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The home of Phil and Charli Fox on Otter Lane in northern Rockcastle County suffered heavy damage after a blaze started near the attic space in the early hours of Monday morning. Officials with the Brindle Ridge Fire Department originally thought someone might be trapped inside. Firefighters made rapid entry into the structure but reports say no one was inside. Officials say all firefighters from different departments in the county worked well together to save the structure. Those on the scene were the Brindle Ridge, Mount Vernon, Brodhead, Livingston and Berea Fire Departments, Rockcastle EMS, Rockcastle Sheriff's Department, and the Kentucky State Police Fire Investigators. Though one firefighter was injured at the scene, his injury was not due to the fire. The cause is not known at presstime.

School board finalizes details for school year

Events to be streamed live

By: Mike French
Editor

The final Rockcastle County School Board meeting before the first day of school was held last Tuesday and opened with an emotional presentation from RCHS Principal J.D. Bussell. "This is what we do. It's what we have trained our entire lives for. Teach children and help them become better people. This is what we do," he said. "But this a brand new system and is very scary to us and though we have prepared, and I believe we are ready, we are all concerned and we worry that we are doing it right. It is a very emotional time for us all."

Bussell was referring to the virtual classes that began last week and the new equipment and software each student, parent and teacher will use. "Where we are taking a big hit is the social learning skills; working with others, communication with those around you and being with your peers," he said. "Students are now dealing with people on a screen."

However, Bussell continued to talk about countless benefits to the new system of virtual learning. "I am not worried that our students will do well," he said. "They are catching on so quickly and we are excited about the possibilities. We are ready. There will be glitches and we won't be great tomorrow, but we

will be better by Friday and better yet by next Friday and we will keep getting better."

Bussell said the first week of school this year would be a "trouble shooting week" but he ex-

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Tech helpline for parents

The Rockcastle County School Board has set up a help desk for parents or guardians needing help with the new technology involved in virtual learning. Any parent or guardian may call 606-256-1111 for information about Chromebooks or other technology questions.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life of Rockcastle County will hold a Survivor's Parade Friday, September 18th. A free box meal will be provided to all survivors and their guests but everyone is invited to enjoy the parade from West Main Street to RCMS. Survivors are asked to meet at the courthouse at 5:30. The parade will begin at 6:45. For more information call 256-7767 or 256-7703

Library open Saturdays

The Rockcastle County Public Library is now open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

112 cases in county

As of Friday, September 11th, there were 112 positive cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Rockcastle County with 39 additional probable cases. There remains only one hospitalization and one death in the county, according to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department. Neighboring Jackson County reports 16 deaths.

Fiscal court deals with many issues

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County fiscal court held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening with a two-page agenda.

As the first order of business, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office returned \$14,984 for 2019 to the county in excess fees and Sheriff Shannon Franklin thanked the court for help procuring two used vehicles as well as other progress the office has made over the past year. Franklin also said his office is in the process of applying for funds through the CARES Act which will reimburse his department for expenses caused by the COVID pandemic.

The Sheriff also discussed the two vehicles donated to the county from Lincoln County saying they have about 160,000 miles each but "seem to be in good condition and have no real

Adopts drug-free workplace

problems that we have found."

The court also reviewed the RCIDA budget which showed a balance of \$4,670.64. No

action was required.

The court agreed to reimburse \$1,220 in monthly support to the

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Brodhead to purchase new mini-excavator

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Brodhead City Commission focused most of their most recent meeting Monday night on the hope for a new mini-excavator.

The commissioners, along with Mayor Walter Cash, had discussed the

disrepair of the city's backhoe during several previous meetings but, due to finances and COVID-19 changes, the subject was tabled. However, at the meeting, commissioners were told that it would cost the city about \$1,600 in work and materials to repair the city's existing backhoe, after another recent breakdown.

Having discussed the subject before, and knowing the condition of the city's much-needed backhoe, Brodhead Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell was once again ready with numbers and specifications for a new mini-excavator. "There is no doubt that the water and sewer Department has to have a backhoe or excavator," said Bussell. "It is one of the most essential parts of either department."

Commissioner John Burton agreed. "We are basically paying for a new excavator every month in repairs anyway," said Burton. "Just this month alone we are about to basically make

two month's payments on a new excavator, just to

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Man accused of trying to grab Brodhead child

By: Mike French
Editor

Police arrested Joshua Bengé, 38, of Brodhead, after an incident with a minor on July 31, according to a complaint from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

According to the complaint, Bengé "intentionally placed another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury."

The report says County Attorney Jeremy Rowe was contacted by Brodhead Police Officer Josh Foster after a complaint was made stating that Bengé leaped from bushes and tried to assault or grab a juvenile female child in Brodhead.

According to the report, the child's mother

said that her daughter was able to escape before physical contact was made but that the man was "trying to grab her." The subject, later identified as Bengé, then ran away on foot.

Several days after the incident, that Bengé reportedly contacted the mother via Facebook and stated that he was the man in the bushes but that he had only entered the bushes to relieve himself and did not try to grab or assault the child.

Bengé was arrested by Foster and is being held on a \$1,000 cash bond along with the condition of wearing an ankle monitor under house arrest, if he is able to post bond.

The case is still under investigation.

Woman charged with stealing car

By: Mike French
Editor

Sabrina Nicole Neeley, 32, of Berea, was arrested August 28th in connection with a stolen car in Rockcastle County. Neeley was charged with trafficking in stolen vehicle parts, forgery in the second degree, theft of identity and theft by deception.

According to the citation, a Rockcastle woman, Vicki McDaniels, advised police that Neeley had taken her car.

Neeley said she asked

the McDaniels' son and then McDaniels for a ride but was turned down by both. However, Neeley later took off in the car without permission. It is unknown how Neeley started the car.

McDaniels was able to contact Neeley on a cell phone and Neeley reportedly promised to return the car, but did not.

Later, KSP Trooper Adam Hensley was able to locate Neeley who stated she had returned the car to McDaniels' son and that she had permis-

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

For the past three and a half months, our country has been in such turmoil and chaos that it has been hard to pinpoint just exactly what is the most distressing personally and which one thing do I most want to rail against each week.

Last week I was just so overwhelmed with being outraged over so many things that I just threw in the towel and didn't even try to express myself about what was most bothering me at that particular time.

Between then and now, I read one article that so outraged me that I found the target of this week's column without much trouble.

That outrage is due to the ACLU (you know, the American Civil Liberties Union?) taking Transylvania University to task for admitting Nicholas Sandmann as a student for this year's fall semester.

You will remember that Sandmann, at that time a senior at Covington Catholic High School, was involved in an incident at last year's Pro-Life Rally in Washington, D.C.

The incident involved Sandmann standing politely with a smile on his face while an activist got in his face beating a drum and chanting, I'm not sure what.

The media was outraged and immediately took the position that Sandmann had somehow created the incident and had shown great disrespect to the activist and everyone present with his "smirk" and the MAGA hat he was wearing.

Sandmann was viciously taken to task for several days in several national news outlet over the incident, even after it was well documented that he was not guilty of any-

thing except being a well-brought up young man who simply smiled politely during the entire time the activist was beating a drum and chanting in his face.

Anyway, Sandmann's attorney later filed suit against CNN, the Washington Post and several other national news organizations for libel and actually has, thus far, won undisclosed settlements from CNN and the WAPO.

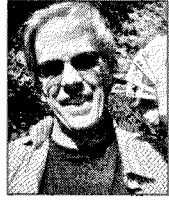
Anyway, none of this kept Samuel Crankshaw with the American Civil Liberties Union from bashing Transy's admittance of the young man by saying that it was "counter to Transy's mission" and another instance of "there not actually being equal sides to an issue" adding that his admittance to the school caused a "stain" on the institution's reputation.

Now, mind you, as I keep pointing out ACLU stands for American Civil Liberties Union, those civil liberties include freedom of speech but the ACLU does not think

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I saw a post on Facebook this week that sure brought back some good memories. A fellow talked about the opening day of Dove season and what a time he had.

Oh what I would give for one more day of Dove Season Opening Day with my Dad and my cousin Brian. At least it isn't one of those things that I think about and wish I had appreciated it more at the time. Because even then, I knew it was the best of days. I sat there almost basking in the very fact that I was there with them even at that time. There was nothing better than Opening Day.

I've always enjoyed all types of hunting. Squirrel hunting was among my favorites for a lot of different reasons. Squirrel meat was good but it was the hunt that was the biggest reason for the joy I had.

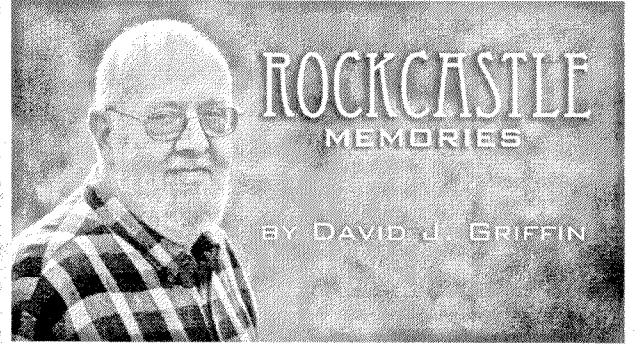
Every form of hunting has its own joys and, back in those days, there weren't nearly as many rules or worries about

moving dirt around so some conservationist would complain. We just hunted, provided meat for our family and didn't have to worry about daddy government telling us how to hunt or what to wear or some other crazy soil erosion complaint.

The quietness and connection with nature was the joy of squirrel hunting. We were always in the woods before sunrise. So I always had the chance to sit under my chosen tree and watch the sun slowly rise, the temperature slowly increase and hear the sounds of critters waking.

I have spent countless hours watching a spider

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Mercury Blues

For as long as I can remember, I have been fascinated by old cars. Even though my Dad and my grandfather (Pop) usually purchased Chevys or Fords, I always had my eye on a '49 or '50 Mercury. I suppose the first Mercury I noticed was owned by Billy Swinney. His was a '50, and he kept that sweet ride in almost perfect condition.

Every time I go to a "classic" car show, I look

for a restored Mercury. My wife and I visited a car show in St. Ignace Michigan several years ago. The finest Mercury I have ever witnessed was in that show.

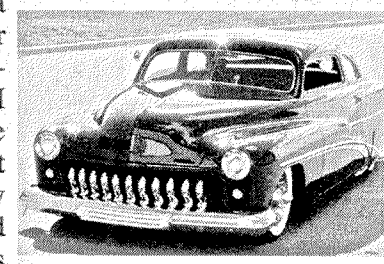
That '50 Mercury convertible was painted a dark metallic green. The ragtop and upholstery were tan leather. The vehicle was lowered and had "flipper" hubcaps. I walked around admiring that beauty for a very long time. That car had won Best in Show and was also admired by countless onlookers. Every time I think of a Mercury, my mind is drawn to that one in Michigan.

In 1993, Alan Jackson recorded the song, "Mercury Blues." In that song Jackson reminds me that if I ever win the lottery, I plan to purchase a Mercury—yes, even at my age.

Well if I had money Tell you what I'd do I'd go downtown and buy me a Mercury or two Crazy about a Mercury Lord I'm crazy 'bout a Mercury I'm gonna buy me a Mercury And cruise it up and down the road.

Well my baby went out She didn't stay long Bought herself a Mercury come a cruisin' home

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



My Weekend at Home

Dear Journal, What a quick weekend. It is now Sunday night and time for bed but it doesn't seem like it should be but about 2PM. I've just realized a few minutes ago that I haven't been any farther than the front porch all weekend.

Friday night we went to London to get a few things at Walmart. Congratulate me, it has been about a month since I've been in that place. I guess that the last time I was there I got so disgusted it just soured on me. I dropped Stanley off and parked way down in the

lower parking lot...where the teens go to congregate. In the few minutes I was there I heard a near fight or so almost break out, several cars and motorcycles "peel out", other cars speeding, loud talking and a drug deal go bad. This was just about 8 PM. Guess it got really rough later in the night. After about fifteen or twenty minutes I went closer to the store or might find myself testifying in court being a witness to something. Should have just called

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I'm just fine with Xrays when it comes to taking images of body parts, even when I sometimes have to go back and have them do it again. That has only happened two times out of several dozen but I'd rather have to walk barefoot, 40 miles, to a hospital in Lexington for an Xray than undergo a "scan" of any sort at some place close by, especially if it is

going to cover up my head.

Unfortunately an Xray has no utility when it comes to most of my afflictions. Thanks to 3 strokes and Mr. Parkinson, I've been through 6 MRIs to have my head examined and every one of them have made me experience claustrophobia so badly that I could only endure them with some sort of mind altering drug that made me cease caring what they did to me but caused me to have several hours of severe headaches and nausea after I got home.

Strangely enough, I'd had no serious reaction to an MRI I'd had before Parkinson's came to call. Not that I'd wanted to do it again but, while nearly an hour of very loud clanging and banging while totally closed in a huge steel coffin had been a major aggravation, it was far from being unbearable. Post Parkinson's, I simply can't tolerate it without

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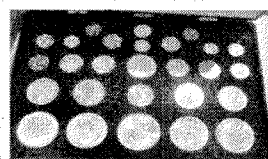
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“ramblings”

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that Sandmann is entitled to this protection because his speech dared to include wearing a MAGA hat showing his support for our President and attending a national pro-life rally.

Even Transy assistant professor and diversity scholar Avery Tompkins called Sandmann’s “public behavior and rhetoric atrocious and uninformed,” adding that the young student “must ac-

cept her class as gospel,” the *National Review* reported. “We can’t not admit academically qualified students due to their political views,” Tompkins said. “If he ends up in my class, fine. He must learn something that is actually based on research and evidence.” I assume meaning that attending a pro-life rally and wearing a MAGA hat are anathema to research and evidence, of what I’m not sure.

Tompkins later issued

an apology (maybe because Transy demanded it?), saying “I want to apologize for my mistake in singling out a student and any misunderstanding that arose from that.”

Transy itself told the *National Review* that it would be reviewing the situation and that, “Transylvania, like nearly every campus, is composed of those holding the full range of viewpoints.”

It is an unsettling time. Policemen are ambushed and barely escape with their life, well-organized rioters loot, burn, injure and kill in any city they can find where a policeman has had to use their weapon in defense of themselves or others.

In Compton, California, two Los Angeles Sheriff’s Deputies were ambushed and shot numerous times, while sitting in their patrol car, and on-lookers cheered and didn’t bother to call for help for them. Protestors then proceeded to the hospital and blocked the entrance to the hospital while shouting they hoped the policemen died (both are still in critical condition but expected to survive).

Members of all the professional sports are participating in kneeling during the national anthem, although one football team stood for the “black” national anthem then knelt for the American National Anthem. NFL players are putting the names of black men who have been killed by police on their helmet. Saints QB Drew Brees put the name of Jacob Blake on his helmet, completely forgetting about the 15 year old girl Blake is accused of raping and beating. And, don’t forget, Democrat VP candidate Kamala Harris told Blake that she was “proud of him.”

Then, of course, we have to wonder how the election will turn out. If President Trump should be reelected, there is every indication that Democrats will challenge the legitimacy of his win. When an embittered Hillary Clinton advises Joe Biden to “never concede” she is calling for chaos and that’s what we will see.

Hold on folks, it’s only going to get worse, the closer we get to the election.

“Aces”

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build his entire web from scratch while waiting on the first squack. I’d often watch a fly get trapped and watch the spider wrap him up and go hide waiting for another victim.

If you took a twig and barely tickled the web, you can trick the spider and he will leap from his hiding spot and attack the stick thinking it was a bug of some sort. They always seemed somehow angry when they went back into hiding after finding out it was just a stick.

I’d watch ants build their hills, birds build their nests and other creature’s habits from up close because I was always very well camouflaged.

I always knew exactly where Dad and Brian were so that I wouldn’t shoot in that direction no matter how tempting the shot may have been.

It was indeed a wonderful morning.

But Dove Hunting was even better. We didn’t have to be quiet.

The Dove, we would shoot shortly was a mile away at the moment so we could laugh and talk and drink coffee so hot steam rose from the cup in the cool of the morning.

We sat on five gallon buckets and faced different directions so we had the whole sky covered. Whoever saw a Dove, which has a very distinctive flight pattern, would say “comin’ over,” and the other two would shoulder our shotguns and stop talking for a moment.

There was a bag limit of course, but blah, blah, government. We shot Doves until we were done and could feed the whole family. We didn’t worry about how many Doves some dude in a tie in Frankfort thought we should eat. And yes, I rode in the back of a pick up truck to get to the Dove field.

One year, someone may have accidentally spilled some wheat out in a field. We tried to clean it up, but it sure is hard to get it all. (Insert wink here).

It was family time at it’s absolute best. Laughter, joy, lessons, feeding the family, happiness, fellowship and appreciating God’s creation.

Oh what I would give for those days again but the truth is, I am blessed that I had them at all.

“Points East”

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a shot of serious joy juice.

Most of my CT scans over the last several years have involved intravenous injections of a dye that makes me feel absolutely sure I am going to pee all over myself and wet the machine down. That has never happened but a couple of times I have felt so sure it had that I’ve raised alarms and they had to start over. The only thing worse than having a CT scan is having to do it twice as far as I’m concerned, but at least there is no banging and clanging and, before last week, the scanner had never been completely over my head.

Nor had it ever taken more than 10 or 15 minutes, start to finish. Last week I had to take an iv injection that lasted 15 minutes and then wait 3 hours for a full body bone density scan that they told me would last for at least 35 minutes when I came back. The upside was that I felt absolutely no sensation from the injection and no sense that

I was going to wet my pants.

I spent the next three hours dreading the fact that my head was going to be face up about three inches from the scanner. While Loretta was taking pictures of geese, ducks, a great blue heron and the landscape of Lake Reba in Richmond, I sat in the car, parked in a shady spot beside the lake, trying to figure out how I might more easily endure the rapidly approaching full body scan.

After we got back to the hospital I still hadn’t come up with anything and asked the radiologist if she might administer some joy juice. She assured me that my head was only going to be under the scanner for less than 5 of the 35 minutes it would take to do the full scan and suggested I simply close my eyes and think happy thoughts. She said she’d tell me when the scanner had gotten past my face if I wanted to open my eyes and if that didn’t work they’d figure something out and start over. She had already told me that if I moved anything under the scanner, it would have to be redone.

I decided then and there, come hell or high water, I was not going to do anything that might prolong the scan. Immediately after the room went dark my nose began to itch but I dared not reach to scratch it. Sheer torture ensued but determination saved the day.

Then I decided what I needed was a mental bluegrass music concert. I started with Flatt and Scruggs’ “Cabin on the Hill” then into Bill Monroe’s “I haven’t seen Mary in Years” with all the instrumental breaks included. I switched off to Larry Sparks’ “A Face in the Crowd” and liked it so much I did it again before taking off with “Blue Virginia Blues” and another encore where I just barely kept from tapping my feet.

Midway through “John Deere Tractor”, the lights suddenly came on and the radiologist said, “Wow. You nailed on the first try. Congratulations! That hardly ever happens with this one.”

I didn’t tell her how much I enjoyed the concert but the whole thing took exactly 35 minutes. I checked my watch as soon as she handed it back to me because it felt like no more than ten. I think I’m onto something when it comes to CT scans.

“T.J.s”

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the police. We had “dinner with the dead” (in the cemetery) again from Long John Silvers this time. We just don’t eat inside any more. I really miss it. We parked for a few minutes in Livingston to watch the homecoming show and were going to get something to eat but absolutely nobody had on a mask except for one man. Bless your heart, whoever you were.

Saturday morning, I had intended to go to church but I got up hurting pretty badly and had the “feel bads”. I read my Bible, listened to an audio sermon and Bible study and said about an hour long prayer. I didn’t leave much out that I could think of, anyway. See, it can be done at home. Then I took advantage of the “rest” part the remainder of the day.

Stanley fixed gravy and biscuits for breakfast Sunday morning. That really hit the spot. I spent a few minutes on the porch and it was really pouring the rain. Terry came out from under my handicap ramp near the porch. He was crawling along and walked into a big puddle of water at the side of the porch. He was covered up in water and he finally came out. I thought he had drowned. I went to get Stanley to check on him to see if he was all right. I didn’t know that turtles could swim... at least very much. Terry was just fine.

I spent the rest of the day sorting through several boxes of things I have been meaning to look through forever. I found a lot of things I had wondered about for a long time. Now they have been found. I even found one ancestry book of my Ponders and Holcombs. It is through the Holcombs, I believe, my family is related to the royal line in England. Guess I have to drop in on Cousin Liz and stay for a few days. I didn’t get around to doing all of the things I had wanted to do but whoever does, anyway? I didn’t have to cook. We had pepper steak with whole grain and wild rice from last night and other things. I finally got the watermelon preserves made, though. Now, this weekend is over and the countdown until next weekend begins.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

She’s crazy ‘bout a Mercury Yeah she’s crazy ‘bout a Mercury

So, if you ever see me (or my wife) driving around in a classic 1949 or ‘50 Mercury, you will know that we did in fact win the lottery. We could then be found taking to the back roads of Kentucky with the radio turned all the way up.

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



Register...

Dear Editor,

Brodhead City Commission candidates Jerry Adams, Teddy Rose and Harold Taylor will be at the old Gulf station at 545 S. Main St. in Brodhead this Thursday at 7 p.m. to help register anyone wishing to vote in the upcoming election.

Thank You,
Bob Lunsford

Mayor’s message

Mayor Mike Bryant

The City of Mount Vernon wishes Livingston Mayor Jason Medley the very best upon his leaving the mayor’s office on September 14. Thanks Mayor, for the great job you have done for Livingston during your tenure for the last 8 years.

Your leadership, and that of the members of the Livingston City Commission, will certainly not be forgotten. The progress in your town has been wonderful,

Jason, as Mayor of Mount Vernon, I will especially miss you. Working with you has not only been productive for both of our towns but also a pleasure.

You and your sweet family are such an asset to Livingston and our county and I will continue to value our friendship

As a community minded person and a business owner in your city, I know you will continue to be so needed there

Again, thank you, First Lady Natosha, and your family for all you have done and for all you will do yet.

God bless you!

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Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

The Rockcastle Co. Farm Bureau Federation will be holding their Annual Meeting at the Rockcastle Co. Farm Bureau office on Friday, September 18th beginning at 4 p.m. Due to current COVID-19 mandates and regulations, there will not be a meal served, no entertainment and no door prizes.

RCHS Alumni Banquet Rescheduled

The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1960-1969. For more information, go to rchs.org or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

Republican Party Meeting

The Rockcastle Republican Party will host a meeting next Monday, September 21, at noon. The meeting will be held on Zoom. All Republican are invited to attend. Please contact rockcastleGOP@gmail.com for meeting information.

Parker Seal Picnic Cancelled

The Parker Seal Picnic, originally scheduled for September 26th has been cancelled this year due to Coronavirus concerns. It will be held next year on September 21st. For more information, call Ruth at 606-308-2376.

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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Obituaries

Martha Mae Byrd Renner

Martha Mae Byrd Renner, 61, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, September 12, 2020 at her home. She was born in Lincoln County on August 23, 1959, the daughter of Robert Lee and Cordie Marie Gibbons Byrd. She was a homemaker and was of the Pentecostal Faith. She enjoyed collecting, crafts, and flowers.

She is survived by: her children, Scottie Dale Renner and Sherry Fusion of Mt. Vernon, Brandy Marie and William Hellard of Orlando, and Stephanie Melissa Shepherd of Brodhead; two brothers, Simon Byrd of Orlando, and Bobby Byrd of Jackson County; and two sisters, Ann and Sterling Hoskins of Orlando, and Phyllis Polly and John Poynter of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are: eight grandchildren, Austin, Nathan, Courtney, Cassidy, Shyann, Javen, Josh, and Katlyn; two great grandchildren, Zachary and Allison; and a special friend, James Russell. She was preceded in death by: her mother and dad; and a niece, Amy Moore.

Visitation services were held Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with cremation following.

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

Gladys (Wynn) Chesnut

Gladys (Wynn) Chesnut, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, September 11, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born August 29, 1944 in Louellen, KY to the late Gilbert and Lavina (Blevins) Wynn. She was a member of the Flat Rock Baptist Church, liked cats, flowers, and reading.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her three children, Gilbert Lee Chesnut of Maple Grove, Marilyn Chesnut of Mt. Vernon, and Robert Glen (Teresa) Chesnut of Maple Grove; seven grandchildren, April Reynolds, Felicia Chesnut Susan Chesnut, Kim Mason, Kayman Baldwin, Bret Holt Chesnut and Noah Holt Chesnut; five great grandchildren; and two sisters, Janice Helton of Crab Orchard and Jean (Lonnice) McGuire of Brodhead.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Floyd Chesnut; one grandson, Steven Russell Baldwin; two brothers, Raymond Wynn, William "Will" Wynn; and one sister, Alice Carpenter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Buford and Shannon Parkerson officiating. Burial followed in Wynn Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Lonnie McGuire, Jason McGuire, Perry Mason, Dean Baldwin, Robert Chesnut, Kayman Baldwin, and Brandon Reynolds.

Condolences may be made at:
www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Jearl "Derwin" Cromer

Jearl "Derwin" Cromer, 62, lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, August 9, 2020. Loving son of Jearl and Berniece (nee Burton) Cromer. Devoted husband of Tami Cromer. Cherished (step) father of Anthony Conway, Kelsey Conway, and Elise Strickland. Dear grandfather of Luke Conway. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Preceded in death by grandparents, Grover and Mattie Burton, Elmer and Leatrice Cromer and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Derwin was a friend to all that knew him and had a smile that would light up a room. His laugh was infectious. He worked for 30+ years as a Geology Consultant in the oil fields and loved his work. He loved his family and friends but above all he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Derwin was a faithful member of the Goshen Church of Christ. He has received his reward and is no longer suffering. While everyone who knew him will miss him terribly, his spirit will live on in our hearts.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private Celebration of Derwin's Life will be held at his family's home.

Mary Frances Lamberth

Mary Frances (Carmack) Lamberth, 72, of Danville, formerly of Crab Orchard, died Saturday, September 12, 2020 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Brodhead on June 19, 1948, to the late Robert Damon and Virginia Lee (Sowder) Carmack. She was a member of Danville Church of God. Mary was fun loving and she never met a stranger. She dearly loved her family and friends.

Survivors include: her daughter, Ann Lamberth McKittrick of Richmond; four grandchildren, Charla, Issac, Christian and Harmony; nine great grandchildren, Braydon, Kyla, Devon, Dameon, Matthew, Michelle, Mariah, Kayson and Hayzel; four sisters, Gladys J. Wood, Nora Lucille (Max) Tipton, Charlolette Ann (David) Farthing, and Doris Jane (Sonny) Grooms.

In addition to her parents and grandparents, Mary was preceded in death by: her son, Steve Damon Lamberth; a sister, Joyce Ellen Carmack; and a brother, Charles Kay Carmack.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, September 18, 2020 at Danville Church of God, 516 South 4th Street, Danville, with Pastor Bryan Montgomery officiating.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday, September 18 at Danville Church of God.

Private family burial will be held at a later date.

Pallbearers include: Rob Pendergraft, Max Tipton, Matthew, and Mark and Charles Horn, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers: Christian Jamel, Isaac Lamberth, David Farthing and Sonny Grooms.

Memorial contributions suggested to the Crab Orchard Cemetery Fund or The Mary Lamberth Memorial Fund, c/o McKnight Funeral Home, P.O. Box 97, Crab Orchard, Kentucky 40419.



Beatrice Corine Waddle

Beatrice Corine Waddle, 84, of Livingston, died Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Livingston on May 20, 1936, the daughter of Everett C. and Hazel Wagner. She was a former dispatcher for the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office and was a member of Morning View Holiness Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Farmer Waddle; two sons, Randall (Karen) Pearson of Eaton, OH and Russell (Holly) Pearson of Germantown, OH; five grandchildren, Lacey and Ryan Roy, Max Pearson, Clint and Donna Pearson, Austin and Marisa Pearson, and Katie and Nic Brock; four great grandchildren, Elizabeth, Joey, Charlotte, and Hazel; six step-children, Farmer, Jr. and Melony Waddle, Sandy and Mike Bartel, Rosemary and Bill Page, Holly Waddle, Nina and Ron Burnett, and Brandon Smith; four brothers, Thomas and Melissa Wagner of Mt. Vernon, Delbert and Jenny Wagner of McKee, Everett Wagner of Livingston, and Samuel Brown of Pineville; and four sisters, Centena and Lester Carpenter of Livingston, Edna and Wayne Clines of Enigma, GA, Gladys and Johnny Carpenter of Mt. Vernon, and Mandy and Ray Carpenter of Brodhead. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her foster parents, Harrison and Mary Eversole; a daughter, Debbie; a brother, Joseph Wagner; and two sisters, Fannie Alice Taylor and Nadine Clark.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 13, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Burgess Daugherty and Jason Medley. Burial was in Morning View Cemetery.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Eugene Keith Haight

Eugene Keith Haight, 72, died Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born October 2, 1948 in Columbus, OH, to the late Thornton Keith Haight and the late Betty Jean Smith Haight. Eugene served our country in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was of the Church of God faith. He was a life member of the VFW. A carpenter, mason in the construction business. He enjoyed traveling and fishing.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his fiancée, Mary Durham of Mt. Vernon; his children, Randy Haight, Troy Haight, Brian Haight, and Regina Capilla (Carlos) of Parsons, TN; grandchildren, Josh Haight, Brian Jude, Adrianna Parra, Tosha Haight, Justin Haight, Brittany Haight, Troy Dean Haight, Judy Haight, Billy Haight, Ashley Haight and Chance Lawson; brothers, Richard Haight (Jean) of Crab Orchard and Randy Haight; a sister, Lana Walker (Sam) of Columbus, OH; special friends, Joe and Pam McFerron; special buddies, Rose and Larry Dal Bryant; special friend, Lori Gray; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Keith Haight.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 10, 2020 with Bro. Dwayne Carpenter officiating.

Condolences at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Billy Joe Robinson

Billy Joe Robinson, 67, of Livingston, died Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Billy was born September 3, 1953 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Morris and Opal (Raines) Robinson. He was of the holiness faith, served in the US Air Force, was a retired security guard, enjoyed family, fishing, collecting knives, and watching traffic from his front porch.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Linda Mae (Morris) Robinson; children, Chris Robinson (Alethea) of Brodhead, Jody (Carmin) Robinson of Oklahoma, and Jenny Lynn Robinson of Texas; step-children, Rebecca Hundley of Mt. Vernon, and Jimmy Clark, Jr. of Brodhead; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, Wayne Robinson of Alexandria, KY; one sister, Barbara Ann (Burgess) Daugherty; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by: one stepdaughter, Patricia Clark; one brother, Wilmer Robinson; and one nephew, Tommy Daugherty.

Services were conducted Monday, September 14, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jim Miller officiating. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Condolences at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Donald Lee Long

Donald Lee Long, 71, of Brodhead, husband of Sue, died Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. He was born October 10, 1948 in Cincinnati, OH to Albert and Sylvia (Noe) Long. He married Betty Sue Reynolds on April 10, 1971. He attended Fairview Church of Christ, worked in the automotive business for 43 years, and was an avid collector. Don was a problem-solver, often coming up with out-of-the-box solutions. He never met a stranger, was a loving, caring, father figure, and friend to many, always lending a hand to anyone.

He leaves behind: his wife of 49 years, Betty Sue Long; mother-in-law, Bonnie Reynolds; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Curt Herrington officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: David Bullock, Chase Thompson, Eddie Thompson, Shawn Brown, Billy Lovell, and Jonas Stevens.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fairview Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at:
www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Roger D. Hopkins

Roger D. Hopkins, 68, of Brodhead, died Thursday, September 10, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born August 23, 1952 in Berea, to the late Virgil and Dollie Marie (Denney) Hopkins, Sr. He was a retired construction worker who loved sitting in town and visiting with his friends.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 34 years, Reda (Singleton) Hopkins; a son, R.J. Hopkins of Brodhead; five brothers, Virgil Hopkins, Mike Hopkins, Robert (Teresa) Hopkins, Tim (Dina) Hopkins, and Bruce (Betsy) Hopkins, all of Brodhead; five sisters, Peggy Hopkins, Judy Mize, Jenny (Rick) Miller, and Donna (Larry) Poynter, all of Brodhead, and Doris (Ricky) Smith of Mt. Vernon; mother-in-law, Betty Singleton; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Eddie Hopkins and Donald Ray Hopkins, Sr., and his father-in-law, Raymond Singleton.

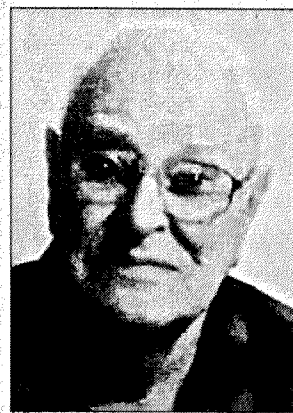
Funeral services were held Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Randal Adams and Chris Bishop officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Donnie Moberly, Shannon Mize, Chris Bishop, Brandon Bishop, Josh Smith, and Timothy Hopkins. Honorary pallbearers were: Mark Singleton, Tom Jones, and Mike Silcox.

Condolences may be made at:
www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Clinton M. Allen

Clinton M. Allen, 90, of Richmond, IN, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Born March 30, 1930, in Rockcastle County to George



W. and Fannie Jennings Allen, Clinton moved to Wayne County, IN, in 1950. He retired from Thoro System Products in 1992. He was a member of Eaton Pike Pentecostal Tabernacle in Richmond. He was a joker and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and gardening. Clinton loved his family dearly and enjoyed spending time with them.

Survivors include: his wife of 23 years, Margaret M. Wilmoth Allen; daughters, Donna J. Allen of Richmond and Patty S. (Larry) Whitton of South Carolina; sons, David R. (Alisa) Allen and Brian S. (Lynnette) Allen, both of Centerville, IN; stepchildren, Edward (Sue) Reagan of Richmond, Terry (Molly) Wilmoth of Webster, IN, Diana (Jim) Vaughn and Greg (Wanda) Wilmoth, both of Richmond, and Barbara Smith of Centerville; grandchildren, Travis, Kevin, Michael, Chase, and Jared; four great grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by: his first wife of 43 years, Una M. Hellard Allen, who died June 28, 1994; parents; sisters, Odella Carpenter, Zena Golden, Eva Ebnet, Georgia Davidson, Flonie Chaney, Zora Shell, and Novella Bell; and brothers, Bentley, Orbie, Randle, and Ira Allen.

Services for Clinton M. Allen will be private. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Fern Sowder

Fern Sowder, 92 of Salem, IN, died Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 12:03 p.m., in Salem Crossing. She was born July 24, 1928 in Mt. Vernon. She was the daughter of the late Bessie Norton. She was a retired employee of the old Smith Cabinet Manufacturing Company in Salem, a graduate of Mt. Vernon High School. She loved country music and was an avid Quilter.



On April 6, 1946 she married Howard Sowder, who passed away October 27, 1993.

Survivors include: three daughters, Reda (Perry) Alexander of Salem, IN, Judy (Charlie) Nicley of Mt. Vernon and Janet (Dave Sebastian) Bowling of Salem, IN; three sons, Vernon (Jenny) Sowder of Mt. Vernon, Randall (Scarlet) Sowder of Salem, IN and Melvin Kent Sowder of LaGrange; one brother, Jerome (Barbara) Cox of Honolulu, HI; 13 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at Dawalt Funeral Home with Minister Annetta Rosenberg officiating. Interment was at Winslow Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions to: Winslow Cemetery Fund, C/O Rhonda & Lester Sowder, 3713 North Glen Miller Road, Salem, Indiana 47167.

Senior Night this Friday Sports events to be much different than previous years

By: Mike French
Editor

Friday, September 18 the Rockcastle County Rockets will make their home debut when they face Adair County during Senior Night for this year's football season.

After state mandates changed plans many times, Rockcastle County sports is moving ahead. But there will be no more grabbing a hotdog or popcorn and gathering with friends at the game.

Each football player, band member and cheerleader, will receive four tickets to sell and the opposing teams will receive 120 tickets to pre-sell.

All tickets to any football game will be presold. There will be no money exchanged at football games, according to a press release by RCHS Athletic Director Mike McNabb.

But a ticket alone will not get you into a game this year. All fans attending a game must have their pre-purchased ticket and a completed health screening form (which will be given out with each ticket sold) with them when they arrive for a game, according to the new policy. Fans will not be allowed to enter

the parking lot without the form and the ticket.

Temperatures will also be taken on every individual attending a game and no one will be admitted if their temperature is higher than 100.4.

There are also many other requirements during the game that fans must meet, including wearing a mask. According to the new policy, "all fans in attendance will be required to wear mask/face covering at all times."

And though families will be allowed to sit together, all fans must remain at least six feet away from all other families.

Concessions will be open during the games but only prepackaged items will be sold.

Fans may purchase tickets at volleyball games but once 40% capacity of the gymnasium is reached, sales will cease.

Health screening forms will be required at volleyball games as well and temperatures will also be taken before entry is allowed.

For more information and regulations concerning Rockcastle County sports, or other school information visit the Rockcastle County School website at rockcastle.kyschools.us.

Virtual Hunger Walk

The Christian Appalachian project is hosting the 2020 Virtual Hunger Walk on Thursday September 17. You may join virtually or walk anytime in September and wear an orange shirt proudly.

Share photos and tag CAP@christapproj.

Non perishable food items may be dropped at Grateful Bread Food Pantry, First Baptist Church or City Hall in Mount Vernon.

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Notice

A lawsuit styled MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP vs. LIZZIE KIRBY, ET AL, has been filed with the Rockcastle Circuit Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, Civil Action No. 20-CI-00002 regarding 18.0 acres of land, more or less, of which the Defendant, the Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devises, if any, of Lora Jane Howard, may be claiming an interest, which land is further described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Luther Howard and his wife, by Deed dated July 18, 1996, and of record in Deed Book 162, Page 366 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

A tract and parcel of land lying and being in Rockcastle County and state of Kentucky and in the field of White Oak Branch and Rockcastle River of Kentucky and founded as follows:

Corner to Bert Mullins land thence down a dam to an old water gap in the Hollow corner of W.M. Peters land, thence up the hill to a fallen Black Oak on top of the hill corner to the U.S. Forest and Hurley thence down the hill a northern direction to a stone in the Hollow corner to U.S. trust land thence up the drain to a rope on a standing drain thence up said drain, about 100 yards to a Hickory on branch thence up the drain a southwest corner to a small wood on north side of branch thence north about 100 yards to a Poplar and thence to a hill with an old road to the beginning containing 41 acres of same land.

Stacy Byrns-Taulbee, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1973, Richmond, KY 40476 has been appointed Warning Order Attorney to notify Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devises, if any, of Lora Jane Howard as any or all of them may be entitled to and/or claiming an interest in the property identified in the Complaint. Notice is hereby given that any person who may have interest should contact Rockcastle Circuit Court or Attorney Stacy Byrns-Taulbee at 859-248-2427 immediately or your interest may be forever barred.

Reunion Notices

Todd Reunion

The Todd Family Reunion will be held Saturday, September 19th, 70. Lunch will be at noon. Bring a covered dish.

Burdette Reunion Cancelled

The Burdette Reunion, originally scheduled for September 19th, has been cancelled because of the Coronavirus.

Card of Thanks

Bobby Taylor

The family of Bobby Taylor would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy shown to us during the death of our husband, daddy, and pap-pa. We are thankful to the many medical personnel who provided care to him. We deeply appreciate the staff at Marvin E. Owners Home for Funerals for their caring service. The outpouring of kindness and support continue to be a great comfort to us in this time of great sadness.

June, Jeleta, Regina and Family

Homecoming and Revival

McNew Chapel Baptist Church will hold their homecoming service on Sunday, September 20th at 11 a.m. with Bro. Rayburn May preaching.

Revival services will begin Monday, September 21st and 7 p.m. and continue through Friday, September 25th. Bro. Kenneth Thompson will be the evangelist. Everyone is invited to attend.

Deadline for news and classifieds is 4 p.m. Monday

Yet A Little Sleep

Proverbs 24:23-24 a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep, so shall thy poverty come as one that travails, and thy want as an armed man. The man that asks for a few winks or a little more rest. Yet by these little minutes the day ebbs out, and the time for labor is all gone, and the field is grown over with thorns.

It is by little procrastinations that men ruin their souls. They have no intentions in delaying, but a few moments turn into days and days into weeks and weeks into months and months into years. Like sands of an hour-glass, time passes, life is wasted by dribbles, and season of grace is lost by little slumbers.

Oh, to be wise to catch the flying hour, to use the moments on the wing. May the Lord teach us this sacred wisdom, for otherwise a poverty of the worst sore awaits us, eternal poverty which shall want a drop of water, and beg for it in vain.

Psalms 90:12 Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. That we don't take the time we have for granted, but that we use every moment wisely, in our service unto the Lord.

We can look at the example of the ants. Proverbs 6:6-8 Go to the ant thou sluggard, consider thy ways, and be wise. Which having no guide, overseer or ruler. Provides her meat in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest. Even one of the smallest creatures on this earth, understands, they must be busy when the time is right and take advantage of each day God gives on this earth, if they want to survive. There is no one that tells the ant these things, but they understand if they don't work, they don't eat and if they don't gather food in the summer, there will be no harvest in the winter.

The Bible tells us of a great harvest at the end of the world, Matthew 13:38-40 The field is the world, the good seed are the children of the kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one. The enemy that sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world.

Folks we need to wake from our sleep because when we see the Lord in the sky it will be too late. Ask yourself isn't it time to wake from your sleep and save your soul, by believing Jesus Christ is the son of God, repenting of your sins, confessing the Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins. (Anything, that keeps Christians humble is healthy for the church.) Thank you for reading this article and I pray that God blesses you with the things you need and keeps you safe. If you would like to ask a question, give us a call—Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104.

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Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!

Non-Profits such as churches, school groups, clubs or other organizations which have a tax-exempt ID number on file, may now raise needed funds to help their respective organization or group.

By participating in this opportunity, you will be able to earn funds for your group by cleaning up roadside trash, while simultaneously helping to beautify Rockcastle County!

As long as funding remains available, the Rockcastle County Solid Waste office will assign qualifying groups or organizations a road and/or section of road to be cleaned up. Supplies of safety vests, signage, and trash disposal items will be provided.

Simply contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste office at 606-256-1902 for further details.



Provoke

"Provoke," literally, "to call forth," hence, to excite or stir up, whether in a good or bad sense in the sense of "to make angry." (Deuteronomy 4:25; 9:18; 1 Kings 14:9, 15).

Deut. 4:25: When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:

Deut. 9:18: And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

The point is that God was provoked to anger by his people and this begs the question, Can we still provoke God to anger? When you look at the state of our nation, I would say that his anger has been provoked and when we ask the question, Why is his anger provoked?

We can look at the children of Israel that their unbelief and disobedience caused God's wrath.

Heb. 3:12-19: See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁴We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion." ¹⁶Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not those who disobeyed? ¹⁹So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

We need to be a Nation that provokes the words in Hebrews 10:24. "Consider one another to provoke unto love and good works."

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.
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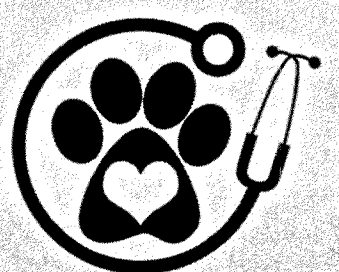
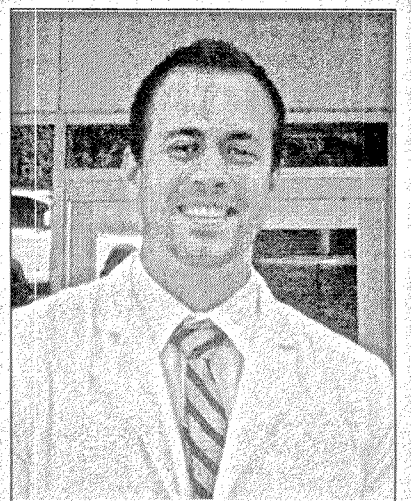
Rockcastle Vet Clinic welcomes Dr. Kevin Joenborg

Dr. James Chism of the Rockcastle Vet Clinic is happy to announce the addition of Dr. Kevin Joenborg to his practice.

Dr. Joenborg is a native of Denmark and worked under Dr. Chism during his undergraduate work at Berea College. He went on to graduate from Auburn University Veterinary School in May 2019. He practiced in Stanford, Ky. prior to joining Dr. Chism.

Dr. Joenborg is married to Dr. Mary Saylor Joenborg (daughter of Dr. Karen Saylor). They have made their home in Brodhead. Fun Fact: Dr. Chism introduced the couple to one another in his very own exam room approximately five years ago.

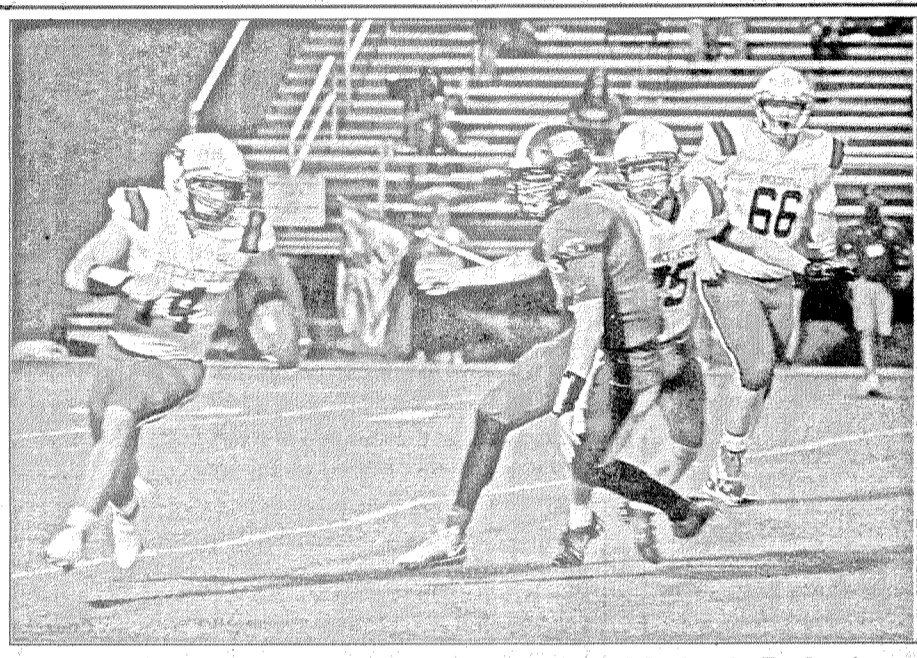
After returning to Brodhead 10 months ago, Drs. Kevin and Mary Joenborg are thrilled to be reunited with the community and honored to serve the needs of human and animal health alike.



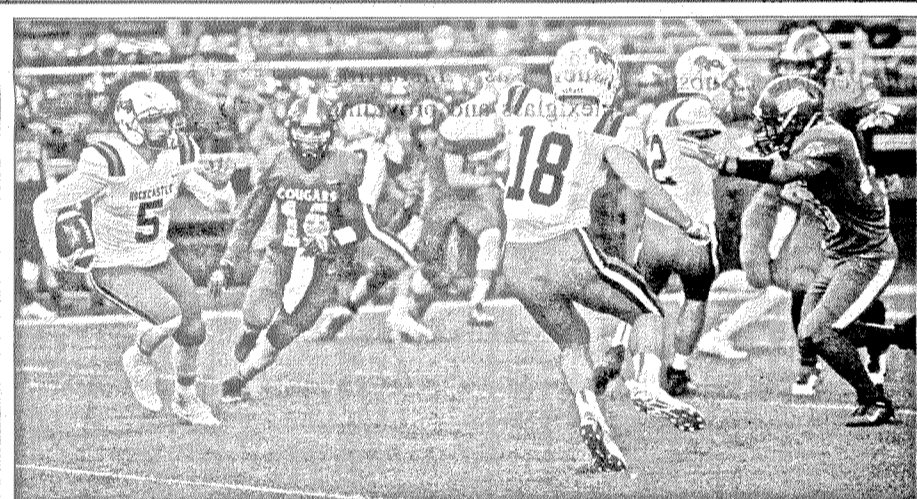
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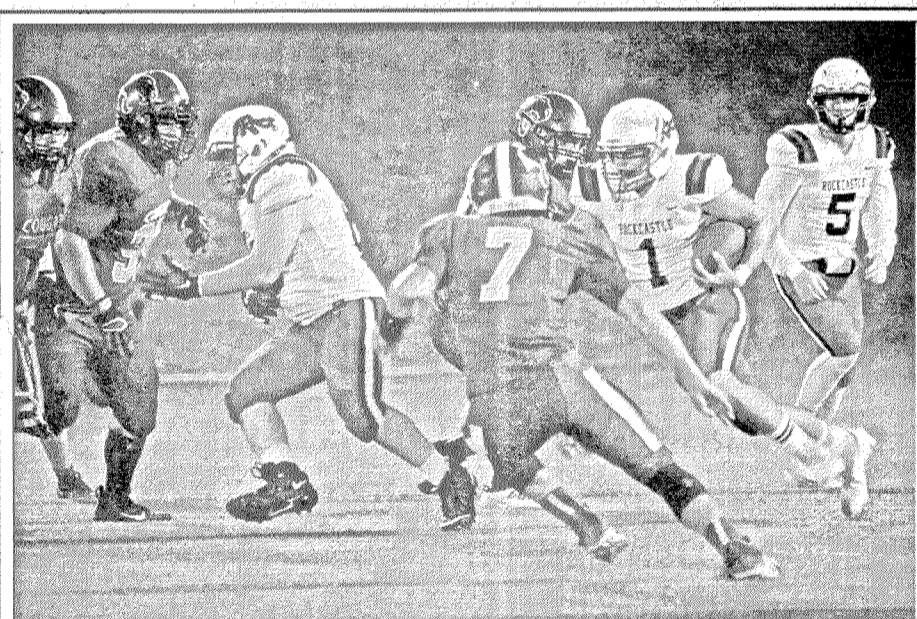
Junior Matthew Chasteen breaks free on this play for a 64 yard touchdown for the Rockets last Friday night. Chasteen had 12 carries for 106 yards on the night. He also led on the defensive side with 21 total tackles.



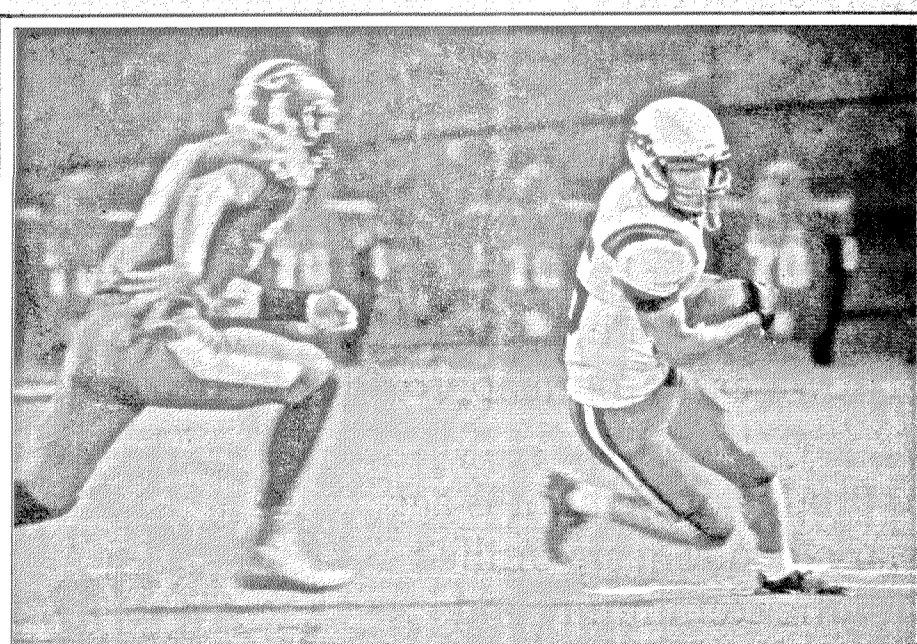
Senior quarterback Noah Parkey works around the end during the Rockets' season opener Friday night. Parkey had 22 yards on the ground and completed 12 passes for 91 yards on the night.



Isaiah Didelot and Landen Broaddus block for Cameron Wright as he races upfield in the Rockets' home opener last Friday night at Letcher County Central.



Walker Goosey makes a hole for Ethan Medley during the Rockets' 27-8 loss to Letcher County Central Friday night. The Rockets' face Adair County this Friday night at home. Seniors will be honored before the game at 6:50. Game time is 7:30.



Junior Reese Coguer looks for running room after a short pass reception in the Rockets' loss Friday night.

Rockets lose season opener to Cougars

Matthew Chasteen's 64-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter brought the Rockcastle County Rockets to within 15-8, but the Letcher County Central Cougars would eventually pull away with a 27-8 win in the season opener for both teams.

Chasteen, who is now a three-year starter on both sides of the ball, led the Rockets in both rushing yards and tackles for the game.

Chasteen tallied 106 yards on 12 carries with one touchdown on offense while collecting 21 combined tackles from his linebacker position.

"Matthew was great," stated Rockcastle County head coach Scott Parkey. "On offense, he has a great burst to the hole then has the speed to score at any time. On defense, his experience has allowed him to see the game much faster than most. He has great reactions and is a great tackler."

The game started out promising as senior quarterback Noah Parkey hit Drew Mink for a 33-yard completion on the game's opening play.

On the next play from scrimmage, Parkey connected with Landon Dillingham for a 16-yard completion to set the Rockets up inside the Cougars' red zone.

The drive stalled when the Cougars' defense stepped up and stifled the Rockets' run game and forced a turnover on downs.

Isaiah Didelot would put the Rockets on the scoreboard first on the Cougars' opening play on offense when he tackled Letcher Central's Isaac Matthew in the end zone for a safety and a 2-0 lead.

The next drive on offense for Rockcastle started out as the first did with the Rockets marching down the field. But a fumble at the Cougars' 35-yard line by Chasteen as he was about to break free for a long run seemed to take the wind out of the Rockets' sails.

"It was not the way to start, but we did get to start," stated Coach Parkey. "Usually we have a couple of scrimmages to work out the kinks. The big thing scrimmages do is help prepare the team to compete through both adversity and good times with new on-field leadership. The seniors get a chance to grow into their voice on the field. They all understand how important that is now."

There were times when the Rockets offense seemed to show signs of big play and long drive capabilities as it did last season, but then Letcher Central's defense would step up and stop the Rockets ground attack or cause a turnover.

Parkey threw for just 91 yards, but he did complete 12-of-22 passes with just one interception. The biggest stat for the senior quarterback was that he tallied just 22

rushing yards on 12 attempts after having rushed for 1,150 yards in 2019.

"Offensively, we didn't sustain our drives," Parkey said. "We would have a costly mistake with blocking assignments that kept us off schedule. Blocking has to be an attitude; specifically, the mindset to want to win that play by blocking the intended guy until the whistle blows."

Our competitiveness with blocks by the offensive line, running backs and wide receivers were all well below our standard. I liked the way our running backs were running. Chasteen was really good with the ball in his hand and I like the way our short passing game is looking."

The defense allowed the Rockets to hold onto the 2-0 lead until Letcher Central was able to put together a sustained drive that culminated with their quarterback Carson Adams punching the ball in from one yard out to give the Cougars a 6-2 lead. The two-point conversion was good and Letcher Central held an 8-2 lead at halftime.

The Letcher Central 8-2 lead looked to be the score heading into the fourth quarter, but Trevor

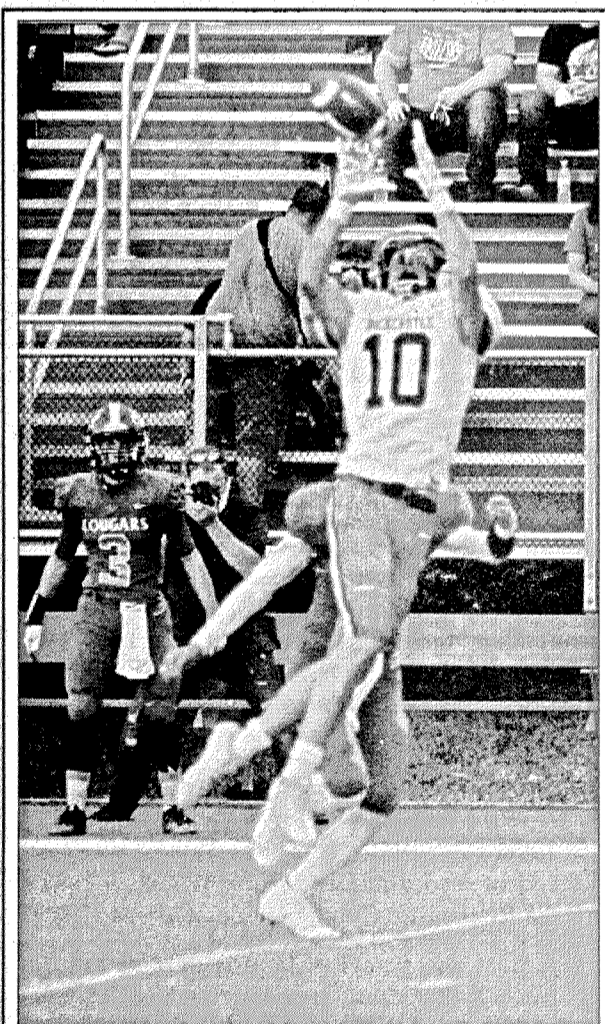
Branham was able to get behind a Rocket defender and hauled in a 33-yard touchdown pass from Adams with 0:52 remaining in the third. Jonah Little's extra point kick made the score 15-2.

Chasteen would open the fourth quarter with his touchdown, but the Cougars put the game away with two additional touchdowns for the final score of 27-8.

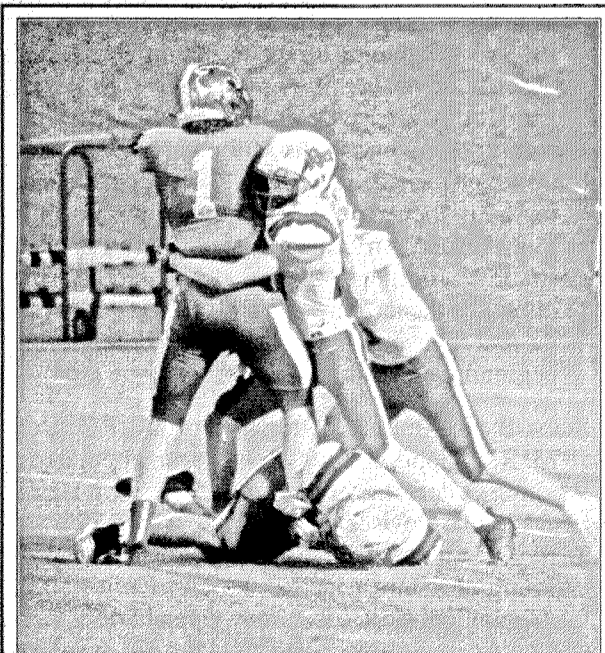
"Defensively, we saw similar inconsistency issues as our first games," said Coach Parkey, who is in his 13th season at the helm of the Rockets. "Tackling will continue to be a point of emphasis for us, especially on the edges. LCC was successful with outside runs due to us being in the right position but not making the tackle on one side and not being in the right position to even attempt a tackle on the other."

Inside, our guys played well, but are learning fast about how to play with that competitiveness for 50 plays a game. Chasteen had a great night defensively and Didelot played his best game and had a really good night with scoring a safety in the first quarter."

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Senior Drew Mink goes up for one of his four receptions on the night. Mink had 57 yards receiving.



Landon Dillingham puts a stop to a Cougar in the Rockets' loss Friday night. Dillingham had six tackles on the night as well as 26 yards receiving.

“Court”

(Continued from front)

Rockcastle County Development Board.

The court also heard the recommended tax rates from the Rockcastle Board of Health, Board of Education, County Extension office, County Conservation district, and the fiscal court. According to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, all tax rates will remain the same for 2021.

The court also agreed to pursue applications for \$568,401 in state reimbursements grants due to COVID-19.

The court once again discussed the \$1,000 per month provided for the City of Livingston for security but decided since the Chief of Police has resigned, to only give \$500 for September and revisit those payments each month until the police chief is replaced.

The court also decided to wait on funding the Livingston gymnasium's heating and air expenses until the budget has recovered from COVID-19 expenses and shortfalls. "We are very tight right now," said County Treasurer Joe Clontz. "We are blessed to have the funds in the road department that we can shuffle if we need to cover these things and we will be better off in a couple of months. But right now, we should probably wait to fund that project."

The court approved the second reading of the a county road ordinance which provides guidelines and requirements to accept a road into the county.

Though Magistrate Mike McGuire continued to express his concern that the ordinance "may not be fair for everyone in the county," other magistrates and Holbrook said each case would be handled on an individual basis causing McGuire to agree to vote yes on the ordinance.

McGuire had expressed his concern that some county residents may "miss out" by missing the guidelines and requirements by only a few feet or some other reason through no fault of their own. However, McGuire was assured the county would listen to any requests. The ordinance passed unanimously.

The court also agreed to continue to pursue the adoption of state policy for a drug and alcohol free workplace. The adoption of the policy would cost the county about \$550 per year for testing expenses through a company from Lexington, according to Holbrook. The policy would require everyone who operates a county vehicle be tested and ten random tests be given twice per year. However, Holbrook said adopting the policy would save the county about \$6,500 per year in discounts on insurance premiums.

Holbrook also asked the court to provide reimbursement to five employees who had been accidentally overcharged for their health insurance premiums. The court agreed to repay those employees.

State statutes were recently changed and the court agreed to adopt new requirements as part of the county's administrative code. Previously, any public contract over \$20,000, required a sealed public bid procedure. However, the new policy doesn't require sealed public bids unless a project is over \$30,000.

Anything under \$30,000 may be handled without a public bid process.

In other action, since inmates have been forbidden to clean roadways during the pandemic, Holbrook presented a new policy to the court providing \$100 per mile to any roadside cleanup project contractor. Holbrook said there is currently no one interested in taking such a project but he wanted to have this policy enacted before a search for someone to clean up local roadways began.

Clontz asked the court to transfer \$350,000 from the Occupational Tax fund to the General Fund and then transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Jail Fund and \$15,000 from the General Fund to the LGA Fund.

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe then presented a resolution that would allow policing agencies to cross jurisdictional lines working together outside their own jurisdiction. A similar resolution had already been adopted but the new resolution includes several more counties and widens the area in which police agencies may go to the aid of other agencies.

The court adopted the resolution and then entered closed session.

The next regular fiscal court meeting is scheduled for October 13 at 4 p.m.

“School”

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pected the new system of teaching to improve every day. "We have some teachers who take to this like it's just another day. But to some of us, who have taught for 20 years, this is all new and is not what we know. It can be intimidating. We just hope everyone will be patient and flexible and if we all work together, this can be a good thing. I am excited for our students."

Bussell said all high school students signed a contract that require them to meet certain goals. "There is a huge difference between participating and succeeding," he said. "Just showing up isn't enough. Students will be graded and they agreed on their contract to keep up to a certain pace and meet a certain level at points through the year."

Newly-hired Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert agreed. "The student's progress will be watched daily and their work graded," said Reppert. "If they don't keep up or they fall behind on any subject or have any problem that needs dealt with, we will go there. They will deal with us in person if they need assistance in any area."

According to several department heads who spoke at the meeting, teachers or school officials will go to the home of any student who falls behind in any subject. "So there is that accountability, right? Students can't just not do the work or fall behind?" asked Board Chairman Angela Mink. "I am glad to know each student is accountable and we have methods in place to make sure each student does their work."

"Yes they are accountable to us," Reppert answered. "We will be directly involved with each student and tracking their progress."

In fact, Reppert said the student themselves

can track their progress via the software provided on the new Chrome-books.

In summary, according to those who answered questions from board members, students were not simply handed a computer and sent home, as some had envisioned. Instead, they are actually attending school every day and have the same accountability they had sitting in a classroom while working from their own living room.

Still, more than one official present said the words "sometimes technology works and sometimes it does not," while discussing how school leaders will handle "glitches" or other problems in the new system.

Department heads also discussed a badge given to students so that they don't need to remember passwords to log onto the system. The new badge, waved in front of the screen, will automatically log each student onto their own system.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger asked for a COVID emergency fund which would pay a teacher in the event they had to be quarantined during the school year. However, the suggestion met with some hesitation as several board members expressed concern that funds may be utilized by someone who may have brought the problem on themselves. Some suggested if a teacher travels to a "hotspot" and brings COVID back to the community, they should not be paid to quarantine while others strongly suggested testing for all teachers. However, Ballinger said that may not work since some have the virus and test positive long after they are no longer contagious. Other complicated issues were introduced to the discussion, including fevers that may or may not be COVID-related, if ten days is enough time to quarantine, who should be tested, safety procedure, contact tracing and other issues.

After much discussion with all board members, Ballinger said she is following the advice of the local health department. "We need to listen to our health department guidance on the matter and these discussion have all been held with them. This policy is what they recommend," said Ballinger. Mink agreed to vote for the policy (paying teachers if they are quarantined) but continued to suggest the school system look at testing all teachers. "I'm okay with voting for this but I still want to look into all teachers being tested," she said. Mink expressed concern that the available funds for those in quarantine could be abused if not monitored properly. The motion passed.

The board also discussed sports for the local schools and Ballinger said she has arranged for local games to be streamed live for a fee of \$9.95. "I think we need to provide a way for grandparents to see their grandchildren playing," she said.

Mink asked who would be filming the events and questioned the quality of the video. Ballinger said school staff would video some games but an electronic system, that follows the ball, would record other events.

Ballinger said the streaming company

would receive 60% of the revenue and the school would receive 40% of the fee. "This will help make up the loss in ticket sales as well," said Ballinger. Though Mink expressed slight skepticism about the process of filming games, the motion passed.

Not all board members were in agreement with several of the new procedures planned for the upcoming year, but after Ballinger expressed how she and others arrived at each planned procedure, all motions passed unanimously.

The board also reviewed the Superintendent's Personnel Action Report. It is as follows:

Full time certified employees

Shelby Convery, preschool teacher; Miranda Hamilton, Biology teacher at RCHS.

Full time classified employees

Jenni Ellis, Administrative Secretary in central office; Lori Smith, Food Service Manager at MVES; Eric Bullock, College and Career Navigator at RCMS; Isaac McClure, RCHS Assistant Football Coach; Wayne Napier, Paraprofessional Assistant Football Coach at RCHS; Jason Alcorn, RCHS Bass Fishing Coach.

Resignations

Janet Brooks and Sue Barron, bus monitors.

Certified substitutes

Leshia Cromer and Barry Noble, substitute teachers.

Classified substitutes

Jamison Roberts, Substitute Instructional Assistant; Rachele Smith, Substitute Cook/Baker; Philip Permenter, Substitute Bus Monitor.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 13 at 6 p.m.

“Car”

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sion to borrow the vehicle.

However, once Hensley located the son, the son said that he did not get the car back from Neeley.

Hensley was then informed by KSP Post 11 that the vehicle in question had been located in Jackson County and that Brittany Tomerlin had been arrested in connection with the theft of the car.

However, the police report says Tomerlin had a title to the vehicle that had been signed on the back for transfer. Tomerlin told police she traded her vehicle to Neeley in exchange for the vehicle.

Trooper Hensley then compared the writing and discovered the title had been forged.

Tomerlin reported that she had exchanged vehicles and titles with Neeley and then took off, not knowing Neeley didn't own the car.

The citation lists other cases against Neely including: two for receiving stolen property in Madison County on May 16th and August 8th of this year; receiving stolen property in Rockcastle County on August 21st; theft by unlawful taking/auto in Jackson County on August 21st and theft by unlawful taking/auto in Rockcastle County August 26th.

Neeley's bond was not known at presstime.

“Brodhead”

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keep ours operational."

All other commissioners agreed and heard Bussell's report indicating he had found an 8,500 pound CAT 2020 excavator on a state contract price for \$59,786, including the warranty. The lease/purchase plan would cost the city about \$1,000 per month for 72 months and then the excavator would belong to the city. The price came in the form of a bid from Boyd Company.

"I am convinced we can only band-Aid our backhoe for so long and this is something that we have no choice in," said Burton. Bussell pointed out the money spent in rental fees and to repair breakdowns during flood or water line breaks in the past would have paid for the excavator.

Brodhead Fire Chief John Dyehouse shared his more extensive knowledge about such equipment and offered his advice to the commission in choosing the proper equipment and planning for the future.

Burton made the motion to review the bid and look at the pricing of the next size larger excavator and then "move forward" with obtaining an excavator. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioners also agreed to consider a trailer to haul the excavator at a later meeting.

In other action, City Clerk Becky Bussell discussed the city expenses that will be eligible for reimbursement in the CARES Act grant she is currently applying for.

Bussell said the police department, sewer and water department and any work the city has done to obey state requirements (such as installing plexiglass and providing hand sanitizer) are allowed to be counted as city expenses due to COVID-19.

Mayor Cash asked if the fire department would consider reinstating the fish fry that was ended this year but Chief Dyehouse said he does not expect the fish fry will ever take place again. Commissioner Brian Bullock agreed. "The expense alone to start having it again would make it impossible to come out ahead and we just can't afford to lose money after cancelling the fair," he said. Dyehouse said he is continuing to look for ideas to raise funds to make up for the loss in revenues after cancelling the fair.

Cash explained that he was relaying the request from some local citizens who had asked him to bring up the issue.

Brian Bussell also said he had a bid for a one million gallon retention tank after the city had discussed the retention pond or tank at the last meeting. The bid was for nearly \$1 million and no further discussion about the tank was held.

After more discussion about continued flooding problems in the city,

Bussell said there is one issue that must be dealt with. "We have to stop the infiltration before anything else we do will help," he said. "That is the biggest problem we have with our sewer system." Bussell is referring to ground water entering the sewer system causing the sewer to work much harder processing rain water.

Before closing the meeting, Beckey Bussell said she is still looking forward to the city-wide yard sale on October 3 in Brodhead. "This is just an effort to encourage everyone to get out of the house and enjoy the day and hold a yard sale," she said. "The person holding the yard sale will keep every dime they make and it can be a good, clean fun day for everyone."

Bussell said the issue had been confused, through some recent misunderstandings, but she wants to clarify that the City of Brodhead will receive no proceeds from any yard sale. "Whomever has the yard sale will make all the money from the yard sale," she emphasized. "There is no city fee or license. We just want people to get out and enjoy the day and socialize a little."

The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for October 12 at 7 p.m.

“Rockets”

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Rylee DeLeon, who moved over to middle linebacker from his defensive end position in 2019, was the only other Rocket defender to collect double-digit tackles outside of Chasteen. DeLeon made 13 tackles with three of them for a loss, a quarterback sack and a fumble recovery.

Didelot tallied eight tackles with two tackles for a loss and the first quarter safety.

Other Rockets to collect tackles were Dillingham with six, Jake Sanders with five, Mink and Landen Broadus with four each, Reese Coguer with two and Cameron Wright with one.

Dillingham also grabbed an interception from his defensive back position.

Offensively, on the ground, Broadus had four carries for 13 yards, Ethan Medley had one carry for nine yards and Logan Brown had one carry for one yard.

Through the air, Mink, Dillingham and Coguer all had four receptions. Mink tallied 57 yards while Dillingham and Coguer got 26 and eight yards, respectively.

Rockcastle County will be back in action on Friday, Sept. 18 when the Rockets host the Adair County Indians. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and is the last game before the district portion of the schedule begins.

Seniors will be honored at 6:50.

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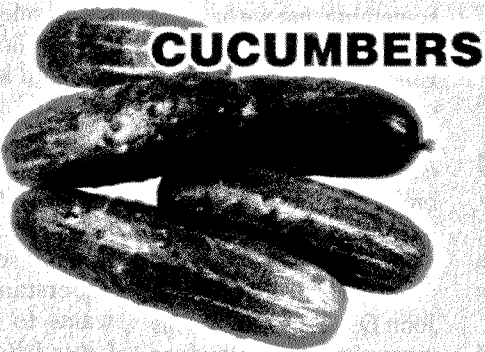
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Stacy Byrns-Taulbee, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1973, Richmond, KY 40476 has been appointed Warning Order Attorney to notify Unknown Heirs of Billie Miller as any or all of them may be entitled to and/or claiming an interest in the property identified in the Complaint. Notice is hereby given that any person who may have interest should contact Rockcastle Circuit Court or Attorney Stacy Byrns-Taulbee at 859-248-2427 immediately or your interest may be forever barred.

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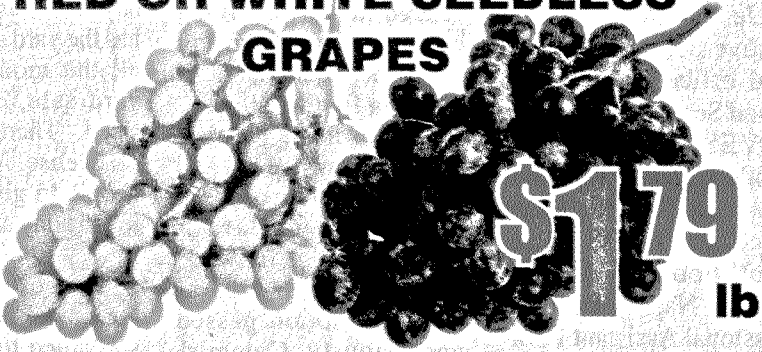
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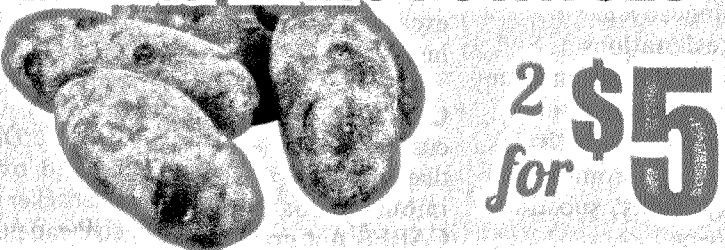
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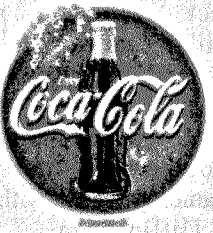
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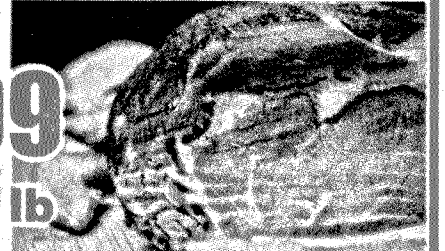
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Livingston under new administration

Mayor, Police Chief, City Clerk

morning, the City of Livingston was operating as usual with seats filled by new faces at city hall. "We all wish our city the best and I will be around to help in any way I can," said Medley.

By: Mike French
Editor

The City of Livingston is under a new administration.

As of 6 p.m. Monday, Livingston Police Chief Travis Richardson officially stepped down at the same time as Mayor Jason Medley's resignation took effect. City Clerk Trisha Doan also recently resigned her position.

"We worked very well together and I truly pray the vision and direction that Jason and I had for the city continues forward with the new administration," said Richardson. "We are growing and doing well and the streets are safer. We pray our city keeps getting better."

Among countless developments within Livingston, Medley facilitated the new Marathon Station, the Family Dollar store, new sidewalks, Depot improvements, the former school gymnasium improvements, and many other growth and development projects.

Richardson served as the police chief of Livingston since 2015 and, in that time, he has helped the department acquire a new cruiser, equipped the department for years to come and received several awards for the City of Livingston Police Department.

After 18 years as an officer, Richardson said he is not eliminating the chance that he may some-

day put another police badge on his chest, but for now, he plans to concentrate more on his job as firefighter in Somerset.

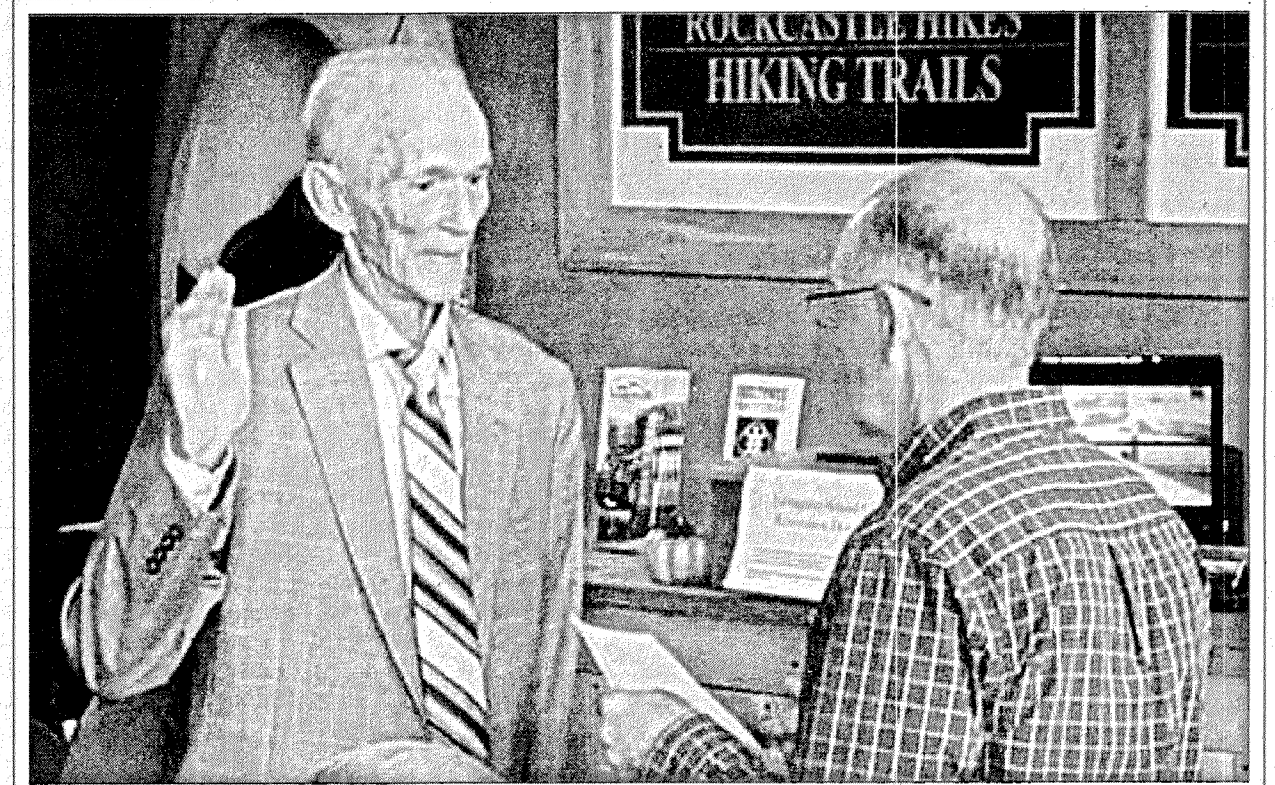
"My biggest hope is that I am leaving the City of Livingston in better shape than I found it," he said. "I wish the citizens of Livingston and the new administration the very best."

Former Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Bill Barrett accepted the position as the new Police Chief while Commission member Dwayne King accepted the appointment of Mayor at Monday evening's regular monthly meeting of the Livingston City Commission. Also, Amanda Thomas has been appointed as the new city clerk.

Last month the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court voted to reduce the monthly stipend for Livingston Security from \$1,000 per month to \$500 for the month of September. Officials agreed to discuss raising the donation back to \$1,000 once a new police chief was hired, but they apparently did not know Barrett would take the position immediately.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said he cannot increase the fund to provide the full \$1,000 of support in September until the fiscal court votes to do so. It is unclear how Barrett will be paid for working in September.

But as of Tuesday



Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook (right) is shown performing the swearing-in ceremony of newly-appointed Livingston Mayor Dwayne King. King will fill out the unexpired term of long time mayor Jason Medley.

School working budget numbers are released

By: Mike French
Editor

Finance Director Jenny Sweet presented a balanced the working budget for fiscal year 2020-21 to the school board during last week's regular monthly meeting.

According to the budget, the system has a general revenue fund beginning balance of \$1,792,871, nearly a million less than 2018.

Tax receipts for 2020-21, estimated at \$3,142,822, is about

\$20,000 more than last year. The net general fund revenue from SEEK is nearly the same as last year at \$13,780,772.

The grand total general fund revenue is \$27,497,577.57 which is exactly the same as the general fund expenses for a balanced budget.

Of those expenses, \$16,023,458 is slotted for instruction and \$1,614,651 for student support and \$2,011,568 for student transportation meaning over 71

percent of the budget is spent directly on students.

While KDE requires a 2% contingency fund, Rockcastle County maintains nearly 7% at \$1,845,960.

Special Revenue Fund 2 (grants) show a grand total of tentative allocations of \$772,957 from state grants while federal grants total \$1,739,017 for a total estimated grant allocation of \$2,953,066.

In Fund 51 (food service) there is a 2021

beginning balance of \$127,005 compared to a 2020 beginning balance of \$394,344.

The grand total revenue for 2020-21 is \$2,675,811. Expenses are the same number with allocations of \$829,948 to salary and fringes and \$1,939,213 to operating expenses. The remainder is slotted for on-behalf payments.

The working budget was unanimously approved by the board.

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We invite you to join us to celebrate our county's cancer survivors along the parade route (West Main Street to Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Please be mindful of social distancing).

Survivors: Please meet at Rockcastle County Courthouse between 5:30-6:30 pm for parade line-up. Parade will begin at 6:45 and continue to Mt. Vernon Elementary.

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Notice is hereby given that Katherine Johnson, 214 Sawgrass Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administratrix w/no will of the Estate of William Hiram Johnson on September 2, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Katherine Johnson, 214 Sawgrass Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 or to Jeremy Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before March 2, 2021. 33x4

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Notice is hereby given that Jennifer Adkisson, 181 Smithem Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Mary Katherine Bradley on Sept. 9, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jennifer Adkisson or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before March 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 34x3

Notice is hereby given that Richard Santo, 7127 Hwy. 89 South, McKee, Ky. 40447 has been appointed Executor w/will of the Estate of Rozella Owens on the 3rd day of September 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to

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VIN4TARN01P92091193 **Ford Escape-White** Bobby Miller, 150 Hager Road Dr #4, Richmond, Ky. 40475 **VIN1FMCU041787B2734.** Emery's Towing LLC, 535 Castle Village Drive, Brodhead, Ky. 40484. 34x3

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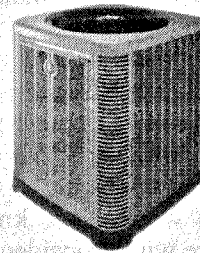
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Circuit Civil Suits

Megan N. Cromer v. Dollar General Corp., complaint and jury demand.

UK Federal Credit Union v. Brittany D. Smith, \$11,714 plus claimed due. CI-00163

Marriage Licenses

Sherry Lee Miller, 55, Brodhead, unemployed and Charles Franklin Ashcraft, 60, Brodhead, self-employed. 9/2/20

Catarina Chantal Harmon, 27, Somerset, production and Christopher Wayne Smith, 33, London, CSR. 9/2/20

Mercedes Nicole Noland, 21, Stanford, Hardee's and Joshua Cody Lee DeBoard, 28, Mt. Vernon, disabled 9/2/20

Gabriella Jaclynne Miller, 23, Brodhead, medical asst. and Holdan Dean Kincaid Renner, 30, Brodhead, weld operator. 9/9/20

District Civil Suits

Synchrony Bank v. Tanya Cole, \$4,007 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. James Cash, \$775 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Justin Coyle, \$3,270 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Dolores Gray, \$1,864 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Rebecca Shuart, \$1,022 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Margarita Maust, \$1,187 plus claimed due. C-00125

Notice: The Gary Langford, listed in last week's District Civil Suits, is not the Gary Langford who lives at Calloway.

Deeds Recorded

Ray Alred and Anne Marie Byrd, property in Rockcastle County, to Clyde and Melissa Jones.

Juanita S. Cloud, property on Hwy. 1250, to Dwight E. Cloud and Margaret C. Bailey. No tax

Juanita S. Cloud, property on Kincade Road, to Dwight E. Cloud and Margaret C. Bailey. No tax

John Randall Gibson II and Erica Gibson, property on Snowflake Lane, to Kevin and Jennifer Smith. Tax \$186

William and Janet Barnett, property in Quail Acres Subdv., to Charles Eric and Tiffany Nicole Wallin. Tax \$3.50

John D. Chandler, property on Pleasant View Dr., to Pamela Kay McCormick. Tax \$101

Regina Goforth, property on Low Gap Road, to Courtney Nicole and Zachary Alexander Cockrell. Tax \$235

Carol Harris, Gary Lee and Doris Ann Caldwell and Carlos and

Beverly Caldwell, property on Quail Road, to James Clinton and Bonnie Harris. Tax \$1.80

Matthew and Brandy Smith, property on Wabbsand Springs Road, to Steve and Jamie Ponder and Martin K. Ponder. Tax \$68

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Jerry Caldwell public intoxication, driving on DUI suspended license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 90 days in jail/each count/probated 24 months on condition plus one cost.

Chester J. Hargis: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine

As usual...

Multiple accidents on I-75 after rain

By: Mike French
Editor

Just last week, after a rain, officials reported seven vehicle accidents in one day alone in Rockcastle County. This past Sunday, after a rain, five more occurred near the same time.

Sunday the Mount Vernon Fire Department was dispatched to a single vehicle accident with a possible entrapment at 11:40 a.m. at the 67 mile marker southbound.

While on the scene of this accident, a single vehicle accident occurred at the 65 mile marker also southbound.

Once officials were able to leave the scene at the 65 mile marker, they came upon another accident at the 63 mile marker.

About that time, the fire department was called to a multi-vehicle accident at the north bound on ramp at Exit 62 while police were at the scene of another accident near the 62.

According to officials, the Mount Vernon Police

plus costs.

Gail Elizabeth Adams: public intoxication, possession controlled substance, disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Lisa Faye Blackburn: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Donald J. Charlton: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, improper display of registration plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Robert D. Couch: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Lewis D. Earls: commercial driver license-not licensed, Part 391 of Fed Safety Regs-Qualification of Drivers, Viol Part 390 Federal Safety Regs-General Policy (four counts), Pt. 396 Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (three counts), Pt. 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed For Sale (two counts, No semi-trailer plate, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, license suspended for fta.

Jonathon Hammons: no operators/moped license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., license suspended for fta.

Kiana Shace Harris: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; no/expired registra-

tion plates, \$25 fine; improper display of registration plates, \$25 fine, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$25 fine plus costs.

Terry Anthony Harrison: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, instructional permit violations, no operators/moped license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jennifer M. Johnson: receiving stolen property, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Joseph Butler Kelley: careless driving, improper start from parked

position, license suspended for fta.

Bricky L. Mitchell: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Billy Jack Rayburn: violation of conditions of release, criminal trespass, public intoxication, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Zachary Curtis Smith: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, reckless driving, possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Gregory John Turpin: speeding, no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Department and the Kentucky State Police had responded to multiple other minor non-injury accidents.

Some sheriff's department deputies refer to the I-75 interstate in Rockcastle County as the "Bermuda Triangle of highways," since countless accidents occur on that part of the interstate each year. In fact, some local police officers have speculated that I-75 in Rockcastle County may be the most dangerous portion (in number of wrecks per mile) of I-75's 1,786 miles of highway.

"When it rains in Rockcastle County, we start suiting up and heading towards the interstate," said one deputy last week. "We know there will be accidents."

In fact, Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin and Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales agree, the continual accidents on I-75 in Rockcastle County cost citizens more than most are aware.

"It's almost constant

when it rains," said Bales. "Drivers just will not slow down in the rain."

In fact, Franklin said he is currently hoping to find out actual numbers and statistics involved. "We know there were over 300 accidents last year alone in the county," he said. "What we don't know yet is just how much that is costing the average taxpayer."

Franklin is referring to the many side effects involved in a vehicle crash. "Think about it. For each accident the county has EMS and the fire departments and police departments and us (Sheriff's Department) along with wrecker services, ambulances, sometimes air lifts, etc. responding" he said. "One accident ties up a lot of services that could be doing something else in the county."

And then there is ac-

tual costs as well. "Fuel budgets, wear and tear, salaries are all involved," he said. "And I'd not be surprised to find insurance rates higher in this area because of the number of accidents."

Many hoped the I-75 widening project would lower the number of accidents in the county, but officials say they see no drop even in the areas where construction is complete.

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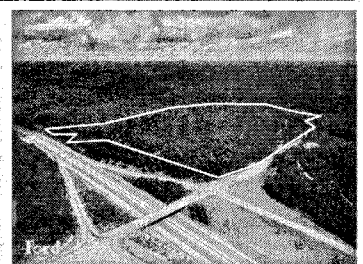


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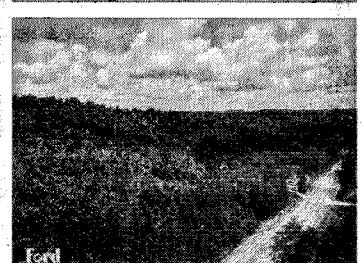
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Local woman is part of storytelling events this weekend

By: Mike French
Editor

The art of storytelling has been appreciated since the beginning of time, even before the written word. But only in more recent times has the art of storytelling brought fans from across the county to hear storytelling at its best.

National storytelling events have become more popular every year as fans gather in fields across the nation to sit on blankets and hear fact and fiction as well as history and ghost stories from those who know how to tell a story with heart.

Some stories keep tradition alive and some stories create new traditions. But all stories tell of things fans want to know.

Among those recognized as the top storytellers is Octavia Sexton from Orlando in Rockcastle County.

Sexton has a website that shows her calendar of

events and the many avenues in which she uses her unique ability to tell stories.

However, if you want to hear Sexton, along with other top story tellers, you will have the chance to do so this weekend.

Sexton will join Elizabeth Rose, Michael D. McCarty and Adam Booth at the Twin 27 Drive-In in Somerset on Thursday, September 17 to Sunday, September 19.

Stories will be heard from 8 to 10:30 p.m. on each day as part of the 28th annual Haunting in the Hills Storytelling Festival.

Those in attendance can hear stories from around the world in a natural dialect from the comfort of their own vehicle.

Sexton provides writing workshops and other venues to express her many different types of storytelling lifestyles and everyone is invited to visit her website at octaviaseyton.com.

The ROCK'S



Fall Sports Preview 2020

Rockets looking to contend in 3A

Reprinted from KyForward
By Chad Hensley

With 16 starters returning from an 8-4 team, head coach Scott Parkey is counting down the days before he initiates the launch sequence for the 2020 version of the Rockcastle County Rockets on Sept. 11 at Letcher County Central.

"We are excited about the team we have," said Parkey, who begins his 13th season at the helm of the Rockets. "We do not have many seniors, but those eight guys are all experienced, dedicated contributors to the goals we have set."

Noah Parkey, the coach's oldest son, is back for his third season starting at quarterback after enjoying an outstanding 2019 campaign. The 5-foot-9, 180-pounder is a threat to score

from anywhere on the field.

Parkey rushed for 1,150 yards on 141 attempts and scored 13 touchdowns. In addition, he completed 57 passes in 115 attempts for 858 yards and nine touchdowns. He also caught a 69-yard touchdown pass.

Seven other starters return on offense, including Jake Sanders, a junior offensive lineman whom Parkey thinks will garner a lot of NCAA Division I attention.

"Jake has the size, academics and the physical skills of a Division I player," said Parkey of his 6-foot-5, 310-pound offensive tackle. "He came out to us last August and was starting on both sides of the ball by early October. He also plays basketball. Obviously, he missed out

on the college camp circuit this summer, but word is getting out on him."

The Rockets also have seniors Chris Whitehead (OT) and Caleb Williams (C) back as starters on an offensive line that was known for opening big holes. Rockcastle County gained 2,678 yards on the

ground in 2019 on 452 carries and scored 41 times.

Back to assist Noah Parkey in the backfield will be Matthew Chasteen, a junior halfback. Chasteen was second on the team in 2019 with 385 yards rushing with eight touchdowns.

Drew Mink and Landon Dillingham return for another

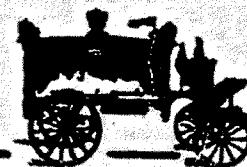
season at wide receiver after combining for 31 catches, four touchdowns and 570 yards. Mink completed his only pass attempt of the season that accounted for Noah Parkey's 69-yard touchdown reception in a 56-22 win over Jackson

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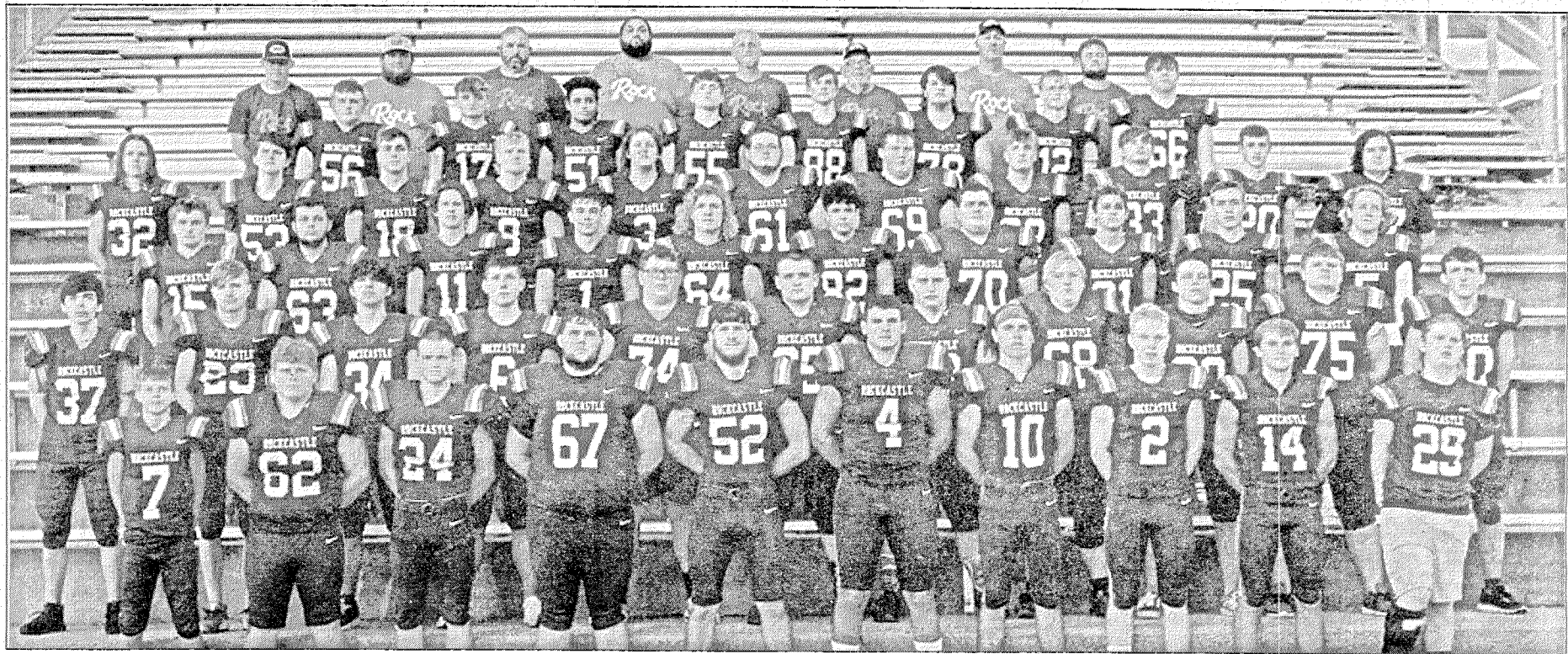
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2	Mitchell Buckner	12	PK/P
3	Dalton Simpson	9	TE/LB
4	Rylee Deleon	12	TE/LB
5	Cameron Wright	10	QB/DB
6	Dylan Coffey	10	RB/LB
7	Jaden Ramsey	9	QB/DB
8	Tyler Osborne	11	TE/LB
10	Drew Mink	12	WR/DB
11	Ethan Tyree	10	WR/DB
12	Kaden Kidwell	10	WR/DB
14	Noah Parkey	12	QB/DB
15	Alex Damrell	9	RB/LB
17	Braydon Owens	10	WR/DB
18	Landen Broaddus	11	TE/DB
20	Landon Dillingham	11	WR/DB
21	Anthony Goodin	9	RB/DB
22	Marion Farthing	11	TE/DL
23	Cody Maupin	9	WR/DB
24	Logan Brown	12	RB/DB
25	Reese Coguer	11	WR/DB
29	Devin Tompkins	9	TE/DL
32	Jeremiah Mills	10	RB/LB
33	Matthew Chasteen	11	RB/LB
34	Andrew Cope	9	RB/LB
37	Austin Cope	9	RB/DB
50	Ford Lovell	9	OL/DL
51	Gage Woodall	9	OL/DL
52	Isaiah Didelot	12	OL/LB
53	Josaiyah McClure	9	OL/DL
55	Elijah Ashcraft	11	OL/DL
56	Jayce Bowles	9	OL/DL
60	Ethan Hart	9	OL/LB
61	Andrew Durham	11	OL/DL
62	Caleb Williams	12	OL/DL
63	Ethan Carpenter	11	OL/DL
64	Isaiah Dehart	11	OL/DL
65	Walker Goosey	10	OL/DL
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68	Aiden Sloan	9	OL/DL
69	Dakota Barnett	10	OL/DL
70	Dallas Howard	9	OL/DL
73	Jamison Mink	10	OL/DL
74	Timmy Branham	9	OL/DL
75	Ethan Kirby	10	OL/DL
76	Jayvon Bowden	11	OL/DL
77	Garrett Hamilton	11	OL/DL
78	Jacob Sowder	9	OL/DL
82	Demarcus Robinson	11	WR/DB
88	Benjamin Brown	9	TE/LB
	Elijah Winkler		

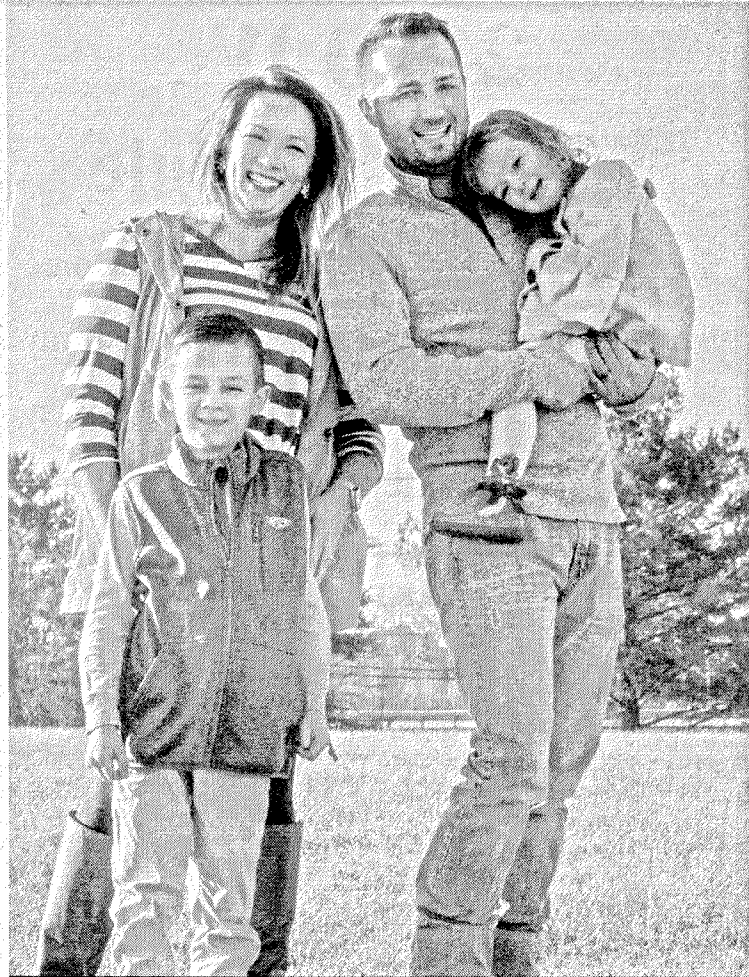
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Sept. 11	Letcher Central	Away
Sept. 18	Adair County	Home
Sept. 25	Estill County*	Away
Oct. 2	Bell County*	Home
Oct. 9	Jackson County*	Away
Oct. 16	McCreary Central*	Home
Oct. 23	Garrard County*	Home
Oct. 30	Lincoln County	Away
Nov. 6	Perry Co. Central	Away

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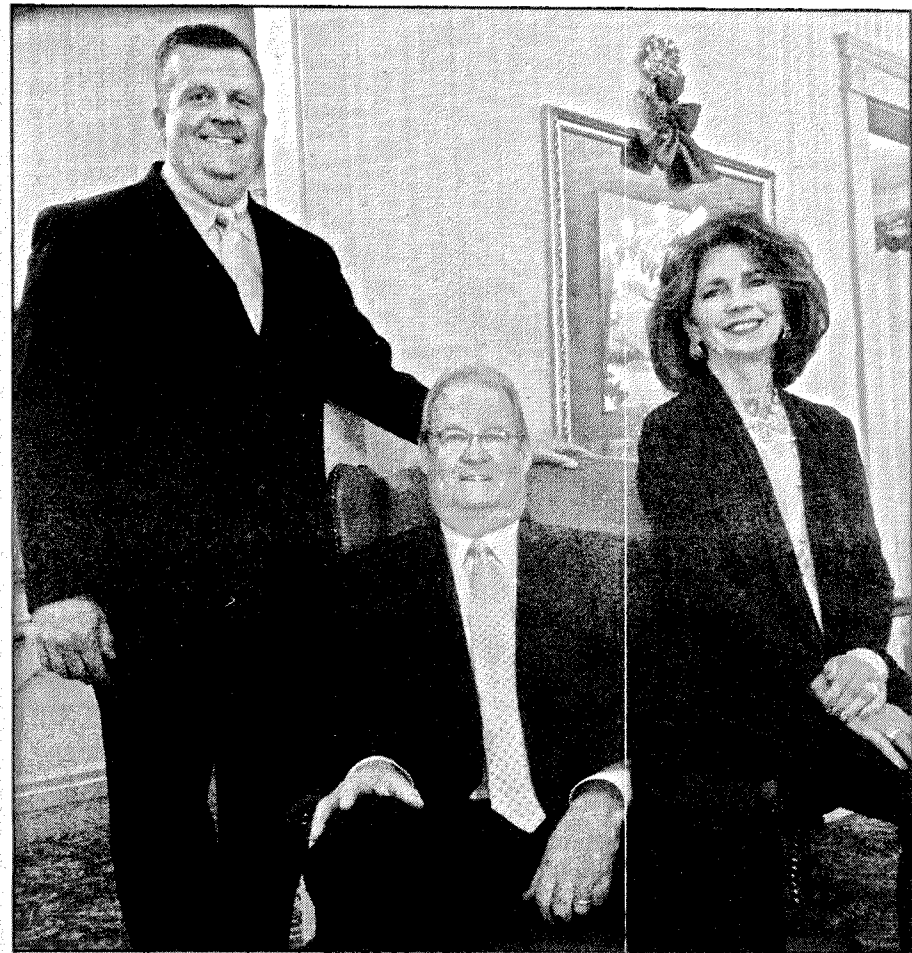
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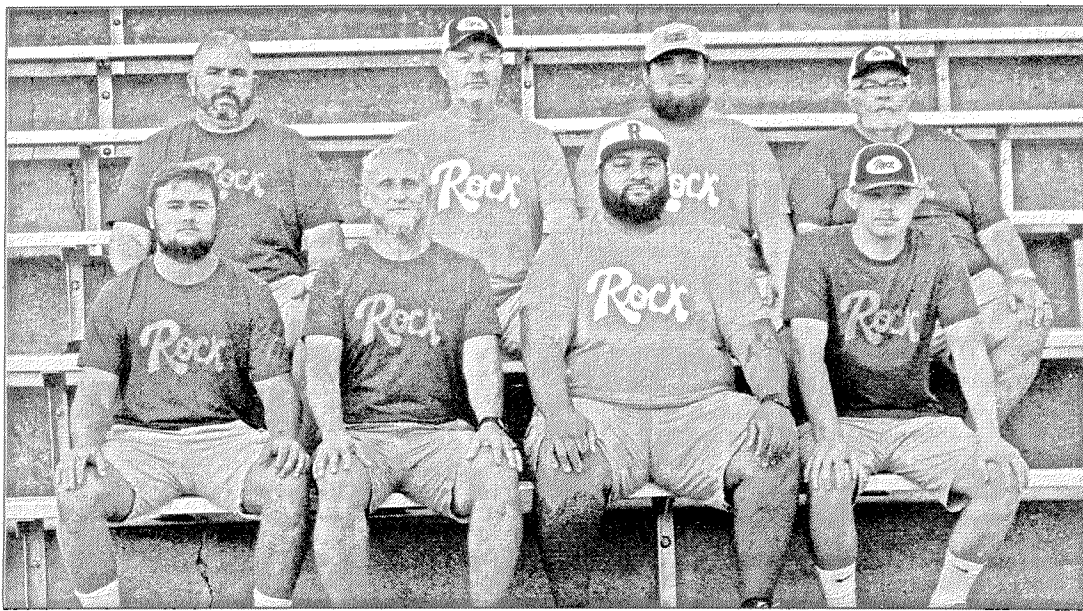


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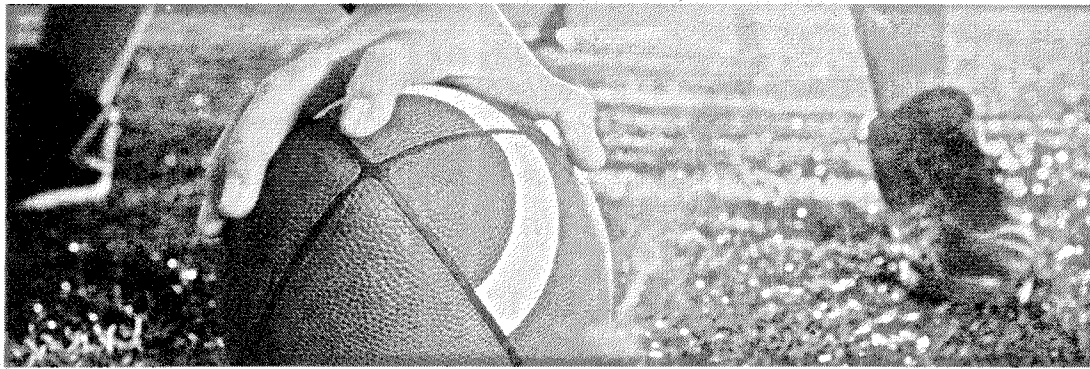
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2020 RCCHS Football Coaching Staff

Members of the 2020 football coaching staff are shown above, front row from left: Chayse McClure, head coach Scott Parkey, Tyler Holman and Isaac McClure. Back row from left: Josh Martin, Adam Coleman, Peyton Saylor and Wayne Napier.

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Sept. 21	North Laurel	Away
Oct. 1	Bell County	Away
Oct. 5	Whitley County	Home
Oct. 8	Clay County	Home
Oct. 12	Wayne County	Away
Oct. 19	Clay County	Away
Oct. 26	North Laurel	Home
Nov. 2	South Laurel	TBA
Nov. 5	South Laurel	TBA

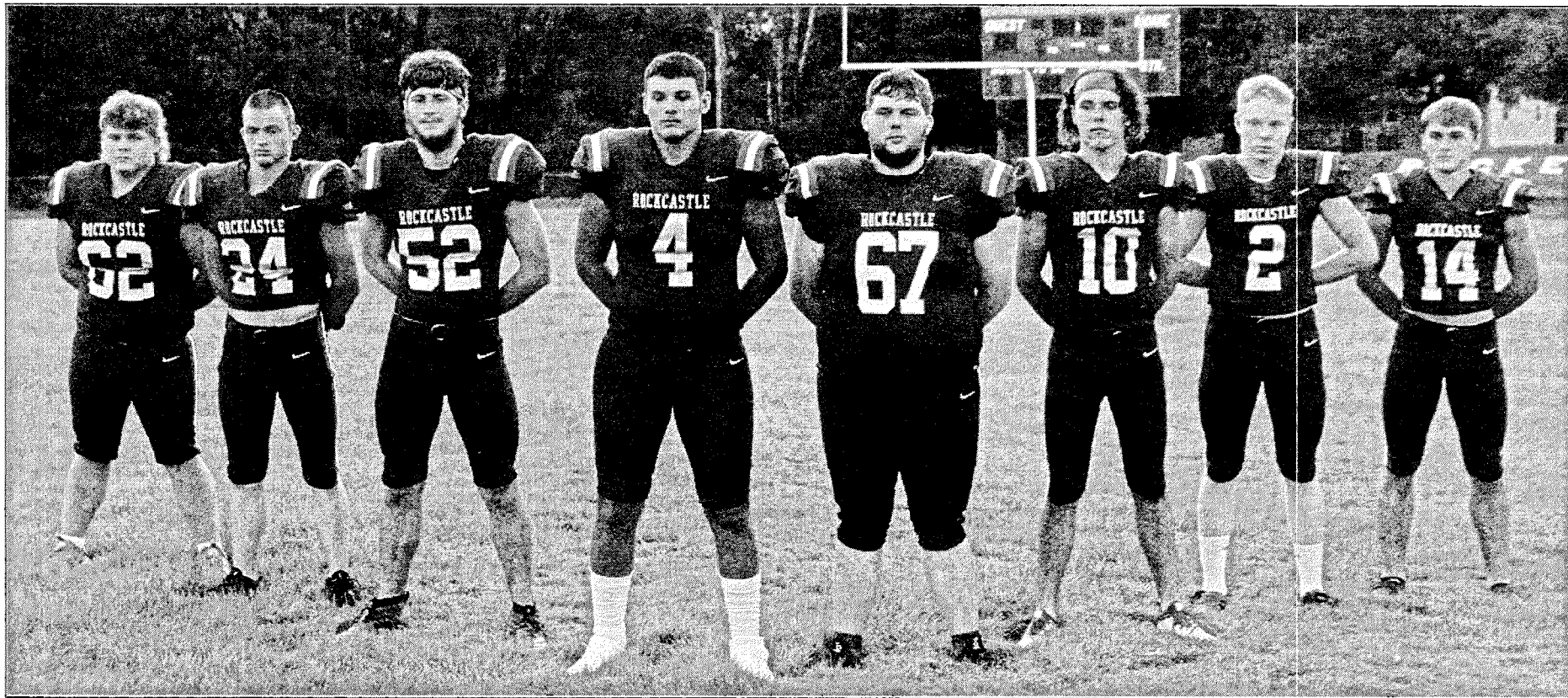
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Senior members of the 2020 Rocket football squad are shown above, from left: Caleb Williams, Logan Brown, Isaiah Didelot, Rylee Deleon, Chris Whitehead, Drew Mink, Mitchell Buckner and Noah Parkey.

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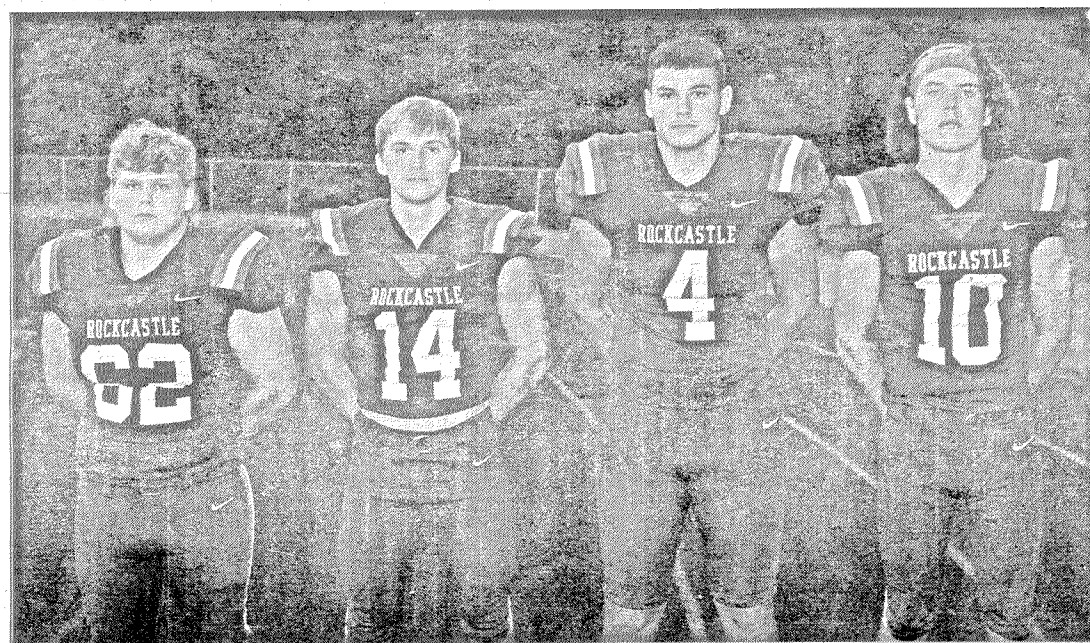
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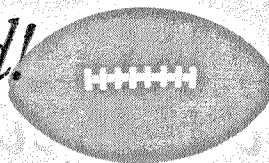


The 2020 captains for the Rockcastle Rockets are shown above, from left: Caleb Williams, Noah Parkey, Rylee Deleon and Drew Mink.

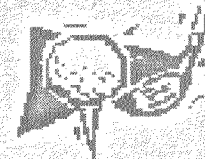
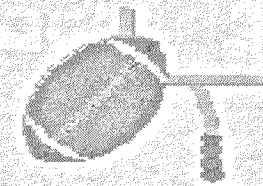
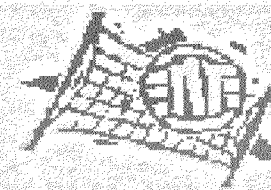
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Rockcastle County is known for an intense, hard-hitting defense, and that will be the case once again this season. Chasteen is back for his third year starting at middle linebacker. The 5-foot-11, 179-pound junior burst onto the scene in 2018 as a freshman when he tied for a team-best 69 tackles and once again led the defense in 2019 with 89 tackles.

Also returning for his third year as a starter on defense will be Rylee DeLeon, who had a knack for being in the offensive backfield just seconds after the ball was snapped.

DeLeon, a 6-foot-1, 230-pound senior defensive end, collected 60 tackles in 2019 with 23 of those tackles went for negative yardage. DeLeon is getting attention from different levels of the college ranks, rang-

ing from Tennessee Tech, Centre and Lindsey Wilson. He has also taken an unofficial visit to Eastern Kentucky.

“Rylee played tight end on offense his sophomore season, but last year due to a team need, he played on the offensive line,” Parkey said. “Toward the end of the year, an injury to our tight end and the development of Jake Sanders at tackle allowed Rylee to move around a bit and played tight end again. We expect him to be very versatile this season, playing multiple roles for his senior season.”

Mink and Isaiah Didelot are the only returners on defense that will be seniors. Mink, a four-year starter at cornerback, led the team with three interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown, collected two fumble recoveries to go along with 39 tackles. Didelot followed closely behind with 37 tackles from his linebacker position.

Five juniors return on defense including Dillingham, Chasteen, Sanders, Landen Broaddus and Isaiah Dehart.

“Our junior class is very talented with several guys seeing extended action last season,” said Parkey. “Other guys in that class are expected to step up and fill slots left from graduation. Leadership on our team will come from both those classes as we have a group of guys who simply love football.”

With eight starters back on each side of the ball, Parkey thinks the transition into 2020 will go smoothly.

“Versatility will be our big focal point this season,” he said. “Returning so much of both our offense and defense allows us to pick up where we left off last season. We should have a mix of size and speed that is quite frankly, uncommon for us. We hope to use these assets to maximize our potential for being an attacking-style team on both sides of the ball.”

That mentality of an attacking-style team on offense and defense will be called upon to improve on the 8-4 record in 2019. All four losses were to teams that played in at least the state semifinals in their respective classes, including Somerset (Class 2A state champion), Wayne County (Class 4A semifinalist) and twice against Bell County (Class 3A runner-up).

The rivalry between Rockcastle County and Bell County will be on full display on Oct. 2 in what will likely decide the top seed in Class 3A District 5. The Bobcats knocked the Rockets out of the playoffs in 2019 before going on to lose in the Class 3A state title game to Belfry by a 30-20 score.

“Our district is the main priority,” Parkey said of the team’s schedule. “Bell is Bell. They are always good. Estill is also a very good team who creates matchup problems for us. Garrard was really young last season, so they will be much better this season.

They also return one of the best players in the district.”

Fall practice is set to finally begin Aug. 24 after the KHSAA Board of Control voted 16-2 to push on with the fall sports season. With the COVID-19 pandemic still wreaking havoc and casting doubt on the season, the Rockets were able to use that extra time away from the practice field to improve in the weight room.

“We started in June stressing to the kids we are resetting our weight training program,” stressed Coach Parkey of his team’s preparations with the limitations in place due to COVID-19. “June was essentially like February and March. We continued that process throughout, not worrying about what we could not do.

“That bonus strength and conditioning will pay huge dividends in late October and through November. The kids

embraced the guidelines for cleaning, mask wearing, etc. simply because they love football, their team, their teammates, their school and the reasons beyond self they actually play the sport.”

Parkey said his team will take the season on a game-by-game basis.

“We focus on one game per week,” he said. “If we successfully do that, preparing and playing for that particular Friday night, we will be successful at the end of the season with wins and losses. Preparing the kids along the way to be resilient, have great character, be responsible and to make a positive difference in their community is always the ultimate goal.”

Regardless of when the season starts or who the opponent is, it will be all systems go, and the Rockets will be waiting for Parkey to initiate that launch sequence.

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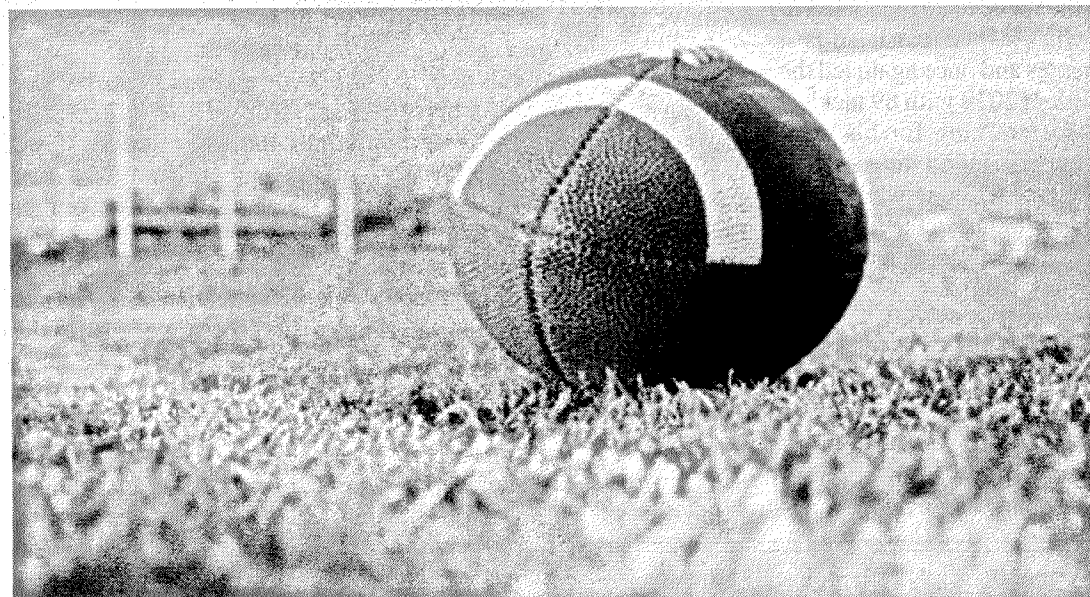
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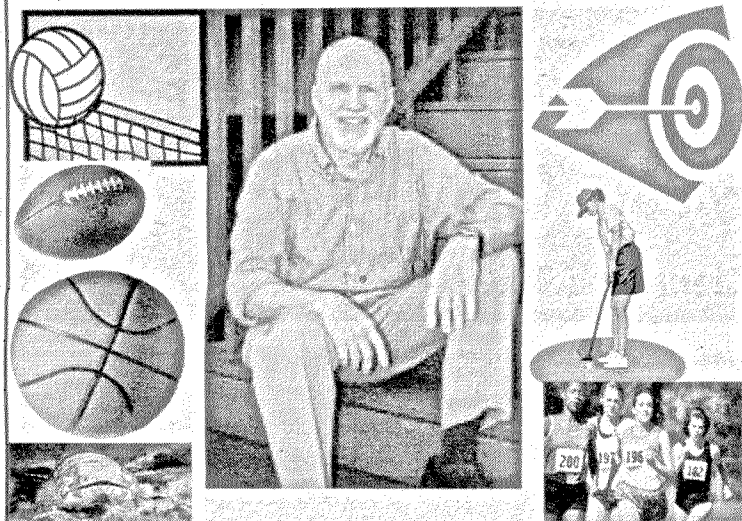
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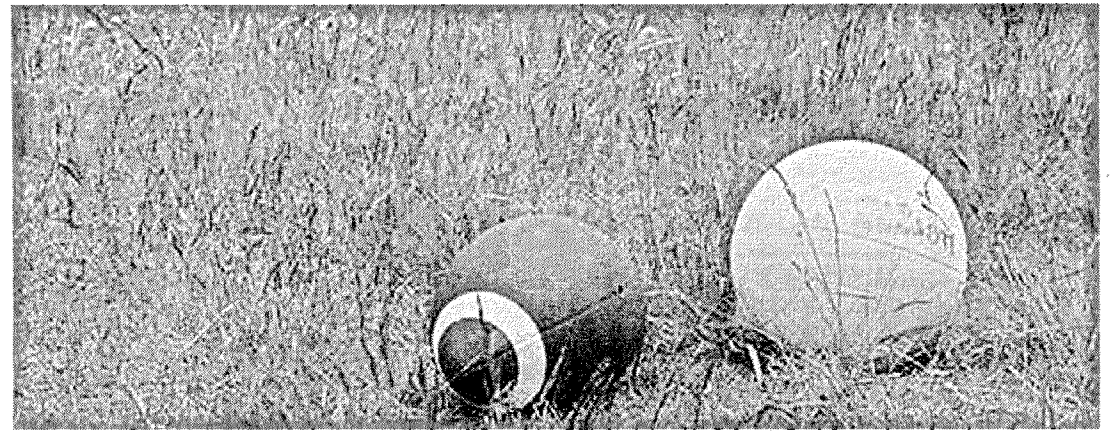
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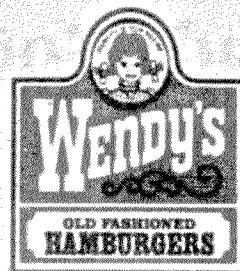
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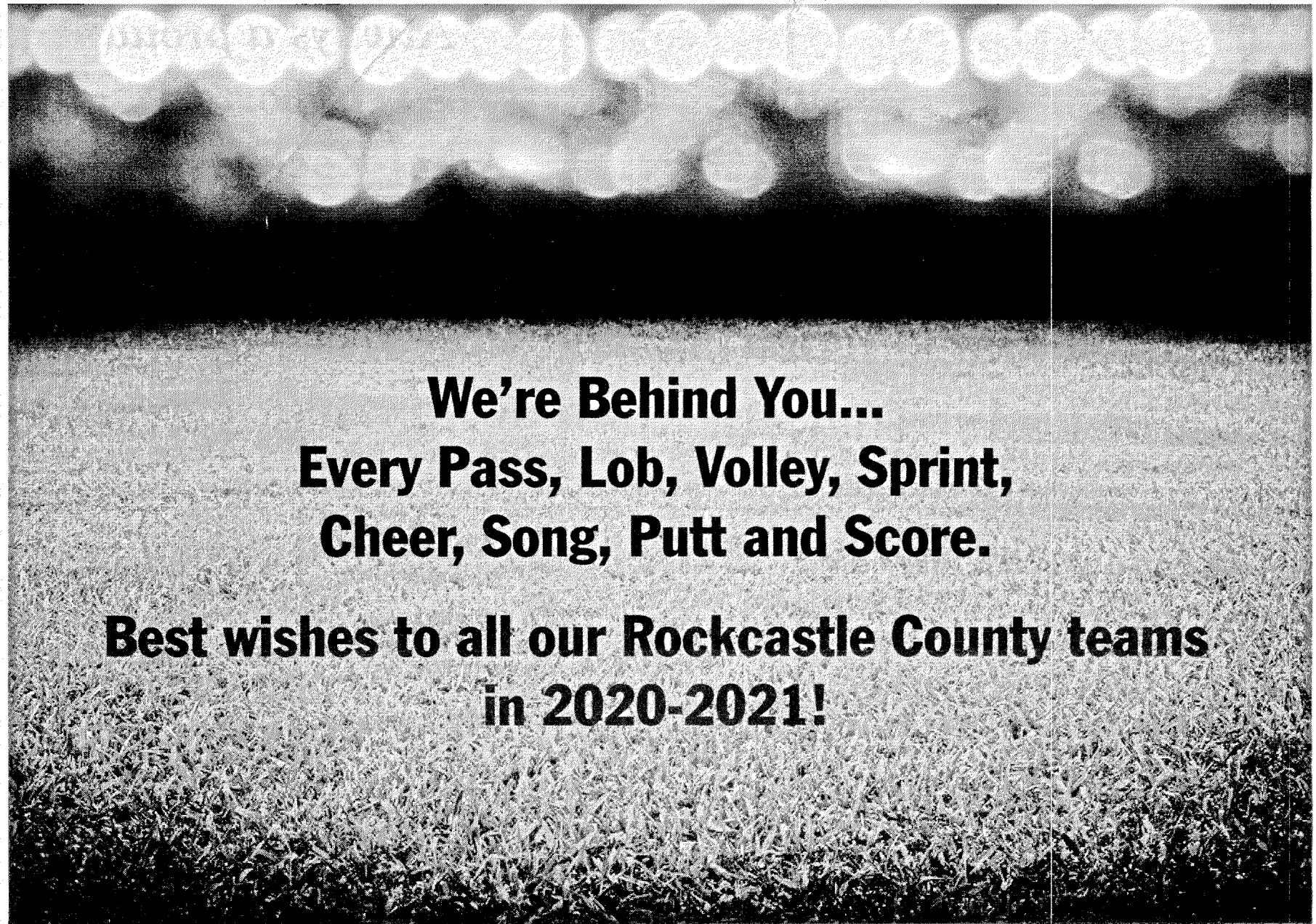


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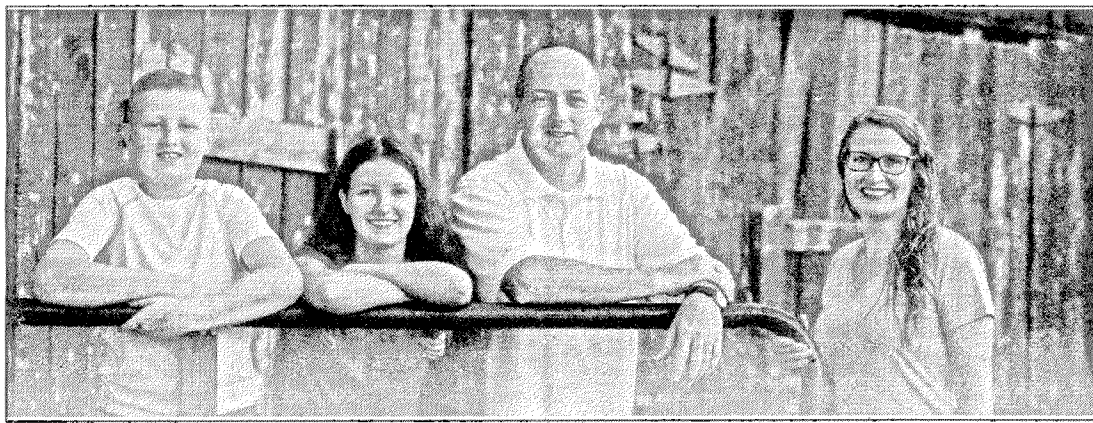
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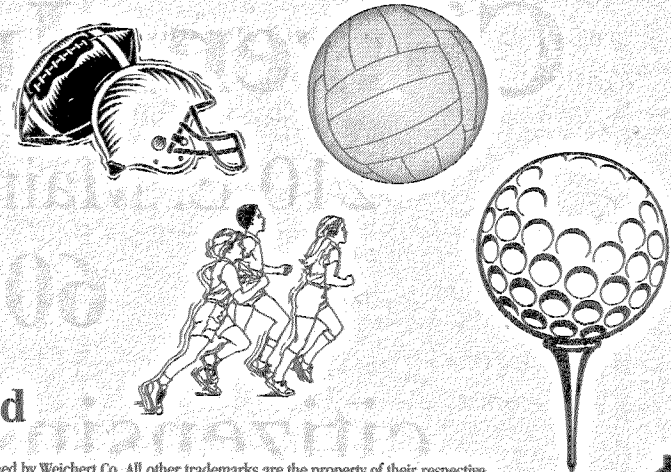
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2020 RCCHS Varsity Volleyball



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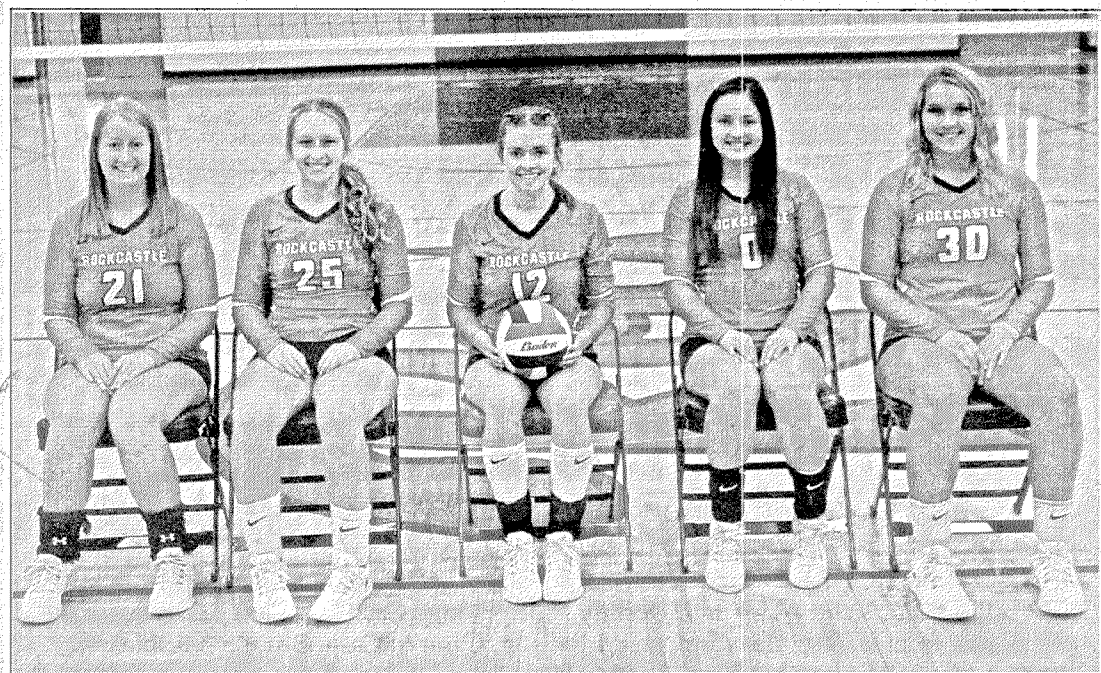
Megan Ellis, Faith Harris, Sarah Barron, Amy Cornelius and McKenzi Lunsford.

Back row from left: Kaylie Owens, Kylee Burns, Hallie Brown, Keelee King and Jordan Eaton.

2020 RCCHS Volleyball Seniors

Senior members of the RCCHS volleyball squad are shown at right, from left:

Megan Ellis, Faith Harris, McKenzi Lunsford, Amy Cornelius and Jordan Eaton.





2020 Junior Varsity Volleyball

Members of the RCHS junior varsity volleyball squad are shown above, front row from left: Kaylie Owens, Chelsea Roberts, Alexis Elam, Leann Doan and Karalinn Loudermilk. Back row from left: Madi Lewis, Paige Cash, Allison McCoy, Riley Sherrow and Kaitlyn Northern.

RCHS Rockets' Volleyball Schedule

Remaining Matches

Sept. 17	Casey County	Home
19	Leslie County	Home
21	Russell County	Away
22	Corbin	Away
24	Pulaski County	Home
28	Garrard County	Away
29	Lincoln County	Away
Oct. 1	Somerset	Home
6	Madison Central	Home
8	Mercer County	Away
10	Wayne County	Home
10	Danville	Home
13	Casey County	Away
15	North Laurel	Home

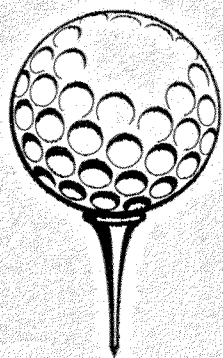
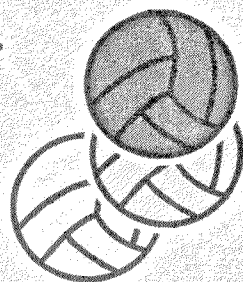
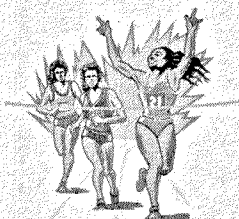
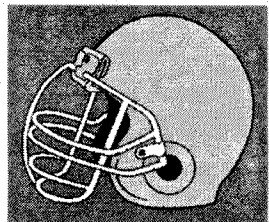


2020 Freshmen Volleyball

Members of the RCHS freshmen volleyball squad are shown above, front row from left: Allie Todd, Keeley Tirivanti, Destiny Bullen, Paige Cash and Carley Carter. Back row from left: Kaylee Carpenter, Lila Holt, Camryn Cash, Brooklyn Robinson and Madi Lewis.

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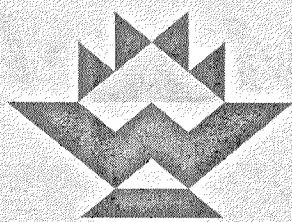
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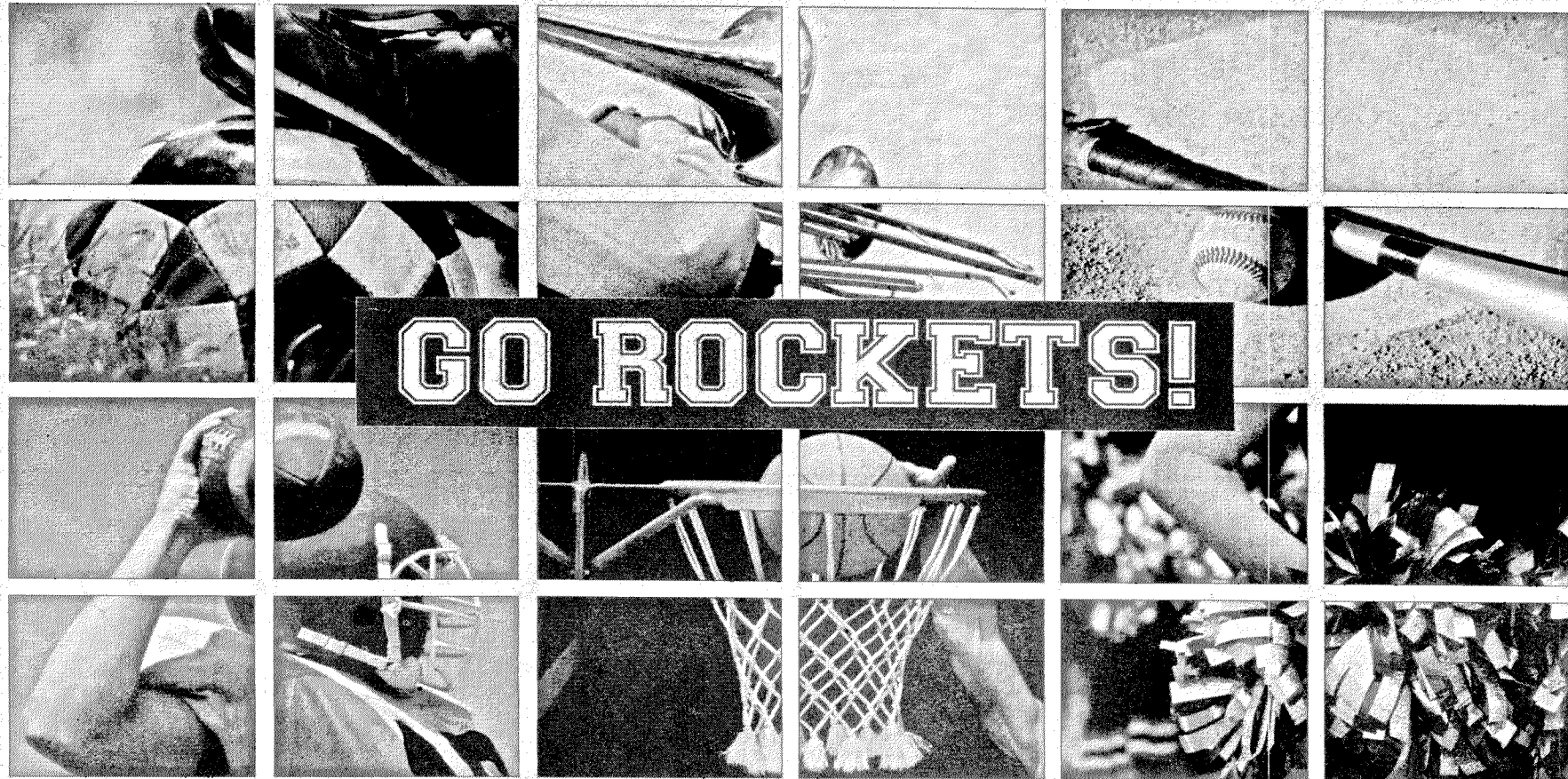
Shown above is the 2020 edition of the RCCHS Marching Rockets: Front row from left: Julian Isaacs and Sierra Payne. Second row from left: Daniel Krebs, Kilee Carpenter and Ethan Cromer. Third row from left: Thomas Ligon, Marcos Bengue, Loretta Krebs, Drum Major Devona Smith, Emily Sturgill, Amber Horn and Kaylee Deatherage. Fourth row from left: Evan Whipple, Daniel Wilson, Alex Burke, Leah Whitworth, Zaydan Barnett, Robert Rhodus, Wyatt Martin and Allie Dunn. Back row from left: Band Director Greg Daugherty, Colorguard Instructor Allison Renner and Percussion Instructor Cassandra Smith. Not pictured: Kendra Silver



RCCHS Marching Rockets Staff

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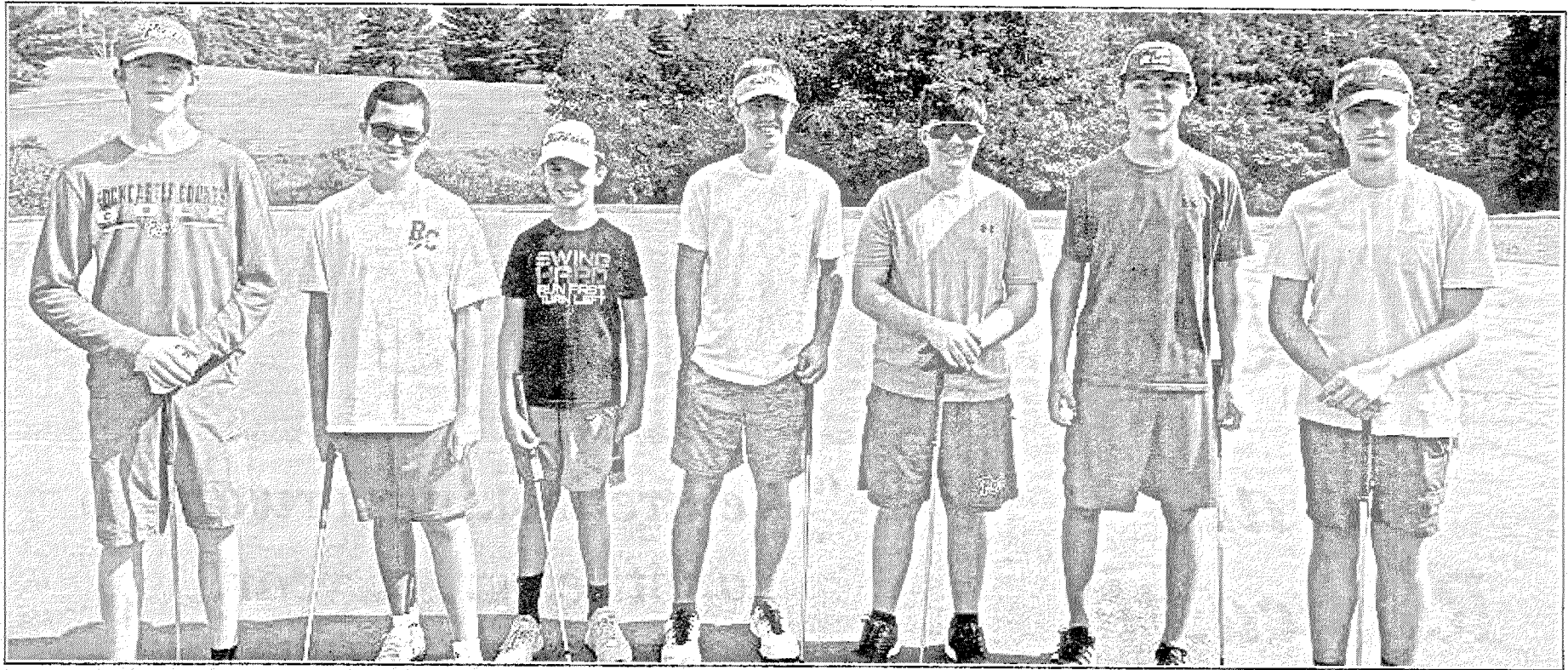


2020 RCHS Marching Rocket Seniors



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Drum Major
Devona Smith,
and
Kaylee Deatherage.

Not pictured:
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2020 RCHS Boys' Golf Team

The 2020 RCHS boys' golf team is shown above, from left: Samuel Burdine, Dalton DeBorde, Zeke Fain, Dalton Gibbs, Jake Cromer, Lincoln Rader and Ayden Shepherd.

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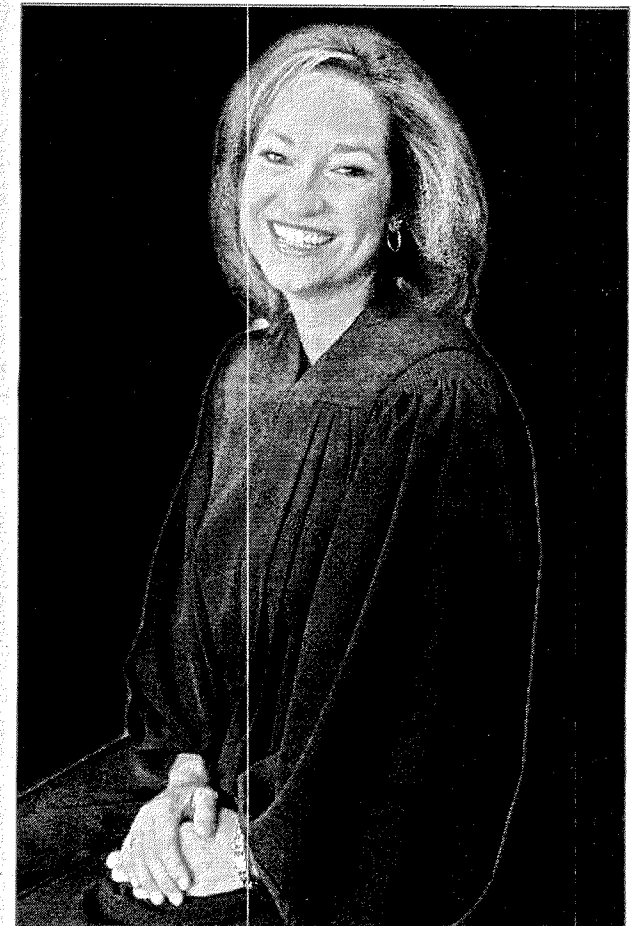
The 2020 RCHS girls' golf team is shown above, from left: Ella Bussell, Aubree Clark, Riley Clark, Allie Todd and Alexa Bussell.



RCHS Girls' Golf Seniors

Senior members of the RCHS Girls' Golf team are shown at left, from left: Riley Clark and Alexa Bussell

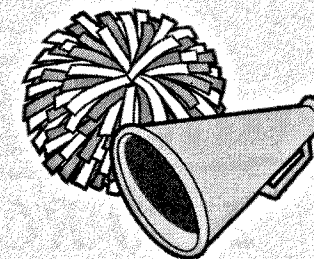
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2020 RCHS Cheer Squad



Members of the Rockcastle County High School Cheerleading Squad are shown above, front row from left: Victoria Dykes, Ashleigh Abney, Bailey Terry and Hannah King. Second row from left: Kendra Gibson, Paige Lovell, Maggie Reynolds, Kerrigan Medley, Molly Craig, Emma Ballinger and Lindsey Robinson. Back row from left: Alivia Shepherd, Taryn Powell, Haven Rowland, Taylor Hall, Raychel Carpenter, Kameryn Medley, Jenna Eaton and Maddie Ellis. The team is coached by Joanie Alexander and Rachel Johnson.

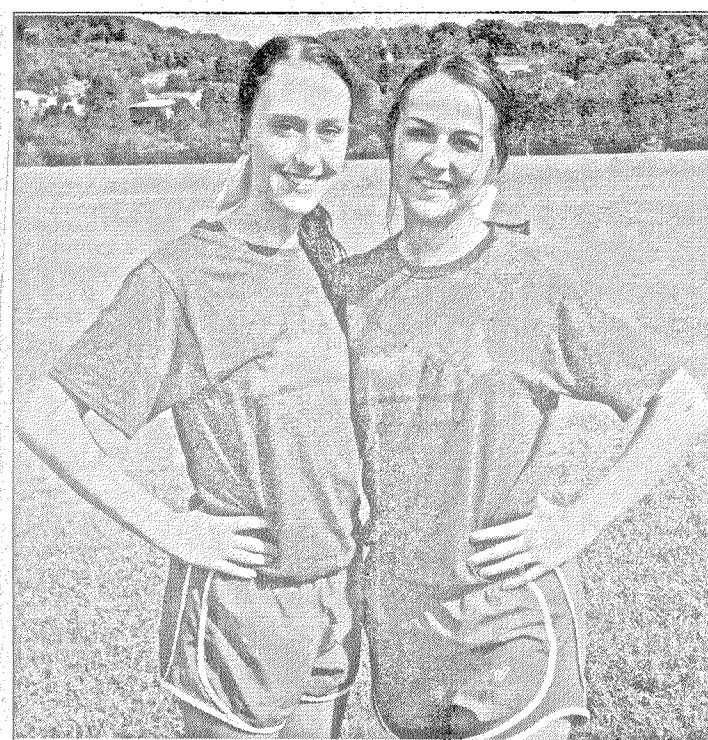


2020 Cheer Captains

Captains for this year's cheer squad are shown at left, from left: Lindsey Robinson and Kerrigan Medley.

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2020 RCHS Cross-Country Schedule

September 19	Wayne County Invitational
September 25	North Laurel Invitational
October 3	Louisville CC Classic
October 27	KTCCCA Meet of Champions/ Middle School/Elementary State or Cave Lake Fall Classic
October 24*	Regional CC Championships
October 31*	Class 2A State Championships —Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington

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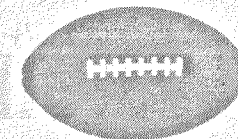


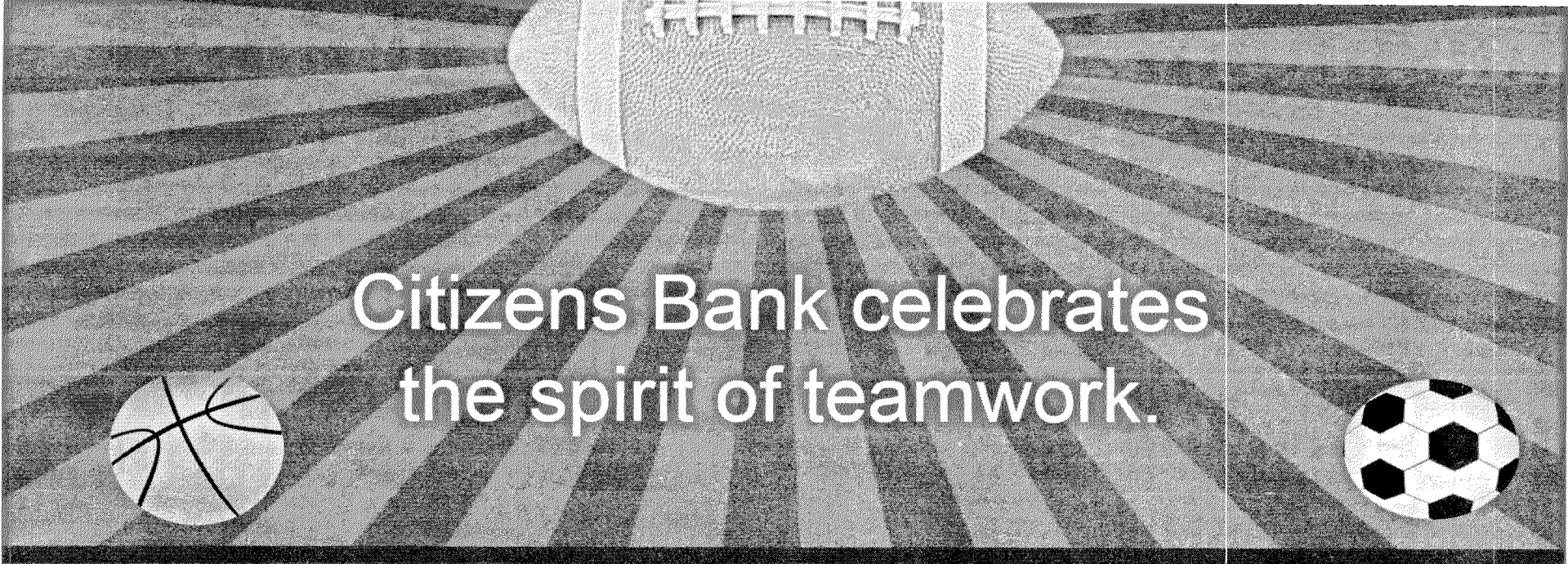
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