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Veterans honored

RCMS celebration

with parade and

By: Mike French

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ing Rockcastle County

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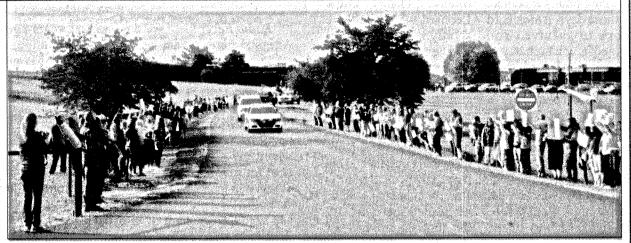
the best yet in the eyes of

This year a parade was

RCMS

can happen. And it did.

It's not easy to hold a



The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, Mount Vernon Police and Fire Departments led the Veterans' Day parade last Thursday. Shown above, middle school students and staff lined the road joining citizens throughout the city in honoring local Veterans. Shown below, Veterans were treated to a meal, music and a ceremony at RCMS.



added to the event and local residents, who appreciate Veterans lined the streets of Mount Vernon waving flags in the cool

By: Mike French

Thanksgiving

meal planned

The annual

Livingston Thanks-

giving meal is

planned for this

Saturday, November

20 in the old school

cafeteria. The public

is encouraged to

attend the free event.

Volunteers are needed

to help cook and

serve.

City Council

The regular monthly

meeting of the Mount

Vernon City Council

is scheduled for

tonight, Thursday,

November 18 at 6

p.m. in City Hall. The

public is invited to

attend.

Livingston

Christmas

parade

The Livingston

Christmas Parade has

been scheduled for Saturday, December

18. Line up will begin at 5 p.m. with the

parade at 6 p.m. Santa will greet everyone

after the parade in the old school gymnasium. For more information, call 606

453-3684

Rock-n-Run

The Rockcastle County fiscal court held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday dealing with several items on the agenda.

Sheriff's Deputy Dale McNew gave the court a

sented to the school board

(See "Energy" on A7)

School district saves thousands with new energy projects

By: Mike French

Sometimes a plan works even better than expected. Earlier this year, the Rockcastle County School District contracted with CMTA Engineers Inc. for sweeping energy saving projects throughout the district. CMTA representatives promised the major construction project would pay for itself in energy savings and protect the environment, while updating and modernizing every building within the district. Those updates included new LED lighting and energy efficient HVAC systems,

Officer kicked in scuffle

As any police officer will admit, every call has a potential for danger.

Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter and officer Dylan Hensley found themselves in such a situation last week on a routine disorderly conduct call.

Chief Carter received a call concerning Robbie Renner, 39, of Winchester, staring at people in the Walgreen's parking lot in Mount Vernon. Carter and Hensley drove to the scene to find Renner

(See "Kicked" on A7)

County waiting for \$3.237 million grant check for over \$6,000 in of the organization and

> excess taxes saying the property tax audit excess has not been reported yet so more will be coming

> > The court also heard a request from Nancy Mullins on behalf of Hospice. Mullins explained the financial difficulties

asked that the court consider increasing their typical annual donation. After Mullins left the meeting and upon a suggestion by magistrate Shannon Bishop, Magistrate Shane Thacker made a motion to

(See "Grant" on A7)

School board hears from local parents

In an extremely infor-

Rockcastle County School Board discussed

wind, smiling and cheering and some saluting as Veterans passed by each home on the parade route.

Back at the school, after the parade, Veterans were honored with a meal as choirs and bands filled the air with patriotic music that brought a tear or two to some of the Veterans present.

One of the Veterans honored included Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk who said ""It was a fresh reminder of how we are blessed to live in such a community which still

(See "RCMS" on A7)

COVID increase Rockcastle County

was hit hard last week with three additional COVID-related deaths reported. In the past seven days there have been 13 confirmed new cases and 20 probable new cases placing the county back in the red zone with a 28.24 incident rate. The three new deaths include a 54 year old female, an 86 year-old female and a

52 year-old male, according to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department. A total of 35 COVID-related deaths have now been reported in the county.

as well as several other techniques to save energy. The project began in August and the first hours, members of the progress report was pre-

Editor

mative two and a half

(See "School" on A7)



RCHS Cheerleaders place first at UCA Bluegrass Regionals

RCHS Cheerleaders placed first in the Small Varsity Game Day Division at UCA Bluegrass Regionals on Saturday, November 13, at Central Bank Center in Lexington. The team took home first place with a score of 93.9 and received a bid to the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida. The team will compete again this Saturday in KHSAA Regionals at Pulaski County High School. Pictured front from left are: Lindsey Robinson, Molly Craig, Paige Lovell, and Taryn Powell. Second row from left: Bailey Terry, Victoria dykes, Emma Ballinger, Maggie Reynolds, Ally Hayes, and Hannah King. Back row from left: Coach Viena Anderson, Raycel Carpenter, Jenna Eaton, Alivia Shepherd, Kovey Payne, Alexis Martin, and Coach Joanie Alexander.

Saturday

The Rock N Run half marathon and 5K run/ walk will be held Saturday, November 20. The event, sponsored by Rockcastle Regional, will begin at 8 a.m. from Renfro Valley. Motorists are urged to be on the lookout for runners and walkers.

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ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

It's hard to find a first for me at my age but my children managed it last Saturday when they surprised me with an 80th birthday party. It was my first surprise party and, I was exactly that, surprised!!

All of the immediate family were there except for youngest daughter, Allison, whose son, Joseph, tested positive for Covid Saturday and they are now in quarantine.

Joseph is reportedly doing okay, although coughing and pretty congested but no other serious complications, thank goodness, but she did say that the baby, almost two months old, was also coughing and sneezing quite a bit. Her doctor has assured her that Franny would probably be okay since Allison was vaccinated during her pregnancy. Hopefully that's

And since we're on the subject of vaccines, on Friday, Dr. Anthony Fauci told The New York Times podcast that the vaccines did not work as advertised and that Americans are in danger due to their waning immunity against both infection and hospitalizations several months after initial vaccination.

Fauci pointed toward incoming data from Israel, which he noted tends to be about a month to a month and a half ahead of us in terms of the outbreak. "They are seeing a waning of immunity, not only against infection but against hospitalization and, to some extent, death which is starting to now involve all age groups. "It's waning to the point that you're seeing more

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



The scariest day ever. He grew up a hard working man. Of course, in those days, it took hard work to survive. You earned it, you built it, you grew it, you raised it - or you did without it.

So, he rose from a feather bed at 4:30 a.m. Not only on weekdays. Every day -- holidays, sick days, Sundays, tired days, every day.

This day was like all the others. Well before daylight, he was in the barn with Bessie and she and her sisters were giving his family milk for the day. All the animals came running when they heard the door on the feed shed open. They knew Leonard would be there shortly with breakfast.

The fence on the west 40 acres needed mending and as soon as the livestock was fed, The old man loaded up with heavy, iron tools and with hands full of wire, hammers and clippers and his lips gripping 10 new store-bought penny-nails, he headed that way. By that time the sun had begun to rise enough that he could barely see to walk on the rocks to cross the creek and keep his boots out of the water. That was important since those were his only boots and wet feet stayed cold all day.

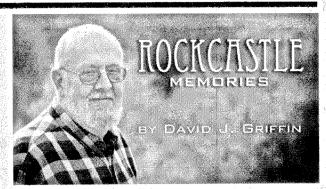
He had just made it to the broken fence and set his tools on the frosty ground when something got his attention. "What on earth is that noise?" he wondered.

It was in the distance and it was a sound he had never heard before. Leonard had heard most every animal that rises before the sunrise and this was no animal. He wasn't sure but it may be getting slightly louder. Though he was extremely curious, mending this fence was very important and he went on to work. Since he knew old Clyde Pearson, who lived in the direction the sound was coming from, he figured he would find out in church next Sunday what was making that God-

awful racket.

As he twisted wire around the old fence post, fashioned from a tree sap-

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Radio Fever

Alright, I admit it, I am a radio nut! My wife has long ago acknowledged this fact and has yet occasionally graced me with another addition to my collection. Yesterday, I received my Christmas present for this year, and I bet you can guess what

My wife did not want my gift to be delayed by the current transportation mess, so she requested that Santa make his delivery early this year. The result is an updated version of the radio which day several years ago. That was a Sangean (WR-16) FM, AM, and Bluetooth receiver. It is housed in a real walnut wood cabinet and has a USB port on the back to charge my iPhone. The tuning is manual, just like the model I had in 1961. There were no digital features. The AM and FM tuning was shown on a lighted linear dial - just like the olden days. That model has been docked on my bedside table since I acquired it.

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Not please with recounting of Livingston meeting...

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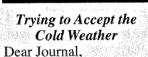
This is Chief Mikey Ashurst at the Livingston Police Department.

I am writing this email in reference to an article wrote by Perlina M. Anderkin. Anderkin does a great job sitting in our council meetings and reporting what we have going on in our city. This past Monday, we had a meeting that Anderkin sat in on and wrote an article in today's newspaper There was an incident in volving myself that she wrote about and I'm no very pleased with wha was put in the paper.

She done great putting in what Mr. Thaye stated, even though some stuff she wrote was false and didn't include severa key points. Her article makes me look like blowed off a complain which was not the case and made myself lool bad to the community

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



Well, here it is cold weather already. I'm just

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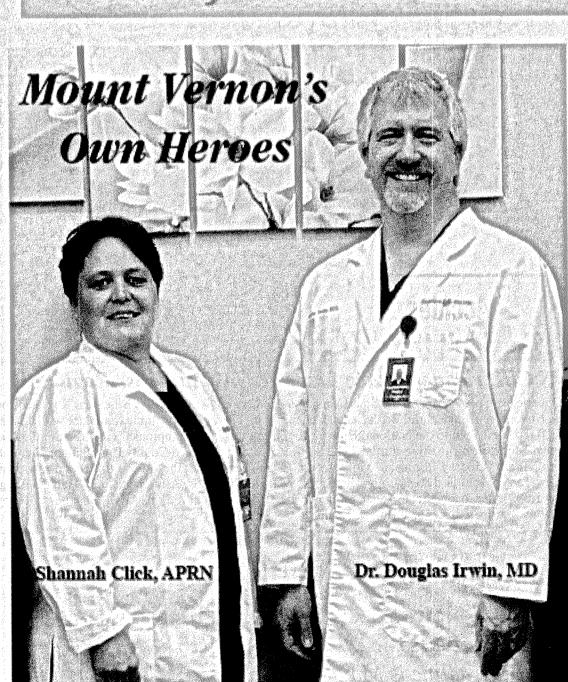
not ready for it. I had ordered some sweaters a few days ago thinking they would be good to go for a few days yet, but no. I got a long sweater jacket from Walmart and I wear it mostly in the house. My new jacket came in but it was just fleece. It is not nearly enough. I ordered two heavy pullover sweaters and they are nice. I've already worn the heavy gray one twice.

I remember when I liked cold weather. It was a relief just to get away from the heat for awhile. Now, the cold just sinks right into my joints and causes me to hurt from head to toe. If there is dampness involved it makes it that much worse. Nothing seems to help. I can take anything

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"Memories"

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remember, I have loved listening to all kinds of radios. I was born at a time when radio was needed and enjoyed. It was necessary for the adults in my life to keep abreast of local and national news. My grandparents also used their big, wooden, floor model to listen to good, old-fashioned preaching. For my brother and me, radio was entertainment: either music or radio dra-

My mother (Bee) usually cooked dinner while Lowell Thomas reported on the news of the day. Her radio was typical for the time: brown in color, with a large speaker in the center of two knobs. It sat on top of the refrigerator.

The sound filled our small kitchen as Bee prepared supper while I played with my cars and trucks on the linoleum floor. If Thomas was reporting on "breaking news," Bee would walk over and stand in front of the radio just to make sure she caught all of the details.

When I was about six years of age, Bee placed a radio beside my bed in my room. I went to sleep every night listening to music, and Bee would come in before she went to bed and turn it off. She was my modern-day equivalent of a "sleep timer."

By the time I turned eight, rock and roll music was being birthed. It wasn't long until I was able to acquire my very own radio – a transistor model.

When I was a junior in high school at Mt. Vernon, I got my first automobile, and it came equipped with a great sounding AM radio. That baby was never turned off. No matter the reason, when I was in that '58 Chevy, it was always tuned to a rock and roll station, and the music was blaring. It was often accompanied by multitudes of teenage voices singing along to the tunes of the day.

When I was a junior, I also acquired my own bedside clock radio. Every night, I tuned it to some distant station, usually WLS in Chicago, to find rock and roll music. I went to sleep listening to the likes of Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Ray Charles, Elvis, and many other artists of the day. My new radio would turn itself off in an hour.

Well, I now have the finest table radio I have ever seen. My Christmas present is a Sangean WR-22, which is a digital model with FM, AM, USB, and Bluetooth. I can play the USB sticks that I use in my Ford Explorer that are loaded with rock and roll music from my laptop. I suppose I have about 3,000 songs on my computer. I can also play all the songs I have stored on my iPhone. I just turn on Bluetooth and select the songs I want to hear. The radio will charge my

iPhone as it plays music.

My new radio has a digital clock that keeps itself adjusted to Daylight Savings Time. It also has a sleep feature that I can set to put me to sleep listening to my choice of music. The sounds coming from that radio resonate as if coming from a much larger speaker. And I am a happy radio nut.

By the way, I now have five radios playing in my house and they are never turned off. They are all tuned to the same station

(You can reach me at themtnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)

"ramblings"

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and more people getting breakthrough infections and more and more of those people who are getting breakthrough infections are winding up in the hospital."

So, naturally, the solution, according to Fauci, is to get the booster shot as it "might actually be an essential part of the primary regimen that people should have."

So, does this single booster shot give you protection as long as the two original shots? And, if it only gives you half the protection that means that a second booster shot will be needed a lot quicker, right?

This is totally ridiculous since the unvaccinated are being blamed for all new cases of Covid right now but those unvaccinated happen to include over a million people that THE GOV-ERNMENT themselves exempted from the vaccine.

So, if I completely lose my mind, along with the millions of others that fall under Resident Biden's last mandate, and allow myself to be vaccinated (ain't gonna happen folks), then there would still be all those exempted by THE GOVERN-MENT running around to cause breakthrough cases among the vaccinated!!

No thank you. I'll take my chances that the natural immunity I gained from having the illness in February protects me for as long as I will need it.

There are more and more reports of adverse reactions to the vaccine, especially to the booster shot, that should make anyone pause and reflect if the benefits outweigh the possible side effects.

Surprisingly, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), recently said they have no record of someone spreading Covid after recovering from Covid.

If our country lasts long enough, I am firmly convinced that historians will concur one day that this Pandemic was deliberately unleased on the world, with Dems and Fauci's participation, and was used in an attempt to destroy the middle class because it's almost impossible for a Socialist government to take root with a strong middle class, After all the Pandemic is so bad that the administration, at the request of big businesses, asked that this last mandate be put off until January so as to not mess with their workers before

Christmas. There are many things going on in our country today that are disheartening. There are hundreds of prisoners jailed in DC, under reportedly disgusting conditions, whose only crime is going to our nation's capital on January 6th. They have, so far, been denied due process, except for the relatively few who have been given short sentences for trespassing. The story for months was that they were insurrectionists and that lie was laid to rest when the FBI had to concede that there were no firearms present on that

day. Of course there was

also the lie floated by Dems that four people were killed on January 6th but, truth be told, there was only one Ashli Babbitt an unarmed former service member who was shot dead for coming through a window that had already been broken out. Her killer, a capitol policeman has never had to answer for shooting and killing her.

The FBI is becoming more and more the law enforcement arm of the Democrat party. They raided the home of Project Veritas Founder James O'Keefe recently and seized confidential records while, reportedly, looking for Resident Biden's granddaughter's diary. Not real sure why that should be a priority of the FBI but maybe there are some things really embarrassing to Biden in there, like maybe that he showered with her until she was of an age that he shouldn't have been? But, surely

And, unvaccinated border patrol agents are being fired while unvaccinated illegal immigrants are welcomed into the country.

Also, please note, the Consumer Price Index climbed to 6.2% year over year in October, the most in 31 years.

There are now a record number of cargo ships waiting outside California's ports to unload as the supply chain crisis worsens.

A total of 111 container ships are bobbing at sea around the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Before this, the ports hadn't seen a backlog greater than 17 ships.

But Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has the answer. He said that the crisis would only clear up when everyone was vaccinated. If any one can explain that reasoning to me, I will buy you lunch at Wendy's.

And, one more thing, Biden's press secretary Jen Psaki argued recently that higher gasoline prices, which critics blame the Biden administration for, highlight the need for a rapid transition to clean energy (electric vehicles). In other words, they's doubling down One problem with that is the nation's electric grid is not sufficient to charge a significant increase in electric cars and besides the price of electric vehicles price the majority of Americans out of the market.

Oh, but never fear. We're told that our Resident Biden is urging the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to boost oil produc-

tion. But, you realize, this could have all been avoided by not stopping the Keystone pipeline and taking other measures that took us from an oil exporting country to an importing country and at the mercy of OPEC to begin with. Good job Joe!!

"Aces"

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ling, the noise was beginning to increase. 'I know that is louder than it was a minute ago,' he thought. 'Wait. What ever that is...it's coming this way.'

Leonard had now stopped work and was completely focused on the noise. He cupped his hands behind his ears and tilted his head slightly to get a better listen.

It was a "clanky" sound. Almost like metal clanking. 'I've seen a lot of animals but never saw one made of metal,' he thought. But there were other sounds mixed with the clanks. The sound of thumping and bangs. Like a loud pop from time to time. Leonard had no clue what this sound could possibly be. It was completely foreign to him.

Then he noticed the top of the hill getting brighter. Not from the sun. From something else. Something is lighting up the top of the hill. And now the sound is much louder. The louder it gets, the brighter the hill gets. The sound is now almost deafening when suddenly, there it was! Two HUGE, BRIGHT, white eyes popped over the hilltop and was looking straight at him. Leonard dropped his tools and turned to run down the hill back to the creek and closer to home. It was coming straight towards him clanking and banging and thumping and those two eyes seemed focused on him 'IT SAW ME!'

Leonard felt the ground shaking as the beast gained on him. He dove into the deep part of the cold creek and stuck his head back up out of the water and pulled his chin up onto the bank so he could see what was

about to eat him whole. His pocket knife was in his hand and he was ready. 'I aint goin down without a fight!'

Just as Leonard was about to jump out of the creek and call on his military training to attack, it all stopped Instantly. It stopped. The sound was gone and the eyes went instantly dark. What suddenly seemed like total silence filled the hill and Leonard rose from the creek to investigate.

"Hey Leonard!" came the voice from exactly where the mother of all beasts had just gone silent. "Hey Leonard! What ya jump in the crick fer?"

"Clyde??? Clyde is that you? What on God's green earth is that thing right there?" Clyde answered proudly. "Oh that's my new Model T Ford Automobile!" Leonard had to ask. "What the heck does it do besides clank and scare people to death?" Clyde explained, "It takes you places. We don't need

horses no more. It's the new way to travel." As Leonard went back to work, soaking wet and cold he said something like, "I'll just keep using my feet, thank you. You won't catch me in one of those contraptions.!"

Leonard was my grandfather. Mom told me this story of her father's very first view of a real motor car. I can't imagine the fear in a man who had never even heard of the idea called "automobiles." To him, seeing those headlights in the morning dew and hearing the clanking coming over the hillside must have indeed seemed like the Devil himself released upon his farm. Yes, it was just a car. But I can't imagine what a car must have looked like to a man who had never fathomed the idea of such an invention.

But this story makes me wonder, What will be everywhere tomorrow, that I have never heard of today?

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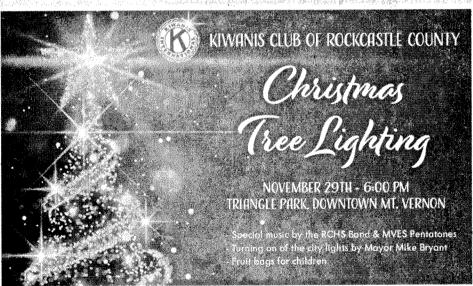
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Harold Dean Ballinger, Sr.

Harold Dean Ballinger, Sr., 87, of Three Links, peacefully departed this life at his home on November 14, 2021. He was born October 8, 1934, at Brush Creek

in Rockcastle County, to the late Elmer and Dovie Vanzant Ballinger. He was married to his loving wife Edith Martin Ballinger for 64 years.

He had a strong love for the community and for his family. Passionate about serving others, he started his career as a schoolteacher at Climax, Livingston, and Mt. Vernon Schools. He was



a First Lieutenant in the 100th Division of the United States Army Reserves.

He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He worked at the University's dairy farm to help support himself through college and fortunately so as he won the Agriculture Award for saving their prized cattle from a barn fire.

His career and professional life echoed his kindness and passion for helping others. He worked for the federal government as an Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Director for Rockcastle County. Harold was instrumental in getting water service to Eastern Rockcastle County and was on the Rockcastle County Library Board. He and his wife Edith were the proud owners of Ballinger's Grocery in Three Links for many years. The store was a hub of the community and he loved providing vital goods and services to patrons. A quick stop at their store and you could purchase Christmas toys, buy flour and milk, and get your tires changed all in one place.

A man of deep faith, Harold was the pastor of Sand Gap Christian Church for 29 years where he lovingly served his church family. He performed countless weddings, funerals, and acts of service and was honored to be a part of such important moments in others' lives.

In his retirement he could often be found with a smile on his face riding his John Deere Gator while cattle farming and making sorghum molasses with his family. He had a wonderful witty sense of humor. He always maintained a gracious and thankful attitude with an outstretched hand always ready to meet anyone with a warm handshake. His friendly waves from the front porch of their Three Links home were a staple of the community and will be deeply missed by all passersby.

He is survived by: his wife, Edith Martin Ballinger; four children, Virginia Joy (Anthony) Witt, Harold Dean Jr. (Leslie) Ballinger, Connie Louise (Jeff) Philbeck, and James Elmer (Carrie) Ballinger; seven grandchildren, Jonathan Wesley Lakes, Melissa Deanne (John Paul) Woodrum, Cynthia Joy (Eric "Mitchell") Sparks, James Clay Ballinger, John Caleb Ballinger, Cole Martin Ballinger, and Emma Grace Ballinger; and five great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Walter (Delores) Ballinger.

He is preceded in death by: his parents, Elmer and Dovie Vanzant Ballinger; sister, Geneva (Bob) Hedgepeth; and three brothers, William Ballinger, Victor Lee Ballinger, and Everett Myrel (Carol) Ballinger.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Jack Martin and Hank Ballinger officiating with Bro. Gerald Maupin and James Clay Ballinger assisting. Burial was in Johnetta/Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Caleb Ballinger, Cole Ballinger, James Clay Ballinger, Wesley Lakes, Eric Sparks, and John Paul Woodrum, Honorary pallbearers were: Lloyd Cain, Dr. James Chism, Frank Christophory, Tom Mills, Tommy Harold Mink, Amos Mullins, Anthony Witt, and Mike Witt.

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

Hardin Gibbons

Hardin Gibbons, 52, of Orlando, died Thursday November 11, 2021 at Saint Joseph Hospital in London. He was born April 18, 1969 in Mt. Vernon the



son of Mr. Jim and Pauline Mary Helton Gibbons of Orlando. He was a forman for Pike Electric Services, enjoyed hunting, fishing, gun collecting, boating, horseback riding, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are: his wife, Tammy Renay Howard Gibbons of Orlando; two daughters, Geneva Nichole

Mathes and (David) of East Bernstadt, and Billie Jean Wynn and (Austin) of Berea; three brothers, Garret Gibbons and (Patricia), Dallas Gibbons and (Linda), and James Gibbons and (Tina); two sisters, Maggie Farmer and (Jimmy), and Margaret Sear and (Dale); nieces and nephews, Christa Renner, Jamia Gibbons, Dalton Gibbons, Megan Doan, Willie Vance, and Hailey Farmer; and two grandchildren, Joshua and Gerilynn Mathes, and one on the way.

Funeral services were conducted Monday November 15, 2021 at Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bro. Keith Carr officiating, Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Josh Shepard, Cannon Jones, Matt Northern, and Andrea Consetta.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send

condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Freda Mae Hurd

Freda Mae Hurd, 79, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, November 7, 2021 at her home. She was born in Morehead on December 7, 1941, the daughter of



George and Teressa Snipes Elam. She was a retired machine operator for Ford Motor Company and a member of Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church. She loved riding motorcycles with her husband, as well as gardening, camping, and playing gui-

She is survived by: her children, Danny Hurd, Trisha Sandlin and hus-

band Mark Isaacs, and Chad Hurd, all of Mt. Vernon, Michael Lykins of Blue Ash, OH, Lesley Burns and husband Sam of Morrow, OH, and Erica Hacker of Mt. Healthy, OH; a sister, Carol Barnard of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Jennifer, Jon and Megan, Brittany, Mindy, Mariah, C.J., Shaina, Tessa, Miya, Maddie, Rachel, Christopher, Becky, Wade, Chelsie, Ruby, Randi and Devin; and great grandchildren, Brayden, Oakleigh, Riley, Allison, Kelan, McKinlee, Amelia, Rowland, Gwen, David, Mickayla, Annistasia, Ricky, Rizzo, Scarlett, and Arnold. Also surviving are: her caregiver, Christina Coleman; and her beloved dog, Daisy.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Rev. James Benton Hurd; a son, Mitchell M. Lykins; two daughters, Wanda Schroer and Theresa Harvey; a grandson, Christopher Schroer; a great granddaughter, Lauren Lee Shelton; three brothers, Ray Elam, Roy Elam, and David Elam; and a sister, Louise Elam.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Robert Miller. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jon Baker, Ricky Castillo, Devin Cromer, Chad Hurd, Danny Hurd, and Mike Lykins. Honorary pallbearers were: Sam Burns and Ross Risner.

Donations are requested to the Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinson.org.

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Susan Marie Sweeney Susan Marie (Burton) Sweeney, 69, of Hamilton,

OH and formerly of Brodhead, died Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at her residence. She was born May



25, 1952, in Berea, a daughter of the late Everett David Burton, and Grace Gladys Cox. She and William Lester Sweeney were united in marriage on September 9, 1996. She was a member of the Princeton Pike Church of God and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of

25 years, William "Bill" Lester Sweeney; children, Glen Edward Nicely and Stephanie of Hamilton, OH, Tammy Susanna Nicely Johnson and Chris of Hamilton, OH, and Matthew William Nicely and Amber Reynolds of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Ashton Petrie, Morgan Nicely, McKenna Nicely, Andrew Johnson, Kaylea Johnson, and Bentley Nicely; brothers, Leaman Burton and Dee of Macon, GA, Leroy Burton and Nancy of Mt. Vernon and Henry Burton and Polly of Kings Mountain; and sisters, Brenda Montgomery of Brodhead, Lorene Miller and Carl of Eubank, and Julie Burton of Brodhead.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: three brothers, Olan, Jimmy, and Harold Burton; and four sisters, Anna Mae Lovett, Loretta Hacker, Joyce Payne, and Myrtle Adams.

Visitation for Susan will be Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 11 a.m. until time for funeral service at 1 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Barry Clardy officiating. Burial will follow at Piney Grove Cemetery.

> Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Dallas Wayne Rigsby

Dallas Wayne Rigsby, 66, of Mt. Vernon, husband of Annie Brown Rigsby, died Sunday, November 14, 2021 at his home.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 12 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Maxey Valley Cemetery in Casey County. Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home

after 11 a.m. Thursday. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Sig-

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Kimberly Laverne McFerron

Kimberly Laverne McFerron, 54, of Livingston, died Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at St. Joseph Hospital in London. She was born in Mt. Vernon on March

22, 1967, the daughter of George and Catherine "Kitty" Burdine Pridemore. She was the Alarm Division Manager at Storm Security and was the owner of Manie's Treasures in London. She enjoyed being with her grandchildren, as well as sewing, scrapbooking, and gardening. She was of the Holiness Faith.



She is survived by: her husband of 37 years, Nelson McFerron; children, George Robert McFerron and Cassie Johnson and husband Steven, both of Livingston; a sister, Leeann Gross and husband Jerry of Livingston; and her grandchildren, Landyn Johnson, Kynidee Johnson, and KymberJohnson, Two nieces, Tiffany Gross and Stephanie Gross-Brock also survive. She was preceded in death by her father, George Pridemore.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 14, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Phillip Doan. Burial was in Pridemore Family Cemetery in Livingston.

Pallbearers were: Jeff Alexander, Austin Brock. Buzz Carloftis, Adam Collins, Brad Hurd, and Steven

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Ann Bullock Robinson Cass

Ann Bullock Robinson Cass, 86, of Brodhead, died Monday, November 8, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Orlando on March 30, 1935,

the daughter of Russell and Eveneus Anglin Bullock. She was a retired restaurant cook and a seamstress for Cowden Sewing Factory, and was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church. She enjoyed her grandchildren, gardening, and her dog and cat.

She is survived by: her children, Paul Robinson, Jr., Jeffery James and Jan



Robinson, Mark Wayne Robinson, Robin Lee and Karen Robinson, Regena Ruth Hellard, Tammy Renee Miller and Ron, and Lori Ann and Benny Blanton; three brothers, Roscoe Bullock, Lee Bullock, and Russie Bullock; a sister, Betty Cotton; 15 grandchildren, Gina Wynn, William and Brandy Hellard, Tina and Ricky Marshall, Michael Robinson, Tabitha Robinson, Zackary Robinson, Angle and Nick Massey, Cody Robinson, Wesley Robinson, Jason Robinson, Melissa and Clayton Powell, Jasmine Robinson, Sierra Robinson, Allen Burdett, and Briana Burdett; 18 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. A host of nieces, nephews, other family, and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by: her first husband, Paul G. Robinison; her second husband, Billy P. Cass; a son, William David Robinson; two grandchildren, Shawn Robinson and Amanda Robinson; four brothers, Lincoln, Jerry, Arnold, and Stormey; and three sisters, Madge, Laura, and Lola.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 12, 2021 at Maple Grove Baptist Church by Bro. Jerry Owens. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Alan Burdette, Ricky Marshall, Clayton Powell, Nathaniel Powell, Jake Robinson, Michael Robinson, and Gabe Wynn.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Barbara Faye Bustle

Barbara Fave Bustle, 75, of Orlando, died Monday, November 8, 2021 at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in



Rockcastle County on March 21, 1946, the daughter of Charles and Lillie Mason Halcomb. She was a retired automotive lamp line worker for Phillips Lighting and was a member of Brush Creek Holiness Church. She loved working in her flowers, as well as cooking and baking.

She is survived by: her

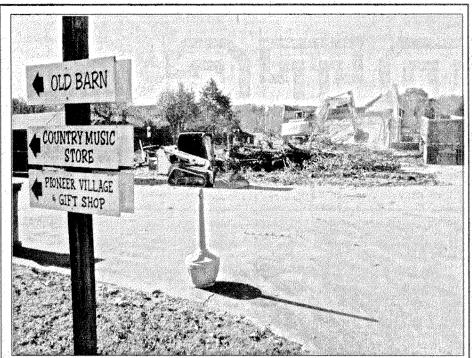
husband, Robert Bustle; two sons, Anthony and Janet Rader of Chattanooga, TN, and Robert Lee and Melinda Bustle of Orlando; two daughters, Lisa and Timothy Durham of Orlando, and Cynthia and Keith Goff of Brodhead; a sister, Wanda Ely of Orlando; nine grandchildren, Charles Rader, Logan Durham, Jacob Durham, Nicholas Freson, London Freson, Sha Bustle, Samantha McGuire, Leah Bustle, and Lane Bustle; and two great grandchildren, Amelia Rader and William Rader. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Halcomb, Jr. and Larry Wayne Halcomb.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 12, 2021 at Brush Creek Holiness Church by Bros. Gary Elzi and Lonnie McGuire. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Lane Bustle, Jacob Durham, Logan Durham, Nicholas Freson, Kevin Miller, and Charlie Rader,

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Crews were seen Tuesday demolishing one side of Renfro Village. Officials say owners are planning renovations for the area and have plans that are expected to bring even more tourists to the area. Renfro Valley has been a major attraction in Mount Vernon for over 75 years as the entertainment complex broadcasts the Sunday Morning Gathering in many countries around the world.

"Letters"

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based on leaving out key points.

I was frustrated, just as if someone comes in frustrated and complains on an officer and wanted to voice my opiniion.

We have enough negative outlooks on law enforcement this day in time as it is.

I just wanted to voice this and wish that key statements I made would have been included.

> Thank you, Chief Mikey Ashurst

Thank you...

Dear Editor,

In a time when it seems there is less and less patriotism in our nation, I am also reminded of how wonderful our community is. I want to take the time to say a brief, heartfelt thank you to all who planned, participated and worked to see the Veterans Day event which was held at the Rockcaslte County Middle School on November 11 of this year.

Our middle school has historically been supportive and had awesome, inspiring Veterans Day celebrations. This year was no less stirring. I am often somewhat hesitant to go to the events, just because I feel unworthy. I was reminded these celebrations are an uplifting way for student and even staff to say thank you and give a warm smile. Those are free. It is also a time for we Veterans to embrace the love.

From the superintendent to the kindergartener. All teachers and students from both the Mount Vernon Elementary School as well as the Rockcastle Middle School who worked on signs, posters, cheered, sang, smiled and said thank you. I say a sincere THANKS to YOU! The time you took from class or other worthy projects are truly appreciated. Thank you to the Middle School band and directors for their awesome performance and for the choir and directors, which sang stirring songs which we have come to love. The prayers offered, the students which served food, drinks and even took away our trash. THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, to the Mount Vernon Police Department, Constable Griffin and Mount Vernon Fire Department. Each of which took the time to help with traffic control for a safe parade. THANK YOU, to ALL those who took the time from their schedule to come out and stand by the road side enduring the

cool wind to wave a flag, or smile and greet with warmth.

It was and is an honor to have served this nation which God has brought together. Today was a simple yet resounding reminder of how blessed we are to live in this country, to have what we have. It was also a fresh reminder of how we are blessed to live in such a community which still offer thanks and appreciation. Battling thru the COVID and COVID restrictions while still being able to take time to show gratefulness and kindness to our fellow citizens was yet again, an incredible act of love.

I am proud to write this thank you, which seems inadequate. I am also certain I speak for other Veterans who were present by saying Thank you.

Ryan Loudermilk

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for pain you want to mention but I get very little relief. I dread going out-

Stanley and I got word from a friend that there was a little dog that had been dropped off in Mount Vernon. We went to see if we could find it. It was looking for food and by dark it would have been looking for shelter. I don't know what is wrong with people. I try to love everybody but I sincerely hope these people are hungry tonight and have no shelter and are cold as ice somewhere...not to mention lost and afraid. We couldn't find the dog but I hope someone else did and took it home with

Stanley Today mulched our leaves. There was no sign of our turtles this year and we were disappointed. Stanley harvested the last of the rhubarb and it is in

the fridge awaiting some strawberries for a pie. I saw my last rose of summer still in a bud. Too cold for it to bloom. I guess. I can't say that I blame it. I just had to sit down and eat a popcorn ball and realize the harsh fact that summer is really gone.

I guess I should let summer go gracefully and get ready for the good things of Thanksgiving coming up in a few days. I'm really looking forward to a good old-fashioned family get together this year. We couldn't get together for anything last year due to COVID. Stanley's sister Edna and family may get to come in this year if her health is good at the time. I guess we will have Thanksgiving all day. We have about two or three gatherings to attend. Our record is four. Boy, did we eat...just a few bites here and there does mount up over the day. We are truly thankful for such family and friends who want to spend time with us and us with them.

I have been since last summer getting a little house for our pets to live. It was finally delivered the other day. Now it is so cold I can't enjoy working in it. There is to some electricityinstalled shortly and then we can get everything in order in it. We will be spending a lot of time there, too. We'll put in a TV, some recliners, etc. I hope there will be enough room for the dogs and cats. We are reclaiming the house for us. Maybe it will turn out to be like one of those rooms you save for company and never go in it otherwise ... with any luck. Ha, no such luck

I think I'llgo to bed and wait about three hours for my feet to warm up enough to sleep. Stanley swears I dug them up at the cemetery.

GEAR UP Family Engagement Week at RCHS November 15th-19th is GEAR UP Family Engagement Week at RCHS.

One of the goals of GEAR UP is to promote family engagement in order to increase student achievement, remove barriers and provide information about post-secondary opportunities,

GEAR UP will have a table at Rocket Madness (tonight) Thursday. 9th and 10th grade students and parents are invited to stop by.

Pictured above signing the proclamation are front from left: Marcus Reppert (Director of Student Services), JD Bussell (RCHS Principal), Carrie Ballinger (Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent) and Jessie Mahaffey (Youth Service Center Coordinator). Back row from left: Barbara Mullins (Youth Service Center Assistant), Cayci Mahaffey (GEAR UP Academic Interventionist), Kayla Bryant (GEAR UP Academic Interventionist) and Holly Bryant (GEAR UP College and Career Navigator).

MVFD to get new truck

By: Mike French Editor

The Mount Vernon Fire Department will soon have a brand new, customized, truck.

In a special called meeting Thursday afternoon, members of the Mount Vernon City Council voted unanimously to provide the funds needed to finish paying for a 2022 Chevrolet fire truck. A Rural Development Grant will provide \$125,000 of the total price of \$191,465 as received in a bid from South East Apparatus Inc.

awarded to the city, Lieutenant Adam Bales provided the specifications for the truck and six vendors were contacted. Only two bids were returned and the South East bid was approved. South East's bid was about \$54,000 less and met other requirements of the specifications that the other bidder did not. Hence, the council accepted their low bid.

According to Bales, the truck will be used to haul extra cargo that current trucks cannot carry.

This approval comes about a year after the process began since COVID issues held up the process, according to Bales.

The special meeting was held via Zoom and financial advisor Josh Bray said the reason for the special meeting was to keep the truck from taking longer to arrive in Mount Vernon. "The way the economy and supply chains are currently, we can't predict tomorrow and the truck is a need by our department," he said. "Waiting until the regular monthly meeting may have put the deal at risk." In fact, according to Bales, since the process began a year ago, the Once the grant was price of the truck is already \$20,000 more than

eply missed by all passersby

it was last year.

Bray said the bids were slightly higher than expected but the city had already budgeted the funds to make up the difference in price above the grant. Bales said he expects the truck to arrive in about six months.

Council member Shelly Lewis asked if the price is locked between now and delivery. Bales said it is locked and if any change orders arise, his department will "take care of those by cutting in other areas if we have

Having only one item on the agenda, the meeting was then adjourned.

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City of Livingston Special called meetings

The City of Livingston will hold a special called meeting on Wednesday, November 17 at 6 p.m. to discuss the city budget and the Hill Street property appraisal. Another special called meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18 at 6 p.m. for the reading of the budget ordinance. Both meetings will be held in City Hall and the public is invited to at-

Rockcastle County Clerk Notice

A copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the

County Clerk's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours. Any citizen who wishes

may obtain from the County Clerk's office a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and

supplemental information, for his/her personal use.

Those who wish to obtain a copy for personal use will be charged for duplication costs at a rate that shall not exceed twenty five cents (\$0.25) per page.

Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the business address of the officer responsible for preparation of the statement.

Rockcastle County Clerk • 205 East Main St. • Box 6 • Mount Vernon, KY 40456 • (606)-256-2831 Danetta Ford Allen, Clerk

Rockcastle County Sheriff Notice

Pursuant to KY Statue KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2020 Sheriff Fee Account ending December 31, 2020 for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter was published by Auditor of Public Accounts when the audit is released.

A copy of the complete audit report, including statements and supplemental information, is on file at the

Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours. Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and

supplemental information, for their personal use. Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Shannon Franklin - Sheriff of Rockcastle County

Card of Thanks

Phyllis Francisco Steele & Geraldine (June) Francisco Grimes

The families of Phyllis Steele and June Grimes would like to thank everyone for showing their love, prayers and support for us during our time of sorrow. Thank you to the Mt. Vernon Police Rescue Squad

and Fire Department for your kindness. Thank you to Rockcastle Hospital, Baptist Health, UK Hospital, Dr. Kevin Rowe, Dr. Jon Arvin, Bowling Funeral Home, Roy and Pam Martin and Dowell and Martin Funeral Home.

Thank you also to Bro. Dwayne Carpenter, all the singers, the pallbearers, who served both services, Rockcastle County Middle School cooks and the churches that prayed for us during our time of sorrow.

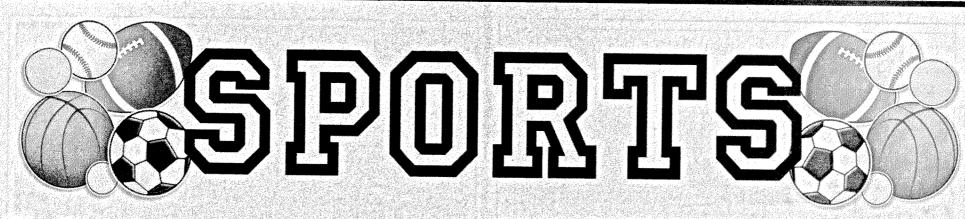
Thank you to the many who said kind words, prayed, brought flowers and came from out of town to be there for us.

We appreciate you all so much.

Thank you to our children and family who helped us through these rough several months. A special thank you to Kathy Robinson.

Thank you everyone. We love you all.

Vic and Debbie Francisco and Family



Rockets' season ends with loss to Bell, 28-8, in district play

By Chad Hensley

An unfortunate end to their season saw the Rockcastle County Rockets fall in the Class 3A District 5 championship game 28-8 to Bell County at Dudley Hilton Field on Fri., Nov. 12.

The Rockets have battled through injuries to key players throughout the season and the injury bug reared its ugly head on their first play of the game setting the tone for the rest of the night when rushing the ball.

Anthony Goodin, a sophomore fullback, went down with a shoulder injury on the opening play of the game according to Rockcastle County head coach Scott Parkey.

"I'm really proud of how our guys prepared and played," stated Parkey. "We had a solid running attack plan that was really hurt when Goodin went out with a shoulder injury on the first play. He was pretty key to everything we had planned with the run game. We were shorthanded in the running back stable with injuries, but the guys came out and did everything they could."

Rockcastle (6-6) managed just 52 yards on the ground on 27 carries with Matthew Chasteen leading the way with 17 carries for 56 yards.

Bell County (10-2) forced the Rockets into a three-and-out on their first series of the game and quickly capitalized on the opportunity with a 54-yard touchdown run two plays later. With the 2-point conversion run, the Bobcats were ahead 8-0 just 2:03 into the game.

Neither team would muster much offense the rest of the first half and the score remained at 8-0 headed into the halftime break, but Bell County got another quick touchdown out of the locker room for what would be the gamewinning score.

The Bobcats used a long kickoff return to open the second half to set up first-and-10 at the Rockcastle 24.

Two plays later, Bell County's Ethan Raby scored from 15-yards out and the subsequent conversion run by Dawson Woolum put the Bobcats up 16-0 with 11:03 remaining in the third quarter.

A pair of touchdown runs, and a conversion run in the fourth quarter put Bell County up 28-0 with 2:07 to go in the game.

After moving the ball through the air on two previous series that ended with an interception deep inside Bell County territory, Rockcastle's Caleb Moore was finally able to connect Cameron Wright on a 25-yard touchdown pass with 1:29 to go in the game.

Moore would then connect with Landon Dillingham for the 2-point conversion for the final 28-8 margin.

Dillingham had some key receptions in the second half that helped the Rockets maintain possession and get into scoring position on numerous occasions.

One bright spot for the Rockets in the future is the play of Xander Fletcher, who missed most of the season with an injury.

Fletcher made his presence felt with some key stops on defense, but the junior wide receiver made some brilliant catches to key drives alive in the fourth quarter.

"We have been working on our passing game very hard over the last month, and it showed with how we played in the second half," Parkey mentioned. "We've been working to catch Xander up and solidify confidence and consistency between sophomore Caleb and his receivers. He throws such a quick and tight ball, allowing us to get the ball to our guys quickly for them to make plays.

"We knew their coverage would not allow for the deep passes, but we would be able to hit them quick and get some yards after the catch. I'm really happy to see how all our receivers worked to get open and how Caleb was able to use his patient mentality and physical skill to get them the hell."

skill to get them the ball."
Moore finished with 198 yards passing on 17 completions into 26 attempts with a touchdown and two interceptions.

Dillingham ended the

for 72 yards with Wright adding three catches for 49 yards and one touchdown.

Fletcher tallied 47 yards on four catches while Reese Coguer and Ethan Tyree both added a reception each with Coguer's going for 24 yards and Tyree's for six yards.

Chasteen's 56 yards brought his career total to 2,435 yards on 401 carries in 30 games on offense while also scoring 29 total touchdowns (28 on offense and one on defense) and 13 2-point conversions for a total of 212 points.

Chasteen will go down as one of the toughest to ever wear the script Rock on the side of his helmet not only because of his offensive output, but for stepping in and starting at linebacker in all 41 games he played including during his freshman season.

with a sense for the ball, Chasteen tallied 166 solo tackles and 157 assisted tackles to be part of 323 tackles while also forcing 29 tackles for loss, 18.5 sacks, three fumbles forced, five fumble recoveries, and a fumble recovery for touchdown.

A hard-nosed defender

Others on the rushing attack against Bell County were Wright with four carries for five yards. Dillingham with one yard on one carry and Moore with five carries for negative 10 yards.

Chasteen's 12 tackles led the way and was followed closely by Fletcher with eight tackles.

Dillingham and Isaiah Dehart each notched six tackles and a tackle for loss with Dillingham also adding the team's lone quarterback sack.

Jake Sanders (5), Tyree (4), Jayvon Bowden (2), Marion Farthing (2), Tyler Osborne (2), Kaden Kidwell (1), Coguer (1) and Garrett Hamilton (1) rounded out the Rockets that recorded tackles with Sanders and Farthing each recording a tackle for loss.

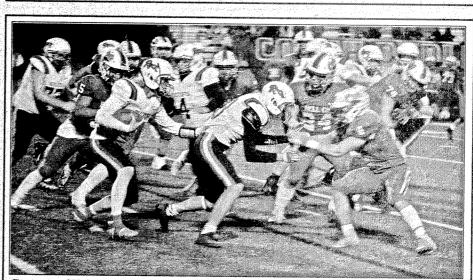
Twelve seniors (Bowden, Chasteen, Coguer, Dehart, Dillingham, Hamilton, Osborne, Sanders, Landen Broaddus, Ethan Carpenter, Conner Gibson and Demarcus Robinson) put on a Rocket uniform for the last time and whether they got to play during the game or were out with an injury, each player can go forth in life knowing that they have made a lasting impression on not only their teammates, but the youth coming up through the ranks that have looked up to them and how they played.

"I am proud of how the seniors were able to overcome so much adversity to attain the opportunity for a district championship," Parkey added. "Those guys, through the adversity and the lessons they learned working through, have matured them beyond measure. They are all super young men who everyone can be proud of."

The score may not have reflected a win in the game, but each one of those twelve seniors are set up to be winners in life thanks to the blood, sweat and tears that they shed through so many hours of practice and the time spent in the weight room and film room.



Rocket seniors with their Class 3A District 5 runner-up trophy, from left: Jayvon Bowden, Isaiah Dehart, Conner Gibson, Tyler Osborne, Garrett Hamilton, Jake Sanders, Landon Dillingham, Ethan Carpenter and Reese Coguer. Holding the trophy is senior Landen Broaddus.



Cameron Wright runs behind Matthew Chasteen during the Rockets' 28-8 loss to Bell County Friday night.



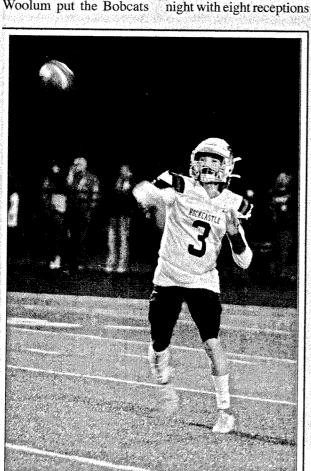
Landon Dillingham looks for running rook during the Rockets' loss to Bell County Friday night. Dillingham had 72 yards receiving on eight receptions. Chasteen had 56 yards rushing and led the Rockets on defense with 12 tackles during the Rockets' loss to Bell County Friday night. Photos by Teresa Hamilton.



Ethan Carpenter and Isaiah Dehart work to block during the Rockets' loss to Bell County Friday night. The Rockets finished with a 6-5 record.



Garrett Hamilton and Jameson Mink work to make a hole during the Rockets' loss to Bell County Friday night.



Caleb Moore completed 17 of 26 passes for 198 yards and a touchdown pass in the Rockets' loss to Bell County in the Class 3A District 5 championship game.

"School"

(Cotinued from front)
several issues with parents and citizens during
their regular monthly

meeting last week. Clearly the most emotional discussion came when bus driver and local contractor James Poynter nearly broke down expressing his love of America and Rockcastle County along with his concern about the board's decision to provide and match incentives for employees to be vaccinated as well as mask mandates. "I am not mad, I love this place," he said. "But these things always start as incentives that are followed by demands and I am here to support the freedom that our forefathers lost life and limb to provide."

The state of Kentucky is offering a \$100 incentive to teachers and staff who are vaccinated and the school board voted earlier this year to match the incentive creating a \$200 bonus for all vaccinated employees.

Poynter gave a detailed speech concerning his desire that the board avoid any type of forced mandate or inferred threat for employees to be vaccinated. He listed his experience with doctors and school districts to argue that the local district should never mandate vaccines or masks. "I have to stand up for what I believe in and what I see is contrary to freedom," he said. "Rockcastle County Schools is a district that leads in almost every way when compared to other districts. I ask that you continue to lead and never follow. Don't do things just because others are doing it. Many of us (referring to other drivers, teachers and staff) are never going to take this jab no matter what you offer. And it is a jab. Not a vaccine and I can prove that using CDC data.. It is not a vaccine."

Poynter also said he believes the district would be punishing employees if they follow through with the plan to force all employees to be tested weekly if they are not vaccinated by January. The board acknowledged that is the plan beginning in January.

Poynter also said the current vaccine is in no way a protection from the Delta variant of COVID-19 or "any of the other 11 variants that now exist. You can get the vaccine and still get sick and you can get the vaccine and still give it to others whether they have been vaccinated or not and whether they are masked or not. Many feel as though the board is punishing them for not being vaccinated and that is not the freedom or the pursuit of happiness that this country provides. I have known some who were vaccinated who still got COVID-19 and they were just as sick as I was when I had it."

Poynter also had a view concerning mask mandates. Poynter quoted a doctor who he said knows the intricacies of masks. "He explained to us that wearing one of these paper masks is equivalent to putting up a chain link fence to keep mosquitoes out. It does nothing. We are looking to you guys to allow us to keep working. I love what I do but I will not take the jab no matter what you offer."

Laurentiu Bubulici, a father of a student in the county then spoke to the

board with a similar view saying "I don't know if the vaccine works or not. I am not for or against the vaccine. But I am for freedom. As a soldier with two combat deployments, I was forced to be vaccinated and I felt violated. By forcing me to take that vaccine, they took away from me the very freedom I was fighting to protect," he said. "Don't take our freedom away. The day it is mandated, is the day a lot of us will take our children out of school."

Poynter then spoke up again saying there are many different variants of COVID and there is no vaccine for any of the variants. "I'd much rather see that \$200 go to the kids in the schools than to be used in this way,"

Board member Larry Hammond agreed. "I had the vaccine also. And then I got COVID. I agree with you both. I wish everyone would stand up for what they believe in as you have tonight," he said.

Poynter says he talks to other drivers and teachers and staff every day and he hears a majority of them express his same sentiments.

Chairman Angela Mink said she understands their views about the mandates. "I took the vaccine and I got COVID," she said. "But I can tell you, my daughter had it also and what she had was not what I had." She explained that she voted in favor of the incentives as a source of support for those who chose to be vaccinated instead of a punishment for those who did not. However, Poynter said "I can tell you, that isn't the way employees are taking it.

Since Poynter seemed to be speaking for many district employees' point of view, the discussion shifted to how the board members can better communicate with employees across the district. "There is currently a separation between you all and the employees. You are considered the enemy to a lot of us. I love and respect you all but we feel like you all don't understand what our lives are like. How many of you are teachers?" he asked. "We feel like the people in administration are not with us and it is hard to come to you and tell you how we feel because we are afraid there will be retaliation if we are honest about it."

Board member Anna Goff said, "We may not be teachers but we have children in school."

Chairman Angela Mink said she understood what Poynter meant. "To be perfectly honest, there is a segregation there," she said. "We feel separated sometimes but I absolutely respect every employee and want them to know we are here for them and here to help. How would you suggest we do a better job at that," she asked. "We have tried and tried to get parents and teachers to come to these meetings and have their voice heard as you have done,"

Board member Larry Hammond agreed. "Parents simply won't show up unless their kid is here," he said. "We have tried everything to get parents involved. We have advertised meetings and hearings and made sure everyone knew what we were going to discuss and then no one shows up. I have done everything I can think of asking parents and teachers

to take part in these decisions because what we do here affects every one of them. Rockcastle Countians are simply complacent about these meetings. I can't tell you how much I appreciate that you are here giving us your input. I wish every teacher and parent and employee would do the same."

Poynter suggested more personal interaction. "You all need to be in their world some. Go to their meetings. Go meet them. Let them see you and take part in their day. Say hello to the bus drivers and talk a minute. Stand and talk with the custodians and go to the classroom and chat. It would help a lot if they knew you and talked with you."

Superintendent Carrie
Ballinger said she would
love for parents and
teachers and staff to be
more involved. "We have
the utmost respect for our
employees and we would
love nothing more than to
have their input in everything we do," she said.
"The more we all work
together on the same
team, the better education
we provide for our students."

Poynter said he was thankful to be there. "I thank you for letting me speak and now you know how many of us feel about some things."

After the in-depth conversation with Poynter, Hammond started a conversation about teachers raises which also included details about pay scales.

"We act as though we are proud to give teachers a 1% pay raise each year. But that doesn't even cover inflation. The 1% raise should be automatic every year and then we should do everything in our power to go above that amount," he said. "Teachers would know that 1% is coming and that it would be more if we can find a way. Even the 3% last year didn't cover inflation. They have less in their pocket than they did the prior year because of inflation."

All board members seemed to express agreement. Mink said she likes the idea. "I don't think that has ever been a topic of conversation at this board but it would be a good conversation to have," she said.

There was much more discussion about salary structure and revisiting the board team commitments, finances and grants involved in salaries and new positions.

In other action, Middle School Principal Robbie Phillips told the board that he was disappointed in the 2-minute limit during the hearing last week to express his views about a potential new middle school. Phillips then showed more slides demonstrating damage to the existing school and presented his case for a new building. "I would love to see a new middle school before I retire and be a part of that new tradition," he said.

There was more discussion about the fact that the new middle school building would be much smaller than the existing building but Phillips said that would not be an issue. "We could have this building laid out with much less wasted space," he said, "If done properly, we would have more usable space than we have now."

The board also heard the CMTA report con-

cerning the energy savings project. (See related story).

The board also received the Superintendent's Personnel action report. It is as follows.

Full time certified employees hired

Tina Tipton, teacher at RCMS; John Hansford, assistant boys basketball coach at RCMS; Carla Price, academic interventionist at MVES; Andrea Baker, LBD teacher at RCMS; Chris Hendrickson, My Rock on line teacher (virtual) at the academy.

Full time classified employees hired

Kristin Holcomb, assistant softball coach at RCHS' Delroy Bishop, full time substitute bus driver.

Resignations

Wayne Napier, paraprofessional assistant football coach at RCHS; Kali Hasty, Jayna Albright and Jessica Fox, instructional assistants at BES; Becky McNabb, tennis coach at RCHS; Kaycee Brock, substitute bus monitor.

Retirements

Ronona Craig, instructional assistant at BES; Carolyn Carpenter, administrative assistant at the central office.

Certified
substitutes hired
Sarah Bullock, Jenni
Fay and Patricia Hayes,
substitute teachers.

Classified substitutes hired

Esther Hecker, substitute bus monitor; Donna Lane and April McGuire, substitute cooks/bakers; Kristin Childress, substitute instructional assistant.

"Energy"

(Cotinued from front) no during Tuesday's regular monthly meeting.

Brian Mason, CMTA representative, told the board that in every area of energy savings "the energy the school system has saved has met or surpassed our guarantees." In fact, even Mason expressed surprise at how much the new systems have already saved the district in energy costs though the construction projects aren't nearly completed. "Just in August and September alone, the district has saved \$31,087 in utility savings," he said. "This is 35% of the energy savings for the entire year and there is still a lot of work to do that will save much more." Many of the energy saving projects have not even begun, yet the district is already saving more than predicted after the completed project, according to Ma-

Mason said the district has already saved 296,733 Kilowatts in the same two months with 60% of those savings from the high school alone.

With other good news, Smith explained that his team had estimated close to \$30,000 in rebates from Kentucky Utilities. Such rebates are available when energy efficient systems are installed or upgraded. "We missed that estimate by a lot," he said. "After putting together a 157-page document and submitting to KU and working with their teams, we were actually able to get you \$66,862 in rebates. All this goes into your savings in energy."

Smith said there will be more rebates as well. "We aren't done yet," he said. "There is much more equipment to be installed

that will save energy."

Some of the larger equipment is expected to be installed in January and will be stored in leased space at the Microfoodery plant until it is needed, according to Mason.

Mason continued to say the work in January will mostly be done at night to avoid class interruptions.

CMTA will provide reports throughout the year as construction continues and then will track the energy savings over the next year.

In discussions about the potential new middle school, Mason said the building could be built with such energy savings in mind and could provide more savings than any other building if it is designed with modern energy savings techniques.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said she is well pleased with the progress so far. "We are so glad to hear this is going even better than expected and CMTA has been wonderful to work with," she said. "We couldn't be happier with CMTA's performance."

"Grant"

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increase the donation from \$7,500 to \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously. Judge Executive Howell Holbrook said the court used to give \$10,000 but dropped that amount to \$7,500 some years ago.

The court also agreed to a contract with Lincoln County to house Lincoln County inmates in the local detention center for the state per diem rate plus medical expenses.

Jailer Nathan Carter informed the court that food expenses are about to rise for prisoners at the jail. The Kellwell Food Management Company provided an updated price list showing new rates for all the food packages they offer.

packages they offer. Members of the court also discussed the \$3.237 million coming to the county through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Members agreed that there are heavy restrictions on how the funding can be used and the court should wait for further direction before allocating any of those funds. "A fiscal body could find themselves in trouble if they used those funds in a way that is not approved," said Holbrook. "I understand some county governments have already allocated those funds even though it may or may not be allowed for those purpose. We need to know exactly what is allowed before we promise any of those funds for any reason." The court agreed.

According Holbrook, the United States Treasurery is expected to release spending guidelines after the first of the year and, at that time, the issue can be addressed, he said. A special account has been set aside to store the funds when the first half arrives in 2022. The second half is expected the following year. "When the money gets here, it is not the fiscal court's money, Holbrook said. "It is the county's money and may be divided up differently than we think. We really have no choice but to wait until the guidelines are released before we begin planning how to use the funds."

The court also agreed to provide \$2,000 in reimbursements for the fe-

male basketball youth league to purchase equipment or uniforms for the upcoming year. The court agreed the funds would only be used to reimburse the league for funds already spent for approved equipment.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 6 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

"RCMS"

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offers thanks and appreciation." (See letters to the editor on page A2)

Though the event was spearheaded by the RCMS Social Studies department, Middle school Principal Robbie Phillips, teachers and staff of the middle school, agreed the entire community helped provide the event honoring local veterans.

"I would say that every student in our school had some role to play in making the event happen," said Phillips. "We thank the social studies department and the students and staff for all the hard work they did with a smile on their face. The traffic control, the food servers, the staff, the board, and the veterans themselves all made this day a great success."

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger agreed. "It was an honor for Rockcastle County Schools to recognize and salute our veterans," she said. "We can never thank them enough for the sacrifices they have made for our country and for all they have done to ensure our freedom. We will forever be grateful for their service."

Phillips said about 55 veterans attended this year's event and he is proud of the band and the choir as well as those who served the food and cleaned up afterwards. "It was an effort that we were proud to organize and we are glad to have honored our local Veterans."

"Kicked"

(Cotinued from front)

standing in the parking lot.

Upon approach, Renner tried to hand something to an unknown person in a car through the window but the citizen did not know who Renner was or what he was doing, according to an arrest citation.

Carter noticed a white powder under Renner's nose and when the chief questioned the suspect, the citation says his speech was slurred and a strong odor of alcohol was de-

When Carter and Hensley attempted to take Renner by the arm, he resisted and a struggle ensued, causing Carter to use his tazer which subdued Renner. However, a moment later, the citation says Renner became resistive again and the tazer was used again.

Once Renner was cuffed and was being led to the car, the citation says he then became combative again and kicked officer Hensley in the chest.

Upon searching Renner, police found a small baggie containing a white powder substance. The substance has been sent to a crime lab

Renner was transported to the Rockeastle-County Detention Center where he was charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and third degree assault of a police officer.

Police say Hensley was not seriously injured.

Renner's bond was set at \$7,500.



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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Donations help those needing assistance

The Saint Joseph Berea Foundation is once again encouraging the community to participate virtually in its annual Lights for Life event to help local families in need. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the annual in-person holiday fundraiser and community tree-lighting ceremony has been canceled. However, community members can still help make a difference virtually.

Now in its 35th year, Lights for Life provides a tribute to loved ones, and raises funds to provide emergency assistance and medications year-round for underinsured and low-income patients in the Saint Joseph Berea service area.

With a \$10 donation, a virtual light can be purchased in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. Donations received through the program help provide financial assistance to patients and families that cannot afford medical care.

"We hope that community members will join us again virtually for this wonderful event," said Leslie Smart, CFRE, president, Saint Joseph Berea Foundation. "Over the past two years during the pandemic, we have seen the impact a united community can have for those in need. We are so thankful for those who have continued to support this initiative, which helps patients in need and honors loved ones and friends."

There are three convenient ways to donate to Lights for Life. Community members can donate online at www.chisaintjosephhealth.org/LightsforLife, call 859.313.1705, or send a donation to the Saint Joseph Berea Foundation, 1451 Harrodsburg Road, Suite D-308, Lexington, KY 40504.



OSHA 10 Certification

Recently, most of Rockcastle AreaTechnology Center's Automotive, Electricity, and Welding senior students earned their OSHA 10 Safety Certification. Participating students attended 10 hours of intense safety training provided by former electricity instructor, Jeff Draper. This certification is recognized nationally in numerous manufacturing, construction, and transportation based industries. Congratulations on a job well done.

Rockcastle DAR recognizes National Native American Month

Henry Berry Lowrie and the Lowrie War

Henry Berry Lowery was born in 1845 in Robeson County North Carolina, the heart of the Lumbee tribe. His parents were Allen and Mary Combo Lowery. The name has various spell-

ings. His father was a successful farmer owning a 350 acre farm in the county. Henry was one of twelve children.

Henry was about sixteen when the Civil War broke out. The Lumbee were considered free people of color and they were forced to do manual labor for the Confederate Army for free or very little money. The tribe was primarily used to build Fort Fisher. The Lumbee rebelled and would hide out in the numerous swamps of the area. Nearing the end of the Civil War, the Lumbee joined efforts with the escaped Union troops the Confederates had captured and a few escaped slaves to form the dreaded Lowery

James Barnes accused Allen Lowery of stealing

Henry Berry Lowery

his hogs on December 21, 1864. The following month. Henry killed Barnes. He also killed James Brantly, an officer in the Confederate Army for some of the women in the Lowery family. By March of 1865, the Lowery home was searched and weapons were found. The free people of color hadn't been allowed to own firearms since 1831. Allen Lowery and his son William were executed after a mock trial. Henry witnessed all of this from bushes nearby. It was just after this that Henry really "broke bad" on the Rebels. He didn't like what they were doing to his tribe and especially his family. Henry's right hand men in his terror to follow were a Black man, George Applewhite and Zechariah

The Lowery Gang went on a thieving rampage across several areas of North Carolina. Their victims said that they were treated respectfully during the robberies and the items that were stolen were often returned in a few days when the gang had no more use for them, especially livestock and wagons. If the victims were too poor to

McLaughlin, a white

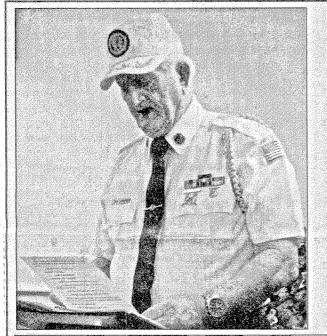
youth.

rob, the gang didn't usually take anything from them. Often the gang gave their ill-gotten booty to the poor. The gang usually gave food to the hungry. Henry has been compared to Robin Hood.

The Lowery Gang robbed the "rich" and murdered them. These events continued after the end of the Civil War, until 1872. The gang consisted of Henry's brothers Stephen and Thomas, two cousins, Calvin and Henderson Oxendine, two brothers-in-law, two escaped slaves and a two or three more of an unknown origin and those noted earlier. Finally Gov. William Woods Holden put a bounty of \$12,000 on the head of each gang member, dead or alive. In response, the gang had a series of "revenge" kill-

In the presence of several wedding guests, Henry was wed to Rhoda Strong and promptly arrested after the ceremony on Dec, 7, 1865. He escaped jail by sawing through the bars with a saw that was smuggled to him by . gang members. This was prior to the bounty of the \$12,000. Gov. Jonathan Worth had placed a \$300

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DAR news

Special guest speaker for the Rockcastle Chapter DAR's November meeting was local US Marine Corps Veteran, Don Gabbard. Mr. Gabbard the is founder, president and commander of the drill team Rockcastle Honor Veterans Guard and Commander of Rockcastle American Legion Post 71.



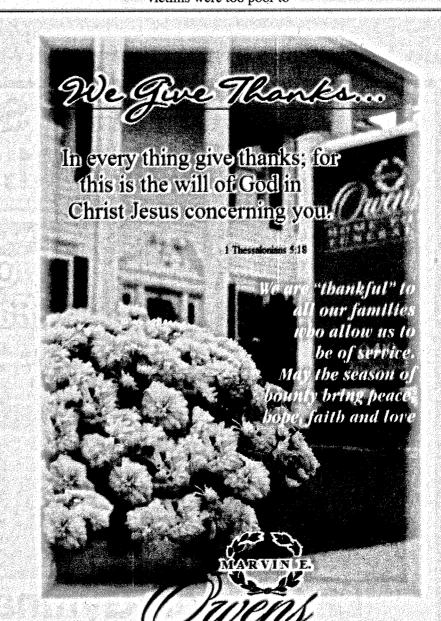
DAR sponsored Veterans Day Poster Contest winners at RCMS were sixth graders: Abigail Miller, Sophie Pendrey, and Shaun Boyd.



DAR sponsored Veterans Day Poster Contest winners at RCMS were seventh graders: Isaiah King, Kayleigh Martin, and Haley Bustle.



DAR sponsored Veterans Day Poster Contest winners at RCMS were eighth graders: Shannon Eckert, Addison Carter, and Jai Denny.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse





Ashley Eileen Sizemore, 30, Livingston, field tech and Roger Dewayne Sizemore, 29, Livingston, construction. 11/10/21



Estate of Leora Branham, property on Brodhead-Chestnut Road, to Isaiah and Patty Scarborough. Tax \$145

Wesley Hisle, property on Bandy Road, to Robert and Christina Gegg. Tax \$8.50

Gary Smith, Janie Morgan, Josephine Kells, Pamela McFerron, Peggy Thompson, Ronald Smith and Sandra Bradley, property on Dixie Highway, to Robert and Sharon Smith. No tax

William F. Stewart, property on Williams Street, to Danny and Sue Ford and Jeffrey and Anissa J. Cromer. Tax \$30

Angie and David Sisson, property in Rockcastle County, to Dusty and Danielle Burdette. No tax

Lisa M. and Charles Rogers, Selena Miller, Sabrina Miller, property in Rockcastle County, to Billy Cope. No tax

Dallas Todd, property on Negro Creek Road, to Bobby Bishop, Jr. and Jacqueline Bishop. Tax \$20

Rebecca and Robert Miller, property on Williams St., to Evelyn Wallen. Tax \$82.50

Cecil and Judy King, property on West St., to Maklayla J. Roberts and Terina Ann Buttry. Tax \$05

Billy and Karen Barron, property on Green Hill Road, to Rosetta F. Devine. Tax \$134.50

James and Tina Ballard, property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to James Ballard and Joshua Ballard. No tax

Gary and Cindy Johnson and Horace Johnson, Jr. and Victoria Jean Johnson, property in Cedar Point Subdv., to Justin D. and Sarah E. Bryant. Tax \$6

Blaine McHargue and Phyllis McHargue, property in Rockcastle County, to Russell A. and Betty Sue Collins. Tax \$1

Rodney Thomas Trowbridge, property on Hwy. 2614, to Rita Taylor. Tax \$35

Doris F. Moore and Everett Wayne Wilmott, property in Rockcastle County, to Scotty Wayne Hopkins. Tax \$160

Real Investments LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to John Russel and Sara Kathryn Daugherty. No tax

John Russel and Sara Kathryn Daugherty, property in Rockcastle County, to John Daugherty, Trustee. No tax

Marcella Stevens, property in Rockcastle County, to James E. and Ruth M. Lunsford. Tax

Scott and Selena Thompson, property on

Greenway Dr., to Jeremy and Jacindia Rowe. Tax \$253

District Civil Suits

November 8, 2021 Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Michael L. Adkin: fines/fees due (\$208), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Randy W. Allen: fines/ fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Betsy Baker: fines/fees due (\$223), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

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

Johnathan Robert Brown: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, \$100 fine plus costs and 30 days license suspension plus zero tolerance program.

Darious L. Bryant: fines/fees due (\$242), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

Amanda Byrd: fines/ fees due (\$386), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Shawn Christopher Clift: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

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

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

Ricky Duvall: fines/ fees due (\$237), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

If or payment in full.

Jeremy Flannery:

fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Kristopher Fletcher: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full,

Brandon Charles Fultz-Ray: no/expired registration plates - receipt and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Lloyd A. Hayes: fines/ fees due (\$543), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.

Joshua D. Malone: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Jack McCormick: fines/fees due (\$343), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full,

Carlos Ocampo Gomez: speeding, \$42 fine; no operators/moped license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Timothy Gordon Roberts: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

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

Tracy Peters Rogers: fines/fees due (\$398), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

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

John David Sargent: illegal possession of legend drug, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Teresa Dawn Slate: files/fees due (\$168), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

James Marvin Smith: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Sebastian J. Smith: fines/fees due (\$151), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

Bennie Lee Stephens: fines/fees due (\$148), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Chester Hargis: alcohol intoxication in a public place, one days in jail/costs merged.

Eric Matthew Powell: fleeing or evading police (two counts), operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 90 days each count/concurrent with five year sentence already serving, costs merged.

Jacob Stewart: receiving stolen property and public intoxication controlled substance, 90 days/each count/concur-

rent/costs merged.

Larry D. Woodall: possession of CS/Heroin, 120 days/concurrent/costs merged.

Jeremy Flannery: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

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Retired Teachers Assn. Notice

The Rockcastle County Retired Teacher Assn. will NOT meet again until February 16, 2022.

Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Monday, November 29th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow, Guest speaker will be 85th District State Representative Shane Baker. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

Rockcastle Health Department Thanksgiving Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closing at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 24th for a staff meeting and in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 8 a.m.

Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle County Kiwania 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.

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 frm 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 Of-

fice 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 859-230-9590/Kathryn 606-308-3099 or Tammy 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828. ••• Please call256-5577 by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

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

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon. Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. 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, 606-308-3099 or Tammy 606-308-1614.

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.

Saturday - Crystal Meth Anonymous: Saturday, 5 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Jason Debord 606-386-0646 or Rob Sandusky 606-386-3907.

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 Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

DAR Meetings

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



Indoor Yard Sale November 20th, 2021, 9-5pm!!



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Church News

Revival

Sand Springs Baptist Church will be In Revival November 15-20 at 7 o'clock nightly.

Evangelist will be Bro.
Johnny Shell from Lonndon. Bro. Eugene Gentry

and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Let the Bible Speak

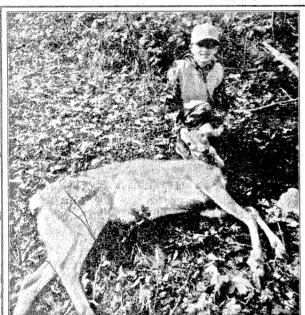
Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox TV.

Kenna's Kitchen November 23rd

Donations are still being accepted in the form of food or cash (to help offset costs of food) for the 21st Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal, "Kenna's Kitchen", at Mt. Vernon Elementary on Tuesday, November 23rd.

To schedule meals for delivery or to make a reservation for a drive-thru meal or for any donations/questions please contact Regina M. Hull-Brown—FRC Coordinator at 606-256-5173 or 606-392-1876.

Scheduled meals to be delivered between 3:45 and 6:00. Drive-thru meals with a reservation will be between 6:00 and 7:00.



Jacob Renner, of Mt. Vernon, shot his first deer October 9th. Special thanks to Eddie Wilson for taking him hunting and Adam Paquette for

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The Worst of Time

The world is in worse shape than it has ever been. It seems each new generation holds this opinion about their time in history, and rightly so. We see things take place right before our eyes, that have been prophesied, hundreds of years ago. The apostle Paul in writing to 2 Timothy 3:1-5 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away.

Daily, it seems we see mankind celebrating evil, and rejecting God, pass legislation that defiles God's natural law, making very difficult for man to obey God's words. We look at our children and worry about the life they must look forward to growing up in, this is becoming darker

We know Paul warned Timothy, of the perilous times that were a head, in the last days. How people would be lovers of their own selves and despisers of good.

This recalls, women rights to choose, the glorifying of homosexuality, men and women living together under one roof, but not married. Campaigns are launched against our children, attempting to convince them at an early age that these things are normal, and that traditional, Godly values are not only outdated, but wrong, that they should not only question the value of their parents, but outright reject them.

Our age is indeed concerning. However, perhaps we might take some comfort in knowing that for generations people have been worried about the immorality of their times, that we are not unique in our facing of godlessness in our world, that sin has always been glorified to one degree or another.

Therefore, it should encourage the child of God to know that along with godlessness, there has also existed a solution for navigating the sins of the age. Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness, in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

It is so important that we know and understand the God's word, this is the only way we can be prepared when satan comes calling and he will.

Thank you for reading this message. I pray God has blessed you with the things you need and you count your blessings and name them one by one. If you would like to get in touch with some from the church, you can reach us at these # 606-224-1480 or 859-582-4021

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How well are you feeding the lion?

Unfortunately, many are feeding the lion unknowingly, the lion that I'm talking about is the one mentioned in 1 Peter 5:8, Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 18-CI-00032

Lycaste, LLC

Plaintif

V.
Rebecca G. Coffey aka Rebecca Gail
Coffey, David Coffey, Beneficial Kentucky
Inc. dba Beneficial Mortgage Co.
of Kentucky
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 25, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND 84/100 (\$26,194.84) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street

Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Monday, November 29, 2021 ^{10 lig}t Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

390 Flat Gap Road, Berea, KY 40403 Map No. 040-00-056

Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Gail Coffey, single, as to a life estate to begin at the death of the last grantor, with remainder to the heirs of the grantors, David Coffey and his wife, Mary A. Coffey, who shall have a right to use and possession until the last to die, who acquired title by virtue of a deed from David Coffey and his wife, Mary A. Coffey, dated April 25, 1991, recorded May 6, 1991, at Official Records Volume 142, Page 631, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

The real property shall be sold together as a whole.

2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

4. The purchaser shall pay the 2021 local, county

and state property taxes.

5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid

from the sale proceeds.

6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid

from the proceeds of the sale.

7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:

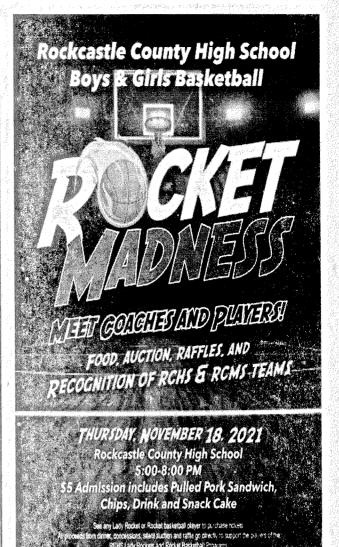
 Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.

 All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.

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The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner



Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 21-CI-00003

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff

V.

James D. Howard aka James Darrell Howard, PNC Bank, National Association fka National City Bank, unknown heirs, legatees, and devisees of James D. Howard aka James Darrell Howard

Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 24, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 25/100 (\$74,264.25) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Monday, November 29, 2021
Beginning at the Hour of 10:45 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot No. 17 of the Valley Manor Subdivision as shown on a plat of record in Plat Book 2, page 69, in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot.

200 Liberty Drive, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Map No. 046W-15-012

Being the same property conveyed to James D. Howard, single, by Deed dated September 2, 2011 and recorded on September 13, 2011 in Deed Book 236 Page 177 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a

whole.

2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

4. The purchaser shall pay the 2021 local, county and state property taxes.

5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.

6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

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2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, accord-

ing to law, to the said Matt

Maples or to James L. Cox,

P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon,

Ky. 40456 on or before April

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-Execu-

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the 26th day of October,

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Vance and Sheila Neal or to

Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box

247, Mt. Vernon, Ky 40456

on or before April 26, 2022.

Notice is hereby given that

Deborah B. Jones, 601 Mile

Lane, Campbellsville, Ky.

42718 has been appointed

Executrix of the Estate of

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of November, 2021. Any

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Victor and Debbie Francisco and located at 7194 S. Wilderness Road, Calloway in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 41x4

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Bobby and Clara Renner on Schoolhouse Hill Road in the Sand Springs area, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 42x5

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

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a.m. 41x3

Notice is hereby given that
Betty A. Henderson, P.O.
Box 370, Mt. Vernon, Ky.
40456 has been appointed

Box 370, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of David Henderson on the 8th day of November, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Betty A. Henderson or to Hon. Jerry J. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 9, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 41x3

Jones or to Hon. John D.

Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt.

Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or

before May 4, 2022 at 9:30

Notice is hereby given that Jimmie Daniel "Danny" Jones, 121 Sunset Drive, Frankfort, Ky. 40601 has been named Executor of the estate of Jimmie Van Jones on the 8th day of November, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jimmie Daniel "Danny" Jones or to Hon. Jerry J. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 9, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 41x3

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Help Wanted: Rockcastle Fiscal Court is now accepting applications for a County Road Department Mechanic. Candidate for Mechanic needs to have prior employment experience working with tractors, diesel and gas equipment as well as regular vehicle maintenance. Candidate must have references that

will reflect your experience in the field of work required. You may pick up an application at the County Judge's Office on the 2ndfloor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Office hours are Monday Thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. Phone: 606-256-2856

Help Wanted: Rockcastle Fiscal Court is now accepting applications for a Maintenance Technician for the Rockcastle County Courthouse. A candidate for maintenance technician will

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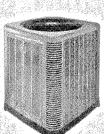
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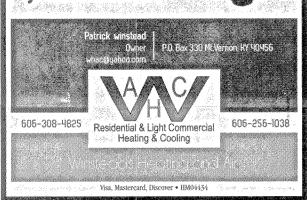
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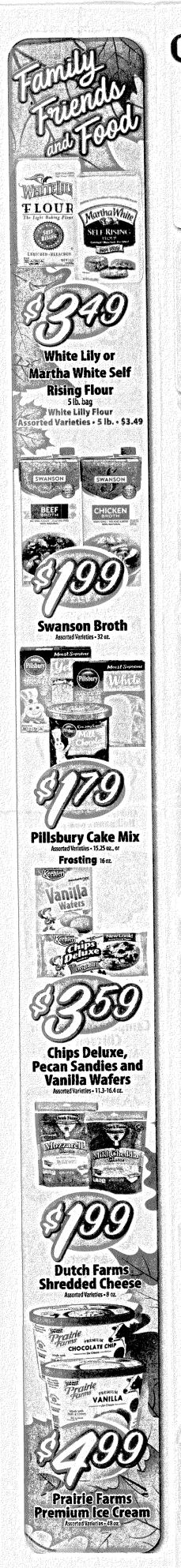
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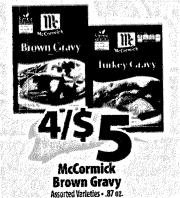
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