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Two forest fires in two days



Local fire departments were called to two separate forest fires on two consecutive days last week. In total, nearly 18 acres were damaged or destroyed. Officials remind residents that a state burn ban is in effect until April 30th. Property damage was reported at one of the fires but no injuries were reported.

By: Mike French
 Editor

Two forest fires in two days in Rockcastle County have prompted local fire fighters to remind everyone that a burn ban is currently in effect throughout the state.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department, with the assistance of the

Pongo and Brodhead Fire Departments, were called to a fire on Sand Springs Road Wednesday, March 10.

According to Major Adam Bales, of the Mount Vernon Fire Department, a local homeowner was burning trash and brush when the fire got out of hand and quickly spread to a nearby wooded area.

Bales said the fire raced up a steep hill, driven by wind, and soon destroyed five vehicles, a storage shed and a motorcycle. "Not to mention all the trees that were destroyed," said Bales.

The fire, on Poke Berry Road, destroyed about two acres of woodland, according to Bales, but was eventually con-

tained by first responders.

No charges were filed though Bales said anyone who starts a fire that damages property of others may be cited by the Kentucky Division of Forestry. "In this case, only this person's property was damaged,

(See "Fire" on 6)

Cost of living increase for school district

— Student talks about past year

By: Mike French
 Editor

Starting with a filled conference room, after three hours into the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board many of those present had left, but the board continued to address the agenda.

"I think that is the most people I have ever seen present at our meetings," said Board Chairman Angela Mink.

During the latter part of the meeting, Superintendent Carrie Ballinger recommended the board approve a 3% cost of living increase for all staff

of the school system. Ballinger said the last raise came in 2018/2019 and was a state mandated 1% increase. "While the actual cost of living has increased over 6%, our staff has only received a 1% increase and we are not keeping up," said Ballinger. "I wish we could do more and our staff deserves more but we have to live within our budget."

The increase will cost the district an additional \$470,980 annually but Sweet said that amount was built into the budget

(See "Raise" on 6)

Strong arm robbery at Family Dollar

By: Mike French
 Editor

A local man is in jail on a \$10,000 cash or property bond after stealing a box of crackers, two Hot Pockets and two boxes of candy, according to an arrest citation.

The citation says Matthew Miller, 33, of Mount

Vernon, entered the Family Dollar on US150 last Tuesday, March 9, and was seen taking the food by an employee at the store. The employee then attempted to stop Miller from leaving without pay-

(See "Rob" on 6)

School to last 20 extra minutes per day

By: Mike French
 Editor

The Rockcastle County School system started a four-day in-person school week Monday after approving the fifth revised school calendar at last week's board meeting.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger says students will attend in-person Monday through Thursday and will continue to do so for the remainder of the year. Fridays will remain as NTI days for all students. Some students chose to continue to learn at home and take classes virtually but a majority are back in school.

Classes began on March 15 and the last day of school for students is now May 28th.

At a date not yet determined, the new calendar will also add 20 minutes of instruction to each school day through May 28. Classes will begin at the same times but instead of ending at 2:50, as they have since the pandemic changed rules, students will now be released at 3:10, according to Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert.

"One thing we have to be careful of," said Ballinger, "that can't be a wasted 20 minutes. We have to take full advantage of that time and continue to teach just like the rest of the day."

When four-day classes

began, officials say the normal schedule will be observed but the 20-minute extension on each day is expected to begin within weeks. This extended day will allow the school system to meet requirements from the Kentucky Department of

Education and keep the system eligible for state and federal grants.

Ballinger said the school will inform parents when the longer school days will begin.

According to the calendar, a Spring Break will be observed on Thursday

and Friday, April 8 and 9.

The board also approved the 2021/22 calendar last week showing the first day of school for students as Wednesday, August 25th. The school year is expected to be five full days in 2021/22.

The calendar lists

County holds monthly meeting

Some road repairs expected

By: Mike French
 Editor

The Rockcastle County fiscal court held their regular monthly meeting last week, dealing with 25 issues on the agenda.

The first item was a request from the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority to place \$325,000 in a Farmer's Market account. The money was recently received from an insurance claim against Eagle Manufacturing, who previously occupied the Plastics Building at the Industrial Park.

The request came after RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig and Executive Director Jeff VanHook discovered the funds could save the county money if RCIDA could purchase some materials for the new Farmers Market ahead of projected price hikes. The county would also save taxes on those materials for a combined savings of nearly \$8,000

in the steel package alone, according to County Treasurer Joseph Clontz. That money would then be removed from the contract price to build the building.

Magistrate Mike McGuire said he would agree but asked for stipu-

lations with the agreement. "I'll go along with this as long as they (RCIDA) can't spend any of the money until after we approve it," said McGuire. "Right now they just do whatever they want to do and then ask

(See "Roads" on 6)

Dalton appointed as new Commonwealth Attorney

David L. Dalton, Somerset, has been appointed as Commonwealth's Attorney for the 28th Judicial Circuit. Dalton will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Eddy F. Montgomery in February 2021.

Prior to his appointment, Dalton was serving as First Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, a position he has held for over 21 years. During his time as First Assistant, Dalton prosecuted cases in Lincoln,

Pulaski and Rockcastle counties; cases involving murder, drug trafficking, child pornography, rape and sexual abuse.

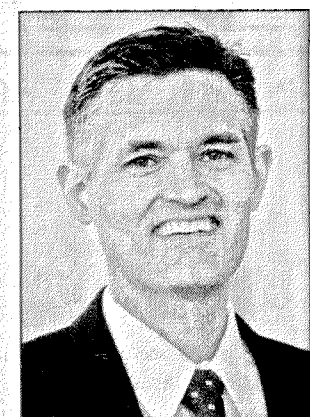
Dalton also served as Directing Prosecutor for Operation UNITE, focusing on stopping drug trafficking in the 5th Congressional District, as well as personally handling the Rocket Docket Program in Rockcastle County.

The local program will continue through his office, according to Rockcastle County Attorney

Jeremy Rowe.

A graduate of the Uni-

(See "Dalton" on 6)



David Dalton

Only four new cases

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department reports only four 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 704. There are 668 probable cases and 22 active cases.

City Council meeting

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday night at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Wanted man caught

Last week, police asked the public for help in finding Daniel Griffin who was wanted on fleeing police, theft and escape charges. Police asked Rockcastle County residents to keep an eye out for Griffin.

In an update to this story, the suspect has been captured and arrested in Lincoln County.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It's been a rough three weeks but I think I can finally declare that it's going to take something stronger than COVID-19 and pneumonia to remove me from this world.

During the past three weeks, I spent five days of those in the hospital at Somerset and then being sent home where my girls and son Travis beautifully stepped in and took care of me (I knew there was a reason I had so many children).

It has been rough, although I consider myself fortunate that I have recovered as well as I have. I will have to say that it is the longest illness I have ever had to recover from that didn't involve broken bones and feel certain that it will still take another week or two before I'm fully recovered.

I have no intention of taking the vaccine. My girls have pretty much left me alone about it, saying that at least I will have antibodies that should serve as some protection, for a while.

My age, along with my heart and lung issues, put me into the most vulnerable age group and I consider myself lucky that I came through with nothing much more than the inconvenience of having to be in the hospital with my children not being able to even visit, let alone stay with me.

I know with all the chaos and sadness afoot in our world right now that you all will probably think I'm being shallow to tell you of the death of youngest daughter Allison's dearly loved dog, Yancy.

Can't help myself however. Yancy came into our lives in 2010 when Allison and I took our two dogs, Pup and Penny to the vet for some routine maintenance and encountered Yancy, who we think was some variety of a Cockapoo, being held there awaiting the dog catcher. Something about him caught our eye, it might have been the fact that his hair had

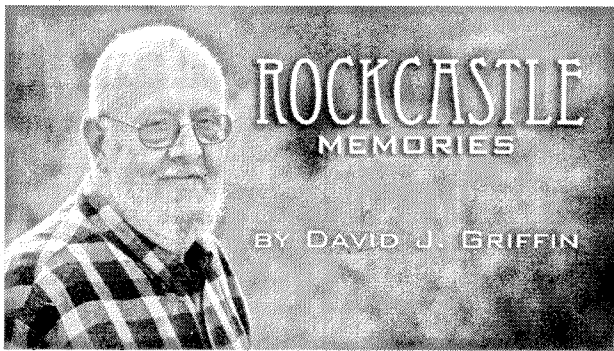
grown out to ground level during his sojourn on his own. Anyway, Allison and I decided we wanted him and thus went to the vet with two dogs and came home with three.

I tried to give him a bath that night but to no avail as his fur was so clumped and filthy that I couldn't even get my fingers through it let alone a brush of any sort. I took him to a local dog groomer the next day and he wound up shaved to the skin.

But with that all said, Allison and I and her family agree that the day we brought Yancy home was a red letter day in our lives.

He was very laid back and an excellent companion for adults and children. We got him in February of 2010 and, when Allison left for her first teaching job in Washington County in August of the same year, she decided that she needed to take Yancy with her and, by the way, there is absolutely no truth to the rumor that I missed Yancy

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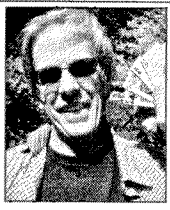
Chickens and Hogs

For the past year, my wife and I have been "locked down" because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have been doing much more cooking at home, instead of picking up meals at fast food restaurants. During this time, I have noticed that we are consuming more pork and poultry.

Examples of these meals include: tenderloin, pork chops, country ribs, sausage, pulled pork, and tons of bacon. We have also eaten our share of fried chicken, eggs, and chicken salad.

Aces Over

By: Mike French



I'm no Harvard graduate and I never was called the world's smartest man. I'm just a Kentucky fellow that has lived a long time and, whether the younger generation wants to admit it or not, there isn't any degree or any title or any talent that can take the place of plain, old experience.

Not a day goes by that I don't see something that I have seen before. There is a thing called common sense and a thing called life experiences.

This generation has lost the respect and appreciation for those two things.

I heard my children saying last week that they believe no one over 35 should be allowed to run for any office because "old people" just don't understand the modern world. I have heard the same argument countless times from other people - young people of course. "They just aren't ready for the digital world," they say.

The truth is, I remem-

ber those days myself. I, too, remember thinking that old people just didn't understand what my generation needed or wanted. Old people refused to let me use a calculator in school so that I would learn to use my mind instead. How crazy, I thought, I used to believe that young people knew everything they needed to know by the time they were in their mid-20s. Boy, was I dead wrong! And the fact is, all these youngsters who feel this way, will know that they are wrong too, someday.

We old fellows have seen a lot that young ones still see as all new and unpredictable. But in more cases than not, we have been there--done that. Or at least we have seen others do it.

People anymore are so amazingly easy to fool. Immigration is one of a thousand examples. Democrats were letting anyone who wanted to, come on over the border. Of course it didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that all the criminals, thugs and perverts who

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Points East

By Ike Adams



My Uncle, Stevie Craft, was partially disabled as a soldier in The Spanish American War and, to this day, I am ashamed to admit that I never knew the particulars of how he got that way. He simply didn't want to talk about it and he didn't. My memory has also gotten so bad that I may have forgotten. I can't wait to talk to my brother Andy again next week.

Uncle Stevie couldn't do much in the way of manual labor. My Dad and later myself plowed and hoed his garden, helped dig his potatoes, harvest and store his feed corn, helped kill his hogs and stuff like that. At least 75% of what he ate, he grew himself or had grown for him. He even grew and twisted his own chewing tobacco until he was pretty up in years and that included saving seed from one year to the next.

His youngest child, Steve, was 14 or 15 years older than me and by the time I was old enough to enter school I was taking weekends at their house.

"Little" Steve Craft went on to become a regionally well known Country and Bluegrass Musician, but that's another story for another time. I have no idea how Uncle Stevie wound up with the "ie" at the end of his name instead of his son. It would not be the only time something wasn't necessarily normal on Blair Branch.

By the time I was more than 8 or 9 years old, Uncle Stevie had reached a point of disability where he wasn't able to walk the mile up to our house anytime he took a notion. He would sharpen every knife, saw, field & garden-hoe, mowing blade, hand scythe, and anything else on the place that needed sharpening, whether it needed it or not.

He made elaborately carved toy pistols, farm implements and wheel toys that would be worth small fortunes today if certain nephews and grand children hadn't lost them. He knew how to make the bark slip on a section of pawpaw branch, hollow out the interior then make all the moving parts for a powerful water gun. I never learned to play one, but he also made pawpaw flutes and recorders that would carry good tunes for anyone who could play them.

In fact, the very reason I got Uncle Stevie on my mind this afternoon was because a couple or 3 little pawpaw trees just down the road are starting to show some color in their skin. Sap is up and this would be the ideal time to make the bark slip and turn those limbs into any number of amazingly wonderful gadgets and gizmos.

Unfortunately I never paid much attention when he was showing me how to make them but Uncle Stevie sure made it seem easy. I'd be willing to bet that he had developed Parkinson's Disease in his mid 50s and either lost interest or ability or both when it came to craftsman ship. That's been my experience with the disease and most of the things I used to love to do.

In the meantime, I'm

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T.J.'s Journal
By: Tonya J. Cook



Danny and the Plight of the Poor Pit Bulls

Dear Journal, It all started in 2010 at my ex-nephew-in-law's house over in London. "If you all don't come and get this dog, I'm going to take him way out in the country and drop him off", knowing that Stanley and I were in animal rescue at the time. The dog had been there about a week and nobody had come looking for him, or so he said. Later that day, we went to his house and got the dog. This dog had broken his chain from his former residence with about a six foot piece of it dragging behind him. We were driving a van at the time and we loaded him in the back and headed to Walmart where we needed to pick up a few things. On the way to the store, he got loose and

wandered to the front of the van and presented himself between us. He seemed friendly, but he was a strange dog and a pit bull.

We got to Walmart and Stanley decided that he would stay out in the van with the dog. I was a little worried and told him that I would hurry. Imagine that. Hurry at Walmart. I expected to see on the 11 o'clock news, "Man mauled to death in van at the London Walmart. Film at eleven." I got back to the van and all was peaceful. We named him Danny, and we all went home and the dog became a part of our family.

Over the years, Danny's health began to suffer as he aged. He was already a grown dog when we got him. His back legs began to fail

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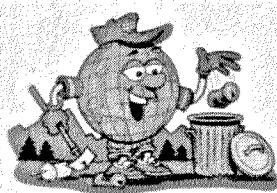
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“Aces”

(Continued from 2) were in trouble in their country, would be among the first to want to leave there.

Some good people too, of course. No one denies that. But if a person needs to flee their country and will risk life and limb and abandon their family to do it, there is usually more reasons than they heard through a grapevine that America has some job openings.

So Donald Trump put a stop to it. Then when Joe Biden completely erased all the good Trump did and went back to the old way, he soon saw that once again thugs and criminals and rapists are flooding America.

You know what he said about it? He said he "inherited an immigration mess."

That's so wrong it hurts one's head to think about it. He is actually the one who changed it back to the way he is complaining about but still he says it's a crisis but it's Trump's fault.

I'd expect that of him. He is a liar. But I am a little surprised by the young people that fell for that without so much as a question about it. All Biden has to do is say the words, "Trump's fault" and they nod and cheer and agree. "Yeah, yeah! That's it! That mean old Trump did it! I knew it!"

This is stuff we old people already knew was going to happen. And yes, we knew he would blame someone else. And yes, we knew the crisis would be right back again. We just didn't know so many young people would buy his blame game. We thought they were smarter than that. Clearly not.

These are the same people who believed the riots all summer were somehow much more acceptable than the one at the Capitol, because Biden told them to believe that.

The same ones who believe it's okay to send billions to a minority race of farmers while other races cannot qualify. That's not racism because Biden told them it's not.

The same who believe cops should speak nicely to drug lords, rapists and thieves and ask them gently to go to the jailhouse. In a quiet voice of course.

The same who believe it is good to destroy monuments of great American heroes and completely erase history, pretending it never happened.

The same ones who think those who work

should support those who won't.

The same ones who think God has no place in our schools.

If this is the younger generation, I'm sure glad I grew up. I just wish they would too.

“Ramblings”

(Continued from 2) more than I did Allison (wink, wink).

On a Sunday night, two weeks ago, he quietly went out into their backyard, laid down next to their fence and went to Doggie Heaven (if there is one, he's there).

Dogs are wonderful and if we all patterned ourselves after them, mainly their unconditional love, this world would be a better place.

It's been a rough new year thus far. Besides my being under the weather, I'm having a hard time dealing with a new administration that seems determined to root out every law/policy that directly benefited American citizens and do away with them.

On his first day in office, President Biden shut down construction of the XL Pipeline and gas prices are inching up across the country. Gas is currently 40c per gallon more locally than when Biden took office. That is a direct additional expense to everyone, not to mention the 11,000 direct high paying jobs destroyed but the figure is much higher, 42,000 by some reports, for related job losses.

And, to me the most unkind Executive Order just about ever issued was when Biden deliberately did away with President Trump's order that forced pharmaceutical companies to charge Americans the same price for medicines that it charged other country's citizens.

One of the big effects of this action by President Biden caused the price of insulin to triple, probably causing many to have to do without the life saving medicine.

Also, we can't forget the Executive Order allowing transgender women to compete with biological women in women's sporting events. This will, of course, destroy women's sports if left standing, not to mention the chaos that will ensue at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, if the Olympic committee allows their participation.

Several states have now passed a law that does not allow participation by transgenders in women's sports. If this

will prevail over federal law, I suppose, remains to be seen.

And then, of course, there is the recent passage of the latest COVID-19 relief bill in which Americans are scheduled to receive \$1,400, depending on income restrictions.

One of the many problems with this \$1.9 trillion bill is that only 9% has to do with actual relief for COVID-related losses while the remainder is parceled out to pork barrel projects.

I didn't bother watching the Grammys Sunday night because I have quit watching anything to do with Hollywood, especially a show where they pat each other on the back for their "superior" performances. I did see on Twitter clips of some of the entertainment provided and was aghast at the blatant sexual overtones of the performances.

I found these particularly offensive and can only shake my head in wonder that those performances are acceptable on primetime TV but Amazon has banned six Dr. Seuss books because of "racial overtones" and Disney has removed from "Kids" on Disney+ Alladin, The Aristocrats, Dumbo, Lady and the Tramp, Peter Pan and Swiss Family Robinson.

Of course, I, personally, do not believe for one moment that President Biden actually won his office but, nevertheless, he is installed and we are at his mercy. And the Republicans we do have in the House and Senate, with few exceptions, do not seem inclined to do battle over the liberal agenda being foisted upon us.

I must say I am very pleased with our Senator Rand Paul and his continued efforts to, at least, draw attention to what is happening in our country. Long serving Senator Mitch McConnell not so much. The best thing he could do for the state that has sent him to the Senate for years is resign and let someone who's actually a Republican try to do a better job.

“T.J.’s”

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until he could hardly walk, but he tried so hard and never, ever gave up. Danny certainly has been an inspiration to me when I feel like giving up. Then, his eyesight began to fail and eventually he went totally blind. He liked to play with cats, but as he was going blind and couldn't see so well one of the cats clawed his left eye and the fluid drained out leaving something resembling an eye. We were afraid that he would lose that eye to infection but thankfully he didn't. Somewhere along the way he developed congestive heart failure. He was thought to be about seventeen or eighteen years old.

Danny has been a wonderful dog throughout the years. It is too bad more people don't realize that the pit bull dogs are a wonderful breed and are not naturally aggressive. They are intentionally made that way by inhumane poor excuses for humanity who only want to fight them or brag about the "bad" dog they have. Then there are those who let their unbehaving children torture the dogs by pulling their tail, poking and jabbing, playing around with their food, etc., and the dog attacks them when they can't stand anymore. The pit bulls always get

the blame even if it was Grandma's lap poodle. Any dog can be made aggressive.

Now, the shelters are overrun with the pit bulls and thousands are put to sleep every few days because it seems that nobody will adopt them because they have this preconceived idea about them as I once did. It is almost impossible to place them in a foster home or rescue. It is a heartbreaking story for these wonderful dogs who only want to be loved and to have a good home as other dogs do. I wish people would get educated about the pit bull dogs. We have three and each one is a great dog and we wouldn't dream of a house without any of them. Unfortunately, we were forced to do that.

Yesterday, at 1 o'clock we had to have Danny put to sleep. He, after a long journey, was just too tired to go on any further. I was holding him in my arms as he passed and Stanley was there, too. Earlier, while we were waiting, Danny had fallen asleep with his head laid on Stanley's leg. Danny's passing was almost like losing a child. He will be greatly missed for many years to come. He was our first pit bull and we are so glad that we gave him a chance to be a part of our family. Let me just encourage all who are interested in having a good dog as a part of their family to consider getting one of those old mean pit bulls. You will be glad you did if you could only give them a chance.

Points East

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sitting here wondering why some young person without shaky hands hasn't tracked down this long lost art and made a living of it. I'm even wondering if anybody knows what I'm talking about?

“Memories”

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house to gather the eggs. We had fresh eggs every day for breakfast. They were fried in bacon drippings, scrambled, and or even poached, especially for Pop. They were served with home-prepared bacon, country ham, or sausage.

The table was also spread with fresh biscuits, gravy, and home-canned jams and jellies. I always thought that our breakfasts were the best meal of the day. When one of Mommie's hens stopped laying eggs, that bird was promptly scheduled for a baked hen Sunday dinner.

My grandfather (Pop) was in charge of our hog lot. In November, we usually killed two hogs in order to have enough pork for the whole year. Early in the morning, after a good breakfast prepared by Mommie Katie and my mother (Bee), the men set out to the hog lot. Pop took his single-shot 22 rifle and a box of shells. He was the one who actually pulled the trigger. My dad used a sharp butcher knife to cut the animal's throat, allowing the animal to bleed out. It was hung by the hind legs on the limb of an old tree, where the hair was removed.

The most gruesome step followed - removing the "innards," as they were called. Some were prepared to be eaten in the next few days. This included my favorite, fresh pork tenderloin. For some unknown reason, we did not cut the meat into pork chops, just tenderloin.

The next step was by far the most exciting for me. Pop was in charge of salt-curing the hams, shoulders, and middlings (bacon). He took great pride in his own method of

curing these parts of the hog - which was savored by his family in the months to come. I was fascinated by his methodical preparation of the meat.

In the smokehouse, he had a large shelf where he laid the parts to be cured. There he trimmed the meat and covered it with large amounts of salt. Each day he would turn the meat and re-cover it with more salt. After a few weeks, he ran a coat-hanger through the small ends of the hams and shoulders and hung them from the rafters. Burlap bags were used to protect them. I worried him for the next year by asking when they would be ready to eat.

Hog-killing day is a part of my past that I recall fondly. It was a true family event, with each working hard to do his part. They are all gone now. But when I remember such times, my family still seems close by and very much a part of who I am.

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



Shed some light on fiscal court...

Dear Editor, I agree with Andy Lawson's letter to the editor this past week. Roadside litter is piling up, but as the former judge-executive, perhaps I can shed some light on his bewilderment of the fiscal court's action to reimburse some of the solid waste funding instead of having used it for what is plain for all to see.

Firstly, such funds are reimbursed after state audits; secondly, (but not having perused the budget and audit in detail, I'm taking an educated guess) the funding that was returned might have been for county-wide 'trash day' that could not have been used for roadside litter as much as the fiscal court would have liked; thirdly, the funding would have been a grant and the amount initially sought and provided would have been based on prior years - an educated best guess. I'm sure Judge Holbrook can provide ready and justifiable answers as to the reasons a small portion of the fund was returned unused; fourthly, as I understand, prisoners have not been permitted by the state to pick up roadside litter during the pandemic to prevent possible contagions inside the jail. Their work is missed and piling up. Understandable.

Finally, when I was in office we spent approximately \$100,000 per year of county funds for roadside litter abatement alone. That's a lot of the public's money that could be saved in its entirety for other public purposes if - and only if - people would simply take their garbage home instead of tossing out the car window. I once saw two ladies throw two bags of trash out their car as I was following them. I pulled alongside and told them to go back and pick it up. They did. A magistrate was riding with me at the time. I'm sure Judge Howell Holbrook would do the same, and having worked alongside him for years I can say with complete confidence that his abilities and honesty are above reproach.

Sincerely,
Buzz Carloftis
Former Judge-Executive

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Obituaries

Lucendia Atwell

Lucendia Atwell, 91, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, March 8, 2021 at her home. She was born in Orlando on June 9, 1929, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Robinson Vanwinkle. She was a retired line worker for Gordon's Potato Chips and a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

She is survived by 19 nieces and nephews, as well as one great niece. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Earl Atwell; two brothers, Henry Vanwinkle and Jacob Vanwinkle; and five sisters, Ruth Richards, Ruby Vesels Allen, Mandy Vanzant, Elsie Cameron, and Pearl Cameron.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 11, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jason Medley. Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Donald Sanders, John Keith Sanders, Gary Vanwinkle, Jesse Vanwinkle, Tim Vanwinkle, and Jose Valez.

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

Bobby Ray McKinney

Bobby Ray McKinney, 75, of Brodhead, husband of Patricia, died Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Rockcastle Hospital. He was born February 16, 1946 in Berea, a son of the late Luther and Helen Stephens McKinney. Bobby was a 42 year employee at Square D Company in Lexington. He was a member of Freedom Baptist Church, a 50 year member of the Brodhead Lodge F&AM #566, and enjoyed John Deere Tractors, turkey hunting, and his farm. On April 17, 1965 he was united in marriage to Patricia Mays, and from that union came a son, Bobby Chris McKinney.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 55 years, Patricia Mays McKinney of Brodhead; his son, Bobby Chris McKinney (Fiancée-Janice Perkins) of Corbin; a grandchild, Tasha (Bradley) Hubbs; great grandchildren, Tyler and Jonathan Hubbs; brothers, C.S. McKinney (Carolyn) and L.A. McKinney (Beverly), both of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Lucy Jane Beaumont (Alan) of Lexington; special nephew, Scott Mays (Becky) of Brodhead; a niece, Jodi Carpenter (David) of Brodhead; great nephews, Chase and Chance Prewitt; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Danny Joe McKinney.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 15, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Barry Hurst officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Geraldine "June" Grimes

Geraldine "June" Francisco Grimes, 84, of Livingston, mother of Victor Francisco, died Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Baptist Health Hospital in Richmond.

Funeral arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

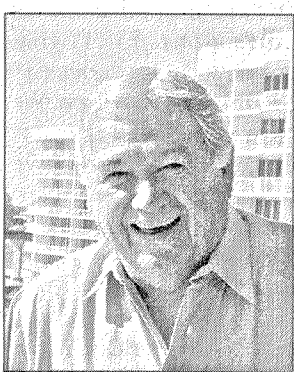
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William Terrell "Terry" Chandler, Jr.

William Terrell "Terry" Chandler, Jr., 82, of Brodhead, died Sunday, March 7, 2021 at his residence. He was born November 27, 1938 in Brodhead,



to the late William Terrell and Mabel (Lear) Chandler Sr. He was a 1957 graduate of Brodhead High School where he played basketball and was a member of Future Farmers of America. He received his bachelor's degree in 1960 from Campbellsville College. Terry was retired from the State of Kentucky, working as a business administrator at Oakwood, Lake Cumberland Mental Health, and DDM in Memphis, TN. He was of the Southern Baptist Faith, enjoyed fishing and hunting, was an avid Rook player, enjoyed watching classic western-themed TV shows and movies, loved traveling with his children and grandchildren, and was a college basketball fan.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his two sons, Dr. William Terrell "Happy" Chandler III of Brandenburg, and Joseph Cooper Chandler of Louisville; and two grandchildren, Kayla Noel Chandler of Allen, and Linden Cooper Chandler of Pensacola, FL.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruthann Borich.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Happy Chandler officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Memorial expressions of sympathy may be made to: Rock Haven Baptist Church, 4444 Old Mill Road, Brandenburg, KY 40108. Attn: Treasurer.

David Paul Derr

David Paul Derr, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, March 4, 2021 at his home. He was born in Cincinnati, OH on April 24, 1956, the son of Richard Lawrence and Virginia Lee Crist Harte. He had been an auto mechanic.

He is survived by his daughter, Danna Derr of Mt. Vernon and a sister, Sarah Hall of Batavia, OH.

The family of Mr. Derr will hold memorial services at a later date.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Edward "Earl" Hasty

Edward "Earl" Hasty, 78, of Locust Grove, Georgia, died March 11, 2021 after a short battle with Covid-19. He was born in Mt Vernon on May 1, 1942,



to the late William "Bill" and Alene (Manis) Hasty. He had retired from Sara Lee Bakery, after 53 years of service. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending time with his family, and gardening. He was an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan and a member of the Cedar Rock Church in Jackson, Georgia. He also loved working the concessions at the ball fields and

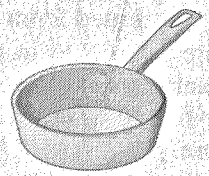
assisted citizens at the Henry County Tax Assessors Office.

He is survived by: his three children, Kim (Mark) Ware, Patrick (Melissa) Hasty, and Rocky Hasty; three grandchildren, Slater Eckert, Ali (Jesse) Mantooh, and Tatem Hasty, all of Georgia; one brother of North Carolina; three sisters, Lois (Wess) Johnson of Indiana, and Jean Romines and Lorene Falin of Kentucky. Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by: his wife, Patricia (Davis) Hasty; a granddaughter, Summer Lee; a sister in-law, Nancy Hasty; and a brother in-law, Henry Falin.

Pastor Greg Johns officiated the funeral service on Tuesday March 16, 2021 at Cedar Rock Church in Jackson, Georgia. Burial followed in Eastlawn Memorial Park, McDonough, Georgia.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



BAKED RICE AND BEANS

3 cups long grain rice
2 teaspoons salt, or to taste
1 teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons ground coriander
1 tablespoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 cup olive oil
1 jar (16 ounce) tomato salsa
2 cups chicken broth
2 cans (15 ounces each) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
Preheat the oven to 350°. Pour white rice into a casserole dish and season with salt, pepper, coriander, chili powder, cayenne, and oregano. Pour in olive oil and stir until rice is thoroughly coated with oil. Add salsa, chicken broth, and kidney beans; stir until evenly combined. Cover very tightly with heavy-duty aluminum foil. Bake in the preheated oven until rice is tender, about 1 hour and 10 minutes. Remove foil, taste, and adjust seasoning if necessary, and fluff with a fork. Serve hot.

CREAMY PARMESAN RICE

4 tablespoons of butter
1 tablespoon of minced garlic
1 cup uncooked rice
1 cup water
1 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon parsley
In a medium size saucepan, sauté garlic in butter over medium heat for about 3 to 4 minutes. Add rice and stir well to make sure the rice is coated by the butter. Add water, milk, and salt and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally until the rice is tender. Add parmesan and parsley, remove from heat, keeping covered and let stand for 5 minutes.

CURRIED CHICKEN AND RICE

1 stick butter
1 cup uncooked rice
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon (or more) curry powder
1 tablespoon chicken bouillon powder
2 and 1/4 cups water
4 or 5 chicken breasts
Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Add rice, onion powder, salt, curry, bouillon, and water to pan. Stir all together.

Place chicken on top. Bake for 1 hour or 1 and 15 minutes until all liquid is absorbed and chicken breasts are done.

EARTHQUAKE CAKE

Do you remember where you were and what you were doing at exactly 5:04 p.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, October 17, 1989? I was in San Francisco, but I wasn't eating a piece of this cake. I was experiencing a real, honest-to-goodness earthquake. We later found out that it registered 7.2 on the Richter scale. This recipe was already named by the time Ann's mother-in-law first fixed it for me. Eating a piece of this sinfully delicious rich cake almost made me forget all the bad things about one of the events for which it was named—the San Francisco earthquake of 1989.

1 and 1/2 cups coconut
1 and 1/2 cups pecans, chopped
1 box German Chocolate cake mix plus ingredients on box to prepare cake
1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese
1 stick butter or margarine
4 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Sprinkle coconut and nuts in bottom of 13 x 9" baking pan. Prepare cake mix batter as directed on box; pour over nuts and coconut. Melt butter and cream cheese. Add powdered sugar. Spoon cream cheese mixture down center of batter—DO NOT MIX. Bake for 45 minutes. Let cool. Serve warm or chilled.

GINGER MOLASSES OATMEAL COOKIES

3/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
1/4 cup molasses
1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 teaspoons ginger
2 cups old-fashioned oats
Preheat oven to 350° and line 2 baking trays with parchment paper. In a large bowl, mix butter and sugar until smooth. Stir in egg and molasses. Add in flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and ginger. Mix well. Stir in oats. Measure out tablespoon sized balls of dough and place onto your lined baking tray. Make sure to space them at least 1 to 2 inches apart. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until they are golden. Remove, and let cool.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Cavalry SPV I, LLC, v. Robert Renner, monies claimed due.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC, v. Kathy E. Monaghan, monies claimed due.

Goldman Sachs Bank USA v. Michael Cash, monies claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Nicholas M. Cundiff, complaint.

Clyde B et al v. Luis Andrade et al, monies claimed due.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co v. Kimberly Baker, complaint.

Adrian Henry et al v. Robert Brashear et al, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Lucas L. Vinyard, complaint.

Jody L. Gallegos v. Derick D. Bishop, complaint.

William Mason v. Tanya Mason, petition for dissolution of marriage

Prestige Financial Services, Inc. v. Alan Douglas King, monies claimed due.

Jenna Paige Rumsey v. Elizabeth Sims et al., compalint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Regina Smith, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Brandon W. Smith, complaint for child support and medical support.

Marriage Licenses

Lestlie Ann Higgins, 38, Somerset, unemployed, and William Richard Leary IV, 34, Wilmington, NC, manager 3/5/21

District Civil Suits

Synchrony Bank v. Gary Langford, monies claimed due

Lonnie Moore v. Donna K. Pitts, forcible detainer compliant

Midland Credit Management, Inc v. Debbie B. Petty, monies claimed due.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC v.

Ernie C. Cromer, monies claimed due

Eagle Financial Services, Inc. v. Dioni N. Hansel, monies claimed due.

Mildland Credit Management, Inc v. Elis Doan, monies claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Jay Gilbert v. Amanda Gilbert, complaint.

Housing Authority of Irvine v. Rebecca Goosey, complaint.

Deeds Recorded

Sammy L. and Judy Ford and Roy E. and Judy Adams, property located in Rockcastle County, to Roger and Rebecca Isaacs. Tax \$47.

Leamon and Mary Elizabeth Clark, property located in Rockcastle County, to Raymond and Jody A. Clark. No tax.

George and Icie Poynter, property located in Rockcastle County, to Brady and Suann Hensley. Tax \$10.

Scotty Lee and Michelle Bullock, prop-

erty located in Rockcastle County, to Sue Barron and Mike Barron. Tax \$72.

Rosie and Roscoe Kirby, property located in Rockcastle County to Jessica Rose Kirby. Tax none.

Brian Dale Carter and Brittany Moore, property located in Rockcastle County to Larry Edwards Sellers, Jr. and Betty Lynn Sellers. Tax \$153.

Johnny Thomas Shafer II and Emily E. Shafer, property located in Rockcastle County, to Jordan Briggs. Tax \$129.

Rebecca Bradley and Scott Baird, property located in Rockcastle County to Brittany Cox. Tax \$86.

Paul and Clarice R. Kirby, property located in Rockcastle County, to Anothony Smith and Rachele Smith. Tax \$65.

Russell and Norma Houk, property located in Rockcastle County to Regina and Bobby Thompson. Tax \$124.

Larry and Judy Doyle, property located in Rockcastle County, to Amy Erin Elkins. Tax \$35.

Earl H. and Brenda Bullock et al., property

located in Rockcastle County, to Michael P. Todd and Karen E. Todd. Tax \$78.

Dora Smith, property located in Rockcastle County, to John and Darlene Peterson. Tax \$25.

Dwight Wayne and Margaret Ann Harper, property located in Rockcastle County to Colleen Marie Frances and Neal Jayson Justice. Tax \$195.

Charles and Anita Baker, property located in Rockcastle County, to Roy Ambrose. Tax \$30.

William J. and Dorothea W. Parsons, property located in Rockcastle County to Clyde M. and Edith Powell. Tax \$100.

Chris J. Reddington and Marilyn S. Reddington, property located in Rockcastle County, to John David Reddington. Tax \$10.

Daniel and Melissa Myers, property located in Rockcastle County, to William Hensley and Carolyn Kreienbaum. Tax \$55.

Lisa Carpenter, property located in Rockcastle County, to Gary and Lisa Robbins. Tax \$3.

William and Donna Asher, property located in Rockcastle County, to William Dillon and Kristan Asher. No tax.

Todd Builders, LLC., property located in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Derek Lee and Katie Annette Wynn. Tax \$216.

Gerald L. Riney and Patrica Riney Lawrence and David Lawrence, property located in Rockcastle County, to Luther T. and Sandra J. Allen. Tax \$134.

Connie and Donnie Owens and Jeff and Tabatha Hale, property located in Rockcastle County, to Jerry Hale. No tax.

Jeffrey Logan Stamper, property located in Rockcastle County, to Matthew Logan Stamper. Tax \$10.

Ryan William and Cathy Nicole Roberts, property located in Valley Manor Subdivision, to Diane Marcum. Tax \$130.

Kimberly and Kevin Hall, property located in Rockcastle County, to Josiah T. Bertrand. Tax \$70.

Daniel Boone National Forest begins prescribed burns

As the Daniel Boone National Forest thaws out from recent ice storms and subsequent flooding, firefighter crews are setting up shop on the national forest. These crews will be on call throughout Kentucky's spring fire season which lasts from February 15 to April 30. They will also assist forest land managers with the controlled burns prescribed as land management treatments.

"Controlled burns are one of the most efficient land management tools

that we have at our disposal," said Acting Daniel Boone National Forest Supervisor H. Scott Ray. "Implementing controlled burns in key areas helps remove undesirable vegetation and improve wildlife habitat at a level that would be hard to achieve in any other way."

Key native plant species, like white oak, depend on fire to clear competing species from the area and to enrich the soil. Many native species

are adapted for naturally occurring fire and experience periods of increased growth after controlled burns. These periods of regeneration create food and protective cover for many game and non-game species across the forest.

"Aside from the habitat and species-specific benefits, you also have the general benefit of recycling nutrients back into the soil while removing leaves and other woody debris which increase the risk of a wildfire," said Ray. "As counterintuitive as it may seem, controlled fire is one of the best ways to prevent a wildfire."

Controlled burns are prescribed to the land through detailed burn plans that are defined by specific boundaries and conditions. Forest managers choose areas that are fenced in by natural fire barriers like roads or streams and avoid private residences and other infrastructure. By reducing leaf litter and woody debris on the forest floor, controlled burning lessens the chance for catastrophic wildfires to occur which increases firefighter and public safety.

"We have very strict requirements for prescribed burns," said Daniel Boone National Forest Fire Management Officer E.J. Bunzendahl. "We wait for the perfect combination of low winds, the right wind direction, and moderate humidity to make sure that we can burn safely."

Early spring, when weather conditions are mild and trees have not yet begun to bud, is often a prime time for prescribing controlled fire. It is also the start of spring fire season.

"Hazardous fuels, like downed tree limbs from ice storms, and continuous fuels from annual leaf fall, have built up in the forest which makes it very important that we reduce fuels safely and

create fuel breaks in case of wildland fire activity in the area," said Bunzendahl. "We ask that everyone continue to follow Kentucky Division of Forestry mandates to avoid burning anything within 150 feet

of any woodland or brushland between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m."

The Daniel Boone National Forest will be conducting controlled burns as weather allows starting the first week of March. Up-to-date alerts

on current prescribed burn areas will be shared on the Daniel Boone National Forest's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

You can learn more about prescribed fire on the Daniel Boone National Forest's website.

Rockcastle advocates for kidney health

Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk, Eliza Jane York-Hansel, is emphasizing the health of community members by observing March as National Kidney Month. Across the United States, 33 percent of adults are at risk for kidney disease. Every year kidney disease causes more deaths than breast or prostate cancer. Throughout the course of the pandemic, it has been proven that COVID-19 damages the kidneys of otherwise healthy patients. People of color have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, just as the disproportion of developing kidney disease.

In Kentucky, over 700 people are waiting on a life-saving kidney transplant due to chronic kidney failure. Numerous families across the Commonwealth are faced with the harsh realities of waiting on a life-saving organ transplant, families just like Ryan Buffington's.

Ryan Buffington is a husband and father of two. After experiencing complications due to diabetes, Ryan was listed on the waiting list in March 2014 for a kidney and pancreas transplant. Later that year, he and his family were given a second chance at life by a gener-

ous donor.

"Ryan's transplant has been a new beginning for our entire family. His donor has done for Ryan what doctors could not; he has cured Ryan's diabetes," said Bridgit Buffington, Ryan's wife.

This testimony of kidney disease leading to needing a transplant is all too common. Taking preventative measures to prevent unnecessary complications is necessary.

"One in every three Rockcastle Countians are at risk for kidney disease. High blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, and obesity increase risk of end state renal disease," said York-Hansel. "We must take care of our kidney health and others' by registering as an organ donor."

Join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry in one of the following ways:

- Online 24/7 at RegisterMe.org

- On your Apple iPhone, go to your Health App and toggle to "organ donor."

- Driver's License Renewals: All Circuit Clerks' Offices and all KYTC offices have reopened, adhering to Governor Beshear's COVID-19 guidelines and continue to do so.



Mt Vernon Lions Club has new members and a milestone. Pictured from left are: new member Angie Bishop; President Sandy Dowel; Mary McNew celebrating 15 years in the club; and new member Shannon Bishop. The Lions Club is very thankful for their club and members.

UNITE accepting donations to assist with flood relief efforts in Eastern Kentucky

As hundreds of families remain displaced and impacted by flooding in southern and eastern Kentucky, Operation UNITE has created a simple and reliable way for individuals to be a part of flood relief efforts.

To expedite assistance to counties in need, UNITE has launched a secure Flood Relief Fund on its website, OperationUNITE.org.

The Flood Relief Fund will be used to purchase bottled water, cleaning supplies, and other necessities for Eastern Kentucky counties that have declared a state of emergency. All donations are tax-deductible and 100% of all donations will directly be used to assist our hardest-hit communities.

"Many families, businesses, and even entire communities in UNITE's 32-county service region have been

dramatically impacted because of the historic rains over the past few days," said Nancy Hale, UNITE President & CEO. "Our staff, UNITE Service Corps Members, and UNITE Community Coalitions are volunteering in numerous ways to help with relief efforts."

"Because the need is so great," Hale continued, "UNITE has established a way for individuals to provide cash donations, which will then be used for the most pressing needs."

Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5th), who was UNITE's visionary leader in 2003, is working closely with Operation UNITE to coordinate flood relief efforts across southern and eastern Kentucky.

"In true Eastern Kentucky fashion, our people are stepping up in a big way to help our neighbors who are in

desperate need," Rogers said. "Our region has been suffering for several weeks from damaging ice storms, power outages and historic flooding, and the personal losses in our communities are significant; however, help is on the way."

"I applaud Operation UNITE for expanding the organization's reach beyond the scope of substance abuse prevention, treatment, and education to quickly organizing flood relief efforts to help our people once again."

For more information about Operation UNITE, visit OperationUNITE.org.

Click here to donate to Operation UNITE's Flood Relief Fund visit: <https://operationunite.org/2021/03/donations-to-assist-with-flood-relief-efforts/>

‘Raise’

(Continued from front)

through the expected retirement of some current employees. Board Member Anna Goff asked if that meant the system will absorb those positions. Sweet said "possibly. Each position is different and will be looked at individually."

The raise was approved unanimously.

In one of the first actions of the marathon event, a very emotional and eloquent story was told by eighth grader Anna Chaliff, concerning the COVID restrictions and how it has affected so many students.

"On March 12, 2020, I turned to my best friend as we were leaving our school for the day," said the confident and well-spoken Chaliff. "I told her that I would see her Monday. I didn't see her again until August. Over the next 362 days, there was nothing close to normal in my life."

Chaliff continued to say that date is etched in her memory as "The day school stopped." She talked to the board members about mental health and how some were harmed, connectivity and the lack of human contact, class relationships she had missed, teacher access she had that was a struggle, communications that were difficult and the unpredictability of the next year. "It was the most chaotic year of my life."

But the young lady ended with a positive touch. "Somehow, we made it through and I want to thank the board for making the right decisions for us, thank my friends for so many things and thank the teachers for all they did during this time."

After Chaliff spoke, rousing applause filled the meeting chambers and Chairman Angela Mink spoke up. "When I get down about all that we have been through over the past year, I see young ladies like you Miss Chaliff, and it brings me hope again." Ballinger agreed. "Thank you," she said. "Yes, we all worked very hard but it is your hard work that made it all possible."

Before the presentation by Chaliff, Ballinger presented Certificates of Appreciation to many of those who went above and beyond the call of duty during the recent snow/ice storms. "These good people provided food, water, transportation, heart and love," she said. "Unless you were at the warming center watching these people, it would be hard to understand the warmth and compassion that each of them demonstrated. When someone showed up with a need, somehow heroes kept popping up all around us and that need was met."

Ballinger called names of many individuals who played a role in preparing the warming center which provided shelter, food and clothing for over 40 local residents during the ice storms. Many of the names called were present and were given the certificate. More applause filled the room.

Director of Digital Instruction, Jason Coguer presented nearly an hour of details about the many digital learning platform options that the school system could use.

Coguer said the past year has not been wasted.

"Everything we have learned during this time, we can use with in-person teaching," he said. "We can use this to broaden our horizons and as Winston Churchill said, 'we did not let a crisis go to waste.'"

CMTA Energy Solutions also presented an idea to the board at the invitation of Facility Director Trent Clark. The presentation suggested the school system could update all facilities with new or altered HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) systems that would save enough utility expenses to fund many major projects. The presentation included energy efficient systems that would replace some of the older, inefficient systems currently used in the school system.

Though board member Larry Hammond suggested members wait and consider different options, instead of voting on the issue the first time it was presented to them, the board voted unanimously to enter into an energy savings contract after a motion by board member Misty Lakes.

During the Operations and Actions segment, Finance Director Jenny Sweet asked the board to approve a service contract with Martin Associates for grant writing services. Sweet said a \$1 million grant could be available to the school system but chances for the competitive grant would be much more likely with a professional grant writing service.

"I think it would be a great return on our investment and is a wonderful opportunity for our staff and faculty," Sweet said. Martin Associates will cost the district \$9,200 for writing the grant application. The request, along with all operations and actions, passed unanimously.

Sweet then presented the board with the financial reports, month ending balance sheets and revenue and expenditures which were all also approved.

Sweet informed the board that the insurance for students that helps with their own insurance deductible or overages, decreased this year by \$1,499. The insurance is not required by law, but the board voted to provide the service to students and families in the county, according to Sweet.

Ballinger told the board that the reason officials chose March 15 as the new first day of school, was that date was 10 days after the second dose of the COVID vaccine for teachers and staff, which was administered on March 5th. Ballinger said 60% of teachers chose to accept the vaccine.

Ballinger also informed the board that she and others are working to set a date for an in-person graduation ceremony and a prom at RCHS. "We had to wait until the calendar was approved (see related story) to know which dates to choose," she said. "We will be working on both events and will inform the public as soon as the date and time are set."

Ballinger also told members of the board that as of meeting time (Tuesday, March 9th) there were six positive cases of COVID-19 in the school system. There are also 14 students and eight staff in quarantine, she said.

bers of a sports team."

The board then heard the Superintendent's Personnel Action report. It is as follows:

Full time classified personnel approved:

Joseph Ramsey, volunteer archery coach at RCHS; Chrissy Cash, volunteer assistant girls' basketball coach at RCHS; Adam Hensley, head softball coach at RCMS; Jeffrey Todd, assistant softball coach at RCMS; Jeff Mink, vehicle mechanic; Brooke Bishop, volunteer assistant softball coach at RCMS; Kyle Childress, assistant baseball coach at RCMS.

Resignations

Logan Chasteen, vehicle mechanic.

Certified substitutes
Jonah Shaffer, Sydney Draper and Kagan Miller, all substitute teachers.

Classified substitutes
Joseph Cowen, substitute instructional assistant; Savannah Sulfridge, substitute bus monitor and Phillip Permenter and David Bryant, substitute bus drivers.

‘Dalton’

(Continued from front)
University of Kentucky (B.A. Political Science) and the University of Kentucky College of Law, Dalton began his practice with the law firm of Sheffer •Hoffman in 1996 in their Owensboro and Bowling Green Offices. In 1999, he became a partner at the law firm of Gillum and Gillum in Somerset, until Montgomery hired him as a prosecutor in January, 2000.

David is married to Melinda Gillum Dalton, a family law attorney in Somerset. They are the proud parents of 16-year-old triplets - Elizabeth, Samuel, and Benjamin - all of whom are sophomores at Pulaski County High School.

Dalton is the son of Judge Glen D. Dalton (retired KSP and Judge Executive) and Diana J. Dalton (retired school teacher) who reside in Rineyville, KY. David has a sister, Abbye Crowe, who resides in Richmond with her husband Nate and their children Emmitt and Boone.

He is a Deacon at First Christian Church of Somerset.

Dalton thanked the Governor for the appointment and is grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the 28th Judicial Circuit. Dalton also thanked Montgomery for being a mentor and friend for over 20 years as well as the numerous friends and community members that supported him during the search process.

Dalton stated that he has promoted Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Jake Johnson, Science Hill, to First Assistant. Jake is a 2014 graduate of the Chase College of Law and has been with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office since 2020. David Bridgeman and Garlan Joseph Vanhook will remain with the office as assistant commonwealth attorneys, as will the entire staff - some of whom have been with the office for 20 plus years.

Dalton stated that he is thrilled to continue the office's partnership with the outstanding law enforcement agencies of the 28th Judicial Circuit, specifically Martin Hatfield (Pulaski County Attorney); Daryl Day (Lincoln County Attorney); and Jeremy Rowe (Rock-

castle County Attorney) in the successful Rocket Docket program which has saved the counties hundreds of thousands of dollars during its existence.

The appointment will expire in 2022, when Dalton will seek election.

Dalton will be sworn in at 10:30 a.m. by the Honorable Jeffrey T. Burdette at the Pulaski County Judicial Center.

‘Extra’

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be Thursday, May 26. Make up days missed because of inclement weather or other reasons will be June 2 through June 20.

The 20-minute daily extension is not planned for next year.

‘Rob’

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ing but the citation says Miller shoved the employee and ran towards Williams Street.

After viewing the store security video, Mt. Vernon Police Officer Adam Stallworth recognized the suspect as Miller and knew where he could be located. After going to the home on Williams Street, Officer Stallworth spotted Miller inside but saw him run into another room when police knocked on the door.

The citation says four others were inside the home but none would answer the door so, while police surrounded the building, Stallworth obtained a warrant to enter the home.

During Stallworth's absence, the four others exited the home but Miller was not with them.

Upon entering the home, Miller was eventually found hiding in the attic by Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Atkin and was taken into custody.

The citation says Miller had been banned from the Family Dollar store in January of 2018.

Miller was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with second degree robbery and third degree burglary.

‘Fire’

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so no charges will be filed."

The following day, the department was called to Chestnut Ridge for another out of control fire.

"Because of the terrain, we contained all of the fire we had access to. We called the Division of Forestry to assist with the remaining areas," said Bales.

Workers with the DOF then used bulldozers and other equipment to contain the remaining blaze up a mountain side.

Bales said slightly over 20 acres were damaged or destroyed in that fire.

The state burn ban began February 15 and lasts until April 30. During the ban, residents may not burn any material within 150 feet of wooded or brush land from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

‘Roads’

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for approval. We need to make sure they can't use this money for anything until it has been approved by the fiscal court first."

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and Clontz said the money cannot be spent by RCIDA until it has been

approved by the court and once it is spent, it will be reimbursed to the general fund. McGuire said, "I would just like to see the fiscal court have more control over the money the RCIDA spends."

The request passed unanimously.

Holbrook mentioned again that the offer still stands for any non-profit organization who wants to work in litter abatement. "We offer \$100 per mile but we just haven't had anyone who wants to do it," said Holbrook. "We continue to try to keep our county as clean as possible."

Meeting grant requirements, the county may only use non-profit organizations for the litter abatement program and had no choice but to return some of that grant last month since no more non-profit organizations were willing to accept the offer.

Currently because of Governor Beshear's mandates, prisoners are not allowed to participate in a work release program. However, Jailer Nathan Carter said he is working closely with the Department of Justice and others to get the work release program back up and running. "There is a tremendous amount of red tape involved but we are working hard on getting our guys back out as soon as possible," he said.

In other actions, the court also approved: Rockcastle County Development Board support of \$1,305; Pongo Fire Department trailer repairs of \$2,995; a 911 software maintenance agreement of \$1,000; a Solacom 911 software support agreement of \$3,199; Mountain Advocate copy maintenance of \$326 and an agreement to purchase needed materials to com-

plete a ball field at Quail Park. The exact cost and amount of the materials are not currently known.

The court also agreed to give the Judge/Executive authority to sign two grant requests for recycling and for hazardous waste disposal.

Rental of the Livingston Gym provided revenue of \$925 to the court.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet announced \$1,035,541 allotted to Rockcastle County over the next fiscal year for the rural secondary roads program for maintenance/repair of 152.632 miles of secondary road. The cabinet set the routine maintenance costs at \$517,800 which leave \$633,121 for other improvements. Also the cabinet has allotted Rockcastle County FLEX funds of \$209,243.

The cabinet recommends the resurfacing of KY1676 from US 25 at milepost .0 to mile post 3.928 to Scaffold Cane Loop. The recommendation also includes resurfacing KY 3275 from mile point .0 extending to milepoint 0.713 to the I-75 bridge.

The court accepted the recommendations.

Clontz then gave reports concerning monthly financial reports, claims, budget amendments and transfers.

Clontz requested a transfer of \$130,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and a transfer from the general fund to the road fund of \$20,000 as well as a transfer of \$85,000 from the general fund to the jail fund.

The requests were approved.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Masked Seniors Class of 2021

From starting the school year late, participating virtually, going to a hybrid A/B in-person schedule, not having the opportunity to spend their senior year with classmates, and enduring the snow, ice, and flooding, the Class of 2021 has certainly had a challenging year.

The community pulled together last year at the last minute to provide great care packages to the Class of 2020, when their senior year was cut short and it is planned to do the same this year!

Families of the RCHS Class of 2021 have started the project "The Masked Seniors." The goal of the group is to raise money to put together a care package for each senior at the end of the school year. With the money donated and raised, bags will be purchased and filled with items donated by the community.

An envelope of money will also be placed in the bag. An estimated 180 bags are needed and several fundraisers will be scheduled for this spring. Wendy's and KFC have already hosted senior nights at their restaurants.

Other planned events are: "Egg My Lawn." Let your kids wake up on Easter weekend to candy-filled eggs hiding in your yard and a special note from the Easter Bunny! Delivery available on the evenings of Friday 4/2/21 and

Saturday 4/3/21. Cost is 20 eggs for \$15, 40 eggs for \$25, and 60 eggs for \$35. Email for more information.

Raffle/Silent Auction: now accepting donations from any business or individual that can donate items (or basket of items) to be included in our raffle. Gift cards are also a great option!

Senior parents and families: this is an opportunity for you to get creative and make a themed basket for the raffle! No date or location has been determined yet - it will be announced soon! If you plan to donate to the raffle, please send us a message or email to make us aware. Items will need to be ready by early April.

Items Needed: smaller items to be added to each of the 180 graduates' bags - marketing items are a great way to advertise for your business! Please make plans to have these items ready by early May.

Follow along on social media as other events are planned! Contact information: Email: rockseniors2021@gmail.com Facebook: facebook.com/rockseniors2021 Instagram: @the_masked_seniors_rchs2021

Monetary Donations: Website: www.givinggrid.com/rockseniors

Lynn Tatum receives DAR Historical Preservation Award

Submitted

The Rockcastle Chapter DAR presented Lynn Tatum with the NSDAR Excellence in Historical Preservation Award in recognition for her continued work in preserving and promoting the local history of Rockcastle County. Through her position as Project Coordi-

nator of the Rockcastle County Economic Development Board, Miss Tatum has worked many years on numerous projects promoting Rockcastle's rich history. Since 1890, the mission of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. The

Historic Preservation Committee, established as a national Committee in 2008, seeks to honor the nation's heritage, focus on the future, and celebrate America. In order to recognize outstanding individuals

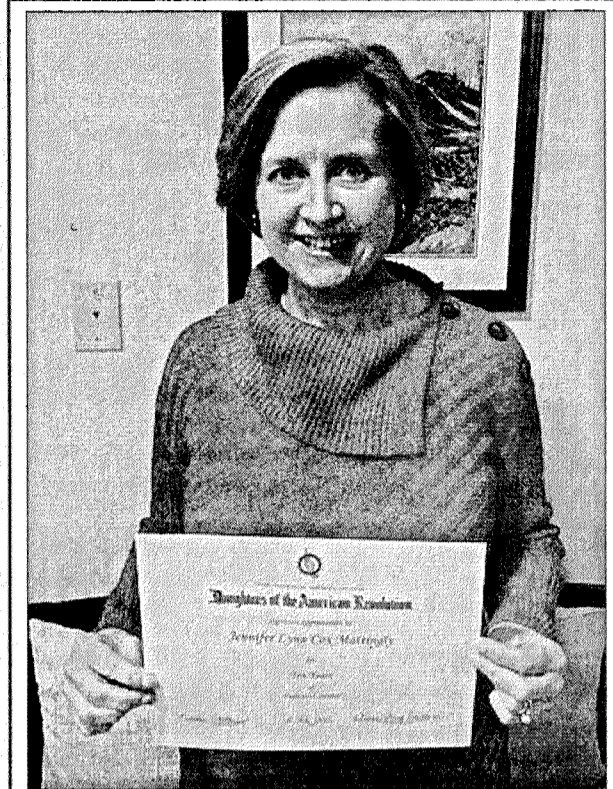
and organizations that promote historic preservation in myriad ways, the VanBuren Administration recently created the NSDAR Excellence in Historic Preservation award. The recognition honors individuals in

groups that have saved and/or preserved local history, including restoration of buildings, collections, significant objects, monuments, cemeteries, and other important artifacts. Service does not have to be on a volunteer

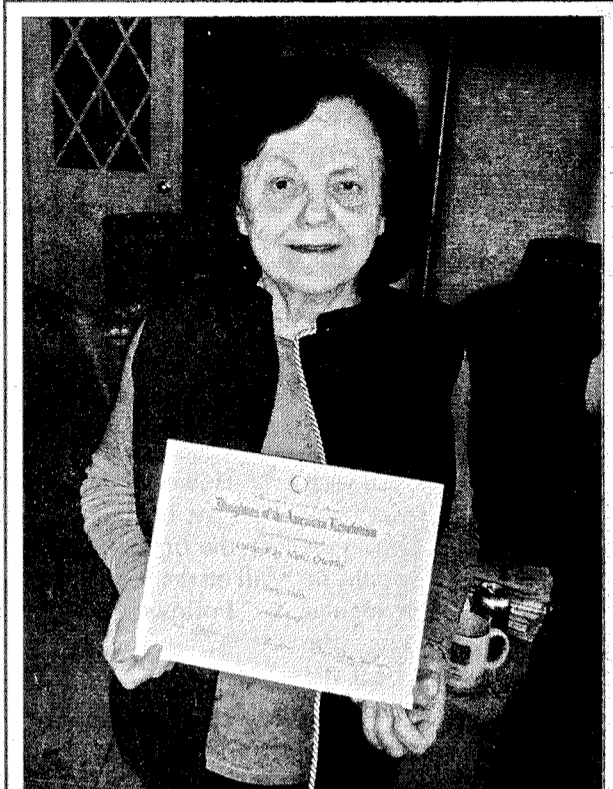
basis. Individuals can be paid for their work. If you know of an organization or individual that is eligible for this award, please contact the Rockcastle Chapter DAR at email address rockcastledar@gmail.com



Lynn Tatum (left) is presented the Excellence in Historical Preservation Award by DAR Historical Preservation Co-Chair, Debbie Brown.



Rockcastle Chapter DAR member Jennifer Mattingly celebrates 10 years of service with the organization.



Rockcastle Chapter DAR member Onna K Owens receives her 40 year service award with the organization.

Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
Priority legislation further supports rural communities

While my work as your state representative has kept me busy over the past week, I have been closely monitoring how our state is responding to catastrophic flooding and how our district has been impacted. Forty-nine of the state's 120 counties have issued disaster declarations. The destruction is heart-breaking, but I am pleased with the work being done by our state and local emergency management folks. Several people have lost everything in southern Rockcastle County. I have been in constant contact with local, state, and federal officials to make sure we are doing everything we can to get federal disaster relief funds for the 71st District. I have also reached out to county and state officials on behalf of those that have suffered damage in the Cartersville area of Garrard County. Home is where the heart is and right now my heart is with you all.



As our communities recover from the flooding, the legislature is preparing for the final days of the 2021 Session. This week, I would like to focus on some of the steps we are taking to improve the rural areas of our state. Among them is HB 320, legislation aimed at getting broadband to the "last mile" of underserved or unserved Kentuckians. Whether educating students, connecting with family, working from home, or participating in a telehealth appointment, technology connects and enables us to continue life digitally. Broadband is an essential infrastructure in our digital economy. It is every bit as essential as roads and bridges are to our economic development efforts. We must take a targeted approach to accelerate access to broadband in our state's most underserved areas. HB 320 would allow electric cooperatives regulated by the Public Service Commission to qualify for the financial assistance available to other broadband providers through the Broadband Development Fund. The measure also contains language that more than doubles the amount of money available to the fund. The bill builds on legislation passed during the 2020 legislative session. At that time, the General Assembly created the Broadband Deployment Fund to harness state resources and engage both public and private sector companies to

reach the 'last mile,' the term used to describe hard to reach, rural areas that do not have the population necessary to attract some companies. By allocating \$250 million towards this fund, we are not only declaring broadband access a top priority for this legislative session but also a top priority for the future prosperity of rural areas of our Commonwealth. Many experts believe that one of the lasting implications of the pandemic will be an increase in people working remotely. Technology has certainly made that easier, which makes broadband expansion even more important. However, remote working also provides everyone an opportunity to work from anywhere - making the great quality of life in our rural communities attractive to those who would otherwise have to work in urban areas. That makes data centers, the facilities that centralize an organization's data storage and processing functions, critically important to locating daily operations in communities. HB 372 allows Kentucky an opportunity for investment, economic advancement, and industry diversification. Data centers generate new income and business taxes, create additional property taxes, which increases local tax revenue. In states where companies like Google and Facebook have built data centers, the massive facilities and employees contribute significantly to local tax revenue. This bill provides a state sales tax exemption on data center equipment and construction materials to companies that invest at least \$150 million in Kentucky within five years and create a minimum of twenty permanent, competitive jobs. Over the last seven years, no data center has located in a state without this tax benefits. We are approaching the one-year anniversary of Kentucky's first diagnosed case of COVID-19 and have an opportunity to reflect on the past twelve months and how the people of this commonwealth have weathered this experience. Many Kentuckians are still struggling to get their unemployment benefits, much less talk to someone on the phone. HB 367 would increase access to unemployment insurance benefits across the Commonwealth and would mandate public employment offices be open and operational in specified locations across

the state anytime the unemployment rate in a local workforce area increases to above five percent. It is critical for our citizens to also have quality access to medicine so we can improve health outcomes. Of the 100 hospitals in Kentucky, 28 are rural hospitals that are in danger of closing. HB 556 will allocate \$20 million to the rural hospital operations and facilities revolving loan that was created during the 2020 legislative session to help rural hospitals. This mea-

sure would not only aid our rural hospitals, but it would help our rural communities recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are on the brink of a very real, very harmful health care crisis in rural communities throughout our state. Hospitals are some of the biggest job producers in our communities, and we must do everything we can to ensure their continued success. Another measure aimed at helping citizens obtain easier access to

medical care is HB 48. The measure would ensure that citizens have access to pharmacists and improve health outcomes that would allow pharmacists to receive reimbursement for additional services and procedures they provide. Pharmacists collaborate with healthcare professionals, such as physicians and nurse practitioners. Their collaboration helps ensure that patients properly take their medications as prescribed and avoid any harmful effects. I am grateful to serve

this district and our communities. If you are needing assistance or have any questions, I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at legislature.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Twitter @brayforky.

will always carry an authentic company ID badge that shows the person's name and a color photograph. Visit lge-ku.com/COVID-19 for more important scam prevention tips and customer resources. The Federal Trade Commission's website also provides additional information about protecting personal information and other information regarding impostor scams.

Take steps to protect personal information

National Consumer Protection Week, Feb. 28 - March 6, is an important time to remind consumers to protect their personal information, and Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are offering advice to help customers avoid potential scams. These efforts have become more important during the pandemic, as reports of scams have risen as a result. Scammers most often resort to using intimidation tactics and may even

pull information they've found publicly available online to make themselves sound more credible. LG&E and KU advise customers to follow these SAFE tips to help avoid becoming a victim. • Safeguard personal information: LG&E and KU will never contact you - in person, by phone, by text or via email • Always remember you have bill payment options: LG&E and KU do not make live phone calls to demand immediate payment and threaten service disconnection,

and the utilities will never require use of a prepaid debit/gift card. • First check with LG&E and KU if you're suspicious:

In-person appointments and services LG&E and KU encourage customers to always obtain positive identification in the event someone appears at their door stating they are there on any company's behalf. The utilities' employees and contractors

Governor appointments

Governor Andy Beshear made several appointments to Kentucky boards and commissions recently. The appointments are as follows.

David Dalton, previously in charge of Rockcastle County's Rocket Docket program, as Commonwealth Attorney for the 28th judicial circuit of Kentucky.

Jacqueline Beaty to the vacant office of Property Valuation Administrator in Nicholas County.

Jamie Bowling as a member of the Kentucky Board of Education.

David Greene as a member of the Louisville/Jefferson County Tourism Commission.

Hampton Henton and **Ramel Bradley** as members of the State Board of Agriculture.

Wendell Lynch and **Emily Sayers** as members of the Center for Pollution Prevention Board of Directors.

Iman Ali and **Cal Pfeiffer** as members of the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board. **Vinrod Rao** was also reappointed to the board.

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SPORTS

Rockets down 18-2 in first quarter

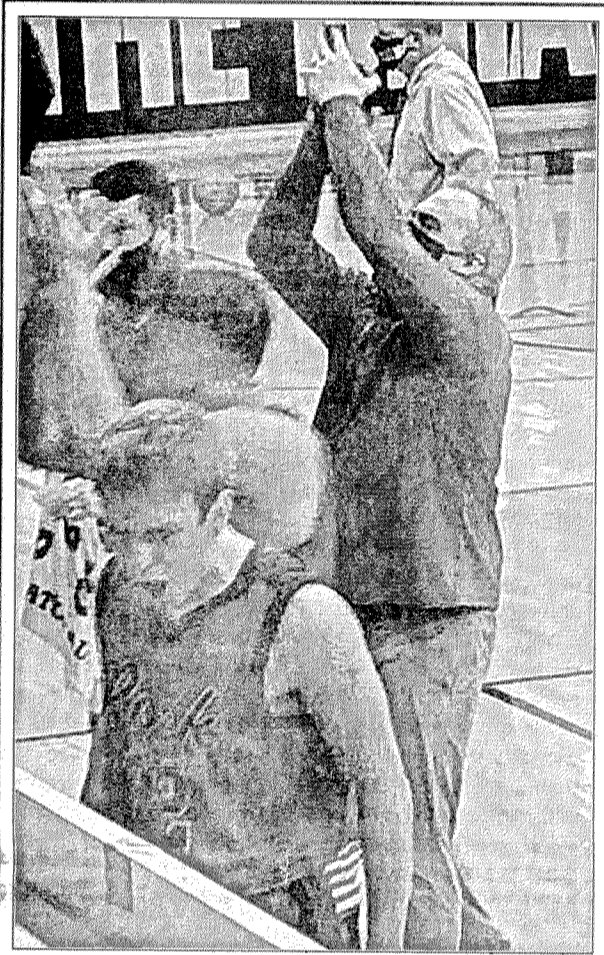
Rockets come from behind to beat Jumpers in district tourney

For a while last Saturday night it looked as if the Rockets district game against the Somerset Briar Jumpers would be a repeat of their regular season game when the Briar Jumpers beat the

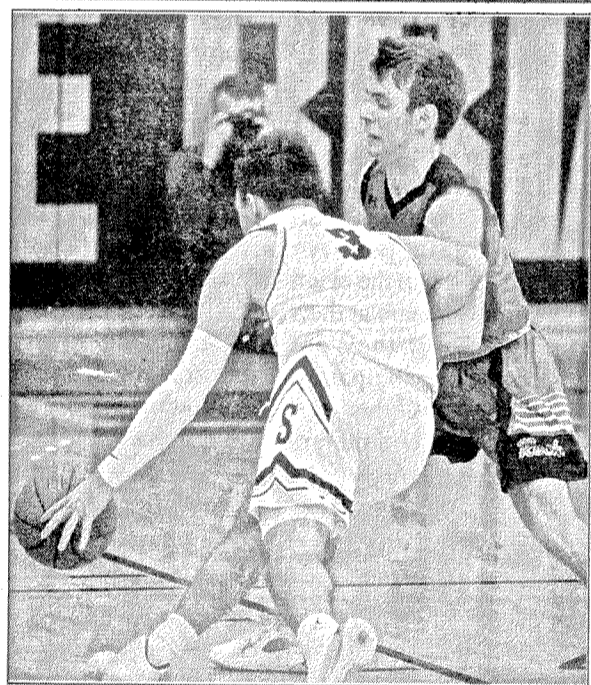
Rockets 66-49. However, the Rockets, despite being down 18-2 in the first quarter, left it all on the floor that night.

Following a halftime

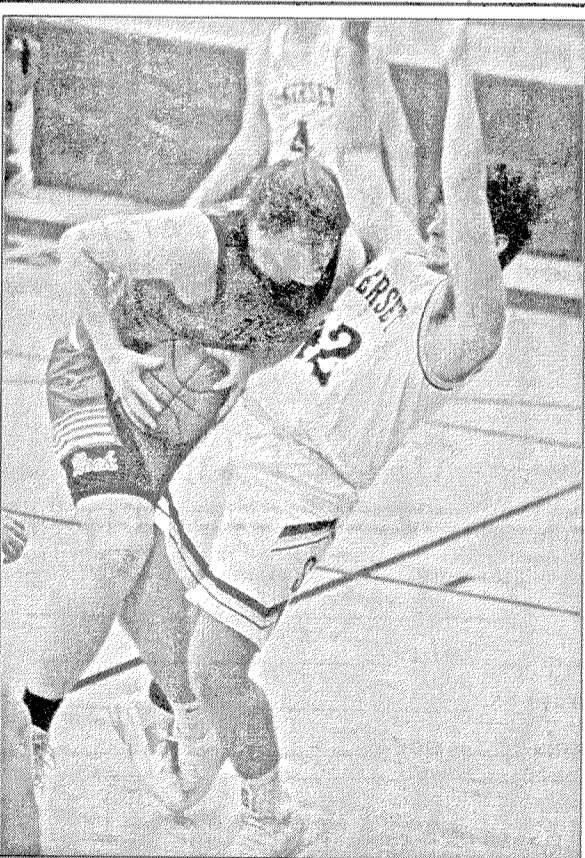
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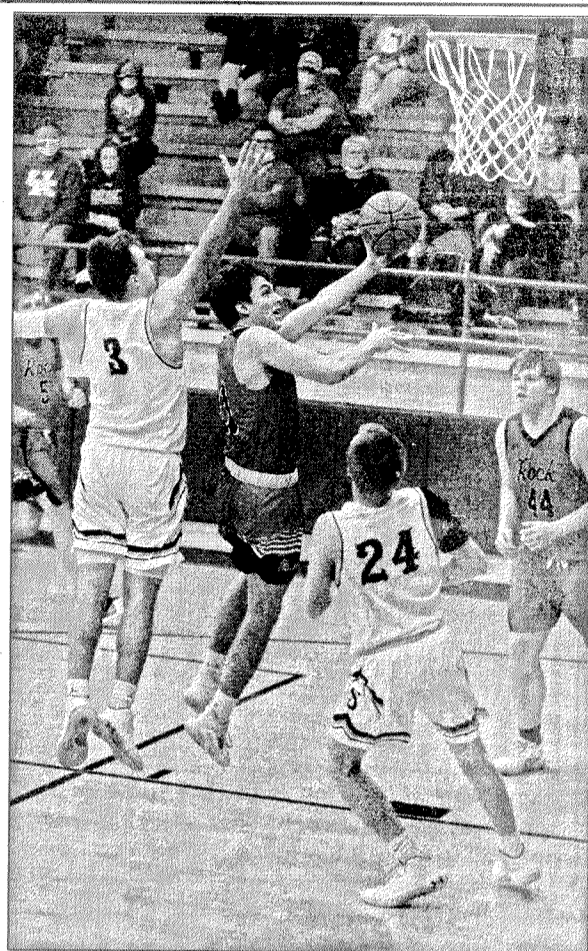
Rocket head coach Andrew Cash applauds the crowd after the Rockets' 61-57 first round win over Somerset in the 47th District Tournament.



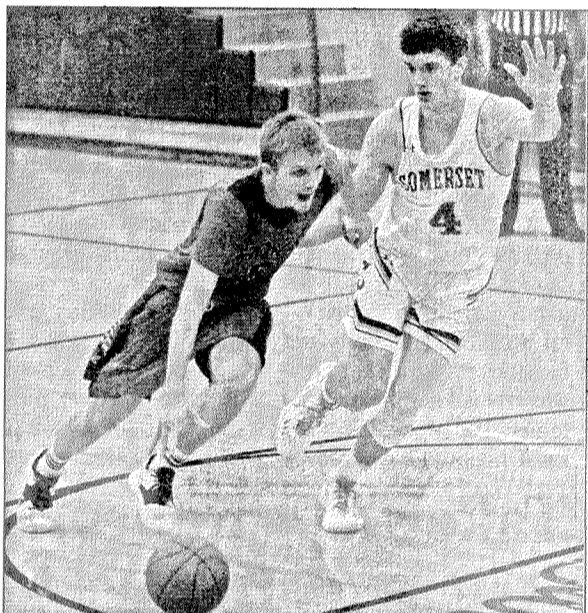
Junior Reese Coguer plays some tough defense on a Briar Jumper during the Rockets' win over Somerset in the first round of the 47th District Tournament.



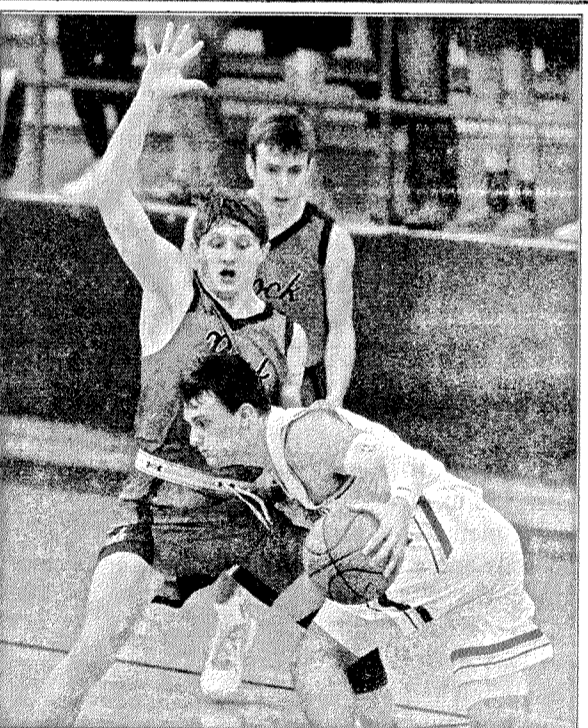
Junior Jake Sanders works hard under the basket but picks up a charge on this play during the Rockets' district tournament win. The Rockets will face Pulaski County Wednesday night at Somerset in the championship game at 7 p.m.



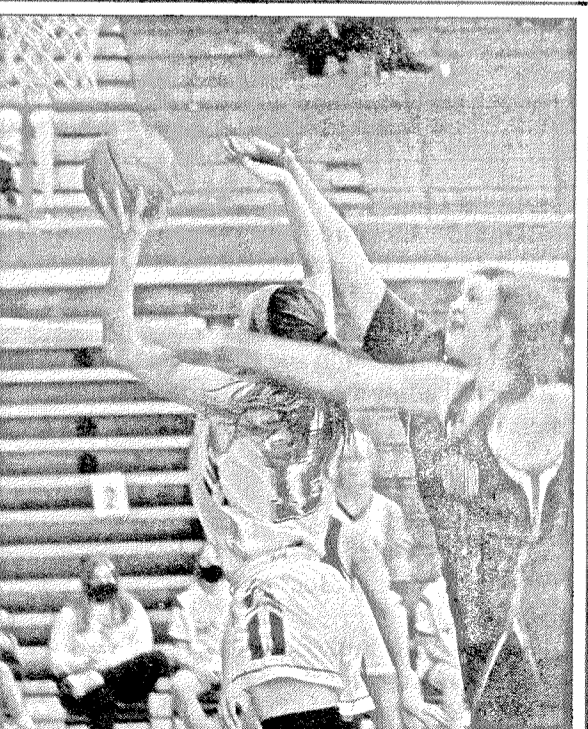
Junior Daniel Mullins goes to the basket in the Rockets' 61-57 win over Somerset in the 47th District Tournament. Mullins led his team with 25 points.



Junior Drew Hopkins drives to the basket during the Rockets' tourney win over Somerset. Hopkins came up big with four three pointers and 24 points to help lead the Rockets in a big comeback. Hopkins also iced the game with five seconds to go hitting two free throws and putting the Rockets up by four.



Junior Matthew Chasteen puts a stop to a Somerset Briarjumper in the Rockets' big first round district tournament win last Saturday. Chasteen led the Rockets on the boards with nine.



Senior Casey Coleman gets fouled in the Lady Rockets' 70-35 win over Jackson County last week. Coleman had 16 points on the night.

Lady Rockets beat Jackson County 70-35

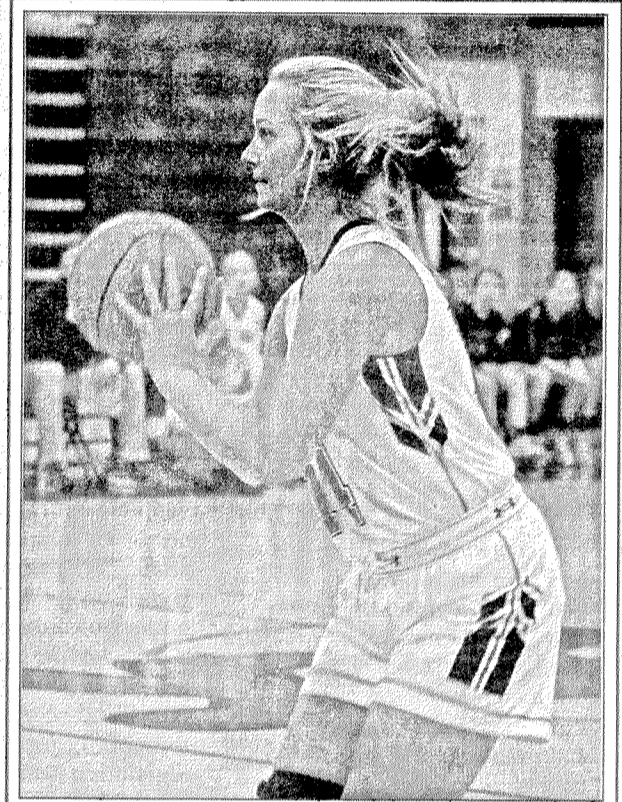
In their last regular game of the season, the Lady Rockets hosted Jackson County and came away with a 70-35 win.

The Lady Rockets took control of the game early, leading 18-5 at the end of the first quarter and 37-14 at halftime.

The second half also belonged to the Lady Rockets as they took it 33

to 21. Nine Lady Rockets got into the scoring column with Keelee King leading the way with 24 points, including five three point baskets; Casey Coleman scored 16 points; Hallie Brown got nine points; Lindsey Jones and Talyne Shearer scored six points each; Jordan

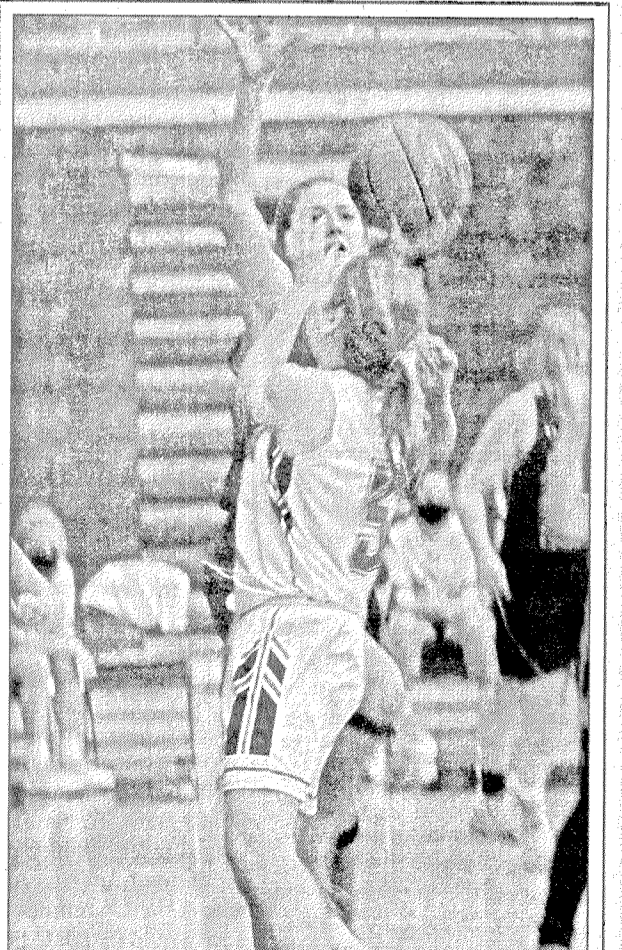
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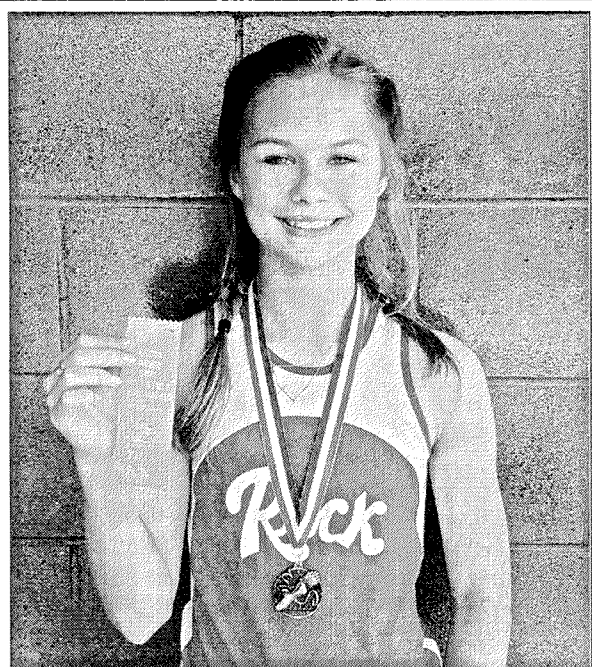
Sophomore Keelee King puts up one of her five made three pointers during the Lady Rockets' 70-35 win over Jackson County last week. King led her team with 24 points.



Sophomore Hallie Brown works hard in the post during the Lady Rockets' 70-35 win over Jackson County last week.



Addison McClure goes up for two in the Lady Rockets' 70-35 win over Jackson County last week.



State Runner-Up...

RCMS sixth grader Maliyah Swinney finished as state runner-up in the 400-meter dash, earning a silver medal with an awesome all-time personal best of 1:07.45, only six hundredths of a second away from the state title win at the KTCCCA Middle School Indoor State Championships at the Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center in Louisville on Saturday. She would have likely won going away, but was ahead of the field and forgot to cut in at the cones after the first lap. She ran about another 50 meters or so in lane 6 on the outside edge of the track while the others had cut in and were running in lane 1. She had to chase them back down around the curve to regain the lead. Even though she ran farther, she just barely got out leaned at the end for a photo finish. She also placed 5th in long jump with an exceptional jump of 12'6.75", an all-time personal best performance by over a foot. In the 200-meter dash, she blazed her way to a 10th place finish with another amazing all-time personal best of 31.0 seconds.



The RCMS girls' indoor track team placed 4th overall out of 15 teams, despite only having three competitors at the KTCCCA Middle School Indoor State Championships at the Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center in Louisville on Saturday. This talented trio scored 25 points overall with several outstanding individual performances. Team members are from left: Gracie Peavie, Maliyah Swinney, and Learin Reagan.

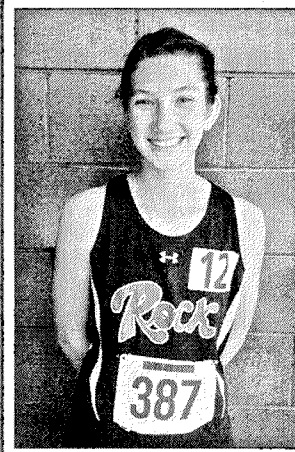
RCMS eighth grader Learin Reagan scored in all three of her events with several outstanding performances throughout the afternoon at the KTCCCA Middle School



Indoor State Championships at the Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center in Louisville on Saturday. She finished 4th in the 400-meter dash with an awesome all-time personal best of 1:09.01, narrowly missing 3rd place. Her best finish came in the long jump competition where she placed 3rd overall, earning a bronze medal with an amazing jump of 13'9.25". In the 200-meter dash, she

sprinted her way to an exceptional 7th place finish with another incredible all-time personal best of 29.69 seconds.

RCMS eighth grader Gracie Peavie put her amazing versatility on display with outstanding performances in the sprint and middle distance events at the KTCCCA Middle School Indoor State Championships at the Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center in Louisville on Saturday. After high jumping a personal best at last week's Class 2A high school state meet, Gracie worked on improving in other events, blazing her way to an awesome all-time personal best in the 60-meter dash while placing 12th overall in 10.19 seconds. Later in the afternoon, she ran another all-time personal best in the 800-meter run with a 16th place finish overall and an impressive time of 3:19.27.



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Rockets

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deficit of 37-24, Daniel Mullins and Drew Hopkins combined for 14 points, seven points each, to cut the Briar Jumpers third quarter lead to eight, 46-38.

In the fourth, Somerset drew first blood to make it 50-38. Mullins then hit a two point shot, Reese Coguer followed with a three basket which made it 50-43. Mullins then hit a two point basket, then a three and added two free throws to tie the score at 50 all. On Somerset's next possession, Coguer came up with a steal and was fouled by a Somerset player. The player took umbrage with the call to the ref and was hit with a technical. Mullins hit both free throws and the Rockets were up 52-50 with four minutes left in the game.

Somerset came back and tied the score at 52 all. Center Jake Sanders then hit a basket for his team but Somerset came back to tie it at 54. Matthew Chasteen then got a basket and was fouled and hit his free throw to put the Rockets up 57-54. Somerset came back with a basket and it was 57-56 with a minute and a half left on the clock. Somerset was fouled and hit one of the free throws and the score was 57 all with 57 ticks left on the clock.

Mullins hit another two point shot to put the rockets up 59-57 with 17 seconds on the clock. In a fight for a rebound on Somerset's end of the floor, a foul was called

on Somerset and Drew Hopkins stepped to the line with five seconds left in the game, and calmly sank two free throws to ice the win for the Rockets at 61-57.

Mullins barely edged out Hopkins for scoring honors in the game with 25 points, including three three point baskets; Hopkins had 24, 12 of them on three point baskets; Chasteen got five points; Sanders four and Coguer three.

Chasteen got rebounding honors with nine, Coguer had seven and Sanders four.

Coguer was also credited with four steals.

The Rockets will now advance to the finals against the Pulaski County Maroons who beat the Rockets by seven points in their only regular season game.

The game is scheduled for Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at Somerset.

Rockets beat Burgin 66-44

In their last regular season game, the Rockets traveled to Burgin and came away with a 66-44 win.

The Rockets were up 20-13 at the first quarter stop, 33-22 at the half and 52 to 32 at the third quarter stop.

Nine Rockets scored in the game with Sanders leading the way with 15 points; Mullins got 14; Hopkins 12; Coguer and Chasteen eight points each; Kaden Kidwell got four; Landon Dillingham and Nic Chasteen scored two points each and Rylee DeLeon got one point.



Emma Phillips had a great YMCA State Swim Meet held in Ashland earning the 15-18 women's high point award. Phillips earned five gold medals winning the 500 Yard Free, 200 Yard IM, 200 Yard Fly, 400 Yard IM, 4x100 Free Relay and two silvers in the 200 Yard Breast and 200 Yard Free. Emma is the daughter of Robbie and Julie Phillips of Mount Vernon.

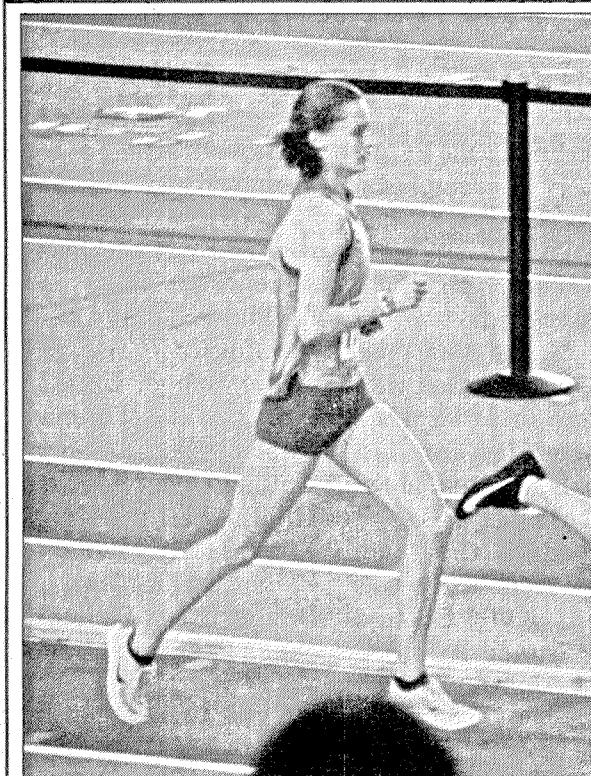
Lady Rock

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Harper got four; Calliegh Burdette and Aliyah

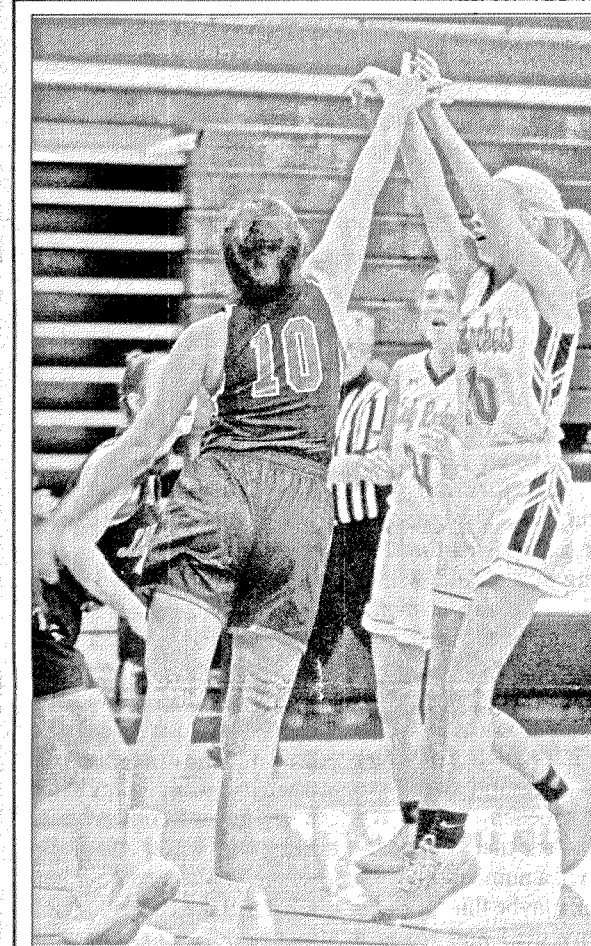
Lopez got two points each and Karlee Smith got two points.

King also got rebounding honors with five and Coleman was



Dotson dominates...

RCHS freshman Lexi Dotson traveled to Louisville on Sunday to compete in the KTCCCA Age Group Meet at the Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center. Lexi's focus for this meet was only on the one mile run so she hoped for a personal best performance. After a great week of practice, she dominated her heat and all other age groups, winning by over 18 seconds with an amazing new all-time personal record, as well as an RCHS all-time one mile school record of 5:17.89. The mile is actually 9.344 meters longer than a 1600-meter run. Her sister, Tori, still holds that school record for the time being, but Lexi is poised to break that sometime early during outdoor season.



Senior Lindsey Jones puts up a jump shot during the Lady Rockets' 70-35 win over Jackson County last week.

next with four. Jones and Coleman each were credited with five assists with Lopez and Harper getting 4 and 3, respectively.

The Lady Rockets were scheduled to take on Somerset in first round district action Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Lucas Gentry named Heartland Conference Player of the Year

Transylvania men's basketball senior forward Lucas Gentry has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year for the 2020-21 season.

Gentry, a senior from Mt. Vernon, Kentucky (Rockcastle County HS), highlighted a full list of HCAC All-Conference award winners, unveiled by the conference office following the conclusion of the HCAC men's basketball season.

After winning All-HCAC Honorable Mention honors as a junior, Gentry took his game to a new level in his final season with the Pioneers, leading the team in scoring at 16.6 points per game and in rebounding at 7.1 rebounds per game. Gentry ranked third in the conference in both scoring and rebounding.

The senior was a sharpshooter from every quadrant on the court, hitting 47 percent from the field and better than 41 percent from three-point range. Gentry connected on 37 of 90 three-

point attempts in the 2020-21 season. The forward ranked sixth in the HCAC in field goal percentage and fourth in three-point field goals per game.

In conference-only games, Gentry averaged 19.7 points per game, 8.6 rebounds per game, and 1.5 assists per game while shooting 54 percent from the floor and 48 percent from downtown.

Gentry's prolific senior season featured its fair share of monster stat lines and clutch performances. On January 21 at Mount St. Joseph, Gen-

try capped off a 10-point comeback for Transy with less than a minute to go with a miraculous buzzer beating jumper with 0.9 seconds on the clock to give Transylvania an improbable 63-62 victory at the Lions in the "Miracle at the Mount." Gentry posted 27 points and 10 rebounds in that performance to begin a string of five straight double-doubles.

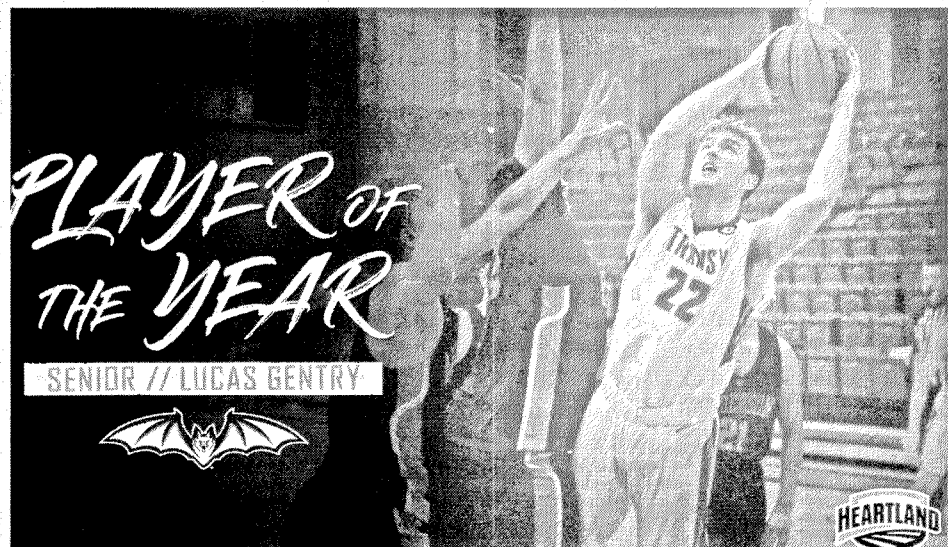
On February 11 versus Hanover, Gentry scored a career-high 42 points on 16 for 24 shooting and knocked down 7 of 10

three-pointers to lead Transylvania to an 89-84 overtime win.

Gentry led the Pioneers to an 8-9 overall record, an 8-4 record against Division III opponents, and Transylvania's second consecutive HCAC Tournament Championship game appearance.

Gentry is the first Transylvania men's basketball player to earn player of the year honors since Ethan Spurlin in the 2011-2012 season.

Gentry is the son of Gary Gentry and Stacy Gentry.



RCHS Archery shoots season high at state

On Friday, the RCHS Archery team competed in the NASP KY State Tournament in Louisville at the Expo Center this past Friday.

The team shot their best of the season with a score of 3147. They placed 70th of 115 schools who shot at the weekend tournament.

Leading the team with a score of 289 was senior Kyle Coffey. Kyle earned a \$1,000 scholarship for placing 9th out of 255 12th grade boys. Kyle ranked 27th out of 2853 overall boys.

Senior, Jacob Cook shot an amazing 285 ranking him second on the team.

Gentry Phillips stayed consistent with a 273.

J.T. Kelley shot a personal best of 269 helping the team to their best season score.

Junior, Alyssa Martin shot a 265 and was the team's top female shooter.

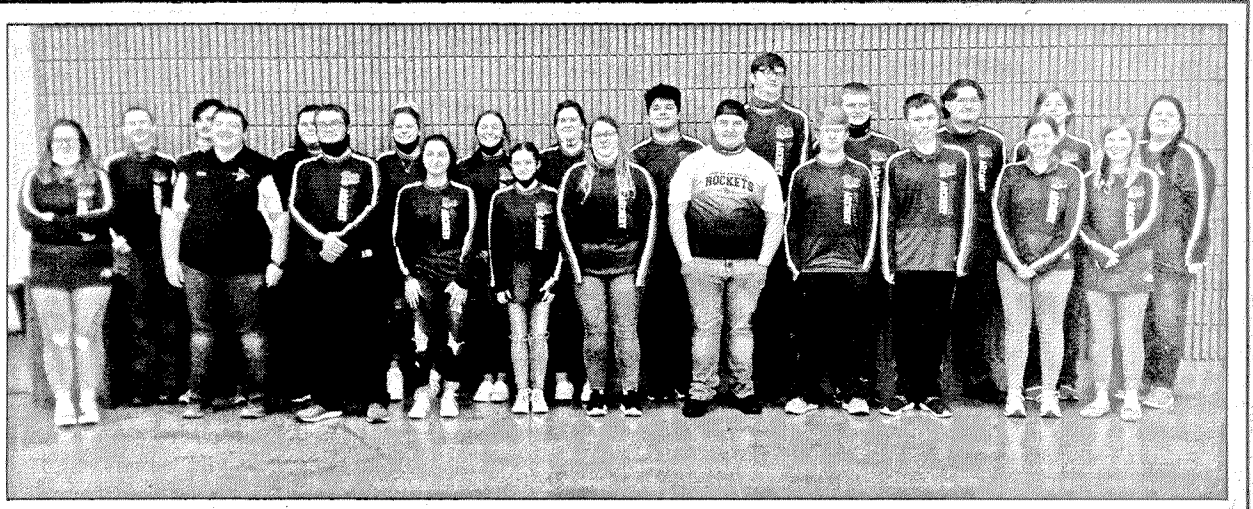
Jameson Mink stayed consistent with a 263.

Allison McCoy shot a 259 and Liz Renner shot

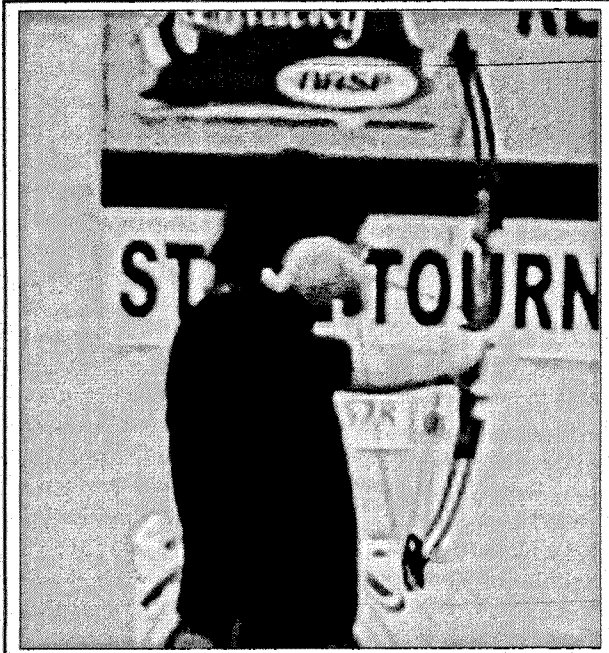
a 254, both adding to the team total.

Emily Maupin rounded out the team score with a 250.

Other team members shooting for RCHS were Callie Benge, Ezekiel Graves, Thomas Ramsey, Landon Collins, Joseph Elam, Jillian Wallin, Alivia Kirby, Haley Sanders, Paige Cash, Marcos Benge, Lara Renner, Jaden Cameron, and Wyatt Martin.



RCHS Archery Team members are front from left: Alivia Kirby, Kyle Coffey, Jacob Cook, Jillian Wallin, Emily Maupin, Liz Renner, Jameson Mink, Ezekiel Graves, Landon Collins, Paige Cash, and Callie Benge. Back row from left: J.T. Kelley, T.J. Ramsey, Haley Sanders, Alyssa Martin, Allison McCoy, Lara Renner, Marcos Benge, Jaden Cameron, Wyatt Martin, Gentry Phillips, Joseph Elam, and Coach Melissa Renner.



Gentry Phillips shoots for RCHS at the NASP KY State Tournament.



Alivia Kirby (left) and Alyssa Martin aim for the bullseye at the NASP KY State Tournament.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Tap A Maple Tree: Pure Sweet Drinking Water to Maple Syrup

Hearing about unsafe drinking water was one of the prompts for bringing up this subject at this time. Another reason was that following some cold winter weather, the sap in maple trees begins to rise as the temperatures get back above freezing (and may go back down on a cold night). Plus it is such a healthy treat—a natural sweet like from a peach or a strawberry—one that I've not enjoyed in a number of years. I think maybe this week I'll get my drill and make a hole in a sugar maple or two.

If you want the sweetest water or sap, you probably want to tap a sugar or black maple, but if you're thirsty any maple will do. And, if turning the sweet clear sap from maple trees into maple syrup or maple sugar sounds interesting, well it is. However, before you decide to get into the maple syrup business on a big scale, it would be useful to note that it takes between 40 and 50 gallons of water from the sweetest of maple trees to evaporate down into just one gallon of syrup. And you'll only collect from a pint to a gallon of sweet sap from one tree per 24 hours. You can expect a flow of two or three weeks duration to perhaps as much as six weeks in some years, depending on weather conditions.

Let's say this sounds nice; so, how do I go about it?

First, find a maple tree that is at least about a foot in diameter (that's about 39 inches if you take a measuring tape around the bark of the tree at two or three feet above ground level. A hard sugar maple is what is used by most in the maple syrup businesses from Ohio to Vermont and Maine. Black maple, Caddo maple, some select cultivars of silver maples (because they reach the right size many years sooner) are generally the tree of choice.

But, again, if some refreshing free drinking water that tastes better than soda water is your objective, any maple of sufficient size will work. Maples that have less-sweet sap will obviously

require more than the fifty gallons to begin with to end up with one gallon of maple syrup if you're cooking it down. (I would add that sweet birch is also an option for tapping if you know where any of these native trees are growing.)

Then you want to drill a hole in the selected tree(s). Find a sound, non-diseased, area of the maple tree trunk, facing a southerly direction, and begin your hole. From the point the drill enters the tree, you want to angle the hole upward somewhat to help the water flow out where you can catch it better. Drill the hole about 2.5 inches deep or deeper, but not more than a third of the distance through the tree trunk. Big trees could have a second hole drilled at least six inches from the first without serious or fatal damage to the tree. Maple syrup businesses tap the same maple tree for 50, 100, perhaps 200 years in a row—so killing your tree is not that likely.

Put a spile into your hole. Hammer if needed (but not too hard) or drill the hole a little bigger if needed.

These implements can be obtained from a maple syrup supply company. However, if you want to do it today, or you want to save money, a branch of some tree that is hollow or very 'pithy' and soft inside can be made to work just fine. Usually out in the country alongside a road somewhere you can find a patch or thicket of elderberry bushes, which would be my tree limb of choice. These limbs can be trimmed to fit your drilled hole, take a wire or small diameter limb that is sturdy and push any pithy material from the center of your homemade spile or spigot. The metal or wooden spile should fit snugly as possible, although wrapping with tape or other material could also block the sap from running down the tree bark and not down your tube.

Under your spout, you want to place a container large enough to collect the sweet water. This could be a bucket or pan or any clean container. I've used a mason jar myself but that would be risky if it froze at night. It is important to store the collected water at a temperature under 50 degrees, unless you plan to use it within a day or two for drinking or

evaporating.

To make maple syrup, you can use any large kettle you cook or boil water in. A large container on a wood-fired stove with no lid on the pot or kettle would be ideal for this purpose (unless you have a maple syrup or molasses making business or know someone who does that you could hire to convert your slightly sweet sap into genuine maple syrup). Once you collect enough sap to begin, fill your kettle or pan. As it boils or evaporates, you may continue to add more maple tree sap. This could be done on an outdoor fire pit, but keeping a constant boil temperature and keeping the product ash and dirt free would be more challenging.

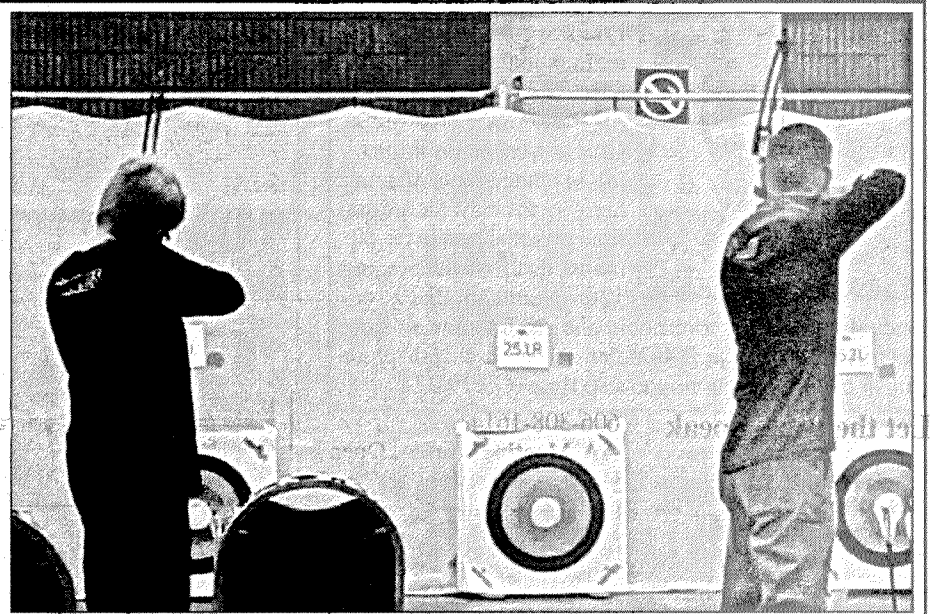
A cooking/candy thermometer should reach 219 degrees, at which point you would have some good maple syrup. (At that temperature, well after it's cooled some but not gotten cold, you should strain it and bottle it. If the container seals like it would with pouring hot liquid into a mason jar or many of the jelly and other jars from the store you may have saved, then you do not have to refrigerate the syrup but may store it until you have a craving for syrup on your pancakes.)

Of course, many people give up before collecting 50 gallons of maple tree water. In which case, less syrup can be made. Also, the smaller the container, the closer you have to monitor the cooking process to keep from boiling over, or running the kettle dry and scorching your syrup, and so forth.

If you've never taken a big swig of cool maple tree sap, it's an experience you ought to try. And if per chance your regular drinking water is in short supply and it's late winter and the sap is rising, now you know how to obtain not just some life sustaining water, but some that is sweet and refreshing

Yum, my mouth is watering for some pancakes and maple syrup, a bowl of oatmeal with syrup added, or some chocolate & maple fudge, plus a cup of hot tea or cocoa with a little extra flavoring!

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. www.rockcastles.net



Ezekiel Graves and J.T. Kelley both take aim at the target for RCHS at the NASP KY State Tournament.

Hammond enjoys success as Assistant

Congratulations to the Union University (Jackson, TN) Women's basketball, capturing back to back Gulf South Conference championships. This is Union's third title in the four years that former Rocket all star and Miss Kentucky basketball, Sara Hammond, has won as Assistant Coach.

Last year's team was poised to participate in NCAA DII tournament before COVID-19. The 2018 Lady Bulldogs made it to the Final Four in DII, losing to eventual national champion Central Missouri in a national semifinal game.

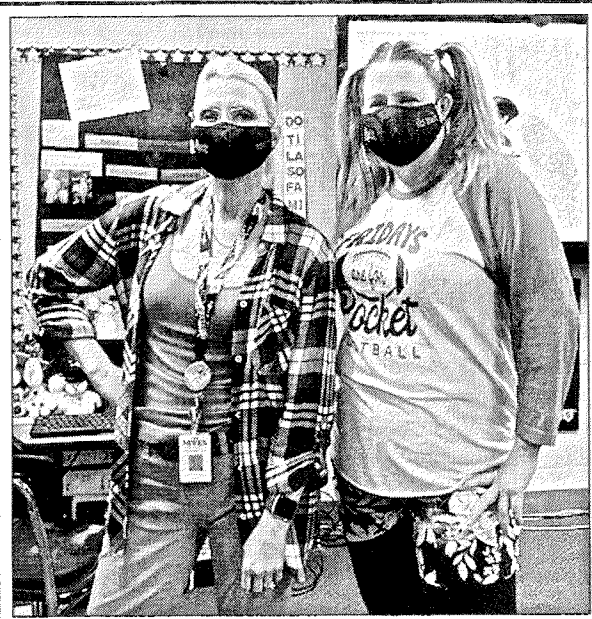
Sara joined veteran coach Mark Campbell as his assistant after playing professional basketball in Europe, first in Spain and then Germany, that after a stellar career at UoFL where her Lady Cardinals finished National Runner Up in 2013. Coach Campbell became the fastest head coach, any division, to win 600 games, doing so in his 691st game. He has been recognized as one of the most outstanding women's basketball coaches by USA Basketball and coached the USA 16U to gold medal in Argentina in 2019. Sara is honored to work side by side such an outstanding basketball coach. Union will be a top seed as NCAA DII regional play gets underway in Georgia.



Congratulations to Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers on Conference USA East Division regular season champions and a number #1 seed in next week's tournament in Dallas. Season record of 18-6, including a win at Alabama. Former Rocket Andrew Hammond serves as character coach for the Hilltoppers.

• New deadline •

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



Arts Block teachers Jamie Cornelius and Robin Rumsey dressed for Wacky Wednesday.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Last week was Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's birthday. Each day was designated as a special dress up day related to a Dr. Seuss book. Students that are at home were encouraged to participate and take a picture to post on the NEW Mount Vernon Elementary Family Resource Center Facebook page or email to be placed on there.

- Monday - Cat in the Hat Day - wear a hat
- Tuesday - One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish Day - wear red and blue
- Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday Day - wear wacky/mismatched clothes
- Thursday - Fox in Socks Day - wear crazy or mismatched socks
- Friday - The Sleep Book Day - wear pajamas



MVES Mustangs are working to share kindness throughout our school and community all year long! February 17th was Random Acts of Kindness Day, we celebrated all month by students sharing meaningful morning messages and posting their random acts of kindness on the RAK Wall! Kindness is its own reward—but sometimes it feels great to get some recognition for your work, right? By sharing your photos, kindness ideas, and stories with us, you'll see them featured on our Mindful Mustangs site! No matter how you engage, you're making the world a better place. Pictured is Lynlee Shepherd in Kaci Brown's 1st grade class.



Classes celebrated 100 days of school. Pictured are students dressed in their 100 day t-shirts: AJ Martin, Lynlee Shepherd, DJ Martin and Coleson Shepherd.



Mrs. Heather Shepherd's classes at MVES celebrated Valentine's Day with a painting party. Students are pictured with their paintings.



Arts Block teachers Heather McClure, Larry Lee, Jamie Cornelius and Robin Rumsey dressed for The Sleep Book Day.



Sutton Layne Smith was welcomed into this world by her parents, Doug and Sarah Smith of Renfro Valley on Wednesday, February 17th. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.

CHURCH NEWS

Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox TV.

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 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

First Baptist Church Easter Service

We, at First Baptist Church, invite you to come celebrate Easter with us. Our service will begin at 10:45 a.m. You will be able to social distance and stay safe.

Come early because we are going to offer everyone in attendance a free 8x10 Family Portrait. Our Children's Church will begin at 10:30 a.m. for a Special Easter Celebration.

New Worship Hours at First Baptist

First Baptist Church will be changing Sunday Morning worship times beginning Sunday, April 11th.

There will still be two services but the times will be 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time with God

God created time, and will someday end it, and in Heaven time will be no more.

In the meanwhile, we shouldn't be surprised at the fact that God can stop time if He so desires. Sometimes we wish we could do that, and often we wish we could speed things up.

In *Joshua 10:8-14* we read that the sun stood still. One of these days, the sun will set on your life for the last time.

In *John 9:4* Jesus said, I must work the works of Him that sent me, for night cometh, when no man can work anymore.

The sun will soon set on your life.

What are you getting done with the time you have? *II Corinthians 6:2* Now is the day of Salvation and the time to receive my favor.

Everyone Welcome
Robby Cable - 606-305-8452

109 Providence Cemetery Rd. • Brodhead

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Carefully compare financial aid award letters for best deal

Many Kentucky students headed for college soon will be receiving financial aid award letters. High school students and parents, or adult students, should read those letters carefully, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) advises.

"Every student in the commonwealth should be able to further their education if they desire, and financial aid is an important way to make that possible," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "As financial aid award letters come out this season, I encourage students to read offers carefully and make the best decision for their futures."

The letters may also show the expected family contribution (EFC), which is how much the student's family is expected to pay toward college costs. The EFC is subtracted from the total cost of attendance to determine a student's financial need. The letter will also list various sources of financial aid offered to cover that need. Students can accept or reject any or all of those proposed sources.

If the package includes federal loans but the total aid offered isn't

enough to cover all expenses, students may have to turn to private lenders. Comparison shopping for a private loan is important to ensure students get the money they need without taking on too much debt.

Students can also appeal the awards if their family's financial circumstances have changed.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers low-cost Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit advantageeducationloan.com.

Many of KHEAA's student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery revenue.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926.

EGG MY LAWN FUNDRAISER

TO BENEFIT THE MASKED SENIORS 2021 CARE PACKAGES

Let your kids wake up on Easter weekend to candy-filled eggs hiding in your yard and a special note from the Easter bunny! Delivery available on the evenings of Friday 4/2/21 and Saturday 4/3/21. Order form and payment must be received by March 27th.

Deliveries limited to Rockcastle County

20 for \$15	40 for \$25	60 for \$35
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Project sponsored by the Rockcastle Arts Association to benefit the Senior Care Packages for RCHS Class of 2021

Return this portion with payment in an envelope and mail to 110 Greenway Drive, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 or email the information to rockseniors2021@gmail.com

NAME OF ADULT ORDERING: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS TO BE DELIVERED TO: _____

ANY SPECIAL DIRECTIONS TO THE HOME: _____

Payment options

Cash

PayPal: rockseniors2021@gmail.com

Venmo: [rock-seniors2021](https://venmo.com/rock-seniors2021)

Check payable to: Rockcastle Arts

AMOUNT OF EGGS (PLEASE CIRCLE):

20 FOR \$15 / 40 FOR \$25 / 60 FOR \$35

NIGHT OF DELIVERY (PLEASE CIRCLE):

FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND / SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

A Bunch of Sick Sinners

Recently, two young brothers were observed, Jacob was one-year-old, and Samuel was two-years-old, both came down with the flu at the same time. Both were very sick with fevers, runny noses, and just feeling poorly. The mother sitting there on the sofa holding the two trying to give them what comfort she could. The oldest of the two boys, which was actually feeling the worst, reached over to the younger and began to rub his head and try and comfort his little brother. As I viewed this act of love and sympathy from these two ill children, my mind began to think about the word of God telling man at his best state is still just vanity, and how our righteousness, is as filthy rags in the sight of a Holy God. Even after we have done all that is commanded of God, we have only done what was our duty to do, still not enough to purchase the favor of God, because while we were yet sinners God sent his Son to save us.

In view of all of this, I can't help but think how each of us, robed in the righteousness of Christ, are still just a bunch of sick feverish sinners, who depend on the love of God to redeem us. Consider: Galatians 6:1-2 Brothers if any man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thy also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens so fulfill the law of Christ. There is a way that is right, when it comes to our brother who has fallen away from Christ, own how to redeem him back to the Lord, and that is we consider ourselves, and how that we would like to be treated if we were in that condition. To approach that one with meekness and love, and respect, understanding that could be us, and that we are all subject to erring. So instead of using a bayonet and a club on our weak, let us realize our own weakness, and let us reach out our arms to our fellow man, keeping in mind we are all really a bunch of sick sinners, in need of the great Physician.

(The church is not a warehouse for saints, but a hospital for sinners.) Thank you for reading the message, I pray God has kept you safe and blessed you with the things you need through another week and you pray to him daily. If you would like to reach out to someone from the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, you can reach us at these numbers: Bro. Dale McI 359-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104.

Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ
Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone
Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859
Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon. July 25

Classifieds

CLASSIFIED RATES

• Local Rates - \$4 for 25 words or less - 10 each additional word
 • Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch
 Deadline for Classifieds is 10 a.m. TUESDAY

For Rent

Chism Drive Thru Storage. 9 1/2 x 14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf

Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications

For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. ☎ 1-800-247-2510.

For Rent

Maple Street Storage of Brodhead
606-308-2491

Property For Sale

House on Locust St., Mt. Vernon. House features two bedrooms, bath, living room, kitchen. Additional improvements include three (two car) detached garages. \$39,900. 606-386-1470.

Posted

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 trespassing on Woodall's property, 16 Cupps Chapel Rd., Brodhead. Anyone caught will be prosecuted. 5x3

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJJ Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 27x51p

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

Posted: No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St.,

Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road, Danny Smith. 47fn

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

Help Wanted

Eisa's Little People now accepting applications. Must be 18 years, high school diploma or GED required, available, flexible hours Monday-Friday. Apply in person 100 Crawford Lane, Mt. Vernon. 45xntf

Help Wanted: Casey's Custom Mowing. Contact Casey Burke at 606-308-2679. 6x2

Immediate Opening. RTEC is seeking a qualified driver in Rockcastle County. Must have a valid KY driver's license and high school diploma or GED. **Does not require CDL.** \$12.00 per hour. RTEC operates a drug and alcohol free workplace and is an equal opportunity employer. Apply at RTEC on Main Street, Mt. Vernon. 6x2

Hiring dependable workers to join the Back Porch family. Apply in person at Back Porch Smokehouse, Lake Linville Rd., Mt. Vernon. 6x9

Miscellaneous For Sale

Registered Black Angus Bulls. All have had all their shots and been dewormed. Had BSE's and Semen checked. All are calving ease and low birth weight with lots of growth. DNA tested for enhanced EPDs. Priced according to pedigree and DNA numbers. From \$1800 to \$3500. For more info, call 606-308-3670. LA Angus Farms, Rick Bryant.

Cemetery Plot in Cresthaven Cemetery. Asking \$500. Call Larry at 513-659-4547 or 513-607-0116. 29xntf

Cresthaven Cemetery Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Calvin Carpenter and Carolyn Carpenter, 260 Lovell Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed co-administrators of the Estate of Jessica Carpenter, deceased, on the 14th day of January, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Calvin Carpenter and Carolyn Carpenter or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 7x3

Notice is given that Julie Hazelwood, 9099 Main St., PO Box 83, Livingston, KY 40445 has filed her final settlement as administratrix of the estate of Katherine Mae Robinson, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Julie Hazelwood on or before March 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Darrell Dewayne Sizemore, 3498 Bowling Ridge Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409 has been appointed administrator (with will annexed) of the estate of Wilma Wilson on the 25th day of February, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall

present them according to law, to the said Darrell Dewayne Sizemore or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Barbara Ballinger, 161 Buffalo Hollow Rd., Berea, KY 40403 has been appointed administratrix (no will) of the estate of Jerry Ballinger on the 1st day of March, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Barbara Ballinger on or before September 1, 2021. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Dodd, 620 Turfrider Court, Walton, KY 41094, has been appointed executrix of the estate of Clara Proctor on the 23rd day of February, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Elizabeth Dodd or to Hon. John D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Jessica Hall, 735 Grace Loop Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Brian Keith Hall on the 10th day of March, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said

Jessica Hall or to Hon. Brian David Bailey, McClure, McClure and Bailey, PLLC, 326 W. Main St., P.O. Box 214, Danville, Ky. 40422 on or before Sept. 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 7x3

Notice is hereby given that Lucy Hatmaker, 90 McBee St., Apt. 19, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Billy Jo Bryant on the 3rd day of March, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Lucy Hatmaker or to Schuler Law Office, 150 South Third St., Louisville, KY 40202 on or before September 3, 2021. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Melissa McIntosh, 2037 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419 and Kristin Miracle, 241 Baker Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419 has been appointed Co-Administratrix of the estate of Nerissa Baker, deceased, on the 9th day of March, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Melissa McIntosh and Kristin

Miracle or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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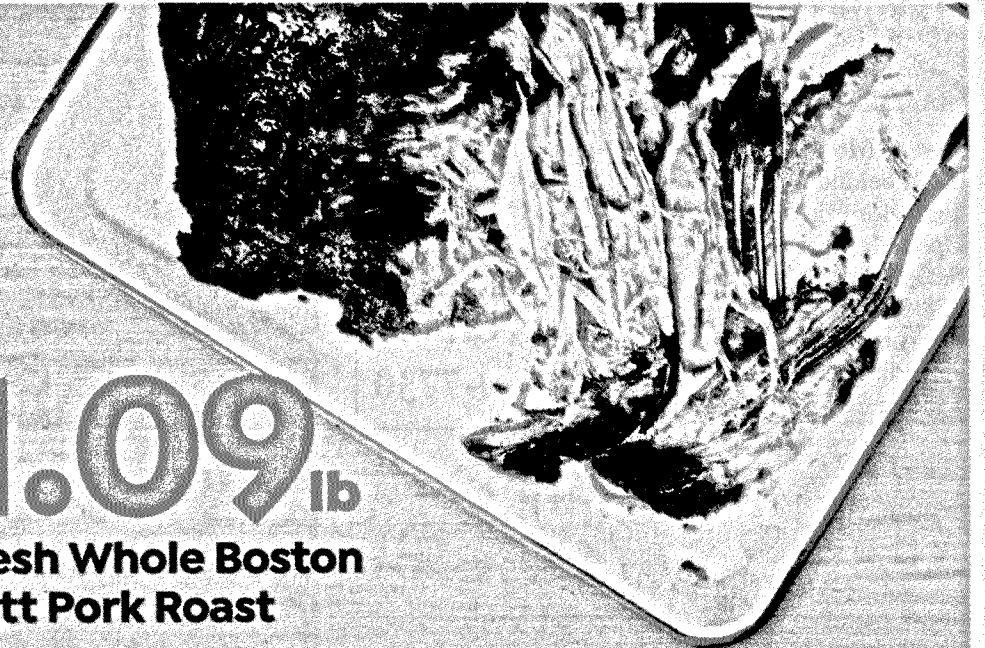
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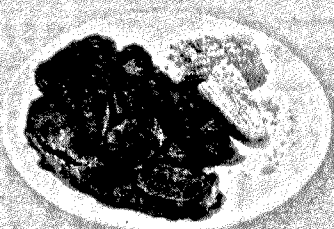
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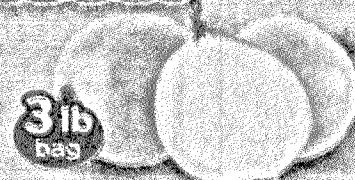
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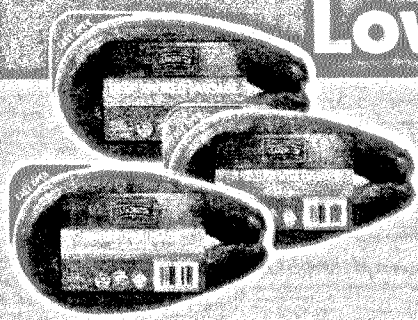


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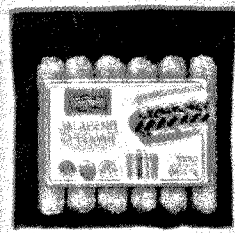


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