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Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR dedicated a monument last Saturday for Rockcastle County's first patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War between 1776-1783. Shown above are DAR members unveiling the monument and at right, DAR member Kathy Bobo rang a bell each time a patriot's name was read by former Rockcastle DAR Regent and current 4th District Director Debbie Brown. See more photos on page B3



To honor those in the American Revolutionary War

DAR dedicates Patriot monument

Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR dedicated a monument on Saturday, October 30th for Rockcastle County's first patriots who served in the American Revolution-

ary War between 1776-1783. Six DAR chapters from Kentucky and Ohio were in attendance along with a large turnout of members of the commu-

nity. Member Sharon Lovell opened the ceremony by discussing what DAR stands for and its mission. Posting of the colors

was presented by Rockcastle Co. High School JROTC Honor Guard. The invocation was given by Chapter Chaplain, Natalie Taylor. (See "DAR" on A7)

Dr. George Griffith leaves RCIDA board

New website up now

By: Mike French
Editor

Doctor William G. Griffith has resigned from the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority board.

The announcement came this week at the regular monthly meeting. Chairman Corey Craig said Griffith will be missed. "Due to family illness, the Doc feels he needs to spend more time at home," said Craig, "but he will be sorely missed. He left us with encouraging and confident words and he, and his father also, have served this community with honor and dignity. Though we will fill the seat, Doc Griffith will never be replaced."

With that announce-

ment, long time board member Tommy Harold Mink announced he plans to resign soon as well citing as one reason, "I've done this long enough."

Executive Director Jeff VanHook and Rockcastle County Judge/Ex-

ecutive Howell Holbrook spoke about a recent meeting with Pittman Creek Wholesale in Lincoln County.

The company provides fishing equipment nationwide and will be the first customer of the new Delta Gas natural gas line headed from the new Lin-

coln County tap to Rockcastle County. "James (Coffee, CEO of Pittman Creek Wholesalers) spoke in front of many people including the Governor himself and bragged about the work that RCIDA has done to make that natural gas pipeline a possibility in Lincoln County," said VanHook.

VanHook, a graduate of Lincoln County High School, said he is proud to see the company's success as well as the workers in the company from

Rockcastle County.

The director also told the board the Farmer Market project is nearing completion. "The windows are in, the heaters are hung and we expect the building to be enclosed by Friday," said VanHook.

However, VanHook requested two change orders totalling slightly over \$10,000 to extend utilities and provide flooring inside the building. VanHook said he will also request a change order (See "RCIDA" on A7)

Bootiful night of fun

Trick or Treat goes smoothly in county

By: Mike French
Editor

"The citizens, the youth and the parents of Rockcastle County are to be commended," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "Our office was very busy Saturday night, but

none of it was from Halloween skulduggery. There were no vandals or troubles reported to our office from Halloween activities all night."

According to many, the streets of Rockcastle County were flooded with trick-or-treaters Saturday night during the annual event. "I don't think I have ever had more trick-or-treaters at my door than I did this year," said local resident Jean Dixon. "The kids were so cute and dressed so good."

Many local officials also agree that Saturday (See "Scam" on A7)

Scam calls are not from Sheriff

By: Mike French
Editor

As the holidays approach, scam calls are once again circulating in Rockcastle County.

According to Sheriff Shannon Franklin, some citizens have complained that they are receiving calls requesting money for fines or bond fees from what appears to be the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office. Even the Sheriff's number appears

in the caller I.D.

"These are scam calls," said Franklin. "The sheriff's office does not call to collect money or fines or bonds. In fact, the sheriff's office does not collect the money for fines or bonds."

Such payments are handled via the designated offices of the court Franklin said.

The sheriff says no one should provide any per- (See "Scam" on A7)

Officials were prepared Weapon in school was only a rumor

By: Mike French
Editor

In the 1970s many students pulled into school parking lots with hunting rifles and knives in their vehicles and no one noticed. But, in the modern world, such actions are not only forbidden, they carry heavy penalties including jail time. Almost as serious as possessing a lethal weapon on school grounds, is threatening to bring a weapon on school property.

On Friday, October 29, Rockcastle County school officials were dealing with that very problem.

According to Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, a rumor had circulated that a student was planning to bring a weapon to the high school. "This is not something that is taken lightly. It is a huge issue and we deal with such rumors immediately and head on," she said.

According to the Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 527.070, it is a felony punishable by five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine to possess an unapproved weapon on school grounds. A few exceptions exist for military and police and certain approved situations, but any student who brings a weapon to school may be guilty of violating the statute and officials say such an offense is typically prosecuted.

In Friday's incident, no actual weapon was in-

involved but rumors had circulated that a student intended to bring a weapon to the local high school. "This is taken just as seriously," said Ballinger. In fact, KRS (See "Rumor" on A7)

COVID Update

The Rockcastle County COVID incident rate continues to drop to 17 on Monday and into the yellow zone. The Cumberland Valley District Health Department says there have been 8 confirmed and 12 probable new cases reported in the past seven days here. 32 COVID-related deaths have been reported in the county.

Clerk appointment

Eliza Jane York-Hansel, the regular Circuit Clerk of the Rockcastle County Circuit Court, 28th Judicial Circuit, has been designated to serve as Special Circuit Clerk of the Lincoln County Circuit Court, 28th Judicial Circuit. The appointment began as of November 1 and will last until a new Lincoln County Circuit Court Clerk takes office.

The order, provided by the Supreme Court of Kentucky, was entered last Saturday.

Relay For Life

Relay for Life is a life changing event that brings the community together each year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost to the disease and fight back against a disease that takes too much. Join the celebration of Rockcastle County cancer survivors with Relay for Life Survivor Celebration drive-thru event Thursday, November 4 at 5 p.m. at RCMS.

School board public hearing

There will be a public hearing in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street tonight, Thursday, November 4 at 6 p.m.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 7 at 2 a.m.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

November is a pretty busy month for birthdays in our family.

Granddaughter Alaina Coguer Taylor's was Tuesday, Nov. 2nd; daughter Jamie's is the 25th the same day as son-in-law Doug Piatt's, granddaughter Celia Carney's is November 27th and mine is November 30th (and if I missed anybody's I'll be in trouble).

Anyway, I said all that to say that it's also usually a nerve-racking time because of general elections. This year, we're general election free in Rockcastle but I have managed to wind myself up anyway over the election for Governor of Virginia.

Terry McAuliffe, a former governor there is running against Republican Glenn Youngkin and, right now, Youngkin has a small lead. Of course, Virginia is a state that Biden "won" in the 2020 Presidential election so we'll just have to wait and see. There's already been

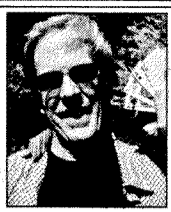
some controversy with McAuliffe's lawyers saying the USPS is not getting absentee ballots delivered or returned in a timely fashion. All ballots must be in by noon Friday, November 5th to be counted in the election.

McAuliffe lost his hefty lead after some controversial comments such as, "Parents should not have any say in their children's education," (that one at a debate with Youngkin) and, in his final remarks this past Monday when he said that there needed to be more diversity in teachers in Virginia since 50%

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



If things keep going in the same direction, someday, guns and SUVs will be against the law. Why? Because America is filled with idiots.

Now let's look at our future. Let's think about America in the year 2100. That's just one lifetime away. Our children may see that year.

Somewhere in the world, in the year 2100, is a huge statue of a person who found the cure for cancer, solved inflation, cured the common cold and ended world hunger. (Still no cure for COVID). What a great

fellow old Fred was. Way Back in 2025, old Fred fixed the world. Oh what a great man Fred was and what a nice statue of him we have. Guns and SUVs were legal back then.

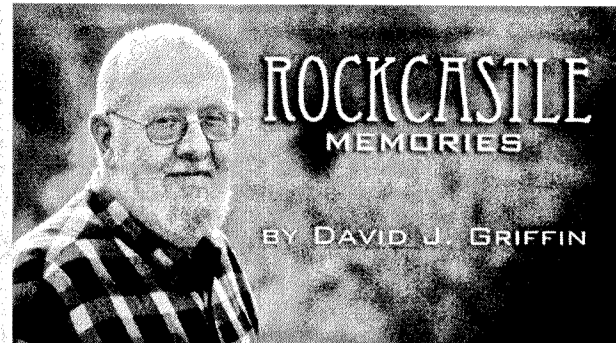
Wait! Here's a little fellow standing on the corner crying his eyes out while looking at the statue. What's going on?

Sniffle, sniffle. "Well sir, that guy in the statue was alive in 2025. That statue has to come down. My little feelings are hurt and I am offended because he owned a gun and drove an SUV."

Well, this won't do! Someone get me a bulldozer! The statue of Old Fred has to go!

If America continues to cater to these cry baby activists just because their

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Blackberry Cobbler

This week I was looking through the document files on my new laptop, when I discovered my grandmother's (Mommie Katie) recipe for homemade blackberry cobbler. Hers was the best I have ever tried.

Both my mother (Bee) and Mommie Katie used the same recipe for their cobbler. I think blackberry cobbler is one of my favorite deserts. I loved my cobbler in a bowl with ice cream on top and a large glass of cold milk to chase it down.

Bee and my Mommie Katie always hired me and one of my friends

(usually Kenneth Hansel) to pick blackberries for them. They made cobblers and also canned whole blackberries to use during the winter. We were probably only 10 years old at the time, but we considered this job to be highly important.

The ladies provided us with half-gallon (lard) buckets with a bale so we could get into the blackberry vines and gather the fruit. When the small containers were full, we poured them into larger buckets to transport back home for Bee and Mommie Katie to do their magic. Of course, we were warned to watch out for snakes and told to avoid "chiggers." Believe me, it was not necessary to caution me about snakes!

We dutifully carried bucket after bucket back to Bee and Mommie Katie, and they carefully washed and prepared the wonderful fruit. Kenneth always accused me of eating more than I placed in the buckets. When we came back home with the first load, Bee laughed and laughed at the berry juice that we had on our faces and our clothes.

Mommie Katie always canned lots of quarts of blackberries so she would have an ample supply to make cobblers during the winter. She also canned both blackberry jam and jelly. Although it has been over 60 years since

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



A Monumental Success

Dear Journal,

As I had mentioned in last week's Journal, the

dream of the Rockcastle Chapter of the DAR had come true in the placement and the upcoming presentation of a monument dedicated to the memory of Rockcastle's Patriots of the Revolutionary War. This presentation and dedication took place this past weekend in front of the Rockcastle Courthouse.

It wasn't the day any of the DAR ladies would have chosen. It was a dark, rainy and miserable day with a wind that would cut you to the bone earlier in the day. The clouds hung low in the sky and there was fog in the hollows at times in the afternoon that arose to meet the clouds. I'm sure the ladies were

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't understand middle school reasoning...

Dear Editor,

Choosing, at a cost of \$23 million, to construct a new, smaller middle school building over a \$15.6 million renovation of the existing building seems absurd.

The proposal is for spending \$7.4 million more to have 30,000 sq. ft. less space; this in a time when we want more distance between students in group situations. Why would district officials reasonably opt to spend more taxpayer dollars on a smaller building

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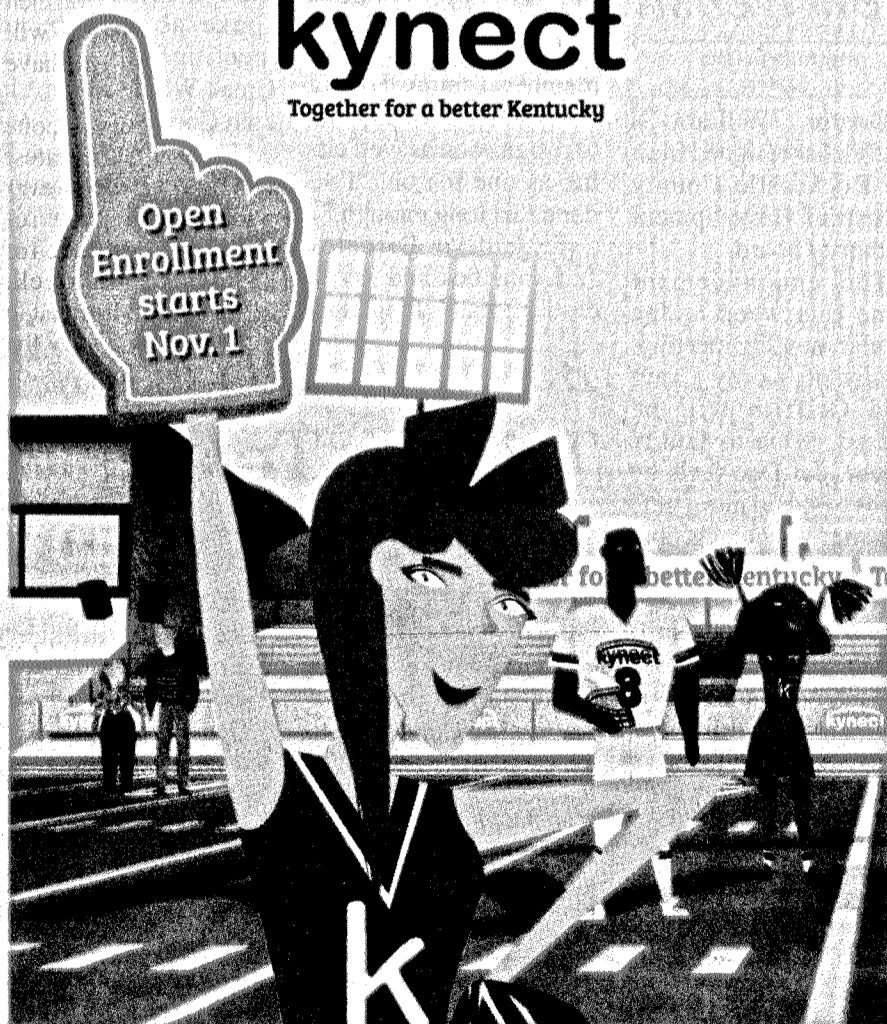
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“ramblings”

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of the students were black and 80% of the teachers were white. Racist much?

Anyway, we'll see. Youngkins has been drawing thousands more to his rallies than McAuliffe has but as has been said by, Stalin maybe?, 'it's not who votes that counts but who counts the votes.'

Just when you thought Dem proposals couldn't get any worse, we now know that the Biden administration is in talks to offer immigrant families \$450,000 per person because they were separated during the Trump administration.

The basis for this idea is because of lawsuits filed on behalf of parents and children who say the government subjected them to "lasting psychological trauma."

I find this particularly horrendous considering that a death gratuity program only provides for a

special tax free payment of \$100,000 to eligible survivors of members of the armed services who die while on active duty or while serving in certain reserve statuses.

You think the national debt has been bad, this would no doubt serve to deep six our country completely financially.

It is ideas like this, and many others, that gives the Biden administration no credibility at all. You know, such as the vaccine mandate which exempts 1.7 million illegals who came in just this year across our southern border (besides the 100,000 Afghan refugees brought here by our government when they chaotically withdrew from Afghanistan, meanwhile leaving several hundreds of Americans to the mercy of the Taliban), 648,000 postal workers, members of congress and the judiciary, World Health Organization (WHO) employees, pharmaceutical company employees, the FDA, the CDC.

All this while Japan has dropped their vax rollout and gone to pushing Ivermectin as a Covid preventive and treatment.

The vax mandate has caused the shutdown of 19 firehouses in New York because of members of the NYFD refusing the vax. Meanwhile the mayor is reportedly calling on firemen from other cities to volunteer to help NYC cover calls. Good luck with that since I assume that if firemen wanted to work in NY they would have already applied there.

The NYPD is also expected to be hard hit by officers resigning/retiring/getting the blue flu because of the vax mandate. A reported 26,000 NYC workers didn't get the vaccine by last Friday's deadline and 12,000 members of the Air Force alone are refusing it. It's still not clear what their "punishment" will be for refusing a vaccine with no long term trials and no liability for the companies producing it.

The other recent action by the administration of taking 800 staff and administrators, in four jets with 85 limousines to a climate conference in Scotland also boggles the mind. But, we should have been prepared for this since the administration's climate czar John Kerry has six homes, 12 cars, two yachts and a private jet. You know the old "rules for thee but not for me." And, a little hope on the horizon, Florida received the first rerouted cargo ships Tuesday and began to unload and service. Maybe Florida will save Christmas for us.

“Aces”

(Continued from A2) mouth is bigger than people with common sense, this scenario will play out. It is inevitable.

If we are going to continue removing statues and monuments of great American heroes just because they lived according to the laws of the land when they were alive, then not one single statue will survive and we will have no history.

Thomas Jefferson, one of (if not THE) greatest American heroes to ever live, had his statue removed from its location in New York last week. Why? Because he lived in 1700 and didn't obey the laws and standards of 2021.

I really wasn't aware that America had created such idiots as those council members who agreed to rip down a monument of the most influential founding father in history, just because he lived according to the laws of the land during his lifetime.

Yes. Unfortunately, Thomas Jefferson had slaves. As did nearly all other founding fathers because it was legal in 1700. Did you know there are slaves in Africa today? There are indeed! It is terrible then and now. But it still happened.

Modern day Presidents ride in SUVs and are surrounded by guns. Apparently these people believe heroes of today are supposed to be following the laws that won't change for another 100 years to be eligible to be in a history book or have a statue of themselves some day.

Typical, modern-day, woke lunacy!

If we are going to rip down statues and ignore accomplishments of any one who lived during slavery, then there is no history of America. And, by the way, all churches have to be torn down because most people in the Bible lived in a time of slavery. Wait, so do you.

Every race of humans have been enslaved at some point in history and as you read this, there are slaves today.

You can't ignore history just because it is bad. There is something about every year since the beginning of time that someone doesn't like.

Thomas Jefferson was a scholar, a statesman, a diplomat, a lawyer, an architect, a musician, a philosopher, a founding father and the principle author of the very document by which America is a free country--the Constitution.

And now those morons have removed the monument reminding citizens of our great American history, all because Jefferson didn't live according to laws that weren't even enacted until after his death. That is how ignorant this politically correct, woke, cancel-culture society has become.

Thomas Jefferson was a great man. A hero among the people and to remove his statue displays an ignorance I have not before witnessed in government. And that is saying a lot!

We better stop being offended and whining about everything we can think of. I'd be proud if they named a baseball team "The Mike French Indians!" I have "indian" blood in me and I am proud of it.

We better stop this hating and blaming and finger pointing.

Eventually, we will poke the wrong lion. No offense to the King of the Beasts.

“T.J.’s”

(Continued from A2) thinking that the turnout for our unveiling would be sparse.

As it turned out, parts of the scheduled events, for one reason or the other, failed to materialize, but none of the spectators were the wiser. In spite of the weather there was a sur-

prisingly large turnout of spectators for our event. I would say that there were around eighty to a hundred in attendance. There were eighteen members of the local chapter on hand, one or more associate members and several members from other chapters within the state. One member from Ohio whose membership was pending and was a descendant of one of the Patriots was there. We had the pleasure of hosting State Regent Carol Rogow and the State Chaplain, Carolyn Goodman. Madame Regent brought greetings. Mayor Michael Bryant and County Judge Executive Howell Holbrook spoke at the ceremony. Celia Schaffer and HODAR (Husband of DAR) did solos. County historian David Owens was also there.

Several chapters and individuals chose to lay wreaths near the conclusion of the service. The ROTC and Honor Guard were on hand to recognize the special occasion. There was a twenty-one gun salute and taps was played. At the conclusion of the service all of the chapter members joined Norma Eversole, the chapter's first regent and Karen Hamm Adams, current regent, as the much-awaited moment came. The monument was finally revealed to the public. I believe every member there was bursting with pride and a sense of accomplishment to be able to gift the county with such a monument of our heritage.

“Memories”

(Continued from A2) those wonderful days, I have never found any jam or jelly that could hold a candle to hers.

Her cobbler was known all over Mt. Vernon for its wonderful taste and texture. Even the pastor at the First Baptist Church was known to praise her dish from his pulpit. (She usually invited him to our house for Sunday dinner

when she was having his favorite dessert.) She served her delicacy hot - straight from the oven - with vanilla ice cream piled on top. (My mouth is watering as I write this.)

The quart jars of berries were stored in the cellar along with her awesome jams and jellies. One wall was almost filled with the fruit. I don't know what I would give for just one more taste of her wonderful delight.

You know that banquet they speak about in heaven? I'm thinking that Mommie Katie's cobbler is bound to be a part of it.

(You can reach me at themtman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)

“Letters”

(Continued from A2) project? It does not make any sense.

I would think a great many taxpayers would not be in agreement concerning the proposal. I certainly do not believe the extravagant spending proposal is the best decision or even the best option to select.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Sincerely, Culver Tefft
(Rockcastle Co. resident)

Thank You...

Dear Editor,
The Rockcastle Lady Rockets Volleyball team would like to thank our sponsors as we hosted the 12th Region Tournament: Back Porch Smokehouse, Wendy's of Mt. Vernon and the Kentucky National Guard. Your support is very much appreciated.

Also, thanks to the parents who worked the concessions, the custodians who cleaned up and Ms. Sondra Mullins for getting everything stocked and set up for us each night.

Sincerely,
Loren Maples
Head Coach

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Health Department Holiday Hours
The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Mount Vernon City Park. Contact 859-308-8900

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

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

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 35 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

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

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

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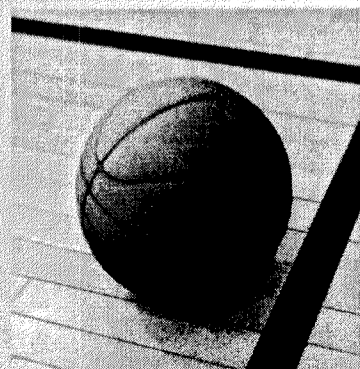
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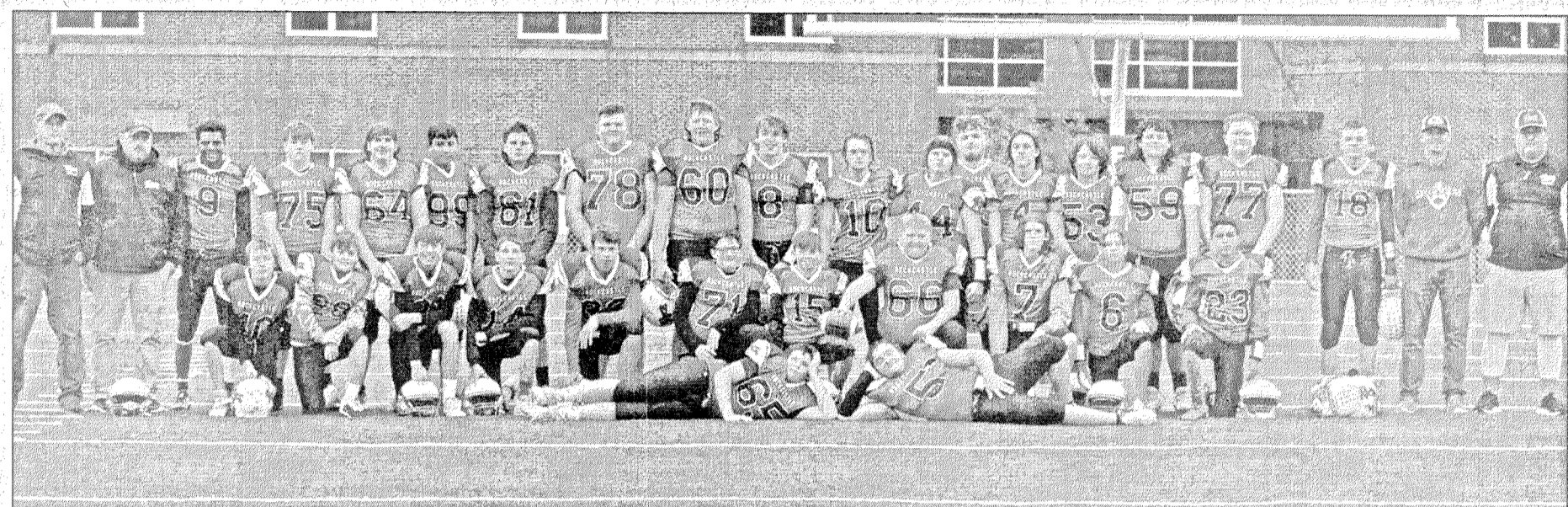


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SPORTS



The Rockcastle County Middle School eighth grade football team earned the Kentucky Middle School Football Association 8th Grade Division 2 Region 3 championship with a 34-8 blowout victory over Shelby West Middle School last Saturday. The Rockets now appear in the state semi-finals where they will take on Paducah Middle School this Saturday, November 6th at West Jessamine High School.

Head to state semi-finals

RCMS 8th grade football wins Division 2 Region 3 championship

By Chad Hensley

Jai Denny's three touchdown performance and a staunch defense carried the Rockcastle County Middle School 8th Grade football team to a 34-8 blowout victory over Shelby West Middle School on Sat., Oct. 30.

The victory gave the Rockets the Kentucky Middle School Football Association 8th Grade Division 2 Region 3 championship and an appearance in the state semi-finals where they will take on Paducah Middle School this Saturday, Nov. 6th at West Jessamine High School.

Isaiah Jackson has been the Rockets most potent weapon all season long with his ability to score from anywhere from his running back position, but Shelby West keyed on Jackson all game long, so head coach Jamie Todd needed someone to step up to answer the call and Denny did just that on both sides of the ball.

With Shelby West facing fourth-and-long deep inside their own territory on the game's opening possession, a botched punt that was kicked into the back of a Shelby West player was eventually re-

covered by Denny on the Shelby West 16-yard line.

Four plays later, Denny took the handoff from Rex Parkey and plunged his way into the endzone to give the Rockets an early 6-0 advantage.

With the Rockets facing second down at the Shelby West 35-yard line on the team's next offensive possession, Jackson came up big with a 16-yard bulldozing run for a first down.

Three plays later, Parkey converted a third-and-five into a first-and-goal with a 12-yard quarterback sneak down to the

one. Parkey would then convert the next play into a touchdown on another sneak play to give Rockcastle a 12-0 lead with 5:53 remaining in the first half.

Rockcastle would put up more points on the scoreboard just before the halftime buzzer when Parkey completed a short pass to Denny, who then cruised his way into the endzone untouched for a 16-yard touchdown.

Parkey's two-point conversion run capped off the scoring drive to put the Rockets up 20-0 with 0:05 before the half.

Rockcastle received the kickoff to open the second half and Denny put the proverbial nail in the coffin when he capped off an 8-play, 52-yard drive that covered 5:11 with a 14-yard touchdown untouched through the middle of the Shelby West defense.

"(Shelby West) knew they had to key on Isaiah because of his speed and ability to make big plays," stated Rockcastle head coach Jamie Todd. "Jai Denny had three touchdowns and Rex had another great game, but the difference in the game was our offensive line. They dominated up front and that's how we were able to score."

Two days prior to the regional championship

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RCHS sophomore Lexi Dotson came through with a record-breaking performance at the Class 2A State Cross-Country Championships at Bourbon County on Friday. Dotson placed 7th in the state championships and made the All-State team.

Makes All-State team

Dotson places 7th at state cross-country

RCHS sophomore Lexi Dotson came through with a record-breaking performance at the Class 2A State Cross-Country Championships at Bourbon County on Friday.

Despite some rain which caused some wet, slippery course conditions, Dotson placed 7th overall with her best finish ever at the state championships and an amazing new all-time personal best of 19:53.10.

Dotson was in contention for the state title

throughout the race and was only a little over 10 seconds away from a top 4 finish. Her time was also the second fastest ever at state for an RCHS competitor.

The top 15 finishers were recognized at an awards ceremony and received state championship medals.

Her awesome time would have placed her 2nd in Class A and 10th in Class 3A.

Dotson also made the All-State team for her outstanding performance.

Rockets shutout by tough Lincoln County team, 36-0

By Chad Hensley

The result wasn't what the Rockcastle County High School football team would have wanted on Senior Night, but the regular season is over, and the Rockets can now focus their sights on the postseason after falling to Lincoln County 36-0.

"The game Friday was disappointing," emphasized Rockcastle head coach Scott Parkey. "I didn't feel our team played to our potential against a very good team."

Rockcastle was held to just 111 yards of total offense including 102 rushing yards.

Lincoln County got on the scoreboard first when Clayton Davis to the direct snap on the game's

first play and scored from 62-yards out.

With 7:37 of game action after Davis' touchdown, the Patriots had grown their lead to 21-0 with a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs.

The Patriots (5-5), who are winners of four out of their last five contests, added another 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and an 18-yard touchdown reception by Davis late in the third quarter to invoke the running clock after taking a 36-point advantage.

Rockcastle (5-5) was shutout in the series with the Patriots for the first time since 1981 according to Dustin Oney of the SouthEast Kentucky Network and Lincoln County Sports Channel.

Matthew Chasteen was awarded the offensive MVP for the Rockets in the Operation U.N.I.T.E. Bowl pressbox committee after finishing with nine carries for 33 yards in limited action.

Jayvon Bowden was awarded the defensive MVP after recording the only quarterback sack by the Rockets defensive unit.

Bowden finished with three tackles, two tackles for loss and the quarterback sack.

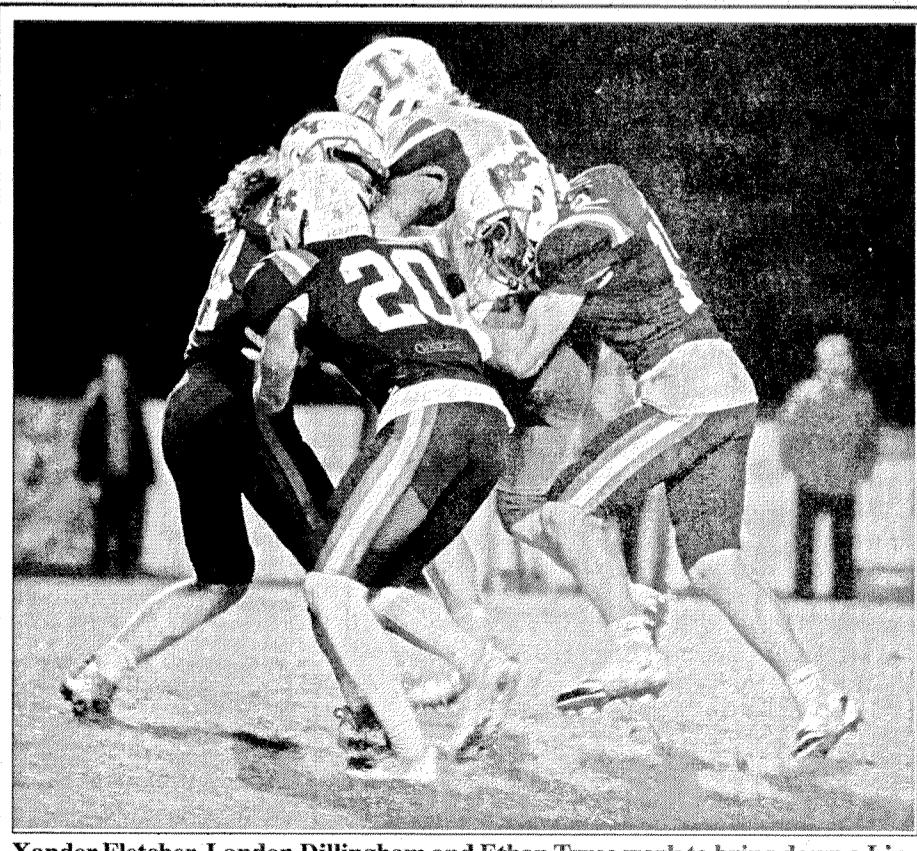
Landon Dillingham finished as the team's leading rusher with six carries for 34 yards.

Cameron Wright tallied four carries for 15

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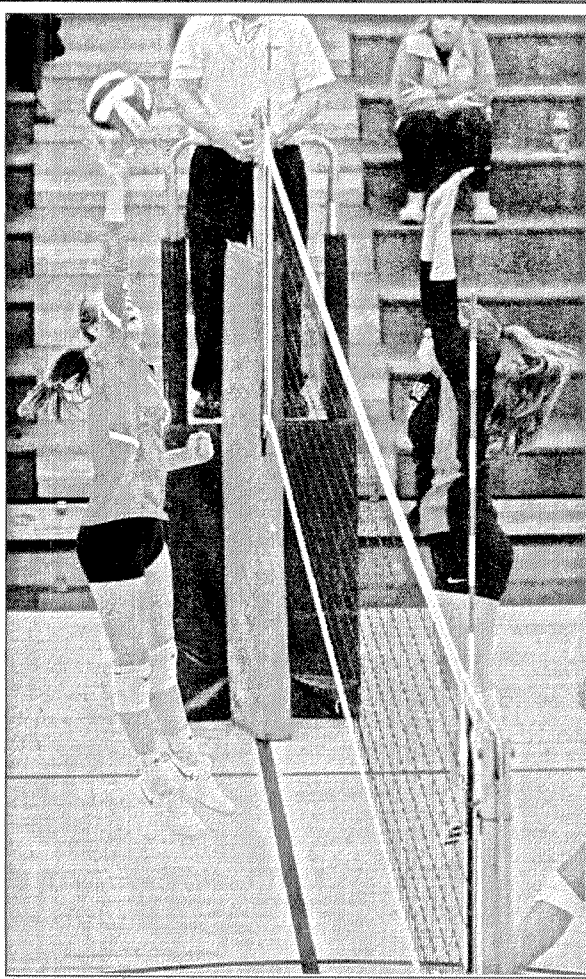
Ethan Medley prepares to block as quarterback Cameron Wright looks to pass during the Rockets' loss to Lincoln County Friday night.



Xander Fletcher, Landon Dillingham and Ethan Tyree work to bring down a Lincoln County Patriot during the Rockets' 36-0 loss Friday night. Rockcastle will host Garrard County this Friday night in the first round playoff game.



Senior Leann Doan was named to the 2021 12th Region Volleyball All-Tournament team for her play in the Rockets' loss to Wayne County in the first round.



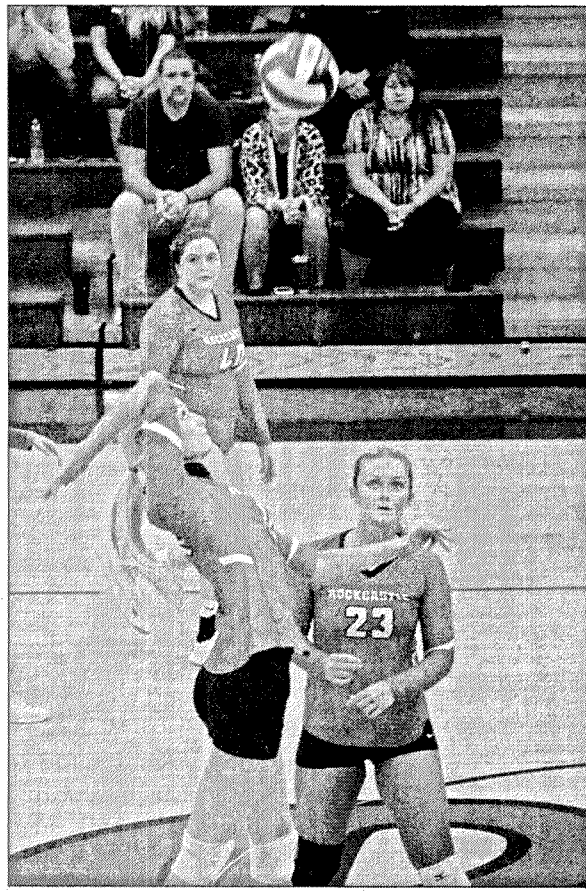
Leann Doan goes for one of her nine kills in the Rockets' 3-0 loss to Wayne County during the first round of the 12th Region Tournament last Tuesday at RCHS. Doan was named to the 12th Region All-Tournament Team.



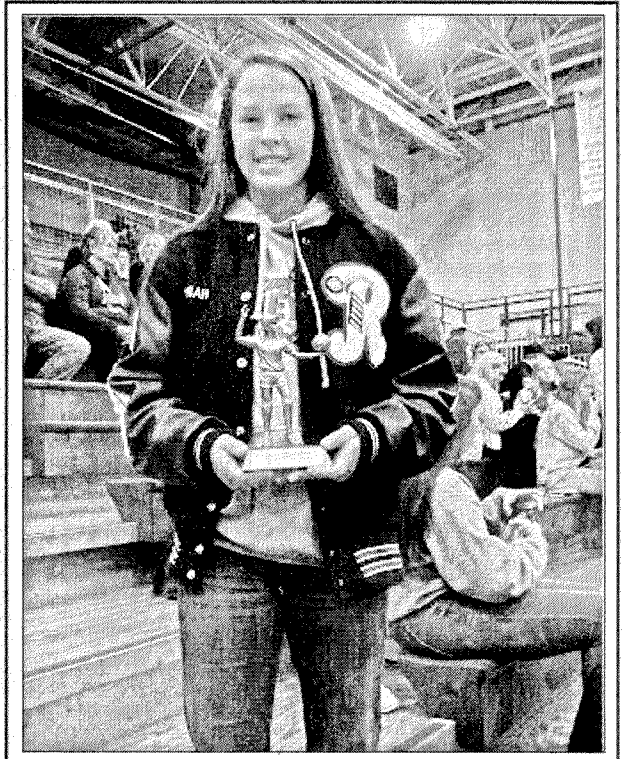
Alexis Elam gets a dig in the Rockets' 3-0 loss to Wayne County during the first round of the 12th Region Tournament last Tuesday at RCHS.



RCHS volleyball head coach Loren Reynolds Maples was recently named the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association Coach of the Year for the 12th Region. Maples led her team to a 47th District Championship and a berth into the 12th Region Tournament.



Kearlann Loudermilk goes for a kill in the Rockets' 3-0 loss to Wayne County during the first round of the 12th Region Tournament last Tuesday. Also pictured are teammates Keelee King and Kylee Burns.



RCHS volleyball junior Sarah Barron was named to the 12th Region, 1st Team All-Region team. Athletes are nominated from all teams in the 12th Region by coaches and then voted on by the 12th Region coaches. The top 12 are awarded this honor, with the top six named first team and the next six named second team. This is Sarah's second year as part of the 12th Region 1st Team All-Region.

In 12th Region play
Lady Rockets lose to Wayne to end season

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets volleyball team saw its season come to an abrupt and unfortunate end at home in the 12th Region tournament in a tightly contested 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-23) loss to Wayne County.

The matchup featured the second and third ranked teams in the region according to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and the Ratings Power Index (RPI) that is assigned to each team based upon their winning percentage, the winning percentage of their opponents' and the winning percentage of their opponents' opponents.

Rockcastle County (16-7) had previously defeated Wayne County (26-12) on Sept. 14 by 2-0 (25-20, 26-24) count, but it was the Lady Cardinals that advanced to the region semifinals.

Kylee Burns, who was Rockcastle's leading attacker throughout the season, was held to just seven kills against Wayne County, but she was able to adjust her game to contribute nicely on defense with 13 digs.

Laura Doan, who was later named to the 12th Region All-Tournament Team, led the way on offense for head coach Loren Reynolds Maples' crew with nine kills. She also added eight digs and two service aces.

Doan is the lone senior that saw significant offensive or defensive numbers throughout the season so the bulk of the

offensive and defensive output will return next season.

Keelee King guided the offense from her setter position while dishing out 18 assists and collecting nine digs.

Sarah Barron, who was awarded with her second consecutive 12th Region All-First Team selection for her efforts during the lead up to the regional tournament, closed out the season with an impressive 22 digs.

The match marked the final time that four outstanding student-athletes (Doan, Alexis Elam, Kearlann Loudermilk and Haylie Owens) will wear a Rockcastle County Lady Rockets volleyball uniform. Their presence in the locker room, on the court, in practice and in the huddle during timeouts will be greatly missed, but they have definitely left an indelible mark on a program that is continuing to grow season after season.

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game, Todd could be seen on ESPN3 pulling double duty as an assistant coach on the Berea College men's basketball team when the Mountaineers traveled to Tennessee Tech for an exhibition contest.

"I've been coaching both for going on three weeks now," Todd mentioned. "I enjoy both and so far, the schedule has just worked out to where I'm able to be at both practices. I have a great football coaching staff that had scouted and had our team prepared. Help from Coach Parkey and the high school coaches also is a key to our middle school success."

It was that preparation by Todd, his coaching staff and the high school coaching staff that had the Rockets ready for a stout Shelby West offense that included the Region 3 Player of the Year.

With the Rockets up 34-0 after a Jacob Camel 9-yard touchdown run and his subsequent two-point conversion, Shelby West finally got on the scoreboard with just 0:23 remaining to break the shutout streak Rockcastle had in their first three postseason games.

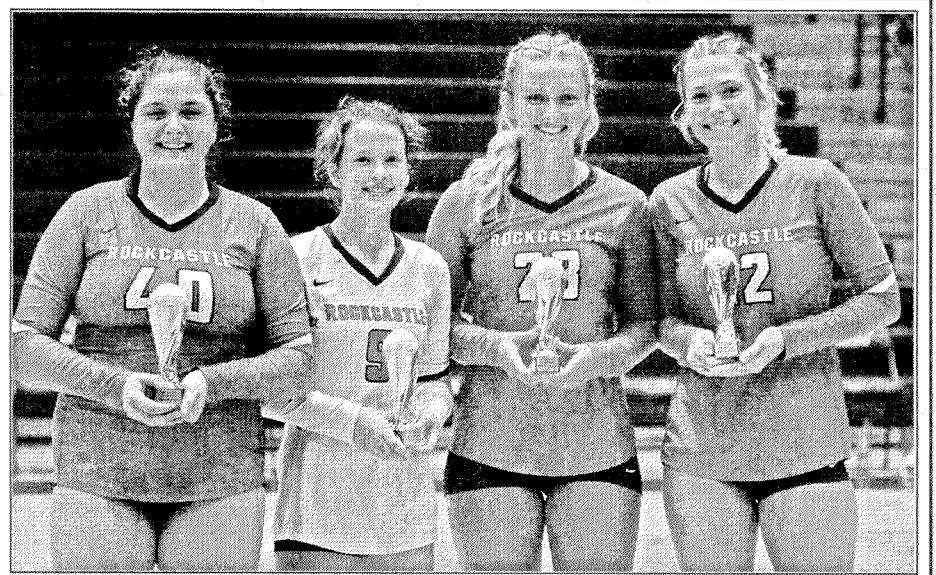
"Our defense has been stellar all year," Todd commented about his defense that has forced multiple turnovers, long third-down situations and even a blocked punt against Shelby West that Dylan Leffler recovered. "So far in the playoffs, we have only allowed eight points total. Again, we have a great football staff that really gets our guys ready to defend whatever an offense throws at us."

Next up for the Rockets will be the Paducah Middle School Blue Tornado, who is the feeder program for tradition-rich Paducah Tilghman High School.

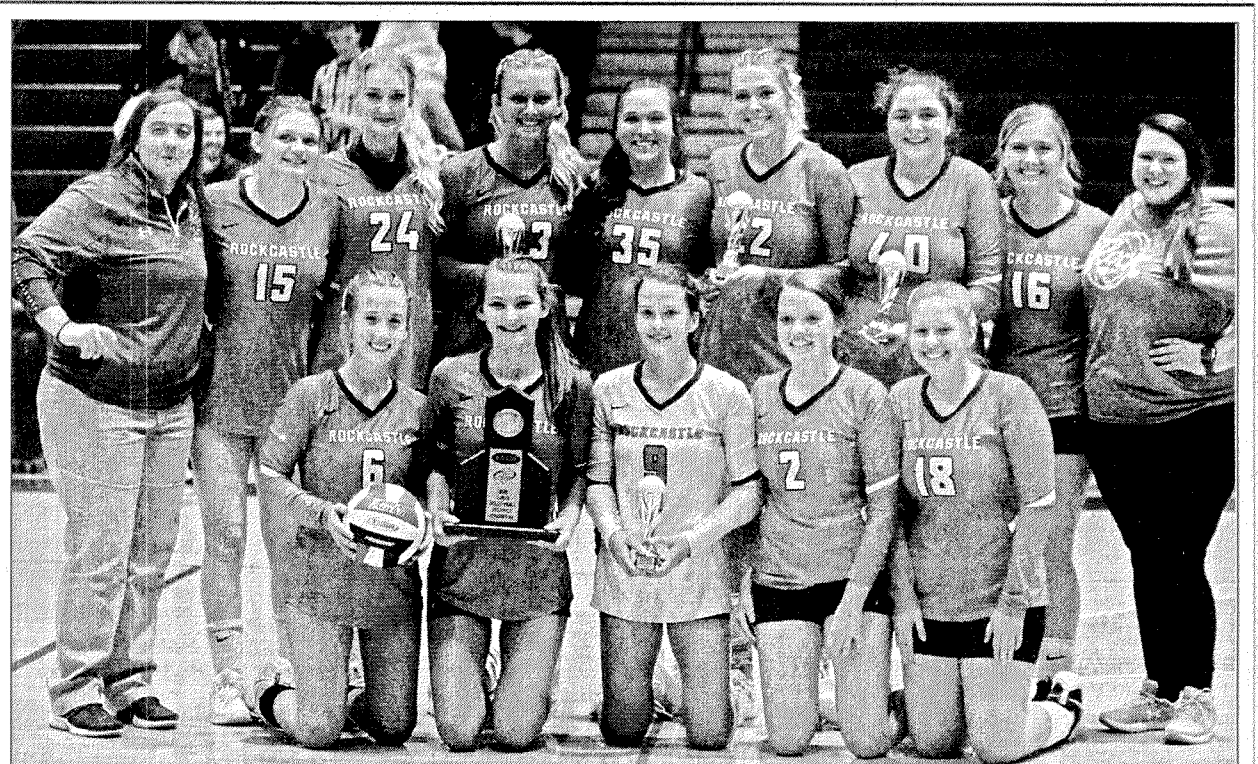
Paducah will be another strong opponent that the Rockets will have to tame if they want to advance on to the following week's state championship.

"This Paducah team likes to spread the field," Todd mentioned. "They have a skilled quarterback and a tough running back that will be hard to stop. They pass about 50 percent of their plays, so we have our work cut out for us this week, but I love my team and expect to be playing for a state championship."

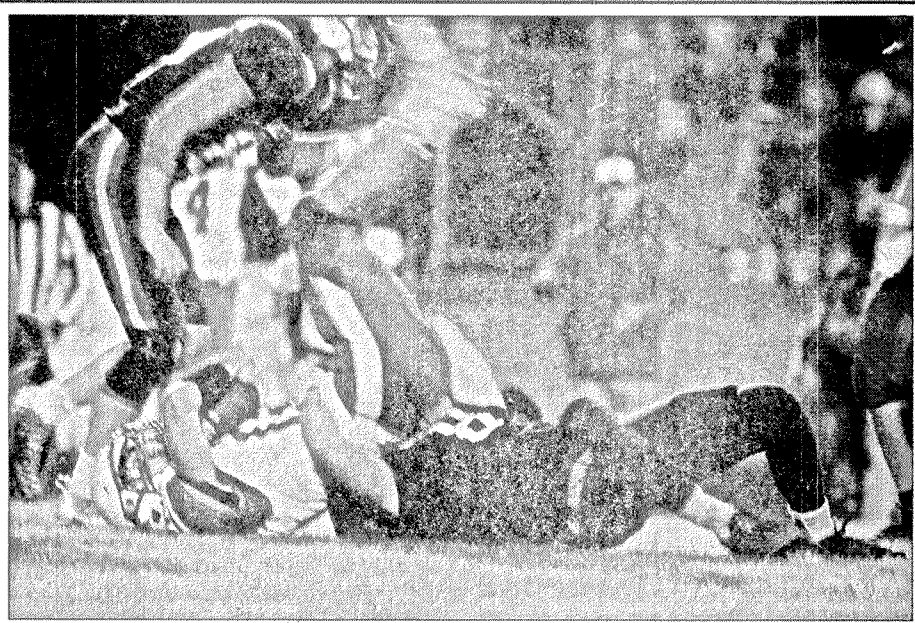
Kickoff for the matchup with Paducah is slated for 6:30 p.m. at West Jessamine High School.



Kylee Burns, Sarah Barron, Keelee King and Hallie Brown were named to the 47th District All-Season Team after the Rockets' captured the 47th District Championship.



RCHS Volleyball captured the 47th District Tournament with a 3-0 win over Somerset. The Rockets lost in the first round of the 12th Region Tournament last week at RCHS. Members of the team are shown above, front row from left: Alexis Elam, Leann Doan, Sarah Barron, Riley Sherron and Paige Cash. Back row from left: head coach Loren Reynolds Maples, Haylie Owens, Kearlann Loudermilk, Keelee King, Allison McCoy, Hallie Brown, Kylee Burns, Madi Lewis and coach Jourdan Blanton.



Tyler Osborne makes a tackle during the Rockets' loss to Lincoln County Friday night.



Anthony Goodin punts during the first half of the Rockets' loss to Lincoln County Friday night.



November is National Diabetes Month...

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook signed a proclamation with the Rockcastle County Health Department proclaiming November, Diabetes Awareness Month. Prediabetes is a serious health condition affecting more than 1 in 3 U.S. adults. People who have prediabetes have a 50% change of developing diabetes over the next 5 to 10 years. The Proclamation urges all citizens to help fight diabetes and its life-threatening complications by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, making healthy lifestyle choices, and by providing care and treatment for those living with diabetes. Pictured with Holbrook are from left: Dreama Parker, Janet Kirby, and Melinda Osborne.

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yards and was followed by Ethan Medley with 10 yards on four carries, Anthony Goodin with nine yards on three carries, Carter Powell with one carry for five yards and Caleb Moore with one carry for a four-yard loss.

Moore was 3-for-6 passing for nine yards while Wright failed to complete a pass in his three attempts.

Dillingham had two receptions for 12 yards and Reese Coguer was tackled for a 3-yard loss on his only reception.

Chasteen once again led the Rockcastle defense in tackles with 16 and was followed by Xander Fletcher, who had his best outing of the season after returning from an injury, with eight tackles.

Dillingham, Ethan Tyree and Jake Sanders collected six tackles each with Tyree notching one tackle for loss.

Goodin and Tyler Osborne added three tackles apiece while Wright and Coguer had two tackles each and Medley, Isaiah Dehart, Brandon Valle and Kaden Kidwell each added one tackle.

Next up for the Rockets will be a home game in the first round of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Class 3A playoffs after being awarded the no.-2 seed thanks to the KHSAA's Rating Power Index (RPI).

Heading into the contest against Lincoln County, many thought the Rockets would be hosting Estill County in the first round, but the Engineers were shocked by Casey County by a 25-22 final and Garrard County defeated Clay County 30-24 thus jumping from the no.-4 seed to the no.-3 seed to face-off against Rockcastle County.

Estill County will make the trek to Log Mountain to take on the district's regular-season

champion Bell County.

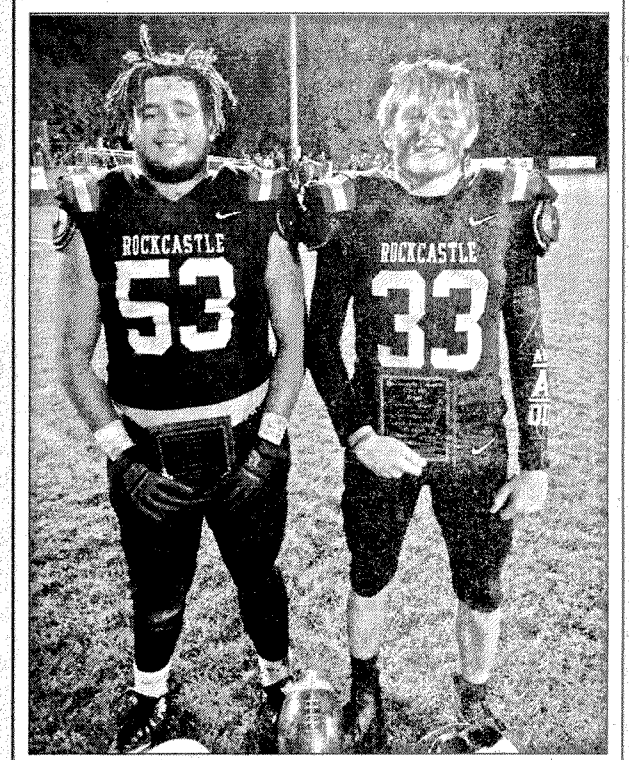
Rockcastle County is less than two weeks removed from falling to Garrard County 14-13 to close out district play and being forced into the three-way tie for second place in the district standings.

"Garrard County is the main concern at this point," added Parkey "Playing them a couple weeks ago makes this unusual, but good. They are still fresh in our minds and our guys are focused on preparing to win. We

had too many mistakes against them last game. We just want to come out and win the line of scrimmage, take care of the ball, and score points.

"Defensively, we want to contain the QB and create some turnovers of our own. It is great to be at home again for the playoffs. We have such a great atmosphere at home for our guys."

Kickoff for the matchup against Garrard County is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Rocket Field.



Jayvon Bowden was named the UNITE Defensive Player of the Game and Matthew Chasteen was named the UNITE Offensive Player of the game after the Rockets' loss to Lincoln County Friday.

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Invitation to Bid

City of Livingston, Kentucky is requesting proposals from interested parties for the purchase of the Livingston Municipal Water Works water and wastewater facilities.

The City of Livingston owns the following facilities:

- Water Facilities:
 - Water supply lines of 3", 4", 5", and 6" and domestic water service lines totaling approximately 70,442 LF.
 - One 128,000-gallon bolted STP, built in 1992 and last inspected in 2020.
 - 168 metered connections.
 - Twenty fire hydrants
 - Approximate annual average daily metered flow of 17,000-21,000 gpd.
- Wastewater Facilities:
 - Wastewater package treatment plant with a capacity of 40,000 gpd and an average flow of 32,000 gpd.
 - Two lift stations.
 - 38 manholes.
 - 72 metered connection.
 - The collection system entails approximately 1,070 LF of force line and 10,510 LF of gravity line.

The City is selling all tangible personal property (the facilities) and the intangible property (customers and ongoing concerns, etc.) and utility buildings. The City will enter into a franchise agreement for the use of rights of way and other City property. The City will perpetually retain first right of refusal regarding any subsequent transactions regarding the transfer of ownership or operations of these facilities and resources.

The successful bidder will assume all obligations with respect to the water distribution, sewer collection and sewer treatment, in accordance with the relevant governing regulating bodies, creditor agencies, and taxation authorities.

The minimum requirements for qualified bidders include:

- Five years good standing with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Water, for both water and wastewater operations.
- Assets in excess of \$5 million US dollars.
- Ownership of emergency utility equipment which can be dispatched to the City of Livingston within 30 minutes.
- Emergency Operator dispatch to Livingston within 45 minutes.
- The employment of at a minimum of five water and wastewater certified operators.
- Servicing a population over 3,000 customers in Kentucky.
- Requirement to bid for both water and wastewater systems combined, (no single-system bids).
- The sealed bid will be a lump sum payment amount, clearly stated in US dollars.
- At least three references.
- It is the intent to have a purchase agreement signed by March 30, 2022.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularities; award based upon the various considerations of The City of Livingston, KY Legislative Body, and negotiations with up to two most qualified bidders.

The City of Livingston, KY reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Please address any inquires and due diligence request to:

City Of Livingston, P.O. Box 654, 9246 South Main St., Livingston, KY 40445

Telephone & fax number (606) 453-2061

Email address: cityoflivingston@windstream.net

Sealed responses are due by 3:00 p.m. December 10, 2021. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular Livingston City Council Meeting on December 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Rockcastle County Middle School invites you to our

VETERANS DAY

Celebration Parade & Luncheon

Please join Rockcastle County Schools and the City of Mt. Vernon in honoring our nation's heroes as they parade through town.

Parade Instructions

- The parade will begin at RCMS, continue down W. Main Street, Richmond Street, School Street, & Williams Street.
- Lineup begins at RCMS at 9:00. Parade begins at 10:00
- We invite employees and residents along the parade route to step outside and honor our Veterans as well.
- Luncheon for Veterans at RCMS immediately following the parade.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

New financing program presented to fiscal court

By: Mike French
Editor

A complex new financing option, to benefit commercial property owners in the county, was presented to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court last week. It is based on the recent wave of energy saving and energy efficient construction.

The Rockcastle County School District began an energy saving project just this year and the new C-PACE program is now being considered by the fiscal court.

C-PACE, or Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program, is an effort to provide low-cost, long-term financing for energy-efficient renewable energy and water conservation projects on private commercial property, according to Chris Jones, who presented the idea to the court.

Jones, Program Manager for the C-PACE, said the program would have no cost to the county and would be on a voluntary basis for everyone involved. According to Jones, over a dozen Kentucky counties have already taken advantage of the program.

Jones says "PACE financing is repaid as an assessment on the property's regular tax bill and is processed the same way as other local assessments," such as sidewalks and sewers systems.

The funds may be used for agriculture, multi-family housing and non-profits as well as many other options, he said.

The idea, according to Jones, is to encourage property owners to upgrade their property to be more energy efficient by providing such low-cost loans through the program.

In order for the program to become available for local property owners, the fiscal court would need to create an EPAD (Energy Project Assessment District). "Then the county would contract, at

no fee, with Energize Kentucky as a third party administrator to manage the EPAD," said Jones. "Any commercial property owner can then voluntarily request an EPAD assessment. The county would then levy an EPAD

assessment on the real property tax record upon PACE loan closing."

Magistrate Mike McGuire asked why a bank would wish to have C-PACE involved in the process. C.J. Desantis, managing director of

Counterpoint Substantial Real Estate said, "C-PACE financing allows building owners to access fixed-rate long-term financing without the usual required corporate or personal guarantees. It is secured by the prop-

erty and payable on the property tax bill."

According to Jones, the financing allows access to full project costs for energy saving or water-related building performance enhancing projects as well as other

possible energy savings projects.....

The court agreed to consider the idea and will address the issue after some investigation into the complex subject has been completed. by the magistrates..

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may have been one of the most celebrated Halloween events in history. "There were a lot of kids at the park for our Halloween at the Park event and a big number of kids going door to door," said Brian Bussell, Brodhead City Commissioner.

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant said there may have been a record number of children on the streets for trick or treat this year. "We are grateful to all our residents for helping out again this year by treating our trick or treaters. And there were lots of kids, perhaps a record number, participating in the traditional Halloween trick or Treat this year," he said. "Perhaps next year we can return to our Halloween on Main event."

Local law enforcement agencies report no Halloween-related incidents this year and Mayor Bryant said this is another reason to be thankful. "We are all so glad that everything went so well and that many of our young people had a blast," he said.

There were many groups, clubs, organizations and citizens who also volunteered to help make the celebration a success, according to the mayor. "Many thanks to the churches that were involved again this year," he said. "I am so proud of our community."

"RCIDA"

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next month for signage since none was in the original budget.

VanHook also announced that in the end, the county will have a

\$525,000 project that only cost Rockcastle about \$115,000, after funds from other sources are considered.

The board also heard that the new website is now operational. The new site is part of the SKED (Southeast Kentucky Economic Development) program that included surrounding counties. Each county that participated in the program had the professional website completed for pennies on the dollar by working as a unit, according to VanHook.

Still each website is completely singular to its own community, Craig said. "Though the project worked with several communities, our website is for Rockcastle County."

Anyone may visit the site at rockcastlecountyky.com.

"Now comes our part of the work," said Craig. "The only thing worse than not having a good marketing tool, is not utilizing the good marketing tool that you have," he said. "We must keep it maintained and updated and link events and announcements to the page extremely regularly."

The board also approved the RCIDA financial statement and budget reports.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room on the third floor of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

"Scam"

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sonal information to anyone who calls on the phone. "Do not give your personal information over the phone," he said.

Citizens who receive such calls are asked to call 911 to inform them of anyone who attempts to get personal information or attempts to get you to send money to any law enforcement agency.

"Rumor"

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527.070 places the threat of bringing a gun to school in a similar legal situation and may be considered terroristic threatening.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe said that starting a rumor that a weapon may be brought to school "falls in the category of disorderly conduct" which also carries a penalty that may include jail time.

"Student safety and security is the number one priority of the Rockcastle County School System and we take all reported threats seriously," said Ballinger. "We were made aware of the rumor very early and we immediately contacted Tom Atkin, the school SRO (School Resource Officer), who collaborated with local law enforcement agencies to investigate the threat."

Ballinger noted that "At no time were any students or staff at risk."

Similar situations have occurred in the local school system and Ballinger says law en-

forcement is always contacted immediately.

According to district policy all knives and other weapons are strictly prohibited on school grounds and measures will be taken regardless of what type of weapon may be involved.

Ballinger points out the new SRO position has already proved to be immeasurably successful for the school district and Friday's incident was yet more evidence of that.

"This is yet another example of the benefits of having a well-trained SRO in the district because they are able to provide immediate response to school safety needs," said Ballinger. "We are grateful to the City of Mount Vernon for collaborating with us to ensure that we have this resource available for our students and staff."

Though this instance turned out to be only a rumor, Ballinger and local law enforcement agree, the swift and efficient response to the threat served to prove the system's readiness for such possible threats.

"The situation was dealt with immediately and no classes were cancelled," said Ballinger.

According to officials no charges have been filed in this incident but it has served as evidence of the school's quick and efficient ability to address such situation.

Ballinger, Atkin and local law enforcement agree this rumor has served as notice to all students that such activity will not be tolerated in Rockcastle County.

"DAR"

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Chapter Officer, Jamie Bryant led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chapter Vice Regent, Debra J. Brown recognized the honored guests in attendance which were: Mayor Michael Bryant; County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook; County Historian, David Owens; KSDAR State Regent, Carol Rogow; KSDAR State Chaplain, Carolyn Goodman; and KSDAR 4th District Director, Debra J. Brown.

Mrs. Rogow and Mayor Bryant both brought greetings.

Chapter Regent, Karen Adams brought greetings and discussed the mission of NSDAR and that Rockcastle Chapter was honored to pay homage to the county's first patriots for their service and sacrifice.

Monument Committee Chair, Donna Gabbard recognized the memorial planning committee: Karen Adams, Debra J. Brown, Tonya Cook and Donna Gabbard and thanked them for their many contributions and arduous work over the past months. She also recognized contributors who helped bring this project to fruition: Mr. Doug Bishop; Mr. Howell Holbrook; Rockcastle Co. Fiscal Court; Mr. Clayton McNew of McNew Monuments; Mr. Justin Prewett; Rock-

castle Chapter NSDAR.

The audience was led in a reading and prayer by Chapter Regent Karen Adams and Chapter Chaplain, Natalie Taylor dedicating the patriot monument.

Members of the Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR then unveiled the granite monument listing forty-eight known patriots of the county.

A memorial tribute to the reading of the patriot names and tolling of the bell was performed by Vice Regent Debra J. Brown, Chapter Officer Amanda McNew and member, Kathy Bobo.

Musical tributes by Celia Shaffer and Stanley Cook followed. Miss Shaffer, Rockcastle Co. High School Honor Choir member, sang

Fiscal court holds special meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting last Wednesday to deal with two items that needed approval before the next regular meeting

One of the items included a credit card bill that arrived after the last meeting and, to avoid late fees and charges, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook had the item added to the agenda for approval before the next regular meeting.

There is a standing order on small items in most cases that allows Holbrook to pay such bills without a special called meeting, but credit cards are not allowed as part of the standing order,

Holbrook said.

The magistrates also had to approve a \$100 annual permit fee to the state of Kentucky before the county could implement the dead animal removal program in the county.

The dump where the animal are placed charges a fee per ton and the \$100 permit fee is an additional cost to the county. Holbrook says in many cases the \$25 fee to remove a dead animal, covers the cost. However, in the instances where \$25 does not cover the expense, Holbrook said the program is still worth the effort. "It is a service to the community," he said. "We won't make anything doing this but it will help the environment and help the community as a whole" he said.

Veterans Day Parade

Submitted by:

RCMS Social Studies Department

For many years, the Veterans Day programs hosted by Rockcastle County Schools has been an annual highlight for many in our community. Due to ongoing restrictions placed on our school and community during the COVID-19 pandemic, and out of an abundance of caution for our Veterans who are among our most vulnerable population, we want to honor our nation's heroes in a different way this year.

On Thursday, November 11, Rockcastle County Schools and the City of Mt. Vernon will be hosting a Veterans Day Parade. Our Veterans will be escorted through Mt. Vernon to allow Rockcastle County Schools staff, students, and community members the opportunity to show our love and appreciation for the sacrifice they have made so that we may enjoy our freedoms as American citizens.

The parade route will begin at Rockcastle County Middle School. Lineup will begin at 9 a.m. We ask all participating veterans to be at the school for lineup no later than 9:30 AM.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. The Mt. Vernon Police and Fire Departments will escort the Veterans from RCMS, down West Main Street, Richmond Street, School Street, and Williams Street.

We invite employees and residents along the parade route to stand outside your place of business or home to honor our veterans as they pass by. We want as many community members that will participate in appreciation for our nation's heroes.

Finally, we ask our Veterans who are able to, decorate your car with your branch and years of service.

Following the parade, we will be having a luncheon for our veterans at RCMS. We invite each veteran and one guest to come back to RCMS for soup and sandwiches immediately following the parade.

We would love to honor as many Veterans as possible this year. If you are a Veteran, please make plans to participate in the parade. If you are not a Veteran, make plans to attend and honor our community members that have sacrificed so much for us.

Set clocks back Sunday

By: Mike French
Editor

It was 237 years ago that Ben Franklin thought of the idea of Daylight Saving Time (DST--Not Daylight Savings Time.) But it wasn't until 1915 that Germany tried it. It went so well that the United States adopted the idea three years later in 1918

DST means all United States citizens, except those in Arizona and Hawaii, moved their clocks forward one hour every year in the spring and then moved them back again in the fall. This provides more hours of daylight during waking hours, according to Franklin's writings.

Since the earth rotates and orbits the sun in an elliptical pattern, and is tilted on its axis, the sun rises earlier each day until the summer solstices. This means in the summer at 7 a.m. the sun hasn't risen in most of the United States. But in the winter at 7 a.m., it

has.

So, Franklin's idea was to move the clock twice per year so that the hours of daylight would be closer to the same on the clock in both summer and winter.

However, studies indicate setting clocks forward in the spring and back in the fall cause many health problems. Health issues include more frequent strokes, heart attacks, more accidents and mood swings, among others, according to the National Institute of Health.

Still, many believe DST provides more working hours for citizens of the United States thereby improving the overall economy, according to some sources.

This year, clocks will be set back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 7.

This will last until March of 2022 when clocks will be moved forward again.

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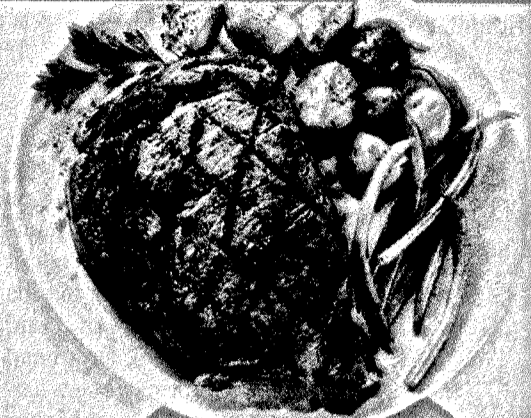
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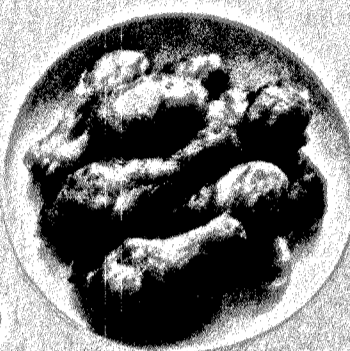
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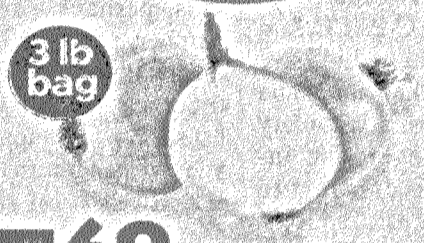
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Ribeye Steaks**
Family Pack



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Sirloin Tip Steak**
Family Pack



99¢
lb **Fresh Chicken
Drumsticks**
Jumbo Pack



1⁶⁹
ea **Yellow Onions**

4⁹⁹
lb **Fresh Boneless
Beef Sirloin
Tip Roast**



1⁴⁹
lb **Fresh Western
Style Pork Ribs**
Family Pack



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Delicious Apples**
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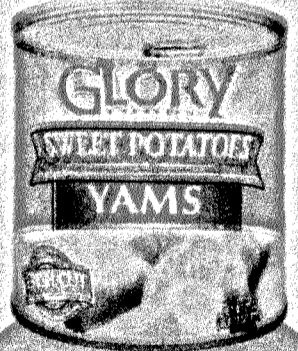
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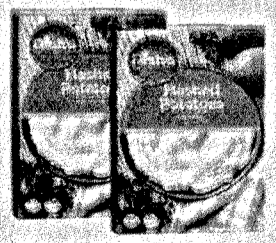


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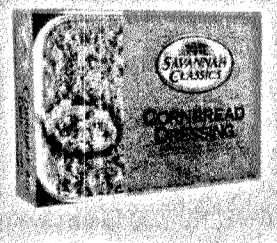


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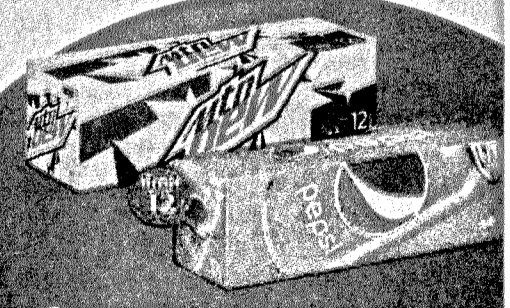
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**Ginger Evans
Cake Mix**
16.5 oz, White, Yellow
or Devil's Food



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Second Section

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Carloftis inducted into UK Alumni Hall of Fame

Rockcastle County and Livingston native Jon Carloftis received the highest recognition by the University of Kentucky's Alumni Association when he, along with only twenty-six other alumni dating back

to 1940, was inducted into UK's Hall of Distinguished Alumni on October 1.

Since the university's founding in 1865, only 333 alumni have achieved this recognition. Jon joins a former gover-

nor, nationally recognized journalist, a federal judge, a former president of the University of Iowa, a former president of Aston Martin Automobiles of the Americas, civil and electrical engineers, a physi-

cian who was vice president of a world-wide pioneer in biotechnology (Amgen) and an actress, among others.

Jon Carloftis was given this award for his unparalleled work of garden designs in Kentucky (Governor's Mansion, horse farms, Castle and Key and Makers Mark distilleries, the Carloftis Gardens at ECU and University of Cumberlands, the Blue Grass Trust's Award for Landscape Preservation, and Kentucky's highest award for the preserva-

tion of his residence - Botherum, and a healing garden at the oncology wing at Baptist Health in Lexington), Washington DC on grounds of the White House, the Google Building and private residence rooftops in New York City and his support for charities in Kentucky.

In addition, for three years in a row, Jon has been named has one of the top 100 best party hosts in America, sharing that accolade one year with former President Barack Obama and

Michelle Obama.

Jon is the youngest of six children of the late Carlos and Lucille Bowling Carloftis who raised their family on the banks of the Rockcastle River.



Jon Carloftis

Helton rejoins MVPD

By: Mike French
Editor

Mount Vernon has added a new/old police officer to the force. Doneil Neshay Helton, is back on the streets of Mount Vernon protecting the citizens of his city.

The Sheriff's Department rehired a past deputy recently and now Helton returns to the Mount Vernon force after a brief stint away.

Helton began his career in Mount Vernon after he completed the Criminal Justice Police Academy and he remained a Mount Vernon officer for nine years. About four months ago, Helton left MVPD to

accept a position with the federal government. However, last week, Helton was sworn in again as a MVPD officer.

"It's good to be back among my fellow officers and friends," said Helton.

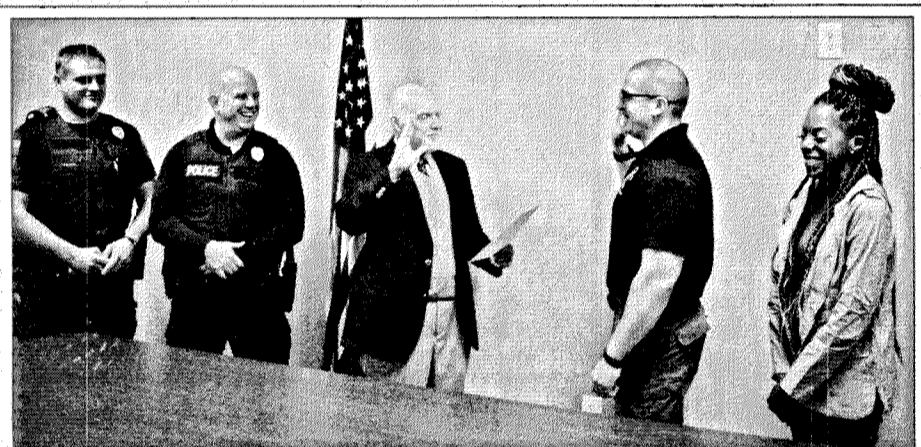
Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant performed the swearing-in ceremony saying he is proud to have Helton back with the local force. "We are delighted to have Officer Helton back home at the City of Mount Vernon Police Department," said Bryant.

Bryant said Helton had proven himself in the past and he is expected to help the city in many ways. "During his previous nine

years with us, he was an excellent officer and a tremendous asset to MVPD," said Bryant. "There is no doubt he will be a great benefit again."

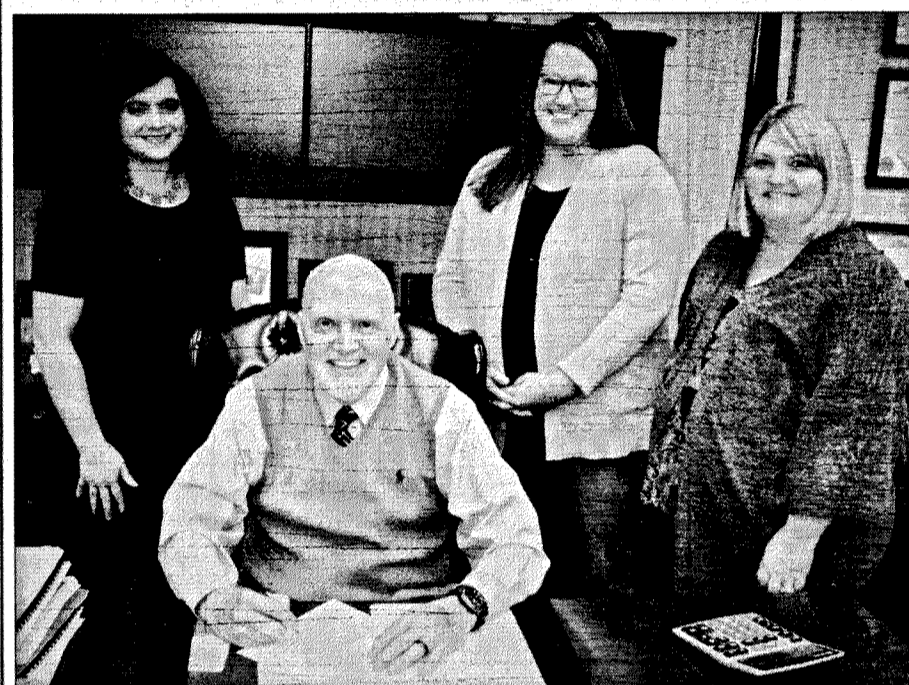
At a time when all police forces in Kentucky are short-handed and seeking funding for more officers, Helton's hiring is also helping the city keep a more complete department, according to Bryant. "His coming on board right now is wonderful timing," he said. "It is offsetting a shortage we are experiencing."

Police Chief Brian Carter joined mayor Bryant in welcoming Helton back to the force.



Doneil Neshay Helton was sworn in as the ninth full time Mount Vernon police officer last Tuesday. Pictured with Helton are (from left) Officer Adam Stallworth, Chief Brian Carter, Mayor Mike Bryant, Helton and his wife Sherika Helton.

Head Start



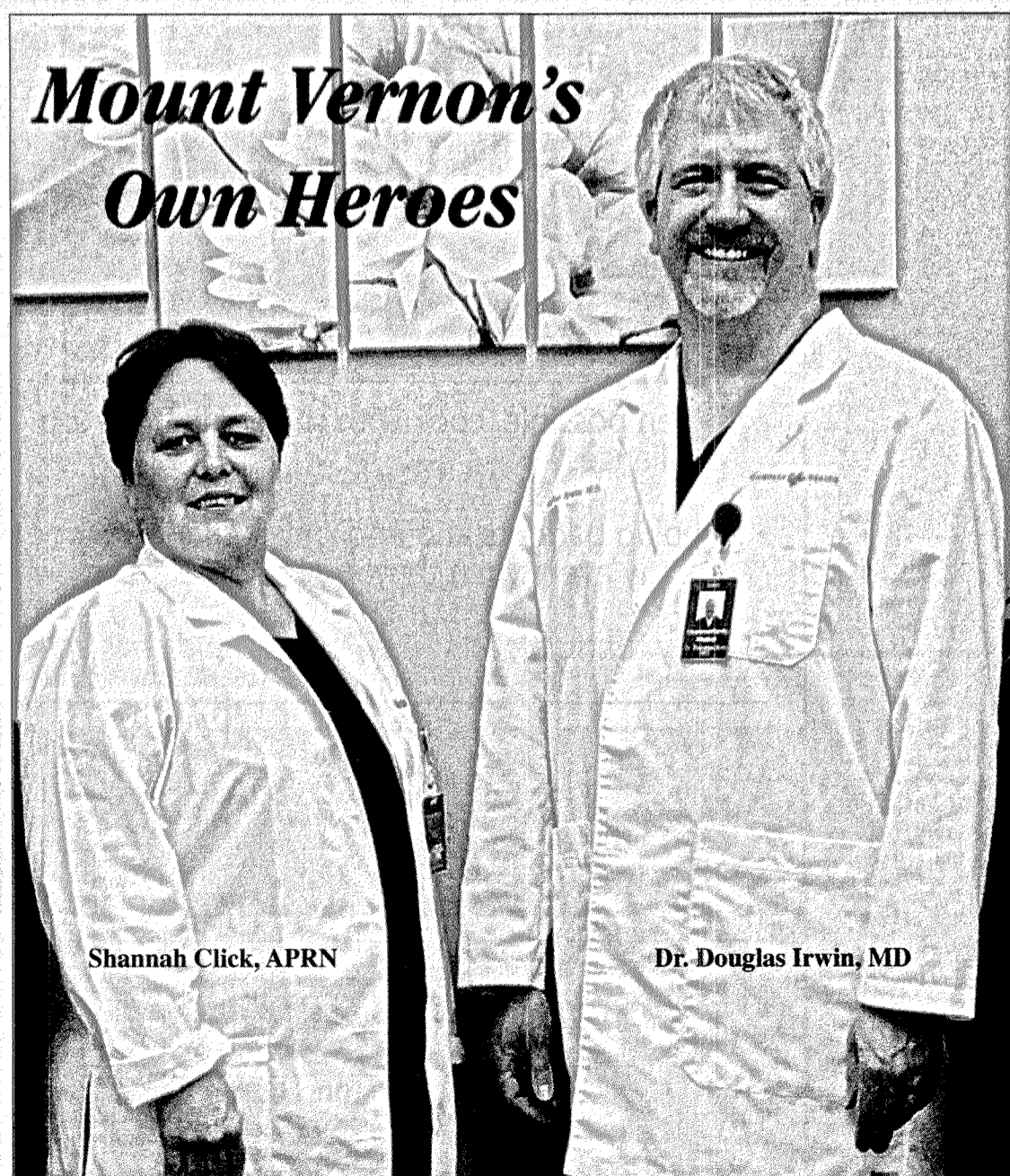
Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant officially proclaimed the month of October as Head Start Awareness Month in the City of Mount Vernon. Bryant signed the proclamation last week with Parent/Child Educators Sara Poynter, Caisale Marlay and Marsha McPherron representing the organization. Head Start began in 1965 as an initiative of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. According to officials of the organization, the Head Start program provides not only for the educational and exceptional needs of children, but also for social, psychological, health and nutritional needs as well. Poynter said there are currently openings to add children to the program. For more information, or to register, McPherron said to call 606-256-8022.

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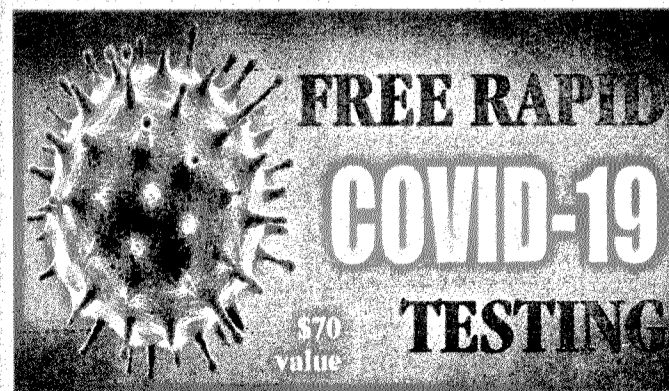
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

John B. and Karen B. Saylor, property in Rockcastle County, to Glen E. Roberts. Tax \$28

Luther W. Center, Luther Willis Center, Jr. and Stephen Douglas and Rose Center, property on Lambert Road, to William J. and Dotty Parsons. Tax \$201

Ronald and Ruth Ellen Dunn, property on Old U.S. 25, to Bernice S. Godina. Tax \$10

Brent R. W. Gilliland, Bruce T. Gilliland and Brook L. and Frankie Gilliland, to Brent R., W. Gilliland and Bruce T. Gilliland. Tax \$12

Brent R.W. Gilliland, Trustee, property in Rockcastle County, to Brent R.W. Gilliland. No tax

Donald Gene and Amanda Gail Durham, property on Copper Creek, to James Michael Prater. Tax \$55

Kevin Scott and Kimberly R. Wolfe, property in Rockcastle County, to Trevor J. and Melissa A. Hemsley. Tax \$115

Gaylene Griffin, property on Copper Creek Road, to Jeremy L. and Leslie Howard. Tax \$180

Thomas Hines and Kimberly Hines, property on Cove Branch Road, to Thomas Hines. No tax

Dennis and Donna Doan, property near Level Green, to Cameron Properties, LLC. Tax \$28.50

Estate of James C. Leger, property in Rockcastle County, to Joseph D. and Kristie R. Leger. No tax

Willis G. and Kimberly Coffey, property on Mutt Ponder Road, to Steve A. Coffey. No tax

Steve A. Coffey, property on Mutt Ponder Road, to The Linda K. Harris Revocable Trust. Tax \$100

Willis G. and Kimberly Coffey, property on Scaffold Cane Road, to The Linda K. Harris Revocable Trust. Tax \$700

Coy French, property on Ferguson St., to John Davis. Tax \$38

Justin and Mackenzie Barron, property in Rockcastle County, to Allen Madden II and Hailey Madden. Tax \$141.50

The Foot Wash LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to VanWinkle Real Estate Holdings LLC. Tax \$124

Little Creek Investments LLC and Holcombe Properties LLC, property in Chestnut Ridge Community, to Diana S. Lane. Tax \$99

Mark and Patricia Blanton, property in Rockcastle County, to Jacob M. and Gina N. Harding. Tax \$300

John Chandler, property on Brian Lane, to Dexter Chandler. Tax \$35

Randy A. Bishop and Patricia Irvin, property in Sparks & Davis Addition, to Devon Bussell. Tax \$5

Joseph Lepore, property on Bryant Ridge Road, to Heather Miller. Tax \$1

Marriage Licenses

Stephanie Ann Gross, 25, Livingston, data clerk and Donald Austin Brock, 22, Livingston, saw operator. 10/25/21

District Court

October 25-27, 2021

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Jerel D. Smith: driving DUI suspended license and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 30 days in jail (each charge)/concurrent/costs waived

James J. Williams: DUI, sentencing order entered.

Christopher D. Blanton: alcohol intoxication in a public place, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

James Mitchell Buckner: improper parking violations, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta.

Dell Noe Cotton: fail-

ure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Rinda Gail Caddell, paid; Martin P. Dykes, \$20 fine plus costs;

Richard L. Eads: part 395/Fed Safety Regs - Hours of Service for Drivers, Pat 396, Fed Safety Regs inspect/Repair/Maintenance (2 counts), Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation (2 counts), Viol Part 390 Federal safety Regs - General Policy, Unified Carrier Registration Act Violations, \$25 fine/each charge/one costs.

Michael D. Goldy: public intoxication controlled substance, bw issued for fta.

Lonzo King: no/expired registration plates, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$25 fine each charge; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine/suspended.

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

Scott Martin: disorderly conduct and terroristic threatening, bw issued for fta.

Sheila McClure: operating motor vehicle under influence of substances, sentencing order entered.

William Thomas McGrady: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Tyler Curtis McKinney: speeding, no/expired registration plates - receipt, license suspended for fta.

James W. Russell: alcohol intoxication in a public place, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and resisting arrest, bw issued for fta.

Katelyn H. Shannon: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

Lori Lee Smith: failure of nonowner operator to maintain req. insurance and failure to produce insurance card, 10 days home incarceration.

David J. Prickett: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Kenneth DeWayne Bolin: criminal trespassing and three other

charges, bw issued for fta.

Jason D. Bullock: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

MacKenzie R. Damrell: giving officer false identifying information and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.

Anthony P. Datillo: criminal trespassing and five other charges, bw issued for fta; fines/fees due (\$973), bw issued for fta/20 days in jail or payment in full.

Greg Fitzpatrick: burglary, bw issued for fta.

Adam Ray Higgins: fines/fees due (\$138.99), bw issued for fta.

Johnna Higgins: driving on DUI suspended license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, no operators/moped license, failure to give right of way to emergency vehicle, sentencing orders entered.

John Clayton Ingram: failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Brittany Kempton: alcohol intoxication in a public place, bw issued for fta.

Emerson Kilburn: operating motor vehicle under influence of substances and possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.

Ronnie W. Lewis: driving on DUI sus-

pending license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card and ten other charges, bw issued for fta.

David W. Mahaffey: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition/costs waived.

Rebecca Jane Newcomb: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Mikhail Hakeem Norman: operating on

suspended/revoked operators license and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

Brittany Nicole Pittman: menacing, disorderly conduct, sentencing orders entered.

Gregory Standrage: public intoxication controlled substance, menacing, resisting arrest, bw issued for fta.

Darrin Denney: operating motor vehicle under influence of controlled substances, sentencing order entered.

Christy Saylor: theft by unlawful taking and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.

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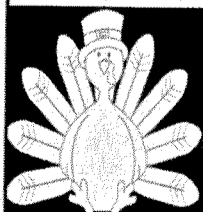
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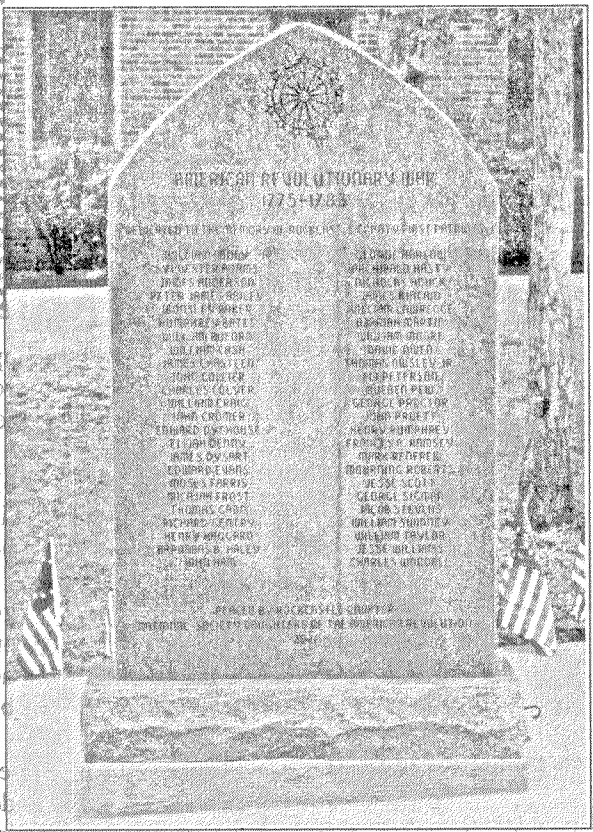


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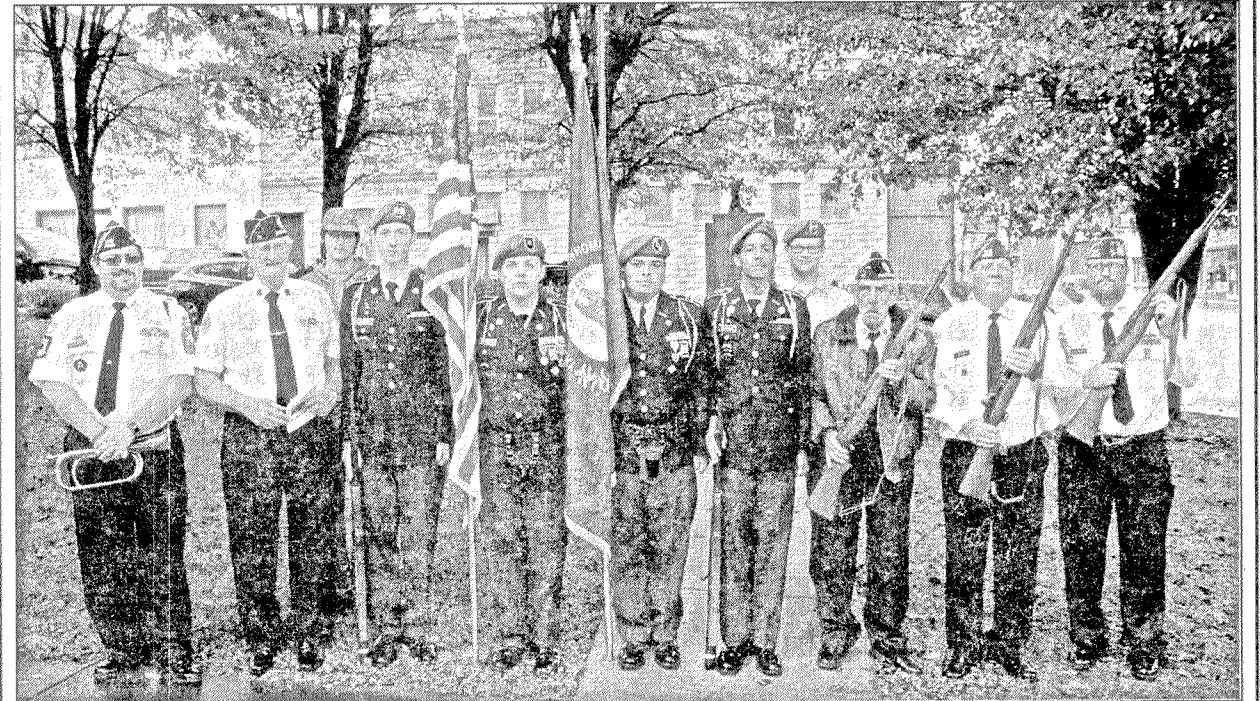
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New monument dedicated for Rockcastle County's first patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War between 1776-1783.



DAR members in attendance for the monument dedication for Rockcastle County's first patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War between 1776-1783. The monument was placed on the courthouse lawn.



The Veterans Honor Guard of Rockcastle County as well as the RCBS JROTC took part in the monument dedication for Rockcastle County's first patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War between 1776-1783.

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

Rockcastle Regional receives Quality Award for 11th time

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has received the prestigious Kentucky Hospital Association Quality Award for the eleventh time in the last 17 years the award was presented.

Rockcastle Regional earned the award because of its efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide telehealth, or video visits, for patients needing behavioral health services.

The CDC has reported an increase in mental health issues, as well as an increase of unmet mental healthcare needs, associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The everyday stressors that many people experienced such as social distancing, quarantine restrictions, fear and uncertainty of the unknown and financial loss are all factors that can increase feelings of isolation, loneliness, depression, stress, and anxiety.

"Our focus throughout the pandemic has been on keeping our patients and staff safe," Rockcastle Regional rural health clinics director Brandy Bullock said. "We quickly realized we needed to find ways to continue providing needed services to our community, particularly as mental health issues became more of a concern for everyone."

Taking into account the obstacles faced within the local commu-

nity, Rockcastle Regional embarked on a journey to provide telehealth services through their behavioral health clinic.

Carrie Mullins, Rockcastle Regional's legal and risk manager, joined forces with the team tasked with rolling out this new service. "We worked to determine the most patient-friendly platform to use, developed policies to ensure patient confidentiality, conducted one-on-one physician and staff training, and launched a patient awareness campaign through social media and other local media outlets," Mullins said.

"Our team did a remarkable job to develop this new way to provide care to patients in a very short period of time," Bullock said. "Throughout the program roll-out, our number one goal was to help our patients get access to the care needed, when they needed it, and in an environment where they felt comfortable."

Launched in March 2019, telehealth has continued to be a hugely popular service to the patient community in both behavioral health and primary care services.

"Throughout the pandemic, our patients are finding tremendous value in receiving care through telehealth," Rockcastle Regional counselor Chelsen Larkey, LPCC, said. "We are able to conduct virtual therapy sessions with patients, man-

age their medications, and meet a variety of other behavioral health needs. The fears of contracting COVID, for many of our patients, would have otherwise, prevented them from getting much needed care."

The feedback received by patients regarding telehealth has been overwhelmingly positive, and physicians and staff feel the same way. "Through telehealth, we are able to increase patient access to care as well as break down barriers for receiving care and will continue to be an important service we will continue offering our patients," Bullock said.

"The KHA Quality Award is not easily obtained," Rockcastle Regional president and CEO Stephen A. Estes said. "That we've won it so often over the years speaks to the consistent focus of our physicians and staff on delivering the best possible care. We are proud of the work we have done over the last year and a half in expanding access to behavioral health services during the pandemic and believe we have truly made a difference for our patients and their families."

The award is presented to honor hospital leadership and innovation in quality, safety and commitment in patient care. It is also meant as a way to inspire other healthcare organizations to use the winning hospitals' programs as examples of how to improve their own quality and patient safety efforts.

Before this year, Rockcastle Regional won the KHA Quality Award in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019. There was no award given in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To learn more about the KHA Quality Award, visit <https://www.kyha.com/kha-quality-award>.



Karen Adams, Regent, Rockcastle Chapter, NSDAR, gave a welcome to those in attendance for the monument dedication for Rockcastle County's first patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War between 1776-1783.

Ornament requests open for Remembrance Tree

One of the community's most beloved holiday traditions is the annual Remembrance Tree Ceremony, with hundreds participating each year for more than 25 years. The 2021 ceremony will be hosted live and virtually on Sunday, December 5, at 2 p.m.

The event will be live streamed on the Hospice Care Plus Facebook page. A Facebook account is not required to participate. To participate, request a memorial ornament at hospicecareplus.org or 859-986-1500, then visit facebook.com/hospicecp at 2 p.m. on Dec. 5.

Anyone can request a memorial ornament. There is no fee for ornaments, but a donation of any size is encouraged. Proceeds from the ceremony cover the cost of the ornaments and help fund all programs offered by Hospice Care Plus.

The Remembrance Tree ceremony gives the community a chance to remember loved ones during the holiday season by placing a personalized memorial ornament on a remembrance tree during a ceremony. Hospice Care Plus sponsors the event as part of its bereavement

program, which provides grief support services to the community. This is the second year the event will be virtual.

"The pandemic forced us to use a live, virtual platform last year," said Brenna Wallhauser, director of public relations. "It turned out to be one of the most successful Remembrance Tree ceremonies ever. We look forward to holding it in person again, but we're glad the virtual option is available to help with grief during the holidays."

Lisa Knically, who leads Hospice's bereavement program, believes the COVID-19 pandemic may make grief during the holidays more pronounced.

"A lot of people have had a loss that they had to go through without the typical supports," said Lisa. "They may not have had the chance to mourn together with family and friends, or to participate in the rituals that help us have closure and say goodbye. It's possible that will make the holidays more challenging. The Remembrance Tree, as a ritual and a ceremony, can help."

The ceremony will be-

gin with an opening reflection and holiday music and continue with the reading of memorial names. Hospice Care Plus staff will place memorial ornaments on the Remembrance Tree as names are read. Guests who participate virtually are invited to use Facebook comments to type their loved one's name as it is read or to share a favorite memory.

A new feature for the 2021 ceremony is a memorial slideshow. Guests can submit photographs of their loved ones through November 30.

To learn more, request an ornament, and submit a photograph, visit hospicecareplus.org or 859-986-1500 or hospicecp.org.

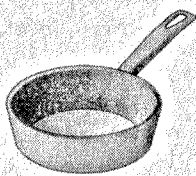
After the ceremony, guests may claim their ornaments on one of five dates in December.

Hospice Care Plus is Rockcastle County's non-profit provider of home hospice care, inpatient hospice care at the Compassionate Care Center, home palliative care, and bereavement support.

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE CRESCENT BARS

These are incredibly easy and taste like you worked all day on them. We enjoy them year round, not just for holidays.

2 cans crescent rolls
2 packages (8 ounces) cream cheese, room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 can (about 14 ounce) pure pumpkin
4 tablespoons butter, melted

TOPPING:

1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cinnamon
Preheat oven to 325°. Lightly grease or spray a 9 x 13 glass baking dish. NOTE: If you use a non-glass dish bake at 350° and reduce cooking time to 25 to 30 minutes. Unroll one can of crescent rolls in the bottom of prepared dish, spreading to fit and pinching seams together. In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, eggs, cinnamon, and vanilla on medium speed until smooth. Fold in pumpkin puree and spread evenly over dough in pan. Unroll the second can of crescent roll dough over filling carefully, pinching seams closed. Melt butter. Using a pastry brush (or spoon) brush butter evenly over crescent dough. Prepare topping by mixing sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle bars with sugar/spice mixture. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until edges of dough to start getting dark. Let cool for 30 minutes, then cover and place in the refrigerator. Serve chilled.

PUMPKIN PIE CAKE

1 can (14 ounce) pure pumpkin
3 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 can (13 ounce) evaporated milk
1 and 1/2 cups sugar
4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1 box Jiffy one-layer yellow cake mix
1 stick butter or margarine, melted
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
Preheat oven to 350°. Spray 9 x 13 baking pan with non-stick spray. Mix the pumpkin, eggs, salt, evaporated milk, sugar and spices; pour into prepared baking pan. Sprinkle with dry cake mix; pour melted butter over dry cake mix. Top with chopped nuts. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm or chilled.

CROCKPOT CHICKEN BREAST WITH GRAVY

1 and 1/2 cups water
2 packets chicken gravy mix
1 and 1/4 cup cream of chicken soup
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
3 whole chicken breasts, boneless skinless (about a pound)
1/2 cup sour cream
In slow cooker, whisk together water, gravy packets, condensed chicken soup, garlic powder, salt, paprika, and pepper until smooth. Add chicken breasts to the slow cooker and flip on both sides to coat well. Cover and cook on low for 4 to 5 hours. When done, carefully remove chicken, shred, or cut as desired. Whisk the sour cream into the slow cooker until smooth and serve over chicken.

CP LAZY DAY STUFFED CABBAGE

1 medium cabbage, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup beef broth
1 pound lean ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup rice
1 egg white
1 can tomato soup
1 cup water
Put cabbage in bottom of slow cooker. Add beef broth. Mix meat, salt, onion, Worcestershire sauce, rice, and egg white. Form into meatballs. Place on top of cabbage trying not to let them touch each other. Mix soup and water. Pour over meatballs. Cover and cook on Low for approximately 6 hours.

CROCKPOT PECAN PIE

1 refrigerated pie crust
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup dark corn syrup
1/3 cup melted butter
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 and 1/2 cups chopped pecans or a combination of chopped and whole pecan halves
Spray the inside of a crock pot with cooking spray. Place pie crust in crock pot and mold it to fit the shape of the crock pit. Stir remaining ingredients together, except pecans, until mixed well. Stir in pecans. I like to leave about half the pecans to arrange on top of the filling to make it look prettier. Pour filling into pie crust. If you reserved some pecans, gently place them on top of the filling. Cover crock pot and cook on HIGH for 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

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

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

Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Mount Vernon City Park. Contact 859-308-8900

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

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies

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

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 35 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe

9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-COED

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

Veterans Day Service

Crossroads Assembly of God will have Veterans Day Service this Sunday, November 7th, starting at 10:30 a.m. The American Legion from Sausley Post in Stanford will be here.

Lunch will be served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Obituaries

Gernice Chrystal Sargent

Gernice Chrystal (Neal) Sargent, 84, of Brodhead, died Sunday, October 31, 2021, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born March 4, 1937, in



Connersville, Indiana, a daughter of the late Melvin Alfred Neal, and Aretta Belle Hughes. She was a long time and beloved member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, enjoyed collecting glassware and costume jewelry, and quilting. On December 1, 1953, she was united in marriage to Robert Phillips Sargent, and they enjoyed

64 years together, prior to his passing on March 29, 2018.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her three children, Marcia Joy (Jeffery) Book of East Bernstadt, Denise Gay Garza of Richmond, and Dee Ann (James) Miller of San Antonio, TX; her grandchildren, Shannon Book, Nikita Book, Shellie Roberts, Stephanie Garza, and Austin Miller; six great grandchildren; a sister, Susie (Bill) Todd of Connersville, IN; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

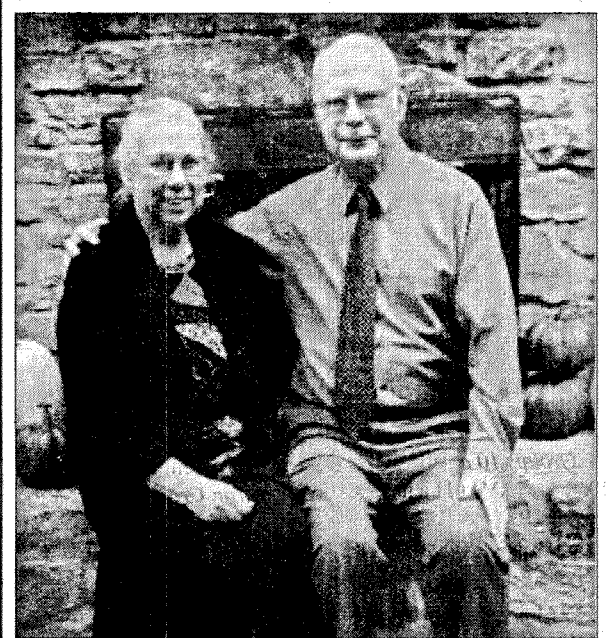
Besides her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry Neal and Kenneth Neal and a sister, Roberta Caldwell.

Services were held at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Burial was in Saylor Cemetery.

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

Pastor Appreciation

Sand Hill Baptist Church would like to express our appreciation for the 22 years of dedication of our Pastor, Bro. Tommy Miller and his wife, Sharon. We love you both so very much and thank you for everything you do. May God continue to bless you and bless our church.



On Sunday, at the Limestone Grille in Mount Vernon, a classmate of Brodhead High School, Class of 1965, ran into Linda Huston McMaine. Her now husband, Ron McMaine, had taken her to this restaurant, former Rockcastle Steak House, on their first date. They returned to the same place which is now the Limestone Grille to celebrate 50 years together and to celebrate Linda's birthday which was Monday. On behalf of the class of '65, happy birthday to Linda and happy anniversary to you both.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is a life-changing event that brings the community together each year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost to the disease and fight back against a disease that takes too much.

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Think about how churches have suffered over the years, by individuals and family members who have been consumed by the idea of being great. Instead of following the example of our Lord of humbleness and meekness.

We find almost as soon as Jesus rose from the table in John 13:1-17 He began to wash his disciples' feet, to teach them humility, and respect and submission to their fellow man. That they were called to serve and not to rule. What an eye-opening experience that must have been to Jesus' disciples, the Son of God, was washing their feet, their leader had stooped to serve their needs, and they should do the same for one another.

Phil. 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance of a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. The true glory of a Christian consists not in assuming a superior attitude but being a servant in helping others.

Too many churches today have roosters in them instead of Christians, trying to rule the roost because they can crow the loudest.

Jesus said: Unless you be converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven. After all brethren, swallowing our pride, may be hard to do at times, but it is non-fattening. Thank you for reading this message, I pray you have been blessed bountifully with the things you need, and you count your blessings. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church, you can reach us at these # 606-224-1480 or 859-582-4021

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Four 4th grade students at MVES have been learning about Characterization. Each student was asked to choose their favorite character from a book they have read, answer questions about the character and summarize the story. Then students had to create the character using a pumpkin.

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Posted: No hunting, fishing or ATVs on properties of Gary Asher, Phil Thompson or Norietta Thompson, located on East Level Green Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 40x4

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on property owned by Brenda Estes and located at 4947 Hummel Road. 40x4

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 28x26

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

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

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: 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. 33x53

Posted: No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

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 trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47ftf

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

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

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

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

Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
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IN RE: THE MATTER OF A.M.M., JU-2020-59.01
THE MATTER OF A.D.T., JU-2020-60.01
To: RUSSELL DOUGLAS ALLISON
Please take notice that Jennifer Allison Woods has filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights against you in the above-styled cases currently pending in the Juvenile Court of Hale County, Alabama, and you must file an answer to the same with Petitioner's attorney, John W. Ryan, Jr. and the Court within thirty (30) days from the last publication of this notice, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against you.
John W. Ryan, Jr.
Attorney for Petitioner
Seale, Holmes & Ryan,
LLC
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Greensboro, Alabama
36744

Notice is hereby given that JoAnn Croucher and Kevin Poynter have filed a final settlement of their accounts as Co-Executors of the Estate of Nora Poynter, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held November 29, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 40x1

Notice is hereby given that Matt Maples, 239 Napier Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administrator w/no will of the Estate of Shirley D. Maples on the 26th day of October, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Matt Maples or to James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 26, 2021. 40x3

Notice is hereby given that Brenda Kay Adkins, 1717 Shirley Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45011, Sheila Neal, 1272 Poplar Grove Road, Brodhead, Kentucky 40409 and Sylvia Elaine Vance, 1243 Freedom Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Executrices w/will attached of the Estate of Luther J. Bustle on the 26th day of October, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Brenda Kay Adkins, Sylvia Elaine Vance and Sheila Neal or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 26, 2022. 40x3

Notice is hereby given that Georgie Shumate, 58 Church St., P.O. Box 355, Livingston, Ky. 40445, has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Franklin Delano Shumate, Jr., deceased, on the 18th day of October, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Georgie Shumate or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, on or before April 20, 2022 at 11 a.m. 38x3

Notice is hereby given that Vanessa McClain, 59 Sunnyvale Estates, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, has been appointed Conservator of the Estate of Karmon McClain, a minor, on the 12th day of October 2021. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Vanessa McClain or to Hon. Robert A. Morrin, 214 West Main

Street, Richmond, Ky. 40475, on or before April 18, 2022 at 11 a.m. 38x2

Notice is hereby given that Dennis D. Bray, 614 Old Smokey Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 and Linda Lee Ervin, 4457 Todds Trail, Middletown, OH 45044, have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Donald Crawford Bray, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Dennis D. Bray and Linda Lee Ervin or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, on or before April 20, 2022 at 11 a.m. 39x3

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Gail's Pampered Pooch 57 West Main St., Brodhead. For appt. call 606-758-0064

Estate Sale

Estate Sale of the late Don Bray. Saturday, November 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 862 Old Smokey Road, Ottawa Community, Brodhead. Ethan Allen Furniture, outdoor furniture, household items, dishes, cookware sets, cast iron skillets, Shark vacuum, Longaberger canisters and basket, lamps, linens, Tupperware, TVs, tools, wheelchairs.

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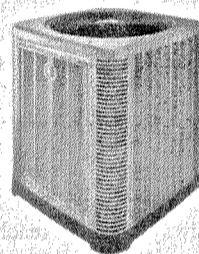
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Frankfort Update

By: **Josh Bray**
State Representative
The American Dream

We all have prominent figures in our lives that shape and mold who we are. Last month, I lost the most influential in mine when my grandfather



Donald Crawford Bray passed away. In the weeks since his passing, I've spent time reflecting on the life he led and how his choices have impacted my own.

Don Bray was a product of the American Dream. Born to a poor family in Rockcastle County, he used to tell me stories of how he and his brothers would go hunting to provide for the family. Growing up, he didn't know he was poor because everyone else around him was poor too.

It was in Rockcastle County that he met the love of his life and married her. Like so many others, he left rural Kentucky and moved to Cincinnati because that's where the opportunities were to provide for his new family. He worked 12 hour shifts in a mattress factory and put himself through night school to learn how to work on transmissions. After several years of moving across the south to continue following those opportunities, he came back home to Rockcastle County and opened up his own transmission repair shop, which is now owned by his son, Dennis Bray, and is still in operation today. Papaw never was rich, but he was able to provide for his six children and buy a farm. After long days working at the transmission shop, he would come home and farm until dark, only to wake up and do it all over again the next day. Only in America is a life like Don Bray's possible. By the sweat of his brow and self-determination, he was able to provide a better life for his kids than he had growing up.

Reflecting on his life has reminded me how important it is to protect the American Dream. We live in the greatest country on Earth because

we each have the opportunity to determine our future. As bits and pieces of socialism have slowly crept into our daily lives, thanks to the decision making during the pandemic, we are getting the first taste of the inevitable issues that plague socialist countries.

The government has incentivized workers to stay home, forcing private businesses to compete with the government for employees. Now we have workforce shortages across the country. Thousands of hospital beds are shut down across the Commonwealth during a pandemic, solely because there aren't enough nurses to staff them. Hundreds of ships sit idle in the ocean because there aren't truck drivers to deliver their goods across the country. No industry in the country has been spared. Kentuckians have been forced to do anything they can to keep their business afloat despite this staffing shortage. Many have reduced their hours of operation, some have closed their lobbies because they only have enough staff to operate a drive-thru, and most all have limited services or products - all just to keep their business afloat. Yet, for some small businesses, these efforts were not enough and they have been forced to close forever.

The federal government has printed so much money and the supply of goods is so limited that inflation is running rampant. Gas is up almost 50%, new and used cars are up over 20%, meat and groceries are up 15%. We have reached a point that even if you can find it, you may not be able to afford it. This simply cannot be sustained.

Vaccine mandates haven't made things any easier. Airlines have cancelled thousands of flights. Police officers across the country are being fired and forced out during one of the most violent years in recent memory.

We've seen policies implemented on the federal level that are making American Citizens more dependent on the government now than at any point in my life. America wasn't made great by a big

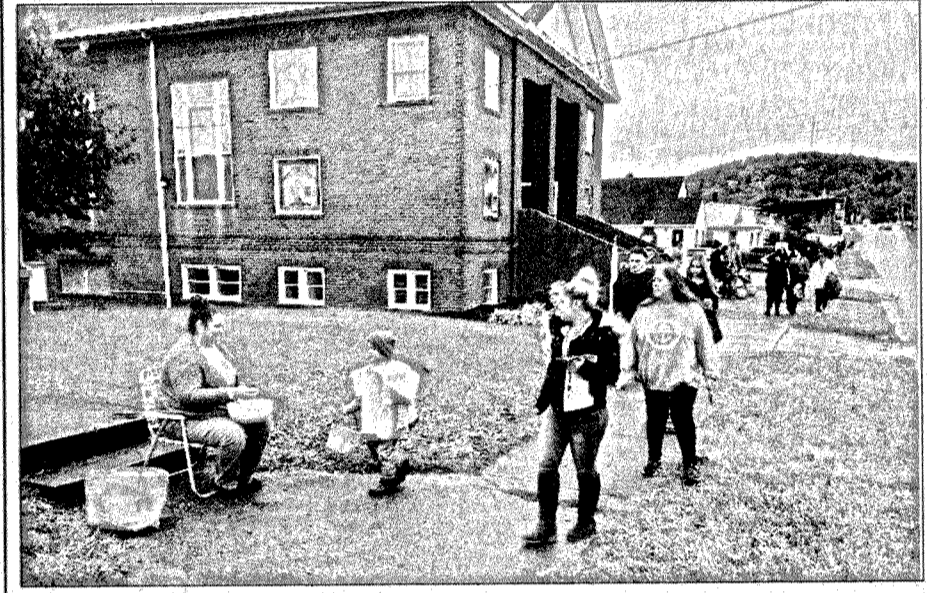
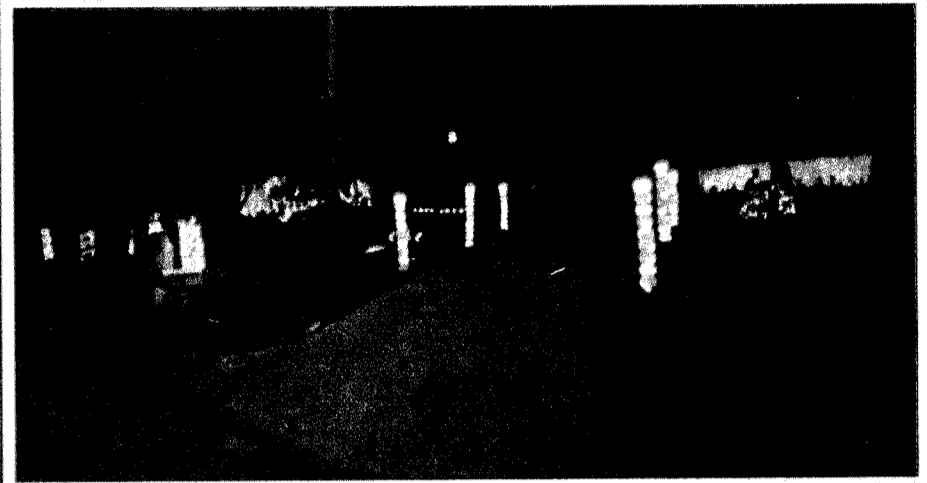
government promising to take care of its citizens' each and every need. America was made great by a government whose role was to stay out of the day-to-day lives of its citizens and protect the freedoms endowed to us by our Creator.

Things may be dark now, but the American dream is worth fighting for. It's what's made us the greatest country in the history of the world and it's what will deliver us from the mess we're in now.

I believe in the American dream and I believe in the strength of the individual American. We will prevail, because we have come out of this before. Times such as these remind me of when Ronald Reagan spoke of the "genius of every man" and our determination to "recognize his right to soar as high as his own strength would carry."

"Today, we are engaged in a great struggle to determine whether a world can exist half-slave and half-free. Under the pressure of this struggle, there are those that say we can no longer afford our traditional freedom. We must turn to a government for the answers to all human need. That an intellectual elite in a far distant capitol can plan for us, better than we can plan for ourselves. And in this way, only can we be secure. But those that would trade freedom for security deserve neither. Let us meet the challenge voiced by Abraham Lincoln: 'The fiery trial through which we pass, will light us down in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation.' We here, hold the power and bear the responsibility, we shall nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope of man on earth."

I hope you will not hesitate to reach out to me to share your thoughts on the issues coming before us in Frankfort. As always, I can be reached at home anytime or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. You can also keep track of interim committee meetings and prefilled legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.legislature.ky.gov.



Despite the cancellation of Halloween on Main, trick-or-treaters came out aplenty across the county Saturday night. City of Mount Vernon sponsored a Halloween decorating contest and this year was a tie. In the top photo, Michael and Ainsley Vanwinkle took first place for the second straight year. Joining the Vanwinkles for first place was Nichole Griffin, middle photo. Daniel Boone Community Action Agency won for the Best Business Decoration for 2021.

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