veggies and drank water out of the cistern my dad built.

We burned a coal stove for heat and used coal oil lanterns for light. We slept under our own handmade quilts stuffed with goose down and went to the little building out back when nature called.

We played cowboys and Indians and the color of our neighbor's skin wasn't even noticed. We stood when we heard the National Anthem, we crossed our hearts when we said the Pledge of Allegiance and bowed our heads and closed our eyes when we prayed. Yes, I'm a country boy.

I am a hunter and I know how to clean and dress squirrel, dove, turkey and rabbit and I know how to cook it.

But, that doesn't mean I know everything about the country life. I will gladly admit that we bought groceries from A&P Grocery, we bought eggs and milk from the "milk" man that came around each week, and we bought chickens...already fried. We didn't raise chickens for some reason.

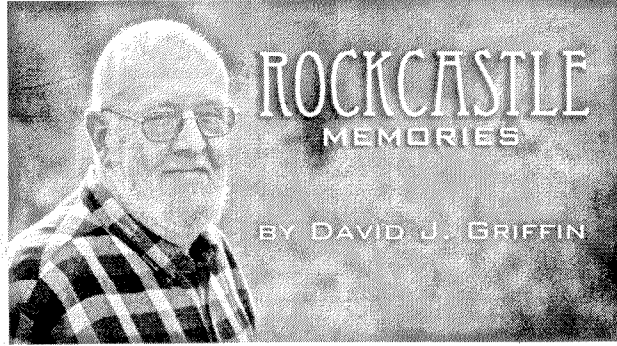
So, Dora and I decided we wanted fresh eggs and fresh fried chicken on the farm where we live now. So I did a little Google

research, built a chicken coop, including nesting spots and perches for the comfort of our new feathered family and then we bought Henry and Etta.

We invested in bags and bags of chicken feed, fancy little chicken feeders, time released water supplies, heat lamps, bales of hay, chicken wire, fences posts, plywood covering, springs, hinges and special treats for when they acted right as a reward. After finishing the coop, complete with a chicken ramp so they could explore their new world, we set them up in their new home. She even bought them little chicken toys to play with. That's two very comfortable chickens.

They were kind of small and the guy told us

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Riding Young Trees

When I was seven or eight-years-old, one of my pastimes was to climb young trees and ride them over to the ground. We tried to select hardwood saplings because they would bend over without breaking and slamming us to the ground. We usually picked oak or poplar trees.

This fun game was a way that boys in my neighborhood passed the time and gave us some excitement. The boys that loved this game were Kenneth Hansel, Earl Benton Cromer, and me. We usually ventured into the woods behind my grandfather's (Pop) house. Many of the trees were young, and hard-

woods were plentiful.

One of us would select a tree, climb to the top, hold on tight, swing our legs out, and ride the tree to the ground slowly. The secret was to let go of the tree as soon as our feet touched the ground. When you released the tree top, it would spring back and be ready for another ride. (By the way, I do not recommend this game to anyone because there is a possibility that it could result in injury.)

Kenneth and I kept our eye out for trees to ride whenever we were walking in the woods. In addition to the woods behind Pop's house, we chose a few young saplings in the Big Fill Cave area. Both of us could enter the woods and walk directly to a tree that we could ride.

Pop always cautioned us about selecting the right trees to ride. He told us not to attempt this pastime with pine trees because they would break easily and could slam us to the ground. Kenneth and I stayed away from pines.

Once, I was walking in the woods with a young lady. I was probably 14 years old—old enough to want to impress a pretty girl. I spotted a perfect tree to ride, and I shimmed up to the top and rode it successfully to the ground. She was apparently impressed because

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I have never been a fan of America's Got Talent, mostly because I don't like watching card tricks and so-called magic tricks and I've seen very little in the way of talent during the few times I've tuned into that show. Nor have I seen anything, before the current season, to idolize on American Idol. Normally, I'd much rather be reading a book. I do confess to being hopelessly addicted to The Voice and even record it if there's a chance I won't be close to a TV or if singer shows up that I would like to hear again.

I'm also addicted to playing along with The

Voice Ap on an Android computer tablet even though I've come within several hundred thousand points of winning the game. I have, however, on the AP, chosen the winner more than 75% of the time so take that, Blake Shelton.

In the meantime, just in case you haven't already heard 't in the news, American Idol has now become well worth watching, at least for us, because 3 of the contestants live within a few miles of our place and we are actually acquainted with the parents and grandparents of one of them. Seventeen year

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Upon Meeting Maggie

Dear Journal,

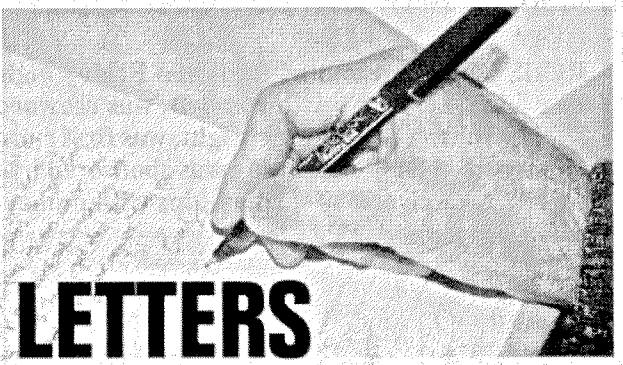
Yesterday Stanley and I went to Lexington to visit with the newest member of the family, Margaret Elizabeth Blattman. She was born last March 2nd but I had just come home from the hospital the day before from having my latest brain tumor surgery, so it was impossible for me to go to see her. Then a few days thereafter the COVID virus started here in the states. Hoping the virus would end soon, we

thought it best to just wait it out and for me to get my strength back. Well, it seems that I'm still waiting on both. The COVID just lingered and lingered. I was at high risk and so was she.

"Maggie's" mom, my great niece, Sarah, was having a party for her and we went prior to the party just to visit and take her a gift. Can you believe it? I have a great-great niece. I can sit down and tell her stories about, "Let me tell you about your great-grandpa when he was just a boy". Then, I have another great-great niece who is in high school, a drum major at Henry Clay this year. Maybe I'll have a great-great-great niece or nephew one day. I've seen a lot of generations of this family. I believe I've seen seven generations currently and may see eight. I need to put it all down in a family history for the generations to come. It would be just old family tales.

After the visit we headed over to the Loudon Square Buffet, one of our very favorite places to eat. The place is owned and operated by

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rowe is dedicated public official...

Dear Editor,

Recently I retired as Executive Director of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association. A position that I was privileged to hold for more than a decade. Prior to assuming that position, I had twice been elected Powell

County Judge Executive and also served as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy.

During my time in all these posts, I worked with many dedicated men and women serving their communities. I have also witnessed a few who were not well suited for

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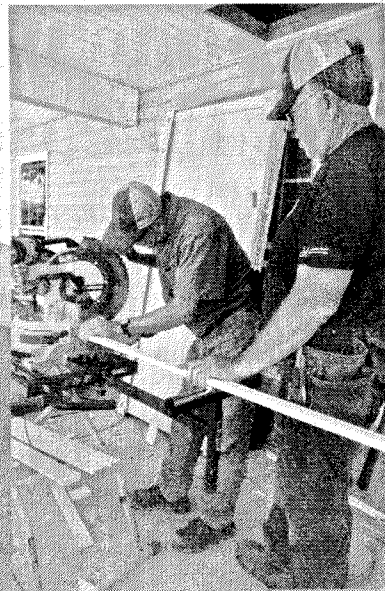
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“Aces”

we may not get eggs for a while. Still, every morning without fail, one of us lifted the little spring-loaded roof I built so that I could look in their nest for an egg. Each time we looked was like a child looking into the box he just opened on Christmas morning. We did that day after day after day after day....

Hmmmm. Still no egg. We got back on Google and apparently we needed to switch their feed. Some chickens lay better with certain types of feed and I read that the chickens shouldn't "feel stress." Okay. No problem.

Each day we waited. I figured it was like watching water boil. A watched pot never boils. So, we ignored them awhile and only checked it every few days. Still, no eggs.

Last week, we had some flooding. So we had to get out of bed around midnight. We had no water, no electric, no internet and our driveway was a raging river. But because of that, we were both awake at about 4:30 a.m. and we were out back trying to put stuff up into dry areas.

Suddenly, we heard the coolest noise. It took us both back to the days of our childhood. We smiled and even amid the natural disaster we were fighting, we took pleasure in that old-time sound. There it was again. And again. What is that?

It was a rooster crowing. Unfortunately...it was both of them.

We instantly realized why we hadn't found any eggs. The man swore we had at least one female.

Anyway, we just came from Tractor Supply where we bought nine more chickens. Surely one of them is female and we can get an egg out of all this. Now we just have to raise these nine new chicks and wait, and wait, and wait.

Anyway, I guess you have to learn somehow. But we have two of the nicest, biggest Roosters you have ever seen. Here's hoping we don't have 11 now. There is no doubt, these will be the most expensive eggs in history.

It reminds me that last year I spent about \$50 in cash and 80 hours of work for the 20 to 25 tomatoes we got from our tomato garden. Considering my time at just \$10 per hour, that's about \$42 per tomato.

I am guessing we will have about \$20 in each egg as well.

Hey, at least the cost of country living is going down.

“East”

old Country Musician, (and I do mean COUNTRY) Alex Miller, actually went to grade school at Paint Lick Elementary and still lives in Lancaster. He was featured on this year's season premier and subsequently advanced to the next round of competition.

Last Sunday night, Pop Musician, Alyssa Wray, from nearby Perryville (I forgot her age but I guessing 20 or 21) also gave a WOW worthy performance that blew off the judges' socks. Alyssa also advanced to the next round. Finally, 29 year old Mount Vernon resident, Courtney Arnold, does not yet know when her audition will air but she

has been assured that it will. Courtney has been performing Country and Bluegrass Music at Renfro Valley for the last 8 years and I have high hopes that she will also make the first cut of contenders.

In the meantime, it's now 3 minutes until 8:00 PM on this spring-like Monday evening and the voice will be on before stop at the necessary on my way to the TV. The column is already way paste late and now it's going to be later.

Now it's 10:30 and too late to make much difference. If I'd known 2 and 1/2 hours ago how pitiful tonight's episode of The Voice was going to be, I would finished what I started even though I did rack up several thousand points in the play along.

The column is going to be short, if not sweet because I have to get to bed to hopefully get some sleep, even though the likelihood of that is slim to none. I'm schedule for another round of pre op procedures at Markey before I undergo major cancer surgery on the 19th.

I'm trying not to worry about it but I'm not having any luck. Your prayers that can get this 16 months and counting ordeal put behind me will be much appreciated.

“Letters”

the public trust they possessed. Working with County Attorneys this past decade, I have firsthand, up-close, professional experience with their unique and enormous responsibilities.

I felt compelled to send this letter to voice my thoughts on Jeremy Rowe. Rockcastle County is fortunate to have a man of his stature serving as County Attorney. Since taking office, Jeremy has demonstrated his concern for public safety and has served as an example of what it means to be a firm, fair and even-handed prosecutor. This has earned Jeremy the well-deserved respect of his colleagues across Kentucky.

Jeremy has been actively involved with the Kentucky County Attorneys Association. He has demonstrated an amazing willingness to provide time, wisdom and leadership on criminal justice, legislative and policy issues. On matter concerning public safety, or providing programs that serve working families, we can depend on Jeremy's full support.

When it comes to serving his community and state, Jeremy Rowe is one of the most unselfish and dedicated public officials I know.

As I leave the public service, I want to say that it has truly been an honor to have had this opportunity of working with Jeremy. I am optimistic that he will continue to serve admirably and provide strong leadership for the people of Rockcastle County and the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Bill Patrick
Lexington, KY

Am I in the same universe as the Fiscal Court...

Dear Editor,
I read the article reviewing the February 9th Fiscal Court meeting and quite honestly had to go back about three times to make certain that I had read it correctly. "The court also voted to return \$6,837 that remained un-

used by the county after a litter abatement grant of \$33,674."

As I pondered this bit of information, I couldn't help to think about what in the heck the members that voted on this issue were thinking about?

Was I in the same universe as the Fiscal Court? Yes, I live in Rockcastle County, so I must be.

Are there roads and streets in this county that are blighted with beer cans, plastic soda bottles, fast food packaging, glass, (needles?), mattresses, appliances, rusted and decayed automobiles? Yes, I simply drove from Mt Vernon to Livingston, back to Brodhead then around Lake Linville only to view an embarrassing and shameful exhibit of roadside trash.

So I could only conclude that I did not understand the term "litter abatement". Or, perhaps the Court members had looked outside of their houses, maybe down Main Street, and said, "Wow, we have taken care of this problem; we do not have to deal with this any further, and we can't think of any other way to spend any more money on the problem of litter in Rockcastle County. Now, maybe we can get the Signal will

write a glowing article about how we cleaned up Rockcastle County"

Forgive my sarcasm; since I was not at the meeting, I'm probably missing the rationale for this decision. I only know one thing... if the court could not find enough needs or resources to spend \$33,674 for litter abatement in this county, they were not looking!

Andy Lawson

“Memories”

she later told our friends what I had done. I was beaming with pride.

Once Kenneth was climbing a tree to ride, when the top broke and caused him to fall. We were thankful that he was not too far from the ground. He got up, shook off his fall, and looked for another tree to ride. He was like that.

On a few occasions, we would be hiking with several of our friends, and we suddenly would scamper up a tree, ride it to the ground, and continue on our way. The folks who lived in the city were duly impressed with our skills in the woods.

In the unlikely event that there may be a young reader of this column, please be advised that this can be a dangerous

game. Looking back, I have no idea how we kept from breaking a leg, an arm, or worse. I guess "boys will be boys."

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

“T.J.’s”

Max Flannery and he is in his eighties I believe and still working every day and hasn't missed a day in years. He said that he missed a few days once when he was in the hospital after a bad fall. I think he said he opened in the seventies. How about that for work ethic?

He always has pretty much the same thing on the buffet. His main draw is the deep fried Atlantic cod. It is absolutely beyond delicious. We ate until we were almost sick, like usual. He seems to know almost everyone that comes into the buffet. If he

doesn't, he will before you leave. It is just a small neighborhood place off the beaten path but well worth finding.

Our last stop was in Richmond at the Petsmart. We have two dogs with congestive heart failure and one of them has high blood pressure, too. They have to eat salt-free dog food and it is almost impossible to find. Stanley found one case of it, luckily, the last one they had.

Then we were home-ward bound. Just as we pulled into the driveway, I got a call from a lady we were going to help out by fostering a dog a few days until she could get a rescue for him or a forever home. He, Shadow, wasn't supposed to be here until Sunday but here they were. Thankfully, we were almost prepared for him. By this time, I was ready to get in the bed. Too bad we had to forgo our dinner and a movie night. Judy Garland will just have to wait until next week.

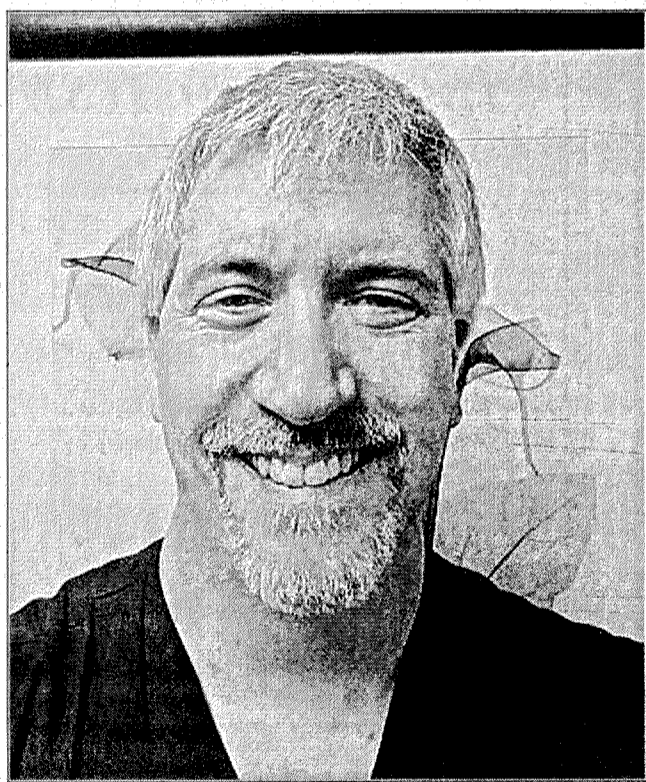
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Obituaries

Troy Bengé

Troy Bengé, 54, of Brodhead, husband of Alecia, died Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He was born May 6, 1966 in Berea, to the late James C. "Jerry" Bengé and Jewell (Brock) Bengé. He married Alecia Lynn Mason on May 2, 1998. In high school, Troy was an officer in the local and regional FFA chapters. He served in the United States Air Force as a Presidential Honor Guard. He was an electrician, a member of Crossroads Assembly of God, a collector of die-cast tractors, and loved his Lord and his family.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Alecia Lynn Bengé; his mother, Jewell (Brock) Bengé; two step-children, Jon (Michelle) Mobley and Aaron (Kelly) Mobley, both of Copper Creek; grandchildren, Caylie Mobley, Maddison Mobley, Trevor (Judeah) Mobley and Weston Mobley; one great grandchild, Sawyer Mobley; two brothers, Johnny (Louise) Bengé of Ottawa and James Tracy Bengé of Stanford; two nieces, Denise Watson and Josie (Jake) Adams; two nephews, Braxton Watson and Billy Ray Graves II; great nieces, Bailey Adams and Ellyannah Watson; uncle, Orbin "Sarge" Brock; and aunt, Lucy Brock.

He was preceded in death by: his father, James C. "Jerry" Bengé; niece, Suzanne Graves; and nephew-in-law, Bruce Watson.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 8, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Steve VanHook officiating. Interment service was Tuesday, March 9, at the Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville.

Casketbearers were: Chester Day, Larry Napier, John Mobley, Jimmy Brumett, Jerry Denney, Frankie Martin, Tim Saylor, and Anthony Asher. Honorary casketbearers were: Johnny Bengé, Tracy Bengé, Sarge Brock, Raymond Asher, JD Dillingham, and Billy Jo Brown.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Elaine Penn

Elaine Penn, died Wednesday, February 24, 2021. She was born in Berea on June 21, 1956, to the late Charlie Price and Norma Asher Floyd. She graduated from Rockcastle County High School and Eastern



Kentucky University. She loved teaching children and retired from Bondurant Middle School. She will be remembered as Nan by her grandchildren Carson T. Coleman, Hagyn C. Coleman, Brason Coleman, and Evelynne Jeanette Coleman-O'Bryan and loving wife to her husband.

She is survived by: husband, Gary D. Penn; children, Jack L. Coleman III and Jacqueline Coleman; and siblings, Danny R. Price, Ricky Price, Joan F. Denny and Marilyn Douglas.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Norma Asher Floyd (2021), and father, Charlie G. Price (1989).

Services were held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 with Rev. Todd Lester officiating.

Condolences may be shared via the online guestbook at www.harrodbrothers.com

Bobby Faulkner

Friends and family are invited for a remembrance and celebration of life service for Bobby Faulkner on Saturday, March 13th from noon to 4 p.m. at the Livingston Depot, 9174 Main Street, Livingston.

Social distancing and masks are strongly encouraged.

Remain Alive In Christ

Colossians 2:6-7 "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."

Wanting to see their faith firm, Paul wrote that they should walk in Christ, just as they have received Him.

It is not enough to see people make a profession of faith in Christ but to present as becoming "mature in Christ," living out your faith in a way that honors Jesus Christ as Lord.

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-Stand firm with your faith in Christ

Our Christian walk should exhibit gratitude for what God has done, what He continues to do, and what He has promised to do.

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Brenda Kay Ambrose

Brenda Kay Ambrose, 63, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, March 7, 2021 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Morehead on July 15, 1957, the daughter of Raymond "Pill" and Betty Callahan Baker. She had been a machinist for Aison Automotive Corporation.

She is survived by her daughter, Stormie Ambrose of Mt. Vernon, and her beloved dogs.

A visitation will be held at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, March 12, 2021.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, face masks are required, social distancing is encouraged, and funeral home capacity will be limited to 50%.

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

Patricia Violet Thacker

Patricia Violet Thacker, 69, of Lexington, died Saturday, March 6, 2021 at St. Joseph Health Care in Lexington. She was born November 18, 1951, the daughter of the late Hubert and Zella Martin Thacker. She was a retired Correction Officer with Kentucky State Prisons, was of the Baptist faith, and enjoyed Bingo, The Red Mile, and helping people.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her nieces, Marlene Lawson (Terry) of Wildie, Sonja Bratcher

(David) of Crab Orchard, Leandra Greene (Tommy) of Murfreesboro, TN, Melanie Parsons (Chris) of Conway, Amy Thacker of Allentown, PA, and Jeana Thacker of Lexington; brothers-in-law, Austin Leach of Milton, TN, and William K. Bullen, Sr. of Crab Orchard; sisters, Ruby Lawson (Bob) of Berea; and sister-in-law, Susanne Thacker of Conway.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her brother, Bobby Thacker; and sisters, Ruth Thacker, Betty Sue Bullen, and Maggie Mae Leach, and her nephew, William K. Bullen, Jr.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. James Hardin officiating. Burial was in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

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Mary Lorene Nicely

Mary Lorene Nicely, 95, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born at Long Branch in Rockcastle County on April 14, 1925, the daughter of Harve and Cordie Isaac Mink. She was a retired cook for Jean's Restaurant and a member of Bandy Church of Christ.

She is survived by: three daughters, Christine Adams of Cincinnati, OH, Joyce Sullivan of Scottsdale, AZ, and Debra Dooley of Goshen, OH;

seven grandchildren, Mike Phelps, Angelia Thompson, Tabatha Adams, Misty Thompson, Mindy Nicely, Jillian Brown, and Jeremy Dooley; 13 great grandchildren, Scott Kern, Brandon Phelps, Nicholas Thompson, Wills Thompson, Henry Thompson, Colton Brown, Carson Brown, Cheston Brown, Cooper Brown, Gabriel Dooley, Kathlynn Dooley, Justin Baker, and Lou Venia Adams; and two great great grandchildren, Arron Kern and Camron Phelps. She was preceded in death by: her husband of 61 years, Lovil Lee Nicely; a son, Greg Nicely; a grandchild, Shannon Salf; a brother; and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 5, 2021 at Bandy Church of Christ by Bro. Robby Barron. Burial was in the Bandy Church of Christ Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Colton Brown, Kevin Brown, Jack Dooley, Jeremy Dooley, Randy Mink, and Brandon Phelps.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Martha Beatrice "Bea" Durham

Martha Beatrice "Bea" Durham, 95, of Berea, was peacefully called home on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Berea Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Mt. Vernon on August

17, 1925, the daughter of Ivory Lee and Celia Elizabeth McCracken Anglin. She had been a homemaker and was of the Baptist Faith. She enjoyed her family and reading her Bible.

She is survived by: five children, Michael L. and Pam Durham of Mt. Vernon, and Dennis E. and Theresa Durham, James E. and Joy Durham, Larna Lee Durham, and Celia D. and Scott Cotton, all of Berea; and eight grandchildren, Heather A. Kelley, Jacob B. Burdette, Jacqueline R. Durham, Jarrad R. Burdette and Brandi,

Jenifer D. and Josh Filson, Linsey A. and Jackie Weaver, Jessica C. and Tim Langer, and James Lawrence Carter Durham. Also surviving are nine great grandchildren and several dear nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband of 37 years, Oscar "Larney" Durham; a daughter, Elberta Lee Durham; sisters, Gloria and Edith Irene; and a brother, Cletus Isaac Anglin.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Jon Burdette. Entombment was in Berea Cemetery.

Donations are requested to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or to WLJC.

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True Happiness

Truly, it has been said that happiness is perhaps the most sought after thing and probably the least ever found.

What then is real happiness? Upon what does it really depend? It consists of right thinking, and right living. It depends a lot on our thoughts and our faithfulness to God. It results from taking God at His word. It will eliminate fear and worry and bring that peace of God that passes all understanding, and a calmness of soul, that is known only to those who possess it. The apostle Paul's final words of encouragement, to think on these things, Phil. 4:8 things that are honorable, just, pure, lovely, and things of a good report.

The Bible contains the key to true happiness. Proverbs 16:20 He that handles a matter wisely shall find good, and whosoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he. Being able to have complete trust in someone or something helps us to grow in our service to God and also our trust in God's word. We need this so much in our lives, because there are so many things in our lives that cannot be trusted, we need something we can depend on to give us hope and to keep us looking upward, with the knowing God is in control.

Happiness comes from the knowledge and assurance that God provides our needs, directs, controls and guides us to our ultimate destination, so that boldly we can say, the Lord is my helper, I will not fear. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you will have enough for every situation, and ample means for every good purpose. This is the greatest happiness a man can have is that he knows, when the world seems a mess, God still provides us with His best.

God wants His children to be happy. David gives us one of the most beautiful descriptions found in the Bible of a happy man. Psalms 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf shall not wither, and whatsoever he does will prosper.

Happiness is divine for it comes when people think of others by giving of themselves. It is a divine quality that characterizes a man who is at peace with himself, his neighbor, and his God. This quality is lacking in the lives of so many today. It requires days, months and years of love, patience, and trust in God. But once it has been developed in one's life, every effort you made to achieve this life, will be worth it.

A happy face or a smile is a great way to greet those, we meet every day of our life, but I think what we all truly want is a happy heart.

If we are living a Christian life, we have every reason to be happy and to rejoice. In fact, happiness is a by product of living the new life in Christ Jesus. Thank you for reading this article, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and you always remember to give him thanks. Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104 or Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021

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“Resign”

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 “how this government structure works” and their role as commissioners.

“After I asked, hardly any of the questions were addressed but we already knew the answer when (Magistrate) Mike McGuire had to explain to them how to vote for lawn equipment,” said Davidson.

In heated discussion between Davidson and Commissioner Leroy Lamb, Davidson asked about Lamb’s hopes and plans for the future of Livingston. “Our City Commissioner said to me that he really doesn’t care what it’s like in the future,” said Davidson. “His words were ‘it’s not going to help me none.’”

Davidson explained that he had seen photos of the city’s past and he hoped to see similar progress again. “I have seen photos of Livingston with a hotel and grocery stores and gas stations and I would love to see Livingston like that again,” said Davidson.

Davidson said other local business owners spoke as well and questioned the commission about the future of Livingston.

Davidson said he hopes for a City Commission and Mayor that is “familiar with the process and has vision for Livingston’s future.”

As the meeting was about to adjourn, Commissioner Katha Carpenter said “Wait. Are you going to talk about our policeman

baptizing our police truck?”

The commission began discussing a situation regarding police Chief William Barrett.

During the flooding earlier this month, the police vehicle was driven through standing water, causing serious damage, according to officials.

King said the insurance company is expected to total the truck. “We will replace it with a police cruiser instead of another truck,” said King.

There was also discussion on whether to terminate the employment of the only officer. However, King said the officer decided to resign from his position leaving the city without a police force of its own.

“We took care of that issue already,” said King. “He has resigned and I am looking for his replacement.”

Officials say the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s office and the Kentucky State Police often patrol the city and will continue that until the city can find a new local officer. “I have interviews set up already to find our new police officer,” said King.

The floor was then opened for the public to speak. Several concerned citizens brought up issues regarding police response time to urgent situations.

In fact, some guests alluded to waiting two hours for a response after dialing 911 but details have not been confirmed.

Having no further business, The meeting was then adjourned.

“Bills”

(Continued from front)
 past due water bills owed the city of Brodhead.

Officials say renters often leave rental property with overdue water bills leaving the City of Brodhead with that expense.

Bringing a list of questions, landlord Jim Lunsford joined commissioners at the head table and eloquently presented each question to the members of the commission.

“We (landlords) understand that three of the new commissioners here have only been at two meetings and we have a list of things we ask you to consider, things that you should have the answer to, before you place the burden of overdue water and sewer bills on landlords instead of the renters,” said Lunsford.

The city is currently considering holding landlords responsible for overdue water bills for several reasons that City Clerk Becky Bussell expressed one by one to those present.

Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell also fielded questions concerning the sewer and water costs for Brodhead residents. “We have no control over what Mount Vernon charges us for water,” he said. “We have kept the bills as low as possible but we are losing money.”

Commissioner Brian Bullock said he is interested in the landlord’s point of view. “We haven’t made any decision yet and I would love to hear your views,” he said. “That’s my job and we need to have all the information available before we make any decisions.”

Lunsford began presenting 14 questions to the commission which Bussell and Bullock addressed one at a time.

But after some discus-

sion, voices in the audience raised and officials had to calm the meeting.

“I can say this much,” said Bullock. “The bills are as low as they are because Brian (Bussell) has worked round the clock doing repairs one piece at a time and he has kept us from having to borrow \$400,000 to repair a system. That \$400,000 would have had to be on the water bills in Brodhead.”

Commissioner Jerry Adams said he too will look into all the issues brought up by guests. “The biggest question is, do the landlords want the City of Brodhead to be the one to eat the expense of those unpaid bills?” he asked.

Indepth discussion continued for over an hour but no action was taken on the issue.

“The truth is, we will carefully consider every point of view but the City of Brodhead is going to stop losing money,” Commissioner Bullock. “We simply can’t afford it and we have to do whatever it takes for the benefit of the citizens of Brodhead.”

In other action, Water and Sewer manager Shannon Cash reported to the commission that he and crews had repaired another major water leak last week.

Another guest asked the commission about a possible future amateur meat smoking contest in Brodhead. More information is expected at next month’s regular meeting.

Bullock reported the Brodhead Fire Department drove about 1,100 miles answering calls for service and removing debris during the storms last week. “We dealt with gas leaks, rapid water rescues, over 100 calls for service and I have nothing but good to say about our volunteers,” he said. “Our guys ran their butts off helping those in need and they were glad to do it.”

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 12 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

“Shot”

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 was later flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

The Kentucky State Police were assisted at the scene by the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Department, Post 11 personnel, Rockcastle EMS and PHI.

Rockcastle Sheriff’s Deputy Tom Atkins is assisting in the investigation

The incident is still under investigation but no one has been arrested and

no charges were planned at press time.

“Crews”

(Continued from front)
 age from all the storms that we are still working on culverts and trying to clear debris all across the county. We have crews throughout the county trying to help people and groups like the Baptist Association and Christian Appalachian Project are working with everyone. It has been a challenge.”

According to Holbrook, all power has been restored to homes but some of the homes were destroyed. “We have people who just lost their home,” he said. “I mean everything was just gone over night.”

But, Holbrook said the county is filled with good people “Luckily, we live in Rockcastle County and I see neighbors helping neighbors every day.”

Help may be coming for those who lost property from one or both storms but Holbrook said there are no guarantees. “It is just a waiting game now,” he said.

According to Holbrook, the recent emergency declarations should eventually make it to the President’s desk and if he signs them, funds could be coming to the county eventually. “If the President signs off on them, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will come to the county and assess the damage and make recommendations about how much it will take to help people,” he said. “We just want to get people some help.”

Holbrook said many of those damaged will not have help from insurance companies. “A lot of people have insurance that will cover a broken water line but it won’t cover a natural flood,” he said. “Some homeowners who got flooded this time didn’t have flood insurance because their home is not in a flood plane. No one thought water would get to them.”

The weather is expected to remain sunny and warmer over the next week but officials are still trying to be ready in case that changes.

“We have plenty of salt left in our bins now and we have another 200 tons ordered,” he said. “We will remain ready and pray we don’t need any more of the salt the rest of this winter season.”

“Chase”

(Continued from front)
 the scene and charged with speeding in excess of 26 mph over the speed limit,

failure to signal, fleeing or evading, DUI, wanton endangerment, operating on a suspended license, no registration receipt, failure to maintain insurance and resisting arrest.

Melotic was taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center and his bond was set at \$7,500 surety.

“COVID”

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 cases have been reported in the county over a seven-day period.

However, healthcare officials have some strong concerns about what happens next.

“Yes we are so pleased to announce that the positivity rate has dropped and has been on a downward slide for some time,” said Tyra Barrett, Harm Reduction Coordinator at the CVDHD. “However, that decline in cases has stalled and that is concerning.”

The worry, according to Barrett and CVDHD Director Christi Greene, is that citizens will notice the drop in cases and begin to ignore the mask and social distancing mandates.

“Just because we are in a downward decline, this is no time to let our guard down,” said Barrett. “The worst thing we could do is get comfortable and stop wearing masks and stop social distancing and then see a real spike in cases.”

According to health department officials, the downward slope has been underway for some time but the rate that positive cases are dropping, has stopped declining.

“It is concerning that the decline has stalled,” said Barrett. “This is not the time to ease off on all the safeguards. We are not ready to let our guard down.”

Governor Andy Beshear has reported dropping numbers for the past several weeks and the positivity rate is continuing to drop, according to his reports.

Currently (Monday, March 8) in Rockcastle County, 700 positive, confirmed cases have been reported since March of last year. At its highest point, officials reported over 30 cases in a week. This week, only three new cases were reported with four days of no new confirmed cases.

“All we suggest is that every one remain diligent and continue to observe safe practices,” said Barrett. “We hope to see cases continue to drop and the positivity rate decline and as long we continue to wear masks and observe social distancing, we may see the number continue to decline.”

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Tuesday, March 16th: Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax.
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Gracious Giving Giveaway
 Higher Praise Ministries will hold a Gracious Giving Giveaway of clothing and other items Saturday, March 13th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Gulf building beside baseball field in Brodhead.

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

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

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

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. ***Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

American Legion Post 71
 American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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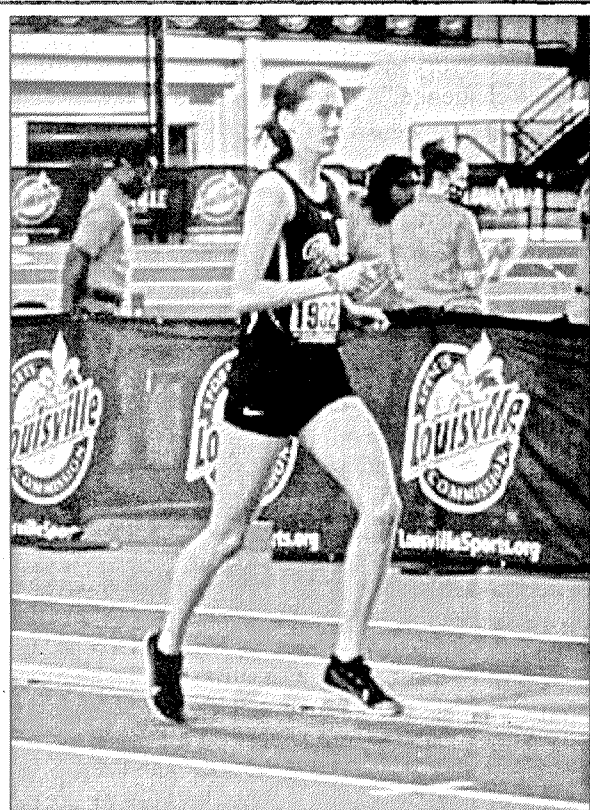
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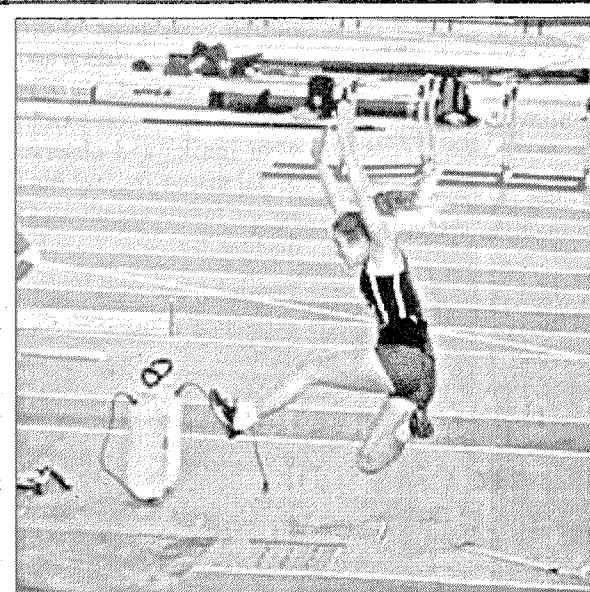
State Champion...

RCHS freshman Lexi Dotson won the Class AA 1500-meter run indoor state championship title on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville. Lexi ran her way to the #2 time in the U.S. for a freshman with an outstanding new RCHS record time of 4:52, shattering the previous school record by over 30 seconds. She was only eight hundredths of a second away from the fastest freshman time in the nation of 4:51.92. Her time also places her #17 in the U.S. among all classes. Lexi also ran the 800-meter run, placing 5th in 2:37.22, and anchored the 4th place 4x400-meter relay team to a season's best time of 4:25.39.



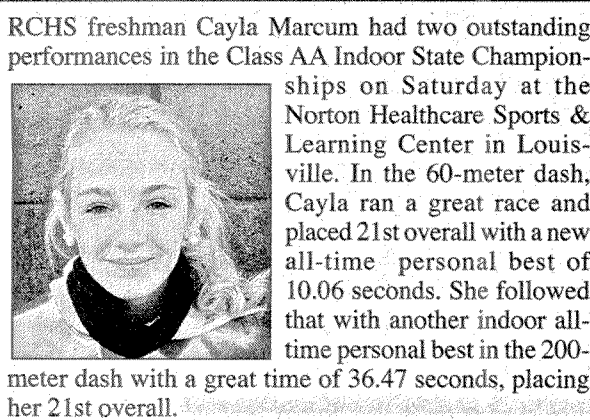
State Champion...

RCHS senior Valerie Kendrick won the Class AA shot put indoor state championship title on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville. For the second weekend in a row, Valerie dominated the competition, defended her state title in the event, and broke her own school record with an amazing performance. She had an outstanding series of throws and won by nearly 9' with an amazing all-time RCHS record and personal best of 37'1".



State Champion...

RCHS junior Allie Martin won the Class AA long jump indoor state championship title on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville. Allie leaped an incredible season's best of 16'6", defending her state title from last season, and also finished as state runner-up in triple jump with an all-time personal best of 32'00.75". In the 400-meter dash, Allie placed 5th with a season's best time of 1:03.25 and also ran a great lead leg on the 4x400-meter relay team that placed 4th in a season's best time of 4:25.39. Allie's 23.25 total points led all scorers in the meet for the Lady Rockets.



RCHS freshman Cayla Marcum had two outstanding performances in the Class AA Indoor State Championships on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville. In the 60-meter dash, Cayla ran a great race and placed 21st overall with a new all-time personal best of 10.06 seconds. She followed that with another indoor all-time personal best in the 200-meter dash with a great time of 36.47 seconds, placing her 21st overall.



State Runners-Up...

The RCCHS girls' indoor track team finished as Class 2A Indoor State Runners-up at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville on Saturday. The Lady Rockets were in a very close battle throughout with several very good teams including Christian Academy of Louisville, Bourbon County, North Oldham, Mason County, and Western Hills. The Lady Rockets competed in the first session and were ahead through eleven events, but Mason County, who competed in the second session, came out on top by a score of 87-76 when both session's results were combined. Mason County and Christian Academy were 30 point favorites coming into the meet. Team members are from left: Learin Reagan, Gracie Peavie, Lexi Dotson, Jessalyn Burton, Valerie Kendrick, Karalinn Loudermilk, Allie Martin, Emma Watson, and Cayla Marcum.

Lexi Dotson runs #2 1500m time in U.S.

RCCHS girls' indoor track team finishes Class 2A State Runners-up

The RCCHS girls' indoor track team finished as Class 2A Indoor State Runners-up at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville on Saturday.

The Lady Rockets were in a very close battle throughout the morning session with several teams including Christian Academy of Louisville, Bourbon County, North Oldham, and Western Hills.

The girls' warmed up at 7 a.m. that morning and competed at 8 a.m., which meant a 4:30 a.m. bus departure time. In order to follow Covid guidelines, the meet was completed in record time, about an hour and 45 minutes or so, which gave very little rest time between events.

The second session of the

two separate meets was contested at 10:30 a.m. Mason County came out on top in that session, pulling ahead of RCHS to stay after 12 of 14 events. The final score was 87 to 76.

Coming into the meet, Mason County and Christian Academy were the heavy favorites by 30 points over RCHS. Several outstanding performances including two new school records, several personal and season's bests, and a nationally ranked performance kept the Lady Rockets close throughout.

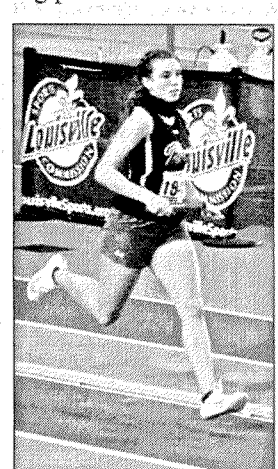
Freshman Lexi Dotson won the Class AA 1500-meter run indoor state championship title with an amazing performance. Lexi took over the race with 400 meters to go and sprinted

her way to the win and the #2 time in the U.S. for a freshman with an outstanding new RCHS record time of 4:52, shattering the previous school record by over 30 seconds. She was only eight hundredths of a second away from the fastest freshman time in the nation of 4:51.92. Her time also places her #17 in the U.S. among all classes. With very little rest, Lexi ran the 800-meter run and placed 5th with an exceptional time of

2:37.22. Last week at the Louisville Indoor Games, she ran an amazing 800, finishing with a time of 2:20, which would have won today by over 8 seconds. 20 minutes in between was just not enough rest time to run a nationally ranked 1500 and follow it with a time that fast. Lexi would recover for the 4x400-meter relay, leading the team to a 4th place finish overall with a very

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RCCHS sophomore Emma Watson had several outstanding performances in the Class AA Indoor State Championships on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville.



In the 60-meter dash, Emma placed 5th overall with an all-time personal best of 8.51 seconds. She followed that with a season's best performance in the 400-meter dash, placing 6th overall with an exceptional season's best time of 1:03.43. In the 200-meter dash, Emma placed 7th overall in 29.61 seconds. She also ran a great 3rd leg on the 4x400-meter relay team that placed 4th in a season's best time of 4:25.39.

RCCHS eighth grader Gracie Peavie had an outstanding performance in the Class AA high jump competition on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville.

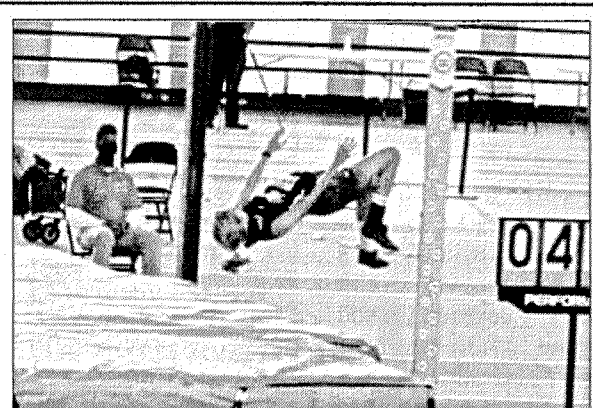


Gracie cleared an all-time personal best of 4' and was in 8th place scoring position after the morning session, just missing 4'2". After the second session results were added in, Gracie finished an impressive 10th overall. She was only 2" away from 6th place.



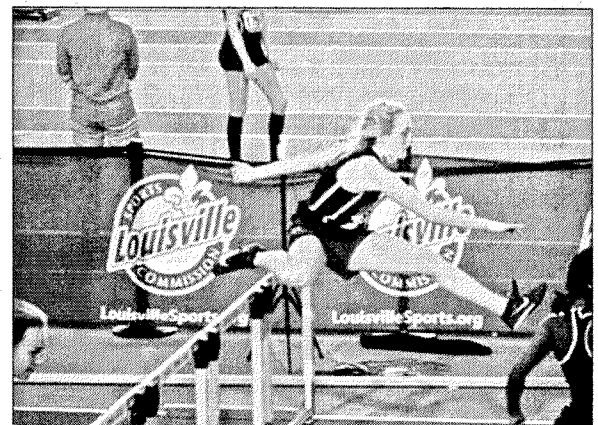
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State Runner-Up...

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RCCHS eighth grader Learin Reagan had several outstanding performances at the Class AA indoor state championship on Saturday at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville. Learin ran an awesome race in the 60-meter hurdles, placing 3rd overall with an incredible new all-time personal best of 10.59 seconds, the second fastest time ever for a Rockcastle eighth grader by only two hundredths of a second. Learin also ran a great second leg in the 4x400-meter relay, helping the team to a 4th place finish overall and a season's best time of 4:25.39.

Rockets beat Wildcats; lose to Pulaski County

The Rockcastle Rockets won one and lost one last week, taking on district rival Pulaski County last Wednesday night in a double-header with the Lady Rockets and then hosting the Lynn Camp Wildcats on Friday night for the Homecoming win.

On Wednesday, the Rockets met up with the Maroons in their only regular season matchup. The final score, and subsequent win for the Maroons 70-63, does not do justice to the battle that was the game. At stake was a three way tie, along with Somerset, for first place in the district and the chance, by coin toss, for the opportunity to play Casey County in the first round of the district tournament.

Pulaski scored first with a three to start the game, but Rocket Daniel Mullins answered with five points of his own to make it 6-5. Jake Sanders tied the game for the first time, 7-7, and then gave the Rockets their first lead, 13-12, with an assist by Reese Coguer at the 2:12 mark. Mullins hit a three to put Rockcastle up 16-12, but Pulaski would hit their own three, cutting the Rockets lead to one at the end of the first quarter 16-15.

The Maroons would start the second quarter on a 6-0 run to go up 21-16, but, after a Rockcastle County time out, two baskets by Drew Hopkins cut the Maroons lead to three, 23-20. Baskets by Matthew Chasteen and Reese Coguer would cut the lead to two, 26-24, and it would stay a two point difference, 29-27, at the half.

Rockcastle would tie the score for the second time to start the third

quarter on a basket by Chasteen, and would retake the lead 31-29 on a basket by Hopkins. The two teams would trade the lead and have five more ties in the third quarter alone, with baskets by Mullins, Chasteen and Sanders to end the quarter tied at 47 all.

Pulaski County would strike first in the fourth quarter, after three Rockcastle turnovers before Coguer hit two free throws to cut the PC lead to two, 51-49. The Maroons hit three of four free throws to extend their lead to five, 56-51 before Hopkins went on his very own streak, scoring the next five points. Mullins hit a three that put the Rockets back into the lead at the 57-56. Pulaski would then go on a 6-0 run before Mullins hit two free throws to stop the run, but the Maroons held on for the 70-63 win.

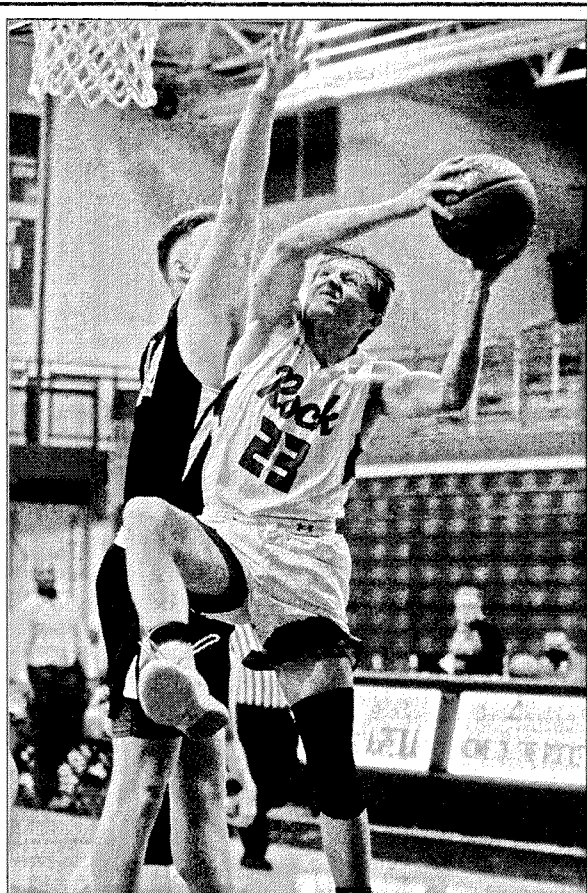
Daniel Mullins led the Rockets in scoring with 19, followed by Jake Sanders with 12, Drew Hopkins with nine, Matthew Chasteen eight and Reese Coguer five.

Mullins and Coguer were the only two Rockets to shoot free throws on the night, hitting 85% and going 11 for 13. Chasteen led the Rockets in rebounds with 11, followed by Coguer with 6.

On Friday night, Rockcastle County High School was finally able to have Homecoming ceremonies, hosting the 10-10 Lynn Camp Wildcats for the occasion and getting the hard fought but impressive 60-51 win.

Drew Hopkins and Reese Coguer both hit jumpers to start the game for Rockcastle, going up 4-0 before the Wildcats would score. Hopkins and Mullins would both

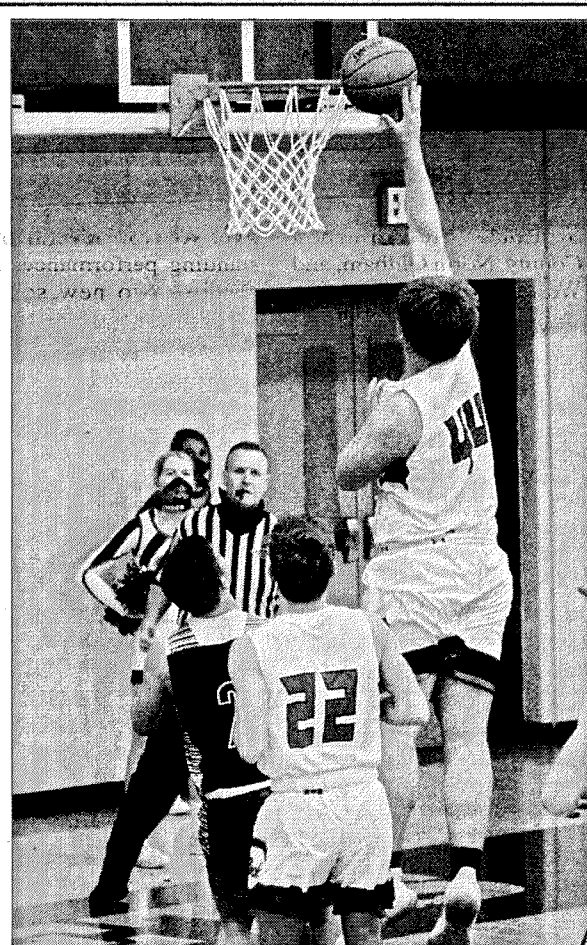
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Junior Matthew Chasteen goes strong to the basket in the Rockets' 60-51 win Friday night.



Junior Drew Hopkins makes a pass in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last week.



Junior Jake Sanders goes up high for a put back in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last week. Sanders had 12 points for the Rockets.

47th District Tourney starts this Saturday at Somerset High

The 47th District Basketball Tournament has been set for the 2020-21 basketball season. Due to Covid 19 protocols set forth by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, the tournament season is a couple weeks behind schedule, but the brackets have been set for both the boys' and girls' teams.

The tournament is being held at Somerset High School this year, and the boys will start things off on Saturday, March 13th with the number one seed Pulaski County taking on the four seed Casey County at 4:30. A split session will be in effect for the night, and officials will empty the gym after the first game and only allow ticket holders for the second match up to then enter the gym. The second matchup of the night will be between the second seed Somerset Briar Jumpers and the third seed Rockcastle Rockets at 7 p.m.

The girls' teams begin play on Monday night, March 15th, with first round action featuring the number one seed Pulaski Lady Maroons against the four seed Casey County Lady Rebels at 7 p.m. The number two seed Rockcastle Lady Rockets will take on the third seed Somerset Lady Jumpers on Tuesday night, March 16th, at 7 p.m.

The championship game for the boys will be held Wednesday night, March 17th at 7 p.m., with the championship game for the girls being held on Thursday, March 18th at 7 p.m.

Lady Rockets lose to Lady Maroons

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets met up with district rival Pulaski County last Wednesday night, in their only regular season matchup. At stake was first place in the district and that all important seeding in the district tournament. It wasn't meant to be for the Lady Rockets though, as big three point shooting for the Lady Maroons gave them the 62-43 win.

Sophomore Keeley King started things off right for Rockcastle, hitting a three to start the game. Another three by Lyndsey Jones put the Lady Rockets up 6-5 but that was the last lead Rockcastle would have. Pulaski County hit three threes in a row, going on a 9-0 run before Aliyah Lopez answered with her own three to stop the run. Casey Coleman and Tallyne Shearer would each add a basket to end the first quarter down 16-13.

Pulaski County turned the ball over to start the second quarter and Rockcastle capitalized when sophomore Hallie Brown got fouled and hit one of her two free throws. After four Lady Rocket turnovers, Jordan

Harper finally found the basket for the Lady Rockets. Coleman then went to the line and hit both free throws to keep Rockcastle to within three, followed by a steal and basket by Harper to get the Lady Rockets to within one at 21-20. However, the Lady Maroons scored the last four points of the half.

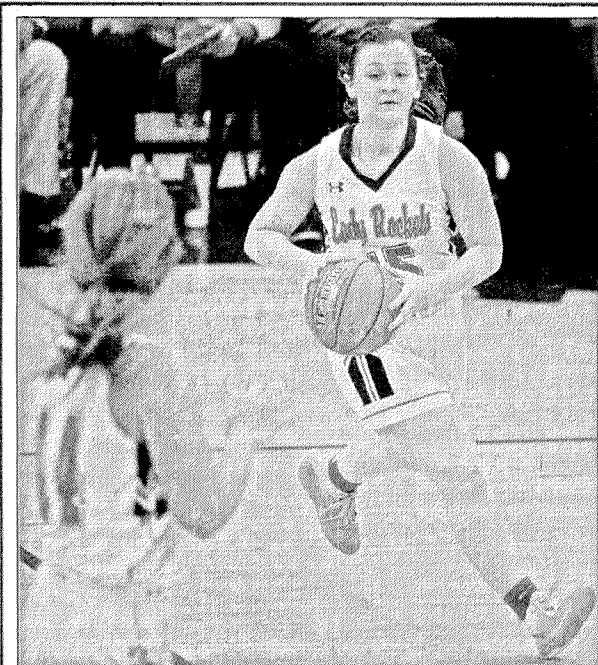
The Lady Maroons started the third quarter on a 9-2 run, with the Lady Rocket's lone basket coming from Brown, putting Pulaski up twelve, 34-22. Lopez and King would score for Rockcastle to cut the Pulaski lead to ten, but four turnovers again for the Lady Rockets and only a basket each by Brown and Shearer would see the Lady Rockets down seventeen at the end of the third quarter 49-32.

King came out in the fourth and hit a three to start the quarter, followed by two made free throws by Brown, but Rockcastle could not cut into the Lady Maroons lead, with the final score seeing the Lady Rockets lose 62-43.

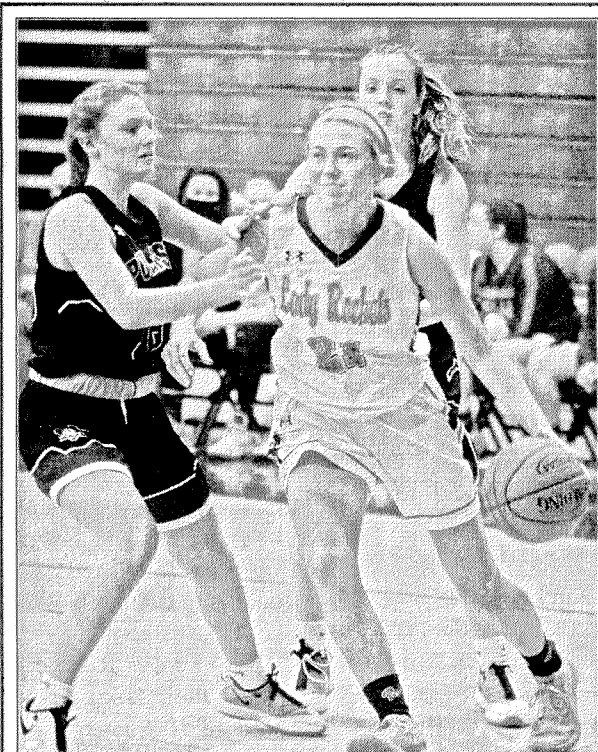
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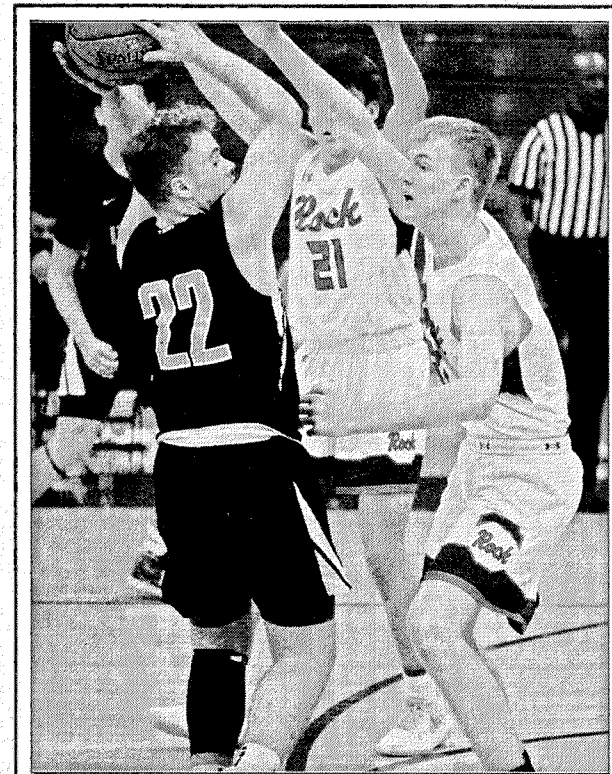
Senior Jordan Harper fights for a loose ball in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last week.



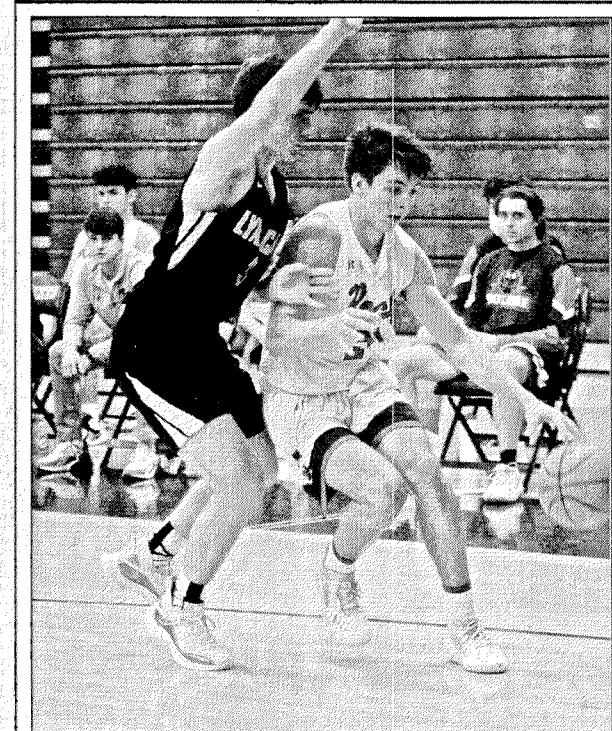
Senior Aliyah Lopez makes a pass to teammate Keeley King in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last week. King led her team with 14 points.



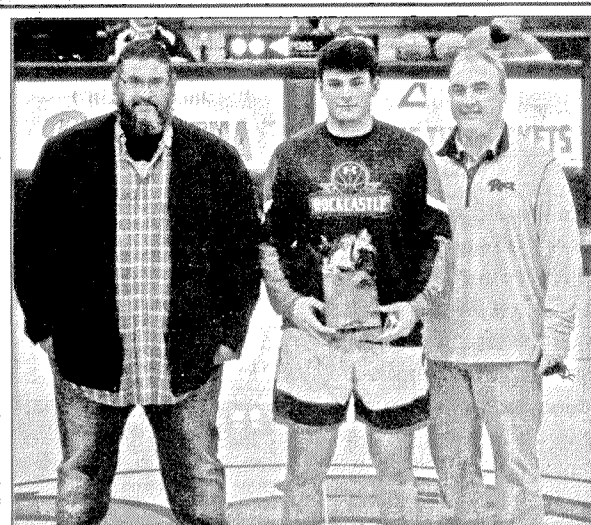
Sophomore Hallie Brown drives the baseline in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last week.



Sophomore Kaden Kidwell pressures a Lynn Camp Wildcat in the Rockets' 60-51 win Friday night.



Junior Daniel Mullins drives the baseline in the Rockets' 60-51 win Friday night. Mullins led his team with 16 points going 12 for 12 from the free throw line.



The RCHS Rockets honored their seniors before their game with Frankfort Saturday. Shown above is senior Rylee Deleon and his father, Nathan with head coach Andrew Cash.



Senior Nick Chasteen, escorted by his sister, Tanika and mom, Trina.



Senior Reece McGuire, escorted by his parents, Eric and Heather McGuire.

“Rockets”

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get a basket to keep the Rockets up two, 8-6 before Lynn Camp would tie the game 8-8. Jake Sanders got a big block that led to a basket by Hopkins. Outstanding defensive pressure by Coguer led to him getting a steal and then a lay-up on the offensive end to put the Rockets up 14-8. Mullins then hit two free throws at the end of the first quarter to put the Rockets up 16-10. Lynn Camp hit a three to start the second quarter, but Hopkins got his own basket to put Rockcastle up 18-13. A big steal, and subsequent basket by Mullins, put the Rockets up 20-13, followed by a basket by Sanders to keep the Rockets up by six, 22-16. Lynn Camp would then go on a 7-2 run, with the only points being two free throws by Matthew Chasteen, to cut the Rocket lead to one 24-23 before a basket and steal by Sanders, plus a bucket by Chasteen to end the half with Rockcastle up 28-26.

Chasteen scored first for Rockcastle in the third quarter, followed by a sequence of a basket by Hopkins, blocked shot by Coguer and two free throws by Mullins, which put the Rockets up 34-28. More good defense by the Rockets led to a deflection and the only made three of the night for the Rockets by Reese Coguer. Another basket by Hopkins gave the Rockets their biggest lead of the night,

39-30. Sanders and Coguer would finish out the scoring in the third quarter which saw the Rockets in the lead by seven, 43-36.

Rockcastle would strike first again in the fourth quarter with a basket by Hopkins. Lynn Camp would score four unanswered points before a basket by Sanders, followed by a deflection by Coguer which led to two made free throws by Mullins to put the Rockets back up ten 49-39. Coguer then hit a basket to keep the lead at 10, 51-41, but a couple o turnovers and fouls by the Rockets gave the Wildcats eight unanswered points to cut the lead to two, 51-49 before Mullins was fouled and hit two free throws, followed by a made free throw and basket by Coguer put the Rockets back up seven, 56-49. Lynn Camp would hit two free throws for their final points of the game, before Mullins hit four free throws in a row to give the Rockets the 60-51 win.

Three Rockets were in double figures for the win, with Daniel Mullins leading the scoring with 16, followed by Drew Hopkins and Reese Coguer, with 14 each. Matthew Chasteen and Jake Sanders each added 8 points.

Mullins, Coguer and Chasteen went 15 of 16 from the free throw line for the night, with Mullins hitting 12 of 12. Hopkins and Sanders led the Rockets in rebounds with 4 each.

“Lady Rock”

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Keeley King was the only Lady Rocket in double figures with 14; Hallie Brown got eight; Casey Coleman seven, Aliyah Lopez five, Jordan Harper four, Lyndsey

Jones three and Talyne Shearer with two. Coleman led the Lady Rockets in rebounds with five.

The Lady Rockets played their final home game of the season on Tuesday night against Jackson County.

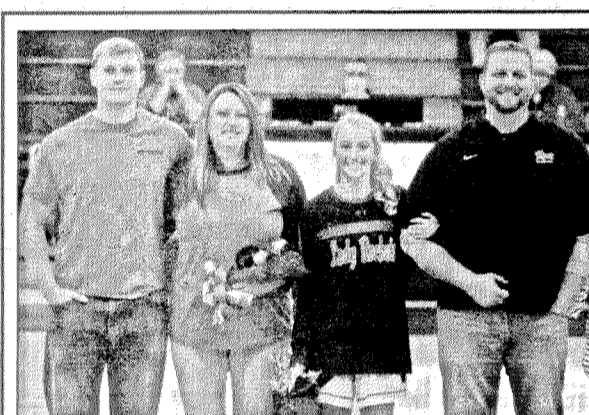
Seniors Honored



RCHS Cheer honored their lone senior during Lady Rockets/Cheer Senior night. Shown above is senior Kerrigan Medley, escorted by her parents, Anthony and Jill and sister, Kameryn.



RCHS Lady Rockets honored their seniors recently. Shown above is senior Jordan Harper, escorted by her parents Greg and Casey and siblings, Nash and Lee. They are shown with head coach Chrysti Noble.



Senior Lindsey Jones, escorted by her parents, Mike and Beth Jones and brother, Lucas.



Senior Aliyah Lopez, escorted by her father and stepmother, Michael and JaDawn Lopez and mother, Jamie Karr.



Senior Casey Coleman, escorted by: her parents, Adam and Debbie Coleman; grandparents, Danny and June Coleman and brother, Corey.



Freshman Talyne Shearer forces a pass in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last week. The Lady Rockets will face Somerset Tuesday, March 16th at 7 p.m. in the first round of the 47th District Tournament. Somerset will be hosting this year's tournament.

“Track”

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fast 1:01 anchor leg and a season's best time of 4:25.39.

Senior Valerie Kendrick won the Class AA shot put indoor state championship title in dominating fashion. For the second weekend in a row, Valerie dominated the competition, defended her state title in the event, and broke her own school record with another amazing career best performance. She had an outstanding series of throws and won by nearly 9' with an amazing all-time RCHS record and personal best of 37'1".

Junior Allie Martin won the Class AA long jump indoor state championship title with an awesome performance, defending her state title from last season. Allie leaped an incredible season's best of 16'6" and had two jumps at this distance. She went straight into the triple jump competition, a brand new event she's been working on a bit this indoor season. She finished as state runner-up with another amazing performance and an all-time personal best of 32'00.75".

In the 400-meter dash, Allie placed 5th with an exceptional race and a season's best time of 1:03.25. Allie ran a great lead leg in the 4x400-meter relay, helping the team to a 4th place finish overall and a season's best time of 4:25.39. Allie's 23.25 total points led all scorers in the meet for the Lady Rockets.

Junior Karalinn Loudermilk finished as Class AA state runner-up in high jump with an awesome series of jumps. She went on to clear a season's best height of 4'8" and just missed 4'10". She had to compete in the triple jump competition at the same time which is extremely difficult. She basically ran back and forth between events. She also scored with an 8th place finish overall in triple jump with another outstanding performance of 27'10.75".

Senior Jessalyn Burton finished as Class AA state runner-up in shot put with an awesome throw. Despite a late start to her indoor season in which she's only had a handful of practices, she had an exceptional series of throws overall on her way to a 2nd place with an impressive best performance of 28'2.5".

Sophomore Emma Watson had four outstanding performances at the indoor state meet. In the 60-meter dash, Emma won both heats of the morning session and placed 5th overall after both sessions were combined with an awesome new all-time personal best of 8.51 seconds.

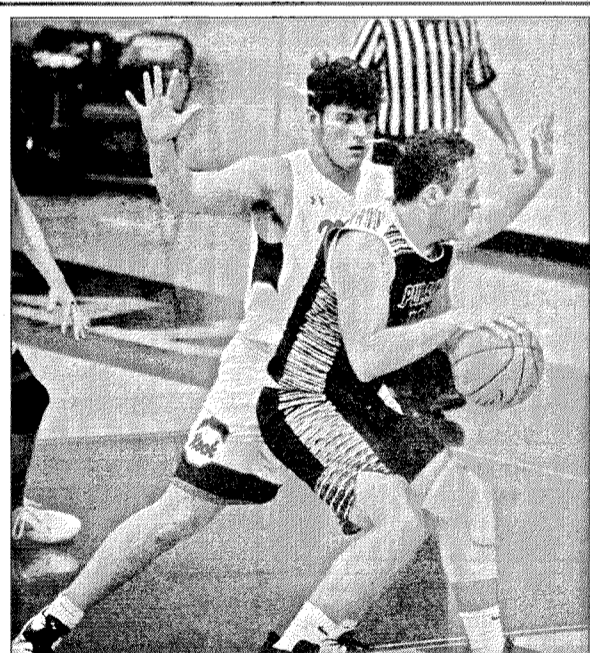
She followed that with a season's best performance in the 400-meter dash, placing 6th overall with an exceptional season's best time of 1:03.43, not far off her all-time personal indoor best in the event. In the 200-meter dash, Emma once again dominated the morning session, winning both heats with a fast time of 29.61 seconds, placing her 7th overall when both sessions were combined. She had very little recovery time in between the 400 and 200. She actually considered running the 800, an event she's been working on this season, but would have had three events in a row within 20 minutes, so she had to skip the 800 this time around. Emma completed her impressive day with a great 3rd leg in the 4x400-meter relay, helping the team to a 4th place finish overall and a season's best time of 4:25.39.

Eighth grader Learn Reagan had two outstanding performances of her own. Learn ran an awesome race in the 60-meter hurdles, placing 3rd overall with an incredible new all-time personal best of 10.59 seconds, the second fastest time ever for a Rockcastle County 8th grader by only two hundredths of a second. She also ran a great second leg in the 4x400-meter relay, helping the team stay close and finish in 4th place finish overall with a season's best time of 4:25.39.

Eighth grader Gracie Peavie had an outstanding performance in the high jump competition. Gracie cleared an all-time personal best of 4' and was in 8th place scoring position after the morning session, just missing 4'2". After the second session results were added in, Gracie finished an impressive 10th overall. She was only 2" away from 6th place. Having only recently started working on the event this indoor season, she should improve tremendously going into outdoor season.

Freshman Cayla Marcum had two outstanding performances, even though she hasn't been able to practice much this indoor season. In the 60-meter dash, Cayla ran a great race and placed 21st overall after both sessions were combined with a new all-time personal best of 10.06 seconds. She followed that with another indoor all-time personal best in the 200-meter dash with a great time of 36.47 seconds, placing her 21st overall when both sessions were combined.

The team will now prepare for outdoor season with meets beginning at the end of March. Thank you to our administration, school staff, and our bus driver for supporting us this indoor season.



Senior Rylee Deleon puts on some defense in the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last week.



Sophomore Karlee Smith plays defense in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last week.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Farm Service Agency is Conducting a Survey of Agricultural Damage Due to Recent Flooding and Ice Storms

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency is conducting a survey of damages to agricultural property due to the recent flooding that occurred throughout the County from February 28th-March 1st as well as the Ice Storm February 14th - 18th. If you lost livestock due to either event, experienced damage to fencing, or have debris in your agricultural fields that exceed \$2500 and will need to be removed contact our office at (606)256-2525.

March 15 is Deadline to Make Elections and Complete Enrollment in 2021 Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs

Agricultural producers can now make elections and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2021 crop year.

Enrollment for the 2021 crop year closes March 15, 2021.

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price.

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.

2021 Elections and Enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in crop-by-crop ARC-County or PLC, or ARC-Individual for the entire farm, for the 2021 crop year. Although election changes for 2021 are optional, enrollment (signed contract) is required for each year of the program. If a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2021, it will be necessary to sign a new contract.

If an election is not submitted by the deadline of March 15, 2021, the election defaults to the current election for crops on the farm from the prior crop year.

For crop years 2022 and 2023, producers will have an opportunity to make new elections during those signups. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

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, the University of Illinois tool that offers farmers the ability to run payment estimate modeling for their farms and counties for ARC-County and PLC.

ARC and PLC Decision Tool, the Texas A&M tool allows producers to analyze payment yield updates and expected payments for 2021. Producers who have used the tool in the past should see their username and much of their farm data already available in the system.

More Information

For more information on ARC and PLC, including two online decision tools that assist producers in making enrollment and election decisions specific to their operations, visit the ARC and PLC webpage.

For additional questions and assistance, contact your local USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: April 7th, 2021 8:30 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

At this time, due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by on-line or by phone. No customers shall be in the building at any time. Anyone wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Important program dates and Interest Rates
Farm Operating Loans-

- Direct = 1.375%
- Farm Ownership Loans-Direct= 2.750%
- Limited Resource Loans= 5.000%
- Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%
- Emergency Loans= 2.375%
- Farm Storage Loans= 3 yrs. =0.250%, 5 yrs. =0.500%, 7 yrs. =0.875% 10 yrs. =1.125%, 12 yrs. = 1.375%, 15 yrs. =1.500%
- Commodity Loans= 1.125%

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

2021 Southeast Kentucky Flood Relief Application- Individuals and Families

Please fill out to be eligible for support from the Southeast Kentucky Flood Relief Fund at the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky. This \$500,000 emergency grant is intended to address immediate needs and will close on Sunday, March 14, 2021. Please complete and mail to:

Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky
420 Main Street
Hazard, KY 41701

Residents of all APPALACHIAN COUNTIES impacted by flooding are eligible to apply. Funds will be distributed as they become available. Additional grants may be available after March 14, 2021. Receipt of this grant will not prohibit you from receiving future assistance.

First and Last Name _____
 Email Address _____
 Physical Address (Street, City, Zip Code) _____

 Mailing Address (if different) _____

 County of Residence _____
 Phone Number _____
 Tell us where you have applied for and/or received assistance _____

 What other support would be helpful to you and your family _____

 How many adults are in your household? _____
 How many children are in your household? _____
 Please describe the impact from flooding. _____

 How do you intend to use this emergency grant? _____

ORDINANCE 2021-0208

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND THE SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE SAID CITY, AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH RATES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Brodhead, Kentucky (herein after referred to as the City), has determined and declared it to be necessary and conducive to the protection of the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the City to collect charges from all users of the City's Water Distribution System (herein after referred to as the Water System); and the City's Sewer Sanitation System (herein after referred to as the Sewer System); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in connection with collecting the charges that a system of user charges be established in order to provide funds needed to pay for the operation, maintenance and replacement and debt service expenses associated with the City's municipal water and sewer systems.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY, that the following user charges are amended for the City's municipal water and sewer system.

SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to establish user charges in the City of Brodhead, Kentucky, to provide funds needed to pay for the operation, maintenance and replacement (OM&R) and debt service expenses associated with the City's municipal water and sewer system.

SECTION 2. MONTHLY WATER CHARGES

The charges for the water services by the City of Brodhead, Kentucky, are hereby fixed and established on a monthly basis as follows:

2.1 Monthly Water Rates for residents in City Limits

The following rates will apply to all water customers of the City's municipal water system shall be based on customer's monthly water consumption:

Rates for the city residents will be as follows:

2,000 gallons or less	\$ 22.02	\$ 23.12
Next 8,000 gallons (per thousand)	6.64	7.74
Next 40,000 gallons (per thousand)	6.34	7.44
All over 50,000 gallons (per thousand)	5.96	7.06

2.2 Monthly Water Rates for Outside City Limits

The following rates will apply to all water customers of the City's municipal water system shall be based on the customers' monthly water consumption.

2,000 gallons or less	\$ 29.04	30.11
Next 8,000 gallons (per thousand)	9.27	10.37
Next 40,000 gallons (per thousand)	7.10	8.20
All over 50,000 gallons (per thousand)	6.12	7.22

SECTION 3. MONTHLY SEWER CHARGES

The charges for the sewer services by the City of Brodhead, Kentucky, are hereby fixed and established on a monthly basis as follows:

3.1 Monthly sewer Rates for Sewer Customers

The following rates will apply to all customers of the City's municipal sewer and shall be based on the customers' monthly consumption:

2,000 gallons or less	\$ 27.17	28.27
All over 2000 gallons (per thousand)	4.88	5.98

EFFECTIVE DATE FOR WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

The foregoing water rate and sewer rate charges shall be effective as to existing water customers on the City's municipal water system after the effective date of this Ordinance, and shall be effective as to the respective premises of new customers beginning on the date on which each customer connects and their premises to the water line made available to such premises.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, provision, paragraph or section of this Ordinance ruled void or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder hereof is intended to be enacted and shall be in force and effect notwithstanding.

SECTION 5. ALL FORMER PROVISIONS REPEALED

Any City ordinance, orders, resolution, motions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are repealed.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage, approval, recording and publication as provided by law.

This Ordinance, as stated above, is hereby enacted this 11th day of March, 2021.

Warden Alexander
Mayor

Debbie Burdette
Attest

8th day of Feb
Date 1st Reading
11th day of M
Date 2nd Reading
March 11, 2
Publication Date

To all of my cherished clients and friends...

I wanted to tell each of you my news in person, but it's impossible when there are so many wonderful people to contact. It's been a long and difficult decision, but March 5th I hung up my scissors and threw in the towel.

My husband Dave and I have been discussing this for a year and I kept saying "I can't!" Now, we have both decided it's time for me to retire. This has been the hardest decision I have ever made. I love my job and all of you. I am going miss you all so much. I have some personal issues which helped me make this decision. As many of you know, I'm bad to the bone! Bad knee, bad hip, bad shoulder and bad back. Because of this, it's getting harder to do my job.

Spending quality time with family, especially my mother, is another reason I've decided to retire.

It's been an awesome 32 years! I have made so many life-time friends. I've watched kids grow up, go off to college and do great for themselves. I've watched them get married, raise children and then I've had the joy of cutting their children's hair.

David says for a woman that has one kid, you sure have plenty of them. I love my kids! I love my older people; I love all of you! I have been so blessed!

I believe God put's you exactly where you need to be if you trust him and have faith. I'm for sure I was exactly where he wanted me all these years. I will miss Terri, Sherry, Tim and Dakota very much. As Linda Burdette said once, "Terri and I are like an old married couple." My reply was, "I'm about ready to file for divorce!" I love the people I work with like my family.

It's been an amazing journey and I'm so proud of the work I've done at A Cut Above. I love each and every one of you. God bless you and thank you for all your support over the years.

With love, Dicie Allen

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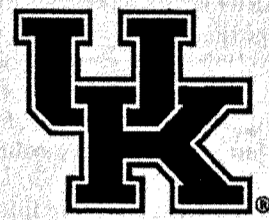
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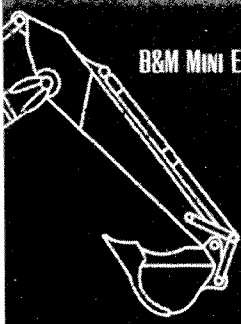
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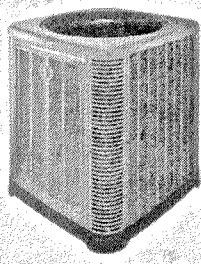
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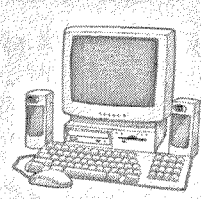
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