

Total loss



The Brodhead Fire Department was called to the home of Bill Smith on Thrasher Lane in Brodhead Sunday afternoon. According to officials at the department, a detached garage and three vehicles, along with some farm equipment and supplies inside, were completely engulfed in flames upon arrival. Mutual aid was provided by the Mount Vernon Fire Department and the Brindle Ridge Fire Department. No injuries were reported and the cause is listed as accidental.

Larry Hammond School board member resigns after first year

By: Mike French Editor

In a surprise move, at Tuesday's regular monthly meeting, Rockcastle County's Fifth District School Board member Larry Hammond submitted his resignation.

Hammond, former Superintendent of the Rockcastle County Schools, is currently the Interim Superintendent of the Gallatin County School District which has been a sore spot among some members, currently on the Rockcastle board. There was also some question as to Hammond's primary residence but he laid those questions to rest recently by stating for the record that his primary residence was Rockcastle County.

In fact, the dual position was submitted to the Attorney General's office with a suggestion of a possible conflict of interest. Hammond continued to assure all who questioned him on the matter that he had thoroughly investigated the situation before he ran for office and had been assured by attorneys and some board members that no conflict existed.

No known action was taken by the Attorney General.

During his nine months in office, Hammond also accused the local board of financial improprieties and suggested the "Team Commitments" were no longer observed by the current board.

But the most controversy came when

Hammond voted "no" to rehire current Superintendent Carrie Ballinger with a higher salary, after her review this year. Hammond read a letter stating his reasons for the "no" vote but the board attorney apparently advised the board to remove his comments from the minutes of the meeting though the meeting was broadcast on YouTube and his comments were made in public.

Hammond expressed his concern over public transparency since comments in a public meeting were intentionally left out of meeting minutes. Still, the board voted to accept the minutes into record without his comments. Hammond later noted, "I wonder what else is left

(See "Hammond" on A5)

Two new positions created

School board mandates masks

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board dealt with many issues during their regular monthly meeting last week.

Late in the meeting, the most discussed portion of the agenda focused on Superintendent Carrie Ballinger's request to hire two retired teachers to oversee many different facets of the district. "We need to hire two retired teachers back," said Ballinger. "Not as substitutes but to oversee and help provide additional services. They would help provide many different functions and assist with our quarantined students...Our teachers are doing so much and they need some assistance in many different areas."

But instead of the usual nods of approval and motion to approve, the idea met with a lengthy, inquisitive conversation about the two new positions.

The conversation centered on questions about salary and job descriptions and if the jobs will be posted. Ballinger first said the jobs would not be posted positions and the salaries would be what ever the retired teacher was being paid at the time of their retirement.

The recently passed SB1 (Senate Bill 1) allows retired teachers to be hired back into the school system, without losing or diminishing their pension, at the same salary they had when they retired. Money from federal pandemic relief funds will be used to pay the retired teacher.

Board member Larry Hammond suggested the jobs should be posted. "I

am sure there are a lot of retired teachers out there that may want a job like that. Also, there may be a lot of other people looking for a job right now," said Hammond. "Any more, if you have a high

school diploma and four years work experience, you basically qualify to be a substitute teacher." Board member Angela Woods agreed the position should be posted. Hammond said the posi-

tions should be open to everyone. "I would hate to tell other retired teachers we are just sorry about your luck."

Ballinger said the jobs will require specific duties. "We just need these two retired teachers because considering what we are going to ask of these people, experience will be of the utmost importance. These will not be people just taking over what a teacher has ready for them. This will be people we are asking to design, supervise, oversee and much more."

Ballinger said COVID has caused the need for

(See "School" on A5)

City keeps tax rates the same

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council dealt with several subjects during their regular monthly meeting last week, but the finance reports were still not available for council review.

City Clerk Janette Robinson has been off work for eight weeks, according to Mayor Mike Bryant due to "serious health issues."

The financial reports were not available at last month's meeting but Administrative Consultant Josh Bray said Robinson was expected

to be back at work and provide both month's reports at this meeting. However, Mayor Bryant says Robinson's health had deteriorated and she may be off work even longer.

So, the council voted to name Mayor's Assistant Crystal Rush as interim City Clerk while Robinson is recuperating.

"The financial reports are very complex and we are required to provide very detailed information on many different forms to the state," said Bray. "We are working hard to

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Hazardous waste drop-off day

By: Mike French Editor

There have been trash drop-off days and other opportunities to get rid of most trash but there have always been restrictions concerning what can be thrown away. Many items, used on farms and households across the county, were forbidden from being included in that trash.

However, thanks to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, and the Kentucky Division of Waste Management, there is now a way to get rid of the items that residents could not throw away before.

Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator James Renner, has announced the creation of Hazardous Waste Disposal Day. The event will

Applications being taken for Christmas Angel Tree

Applications for the Christmas Angel Tree will be taken in Rockcastle County Thursday, October 28th at the Rockcastle Co. Library from 9 a.m. to 2 pm.

The applications are for children, birth to 12-years-old, and is available for all eligible families in

be Saturday, October 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rockcastle County recycling Center on South

(See "Waste" on A5)

Fiscal court handles several issues during September meeting

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last

Tuesday, dealing with 30 items on their agenda.

Rick VanWinkle, with the Southeast Antique Tractor Association, asked the court for \$1,000 for expenses toward the annual tractor show at the Brodhead Fairgrounds on September 30, August 1 and 2. The request was approved.

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority presented their monthly report to the court for approval and Executive Director Jeff VanHook thanked the court for their help in working with Chapin Inc's planned expansion. The expansion is expected to provide 100 additional jobs in the county. The report showed a surplus of \$10,010.94, after \$2,992.23 in monthly expenses in August. The re-

(See "Court" on A5)

COVID Update

Rockcastle County recorded two new deaths related to COVID-19 last week. A 50-year-old female and a 75-year-old female, at the Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center where nine cases were reported. The Cumberland Valley District Health Department is monitoring outbreaks at the local detention center and the rehab center. The county incident rate stands at its highest ever at 219 with 74 confirmed and 182 probable new cases last week. COVID-19 is now blamed for 29 deaths in the county.

Gracious giveaway

Higher Praise Ministries is planning a free giveaway Saturday, September 25 at the Save-A-Lot/Dollar General Store parking lot from 11-6. Anyone in need is encouraged to attend. Bring a bag for your items.

Boil water

A boil water advisory has been issued for the City of Livingston. Anyone experiencing low water pressure is advised to boil any water, used for drinking or cooking, bringing it to a rolling boil for at least three minutes.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

As I am writing this column, Tuesday morning, I am also waiting, with bated breath, to hear that my 14th grandchild has been safely delivered.

Youngest daughter Allison will add the third child to her family shortly, and we can't wait. I think it was Melanie in *Gone With the Wind* who said, the best days are the days that babies come (or something to that effect but you get the idea).

We have had a six month, at least, conversation with Allison as to what the child's name will be. They have known for some time that it will be a girl and Allison decided right off that she would be using her middle and my first name, it's the baby's first name that has engendered so much family conversation.

For months, Allison has listened politely to our suggestions and then politely dismissed them all. We are now to the point where her brother, Travis, asked Monday if a first name had been chosen and when Allison told him no, he pointed out that "White Girl" on a birth certificate wasn't allowed, he didn't think.

So, at this point, ground zero, none of the family knows what this newest addition will be called for the rest of her life. We suspect that Allison has decided but has also decided to just keep it to herself until it's a done deal.

Allison is a tad stubborn, oh, heck, let's face it, she's very stubborn. Ever since she was a small child she has dealt with differing opinions between us by just not engaging in dialogue but usually managing to find a way to have her own way.

I still remember the occasion when she was 6 or 7 and I had bought a cute sweat suit for her (at least I thought it was cute and I hadn't yet tumbled to the fact of what it meant when she actually made no comment).

It was some time later, maybe a couple of months, that I was cleaning her room and, lo and behold, swept out the "cute" sweat suit that I had bought her from under her bed, with the tags still attached. That was when I realized that she had had no intention of wearing said suit when we bought it but had neatly sidestepped controversy with me.

Anyway, eventually, she has to tell us this newest addition's name and, depending on what it is, I will pass it along to you and, yes, you are expected to show at least a modicum of interest.

And, an update of the

latest power grab, compliments of the Democrat Party.

In the proposed over \$3.5T infrastructure bill, or the proposed budget bill (I can't keep them straight), there is an appropriation included for over \$83B for 81K new IRS agents. The purpose of these additions to the dreaded IRS is to monitor EVERYONE'S bank account for any transaction \$600 or over.

On their facebook page, Citizens Bank posted a Customer Alert that says, in part, "A recent proposal in Washington would require all community banks, and other financial institutions, to report to the IRS on all deposits and withdrawals through business and personal accounts worth more than \$600, regardless of tax liability. This indiscriminating bank account reporting to the IRS can soon be enacted in Congress and will create an unacceptable invasion of privacy for our customers. Join us in telling Congress that proposed IRS bank account profiling is intrusive and indiscriminate for our customers."

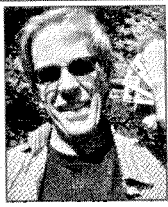
The website encourages customers to write our Congressmen and Senators to express their opposition to this effort and provides a sample letter already written on the website.

I, personally, will be

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



It was a cold December day right after Christmas and I was 12. "Bummer! I am a tall, thin fellow and I just can't find a thing long enough to cover my toes and keep me warm."

That was it. One little sentence and then it was forgotten. No more was ever said about it. I grabbed the nearest blanket and balled up under it on the linoleum covered living room floor in front of the Warm Morning heater. I used to get to watch tv every night in front of that old heater until bedtime.

It was the most comfortable time of day, every day. Tired from running and playing and helping Dad or Mom around the farm, I loved my time each night in front of that old stove. Mom was always on the couch behind me piddling with something and watching tv with me while talking to Dad about their day.

That old heater blew warm air out the bottom and I could hold the blanket up and let the hot air blow up under my blanket. While I barely even noticed Pop sitting and reading his paper and Mom fiddling around with stuff, I would get so warm and cozy that I usually was ready for bed by the time Dad said, "It's bedtime son. Go ahead." Yeah, I was a rebel.

"Just a few more minutes Dad?" It always worked. "Okay you can stay up till this show goes off but then straight to bed."

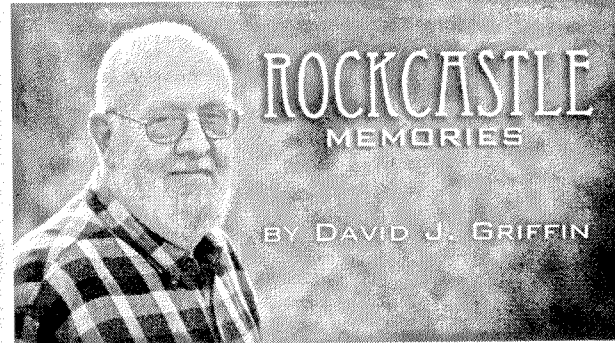
I thought I was slick but now I know "after the show" was his goal all along and he was playing me. Still, I got to stay right there and listen to Dad's newspaper pages flip but not a sound from Mom doing whatever she was doing.

As summer came, since air conditioning didn't exist yet, I would still watch tv on the living room floor but now the heater was off and a fan was blowing. That fan moved the pages of Dad's newspaper and kept blowing some of mom's stuff off the couch. The fan was louder than the stove so Mom and Dad talked louder and we would occasionally have to pick up a piece of material or thread that the fan had blown off mom's lap.

All through summer and into fall, the routine didn't change much that year. Me going to school, Dad working and reading the paper and Mom working at home and sitting on that couch every night fooling with pieces of cloth and needles.

A couple of times I would sit in Mom's lap if the show was scary and she would divide her time between comforting me and looking down work-

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Fall Colors

Even though I cannot see the Daniel Boone National Forest from my new home in Mt. Sterling, the leaves of the trees in my neighborhood are slowly turning colors. For almost thirty years, my wife and I could walk out on our deck in Powell County and watch the turning of the leaves in the national forest.

I noticed a huge maple tree in our neighbor's yard, just across the street, beginning to turn yellow a couple of weeks ago. Now a couple of other trees are beginning to turn colors also. This is definitely my favorite season of the year. We are ready to sit by a fire in our back yard as the evening temperatures begin to drop. My wood pile is ready for the season.

When I was a boy living with my mother in Rockcastle County, we had numerous poplar trees in our yard. They were our local gauge of the coming fall season. Their leaves were always the first to turn yellow and fall to the ground before the other hardwood trees.

The hickory nuts are falling, and that usually means fall is just around the bend. Another sign of fall is the appearance of katydids making their calls at night. They have

begun to make their characteristic sounds in my yard after dark. Their mighty chorus causes me to stop and listen when I am outdoors. They are already serenading the other wildlife nearby.

When I was a biology teacher at Mt. Sterling High School, I always taught my students a way to determine the temperature, even if you did not have a thermometer. If you count the number of katydid "chirps" in 15 seconds, and add 37, it will give you a fairly accurate temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. (Just a little tip that I found handy.)

So the popular trees the hickory nuts, and the katydids are ready for fall and so am I. I am ready to get out my long-sleeved shirts, my jean jacket, and my fall Stetson hat.

I suppose fall has always been my favorite season. I can't count the times that my wife and I have made timely travels to witness the fall colors in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. I hope we will be able to take a short drive this year to soak in the fall colors. I love taking photos of the fall foliage.

I am so thankful that my heritage was influenced by forests that we lived near when I was a child in Rockcastle

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



Time for Candles and Football

Dear Journal,

It is not even seven P.M. and it is almost dark. My joints are stiff and sore and there is a coolness starting to be in the air. The depression of the fall is starting. It isn't that I don't love fall but it is the darkness of it that really bothers me. Fall is my favorite season other than spring, but the lack of light is depressing. I've been known to light a candle on dark and gloomy days to get a little extra light going. Besides that, I get this good aroma from the candle going all through the house. My favorites are those candles with a spicy aroma like pumpkin spice, warm apple pie, and cinnamon toast.

This next week is supposed to bring on the first of the fall rains along with the first blast of Canadian cool air. It won't be long until a little fire in the fireplace or to turn up the

thermostat a little won't feel bad at all. It makes me want to make a kettle of soup and some ginger bread. O, my, it is starting to feel very cozy and homey all of a sudden. Let me get out my best soft warm throw and a good book of poetry. Sounds good, doesn't it?

I'm looking forward to watching the Wildcats play the South Carolina Game Cocks next Saturday night. I might even watch a little pro football this year, too. I'm about ready to forgive all of the knee droppers who disrespect the National Anthem and the flag. The first knee to drop, there goes the TV to off. There have been just too many service men and women who have fought, died and been horribly injured in a variety of ways for generations so that we can enjoy the freedoms many just take for granted for the anthem and flag to be disrespected in such a manner. If everybody started turning off the TV when the knees start dropping, let the ratings drop and the sponsors lose interest and fans walk out of the stadiums the players' salaries would start to drop and those knees would come up off of the ground in a hurry. I think that if you really despise America all that much, you just need to pack up and leave.

The "a" on my keyboard wants to protest and not work like it should. I've been about an hour trying to type this so I guess I'll have to pause for now and see you after the rain and football games.

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County. Nothing is as comforting or calming as being among the stately trees of a majestic forest. God’s handiwork is demonstrated in the wondrous colors, textures, and smells inside the woods. I almost never enter that setting without placing my hands on the trunks of the oldest trees and saying a prayer of thanks to the Lord for his wondrous creations. Over and over I say, “God, thank you for the trees and for the joy they

bring to every living creature that exists here!”

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“ramblings”

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doing this and hope others will also do this to protest another government overreach of this administration.

But, while the administration is very concerned about knowing every trans-

action \$600 and over that everyone in this country is making through their bank accounts, they are not showing any concern about the 1.5 million illegal aliens who have entered this country through our southern border since the inauguration of Joe Biden as President.

In the last week, approximately 12K illegals, most of them Haitians, are camped underneath the Del Rio International Bridge.

Where were our President and Border Czar VP during this crisis? Well, our President was bicycling on the beach on his vacation and Kamala was tossing the coin for a college football game Saturday.

However, Homeland Security Chief Alejandro Mayorkas, during a visit to Del Rio Monday, warned those crossing into the US illegally that their “journey will not succeed” and threatened that “you will be returned.”

Mayorkas claimed that “this administration is committed to developing a safe, orderly and humane pathways for migration.”

I, personally, had a hard time reading these comments with a straight face or without throwing up in my mouth. When Biden took office, the border was under control and a fence was being built that was helping to control illegal immigration.

We are fast losing our country’s identity and that’s exactly the aim of the Open Society Foundation, founded by billionaire George Soros.

These unvetted illegals are being allowed to cross our Southern border illegally and then being bused across our country, particularly into red states, with the plan of eventually changing the demographics of this country and the voting trends so that Democrats never lose another election for anything.

I am a big fan of Thomas Massie (R-4th Congressional District). He often points out the inconsistencies from what this administration says they stand for to what they actually do stand for as demonstrated by their actions,

unlike our own Harold Rogers whom we never hear a peep from unless it’s to announce some pork barrel grant for counties in his area - although Rockcastle rarely benefits from his efforts.

For example, Cong. Massie recently tweeted, “We’re 18 months, 2 presidents, 5 trillion dollars, 3 jabs and a shredded Constitution into slowing the spread.”

Massie also noted that “Congress never passed a law requiring masks on planes. It’s a directive from the executive branch. This is not a sustainable form of government.”

Of course, you realize that wearing a mask does not apply to everyone. The celebrity elites gathered Monday night to award each other Emmy trophies and no one was wearing a mask, except the wait staff. The LA Health Department ruled that the Emmys were “Exempt.”

There are some hopeful signs that some institutions/ businesses in our country have had enough of Biden’s unconstitutional mandates.

UAB Hospital in Birmingham said it will wait to learn how the federal vaccine mandates announced by Biden play out before imposing any requirement

And, all eight of Mississippi’s colleges and universities are banned from issuing vaccine mandates.

Also, the Biological Products Committee of the FDA voted 16-2 against Joe Biden’s proposed COVID-19 booster shot program.

A final note, the Senate parliamentarian says the proposed \$3.5T infrastructure bill cannot include a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants. The Democrats are rabid.

“Aces”

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ing on her little project.

Once winter had returned, it was time to relight the pilot light, clean out the flu and the chimney and get the stove going again.

An entire year had passed

and it didn’t seem to me that we had accomplished anything. Nothing was really any different than it had been the previous winter. Same stove, same blower, same tv, Dad still reading the paper and Mom still piddling with her cotton and pieces of material.

I remember asking Mom what she was doing. “Just sewing” she said. I remember thinking she does that a lot.

Sometimes during her favorite soap opera she would take a break from her daily chores and sit down for *One Life to Live*. Still, even then, she would jump into her hobby.

One of the most memorable sights for some reason is Mom looking straight down and pulling that long strand of thread up in the air, giving it a couple of quick snappy tugs for tightness and then stick the needle back though the material again. Over and over and over.

For an entire year this went on.

Whenever anyone asked what Mom was doing, I always felt comfortable saying, “Oh, she’s probably in the house sewing or something,” because it seemed like that’s all she did. Man!

Mom was addicted to that hobby, I thought.

Finally, Christmas was back again. A full year passed before I realized it. It seemed all the world remained the same for an entire year.

Then this year, on Christmas morning, as I overflowed with joy and excitement and ran out of my room towards our warm, comfortable living room, there it was. The big beautiful Christmas tree adorned with popcorn and ribbons and bows and Mom and Dad in their usual seats.

But this time, Mom wasn’t sewing. She was sitting on the couch, but she wasn’t sewing. Instead, her fingers were still and her eyes were fixed on her only son.

Under the tree, neatly folded, with a big, red bow was a handmade quilt with my name on it. It took her a year but she never stopped until she was sure I would be warm. I hadn’t been in her lap a couple of times. I had been in her lap every night that year. I never left it.

For the next 50 years that quilt kept my body warm. I gave it to my son this week. May it warm his heart for another 50.

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Tuesday, Sept. 28th: Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax.

Farm Bureau Customer Appreciation

The Rockcastle County Farm Bureau will hold a Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, October 1st, beginning at 10 a.m. until we run out of gift bags and goodies! If you are a member of the rockcastle County Farm Bureau, come out and get a gift bag and chance to win a prize! (No food will be served).

Christmas Angel Tree Applications

The Salvation Army will take applications in Rockcastle County for their Christmas Angel Tree on Thursday, October 28th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applications will be accepted at the Rockcastle County Library. For questions call 859-624-5826. For more info, see related story in this week’s Signal.

Kiwanis Club

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

American Legion Post News

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

Recovery Meetings

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828. ***Please call 256-5577 by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

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

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

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn, 606-308-3099 or Tammy 606-308-1614.

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

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

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

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-COED, 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828 Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

DAR Meetings

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

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.

Church News

Special Service at Cupps Chapel

There will be a Special Service at Cupps Chapel Holiness Church on Thursday night, September 23, beginning at 7 p.m. Bro. Claude Gilbert, Jr., from London, will be preaching.

Please come out and worship with us.

Also, Homecoming Services will be held Sunday, September 26th, starting at 12:30 p.m.

Bro. Marlow Napier of London will be preaching and there will be special singing by The Praise Singers from Irvine.

After church services will include a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation welcomes everyone to come out and enjoy the day with us.

Homecoming at First Christian

First Christian Church will hold their Fall Homecoming September 26-28. Bro. Larry Travis will be speaking on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Sunday evening at 6 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 160 West Main St. Call 256-2786 for any questions.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Sand Springs Baptist to hold Homecoming

Sand Springs Baptist Church will hold their Homecoming on Sunday, September 26th. There will be special preaching by Bro. David Lawson of Corbin during the morning worship service. After the service, there will be a potluck lunch served under the shelter.

Everyone is invited to attend.



The MVHS Class of 1970 recently held their 50/51st reunion at Bible Baptist Church Family Life Center. 22 members of the class were present. Class members present are shown above, front row from left: Lavania Wheat McNew, Judy Chasteen Parrot, Brenda Childers Hunt, Donna Durham Dean, Sherry Graham Robinson, Judy Reese Maples and Delilah Barnett. Second row from left: Tony Davis, Donnie Clark, Dale McNew, Kenny Hackworth, Danny Ford, Kenneth Bullock, James Lawrence Phelps, David Eaton, Robert Linnville, Mike Peters, Gary Allen, Gerald Alexander, Alvin Vanwinkle and Fred Morris.

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Obituaries

Shirley Harris Maples

Shirley Harris Maples, 58, of Brodhead, died Monday September 20, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born December 4, 1962, to the late Raymond and Polly Hacker Harris. She was of the Christian faith and loved the outdoors, fishing, kayaking, gardening, spending time with family and her dog, Zowie.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her son, Matt (Loren) Maples of Brodhead; one brother, Randall Harris of Brodhead; and one sister, Earna Rae Harris of Lebanon, Ky.

Visitation will be Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 11 a.m. until time of funeral service at 1 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Arthur Hunt officiating. Burial will follow in Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Michael Scott, Coy Robinson, Delzie Kelly, Joe Cummins, Roger Reynolds, and Jason Reynolds. Honorary casketbearers are: Earnie "Ebo" Boggs and Gary "Jitterbut" Kidwell.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Deanie Hensley

Deanie Hensley, 69, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, September 10, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Sparta, TN on April 27, 1952, the daughter of Sam and Nina Clouse Junkins. She was a homemaker and was of the Baptist Faith. She loved cooking for her family and friends.

She is survived by: a son, Lloyd Dewayne Hensley of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Samuel Dewayne Junkins of Georgia; and four sisters, Joyce Napier of Conway, Brenda Williams of Sparta, TN, and Sandy Dean and Shirley Dean, both of Georgia. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Lloyd Hensley; two daughters, Angela Northern and Rhonda Bowman; a sister, Doris Dees; and a great grandchild.

Private burial services were held Friday, September 17, 2021 in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

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



Billie Bales

Billie Bales, 93, of Livingston, died Thursday, September 16, 2021 at her home. She was born August 12, 1928 in Livingston, the daughter of the late Earl and Ruby Mattingly McNutt. She was a homemaker, enjoyed sewing and singing, and was a member of the Livingston Baptist Church.

Survivors are: one daughter, Arlene Smith of Livingston; one granddaughter, Sandy Smith of Livingston; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Archie Bales.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 19, 2021 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. George Renner and Bro. Jason Medley officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jerry Jones, Chuck Metcalf, Rob Stansbury, Billy Ray Dishon, Buzz Carloftis and Ronnie Bales.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhome.com



Darrell McKinney

Darrell McKinney, 64, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. He was born February 22, 1957, in Somerset, a son of the late Arthur Joplin McKinney and Clarice Todd McKinney. In his free time, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his brothers and sisters, Joyce Burdine, and Bonnie (Novice) Gentry, both of Brodhead, Jimmy McKinney of Lexington, and Bill (Carolyn) McKinney, and Danny (Betty Jo) McKinney, both of Brodhead; a good friend, Matthew Bustle; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: a sibling, Jackie McKinney; a sister-in-law, Jean McKinney; a brother-in-law, Genis Ray Burdine; and a niece, Janet Burdine.

Services were held Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Steve Burdine officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

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

Mary Elizabeth "Liv" Cole

Mary Elizabeth "Liv" Cole, 73, of Livingston, died Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Livingston on April 20, 1948, the daughter of Herman and Laura Sturgill Mize. She was a retired employee of Mt. Vernon Plastics and was a member of First Christian Church of Livingston.

She is survived by: her son, Byron Cole of Livingston; and four sisters, Margie and Martin Vanzant of Mt. Vernon, and Freda Sturgill, Barbara Hammond, and Gladys and Wayne Mounts, all of Livingston. She was preceded in death by a brother, Homer Mize and a sister, Betty Jean Mink.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 19, 2021 at Calloway Holiness Church by Bro. Arthur Hunt. Burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Frankie Carpenter, Jessie Carpenter, Phillip Doan, Jason Medley, Eddie Wayne Mink, and Donnie Sturgill. Honorary pallbearers were: Amelia Carpenter, Matthew Carpenter, and Emily Sturgill.

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



Billy Wayne Cromer

Billy Wayne Cromer, 76, husband of Darlene, of Brodhead, died Friday, September 17, 2021, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born April 27, 1945, in Hansford, to the late Dewey and Geneva (Mink) Cromer. He was a member of the Ottawa Baptist Church, enjoyed fishing, hunting, NASCAR, and spending time with friends and family. He married Darlene Smith on April 17, 1967, and from that union came one daughter, Rhonda.

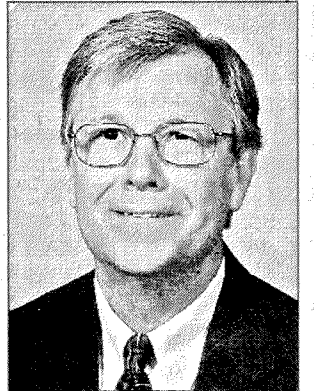
Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 54 years, Darlene; one daughter, Rhonda (Jerry) Childress of Brodhead; grandchildren, Adrienne (Jesse) Riffe of Lancaster, and Emily Childress of Richmond; step-grandchildren, Jessica (Jason) Cromer, and Christopher (Jennifer) Childress, both of Brodhead; five step great grandchildren, Jordan, Faith, Trinity, Kaleigh, and Fynnley; two brothers, Benny (Donna) Cromer of Brodhead, and Ricky Cromer of KS; one sister, Betty (Larry) Albright of Brodhead; as well as nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: one brother, Bobby Dale Cromer; and one sister, Lois Jane Cromer Burton Bastin.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jesse Riffe, Trevor Smith, Jason Childress, Shawn Childress, Larry Albright, and Jordan Nicely. Honorary pallbearers were: Junior Blanton, James McFerron, and Joe Lovins.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Frances Irene McClure

Frances Irene McClure, 62, of Brodhead, died Saturday, September 18, 2021, at her residence. Frances was born March 30, 1959, in Mt. Vernon, to the late Grover and Anita Leon (Albright) McClure. She was a member of the Watts Chapel Baptist Church, enjoyed shopping, car shows, motorcycles, traveling, and volunteering.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her son, Dallas (Edna) Todd of Brodhead; three grandchildren, Hannah Allen, Kaitlyn Allen, and Lucas Todd; one great grandson, Liam Carpenter; four brothers, James (Roberta) McClure, Ralph (Joanne) McClure, David McClure, and Michael McClure, all of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Jewell Kidwell of Lexington, and Pauline (George) Coleman, and Elaine Murphy, both of Mt. Vernon; as well as nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: one son, Joshua McClure; one brother, Grover McClure, Jr.; and one sister, Rosella Pearl Smith.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 23, 2021, from 11 a.m. until time for the funeral service at 2 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Dan Gutenson officiating. Burial will follow in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

All visitors are asked to wear masks and observe social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made toward her funeral fund.

Condolence may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Sudie Thompson

Sudie Thompson, 97, died September 18, 2021. She was born September 24, 1923, in Broughtontown, to George White and Mary Noe. They preceded her in death. Sudie is also preceded in death by her loving husband, Carl W. Thompson and siblings, Othmer, Annie, Sally, Matilda, Elsie, Elizabeth, Patricia, Daisy, Mary Jane, Louise, and Lily Mae.

She was the mother of the late Gary W. Thompson, Sharon Bass (Dave), and Michael D. Thompson (Dottie). Grandmother to Melissa Carter (David), Elizabeth Rigby (Brian), Michael C. Thompson (Mackenzie), and Mary Sue Shinkle (Todd). Great grandmother to Brevin and Ian Shinkle, Madison, Charlie, Jack, and Griffin Rigby and Ruby, Milo, and Dexter Thompson.

Sudie was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She was truly a remarkable and loving woman who always put others before herself. She lived a true Christian life by showing kindness, love and compassion to everyone she met. Her passions were baking, gardening and caring for her family. She was a gift to her family for almost 98 years. She will be missed by all.

A visitation will be held Thursday, September 23, from 5 - 7 p.m. with a funeral service to follow at 7 p.m. at E.C. Nurre Funeral Home, 177 W Main St. Amelia, OH 45102. A graveside service will be held Friday, September 24, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Fairview Church of Christ Cemetery, Brodhead.



Prayer in the Life of a Christian

Prayer is a very important part of any Christian's life, who is faithfully walking with the Lord. Jesus taught us prayer by word and by example, the writer of Hebrews, in Hebrews 7:25 Jesus ever lives to make intercession for his saints.

Jesus never spoke anything more important truth to those who are Christians than in Matthew 6:9 Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. With the one-word Father he taught us the Fatherhood of God toward the human family.

The importance of prayer cannot be emphasized too much. Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Matthew 6: 5-15 Luke 11:1-3 Christians everywhere are commanded to pray. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18. The New Testament says more about prayer, than it does about baptism, the Lords Supper, and instruments of music. When we consider the influence, that society has on the Christian and the home, we can see why the Bible places such importance on prayer.

It is difficult to define the word prayer in just one sentence. Some have described it as the conversation of a child of God with his Heavenly Father. In 1 Timothy 2:1 Paul lists the aspects of an acceptable prayer. I exhort therefore, first, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men.

Prayer is a privilege granted to the children of God. It must be mixed with faith. James 1:6 But let him ask in faith nothing wavering for he that wavers, is like wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. The prayer must be in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Colossians 3:17 For the Lord to answer our prayers, we must remember as Christians, God has given us the guidelines and we must stay within those guidelines for our prayers to be heard.

Jesus said it must come from an unselfish heart. Matthew 18:21-35 Forgiveness in our hearts for those who are sincere, we must do our very best to forgive them every time they ask, if we want our Father in Heaven to forgive us every time, we go to God in prayer.

1 John 5:14 It must be according to His will. If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. There is a way that is acceptable unto God, to pray we need to ask ourselves are we doing this or are we just wearing out God's ear.

Thank you for reading this message, I hope it helps when you pray to God, and I do hope you do pray to God. If you would like to contact some one from the Church you can reach us at these numbers 606-878-8104 or 859-582-4021

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When Jesus Comes, Light Comes!

In Matthew 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light and them which sat in the region and shadow of death light has sprung up. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

The bible light has always been a symbol of kindness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, grace, hope and God's revelation. Keep in mind light is the Christian's spiritual hope, it's what sees us through the darkest times in our lives, the valleys.

We all understand good light when it's important. For example, in an operating room, or maybe in the dentist office. When it's important to be able to clearly see the problems that need correcting. It is the same way Jesus brought the light that is needed to be able to correct the problems of humanity, mainly sin. In John 14:6 it says, He is the way, truth, and life. His life was and is the light which shines to show us the way.

We know he was sinless while upon this earth. 1 Peter 2:22-23, Who did not sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: VS 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that will judge with a righteous judgement.

Ephesians 5:8-9, For once you were full of darkness, but now you have the light from the Lord! VS 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

1 Peter 2:9, But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

II Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness." Made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face Christ.

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“School”

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some positions she had not planned for. "There would have been no way to know we would have needed this kind of position before COVID," she said. "COVID has changed so many parts of education and instruction."

After much discussion, the board agreed to create the two new positions but they must be posted positions and they will be for only the remainder of this school year. The motion passed unanimously.

During a presentation by the high school Agronomy Rockets, it was announced that the FFA Agronomy Team, took first place in the state in recent competition. In fact, the top four individual winners were each members of the Rockcastle County team.

The four winners were Ashley Brenda, Logan Dykes, Natalie Tolle and Luree Gabbard in that order.

There was also discussion about the upcoming 50th graduating class of RCHS and plans to bring the original football team and original Homecoming Queen to this year's 50th Homecoming event.

It was determined that there are no COVID regulations at outdoor athletics events in Rockcastle County. Masks are not required but suggested, and there is no limits to the number of tickets that can be sold.

The board minutes were once again in question as board member Larry Hammond said reference to the children of board members going to other district school systems were left out of those minutes. Chairman Angela Mink said the minutes will be corrected and brought to the next meeting.

Finance Director Jenny Sweet presented the working budget for 2021-22 with no changes from previous drafts. Sweet said the budget is strong and a new fund (Fund 25) has been added to account for one-time grants during COVID. The budget passed unanimously.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger then told the board the Kentucky Department of Education has allowed 10 additional days off for all teachers who have been vaccinated. "Vaccinated teachers and staff have 10 additional days if they are quarantined. We tried to offer that to the unvaccinated also but KDE does not provide for that and we couldn't offer that," said Ballinger.

Ballinger also informed the board that it is her recommendation that the Rockcastle County School District require masks in all buildings at all times by all staff and students. Though the Legislature decided last month that it is unconstitutional for the Governor to mandate masks for students, the Rockcastle County School Board has mandated that masks will be required in all school buildings and buses at all times, regardless of vaccination status or natural immunity.

The board also decided to add a \$100 matching bonus to the \$100 that will be provided by the Kentucky Department of Education to all teachers and staff who receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

According to Marcus Reppert, Director of Student Services, each student that tests positive for COVID-19, usually causes the quarantine of 5 to 6 more students. Reppert said as of last Tuesday, there were 250 students quarantined and 68 students who have tested positive. However, on the same day, there were 526 students absent.

During board Comments, Hammond had several points of concern. First, Hammond had inquired about bus size since he had received a complaint about a 72-passenger bus not being able to travel certain small lanes in the county. Second, Hammond inquired about repairing the school track. This sparked agreement across the room, with each board member agreeing that the school track needs repair. Ballinger said a new track or track overhaul would be part of the discussion if a new middle school does become a definite plan.

In the meantime, Chairman Angela Stallworth-Mink said she believes the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court should "make a sizable donation" toward repairing and refurbishing the track. "Our track is used by the entire community and serves a purpose for many different people in the county besides just the school," said Mink. "The fiscal court helps with other things in the county that benefits the whole county and I think they should play a big part in fixing the school track also."

Ballinger agreed the track needs work soon. "We have state champion quality track stars and we can't even host home meets because of the condition of our track," she said.

Third, Hammond said he had been told that funds from booster clubs had been used for travel expenses. "It is up to the district to fund travel and athletics," said Hammond. "Booster funds are supposed to be for frill. It is supposed to be icing on the cake." Ballinger said she has not heard the complaint but will look into it immediately.

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

Full time certified employees:

Abigail Reynolds, teacher BES; Landrea Brown, volunteer cheerleading coach at RCMS; Katie Thacker, teacher RES.

Fulltime classified employees hired:

Philip Perenter and David Bryant, bus drivers; Christina Prewitt, full time substitute cook/baker; Cody Durham, vehicle mechanic I, Wanda Bussell, custodian at RCMS; Kristin Holcomb, instructional assistant at RCMS; Brent Jones, custodian at RCHS; Ashley McKeehan, instructional assistant at the academy; Juetta Potter, school grounds monitor at RCHS; Holly Bryant, college and career navigator at RCHS.

Resignations:

Stacey Clark, substitute cook/baker; Janet Brooks, cook/baker at RCHS; Wanda Bussell, cook/baker at RCMS; Katie Thacker, academic interventionist at MVES; Randy Mink, Jr., custodian at RCHS; Karen Bray, substitute bus monitor; Beverly Miller, instructional assistant at

MVES; Alecia Abney, instructional assistant at RCHS.

Retirements:

Connie Hasty, custodian at RES.

Certified Substitutes Employed:

Regina Eaton, substitute teacher.

Classified Substitutes Employed:

Brittany Lakes, Melony Wynn, Stacey Clark, and Jennifer Thompson, substitute cook/bakers; Ann Alexander, Heather McCracken and Bill Asher, substitute bus monitors; Jason Cash, Julia Alcorn and Donald Minton, substitute bus drivers; Claudia Adams, substitute nurse.

Personnel updates:

Cynthia Chrisman, transferred from 6-hour RCMS cook baker to a vacant 7.5 hour RCMS cook/baker.

“City”

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catch up but Janette has been here 22 years and did some things her way and we haven't been able to gather all the required information yet. With Crystal's help, we believe that at the next monthly meeting, the council should have all three monthly financial reports in your hands."

Newly-appointed council member Matt Chaliff started his first meeting reading the annual tax rate ordinance.

According to the ordinance, real and personal property will remain at 15.8¢ per \$100 of value and the vehicle tax will remain at 15.7¢.

"We have worked really hard to keep taxes low in Mount Vernon," said Mayor Bryant. "There is enough going on in the world without having to increase anyone's taxes. I am very glad we were able to keep these taxes the same again this year."

In other action, local resident Rachele Riddle was placed on the agenda to ask the city of Mount Vernon to begin live streaming each monthly meeting.

A lengthy discussion ensued among council members regarding the cost and logistics of operating such a system.

Bray said once the city adopts such a program, those videos must be maintained through perpetuity. But, that isn't Bray's only concern with the idea. "There are several issues we would have to investigate," said Bray. "Liability is a big issue. What if we streamed the meeting live and someone started shouting profanities? What if someone was harassing the council or a member? Does the city have the right to censor a citizen or block someone? I'm not saying that would happen, but what if it did?"

Bray and Mayor Bryant also mentioned the many systems available and how to set up such a project with individual microphones. "It is not an inexpensive prospect," said Mayor Bryant. The council agreed to consider the suggestion further.

Riddle also asked the council for a \$1,000 donation to continue the art projects and paintings throughout the city that appear on several local buildings. Riddle said the project benefits the entire community and is more welcoming to tourists.

However, Bray and Mayor Bryant agreed, such donations are also a

complex undertaking. "The KLC (Kentucky League of Cities) has become so strict on donations recently and it is very specific what KRS will allow. We will have to get a copy of the 501c3 status and look into it closely to make sure we can donate," said Bray. More discussion caused some to raise voices in disagreement because the Rock Mural Project is no longer part of the Rockcastle Arts Association, which the city donated to last year for the project.

However, Riddle said the 501c3 status she is working under now is through a friend and she could no longer work with the Arts Association due to "obvious disagreements between Bobby (Amburgey, City Attorney and Arts Association member) and I just didn't want to work in that environment anymore," she said.

Bray said he "strongly recommends against donating to anyone that is not specifically a 501c3 nonprofit organization," which Riddle said the Rock Mural project is.

Councilmember Jamie Bryant agreed that the idea should be investigated further. "I think this is a really good thing, we just have to do it the legal way," she said.

The next regular meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 at 6 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

“Court”

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port was approved.

The court agreed to provide the usual \$7,000 for the Rockcastle County Football League. Magistrate Shannon Bishop said the money is placed aside rather than given directly to the league. And then the league draws the money out as needed. This month, the league required \$1,800 for helmets, mouth pieces and footballs.

The court also entered into an agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Commonwealth of Kentucky to provide drainage structures on roads owned by the county. The cabinet will provide 80% of the costs up to \$18,861 leaving the county responsible for the remaining 20%.

County Treasurer Joseph Clontz expressed some concerns about the 90 Degree Benefits health insurance premiums paid by the county. The court received a letter requesting another \$12,000 in August saying "Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's employee benefit plan is in need of additional funding to the September '21 billing statement for claims." Clontz says he intends to investigate the issue. "We pay them and that is supposed to take care of things but this is the third time they've run out of money," Clontz said. "We will be looking into this."

The court also received \$275 in rental for the Livingston Gym. Magistrate Mike McGuire said he wishes there were more revenue generated from the gym. "That isn't much return for a \$40,000 air conditioning system," he said. The court also heard the monthly financial reports from Clontz.

Clontz requested the court approve a transfer of \$175,000 from the occupational tax fund to the

general fund and then \$50,000 from the general fund to the jail fund.

The court then entered closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the court house. The public is invited to attend.

“Waste”

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Wilderness Road in Mount Vernon.

During the event, disposal of household hazardous waste will be free for Rockcastle County residents only.

Since the event will be dealing with hazardous materials, everyone is required to remain in their vehicle while workers unload the waste.

No businesses may participate but all residents are invited.

Materials that may be dropped of include batteries and corrosives, such as drain cleaners, muriatic acid and vinegar. Fluorescent bulbs may also be dropped off, along with oxidizers such as pool chemicals, bleaches and ammonium nitrate fertilizer. Anyone may also drop off reactives such as aluminum paints, flammable solids and materials labeled "dangerous when wet." Also, propane tanks may be dropped off if the manufacturer's label is present. Aerosol cans and solvents may also be dropped off, as well as pesticides, rat poisons, lawn treatments and insecticides.

There are also many other acceptable items. For details on what can be dropped off or more information about the program, call Rockcastle County Solid Waste at 606-256-1902

“Angel”

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members such as birth certificate, photo ID, passport, matricula consular identification, etc; current food stamp award letter, listing all family members and eligibility qualifications; proof of all household income (pay stubs, SSI, disability, child support, KTAP, etc) and all household expenses (copy of lease/proof of mortgage, electric, gas, water, cable, internet, phone, car payment, car/health/life insurance, storage, rent-to-own, personal loans and any other monthly expenses).

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All items above are needed to create Christmas applications. Please make sure to bring all needed items as we will only be in your county one (1) day.

“Hammond”

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out of meeting minutes that they don't want the public to hear?"

Officials with the school board say the comments were omitted because "actual names of past and present employees were used," making the board open to possible slander suits.

However, the controversy may have drawn near an end Tuesday night

when Hammond read his letter of resignation aloud to the board.

Hammond says he will remain in his seat until January of 2022, giving the board three months to appoint his replacement.

Hammond's letter said the reason for the resignation is due to his plans to sell his home in District Five causing him to no longer live in the district.

The letter states he was "honored to serve in this capacity for the year. Working with you (the school board) and the staff, in an effort to improve educational opportunities for the youth of Rockcastle County, has been most rewarding."

Hammond said he is "especially proud of the transparency that began at the January, 2021 board meeting (Hammond's first official meeting.) This is a new normal for Rockcastle County."

Hammond said he is also proud of the 3% salary increase for staff in comparison to the practice of previous years." The letter also continued to suggest he was proud to publicize "improprieties of financial practice for four years and five months which began with the previous administration and continued with the current administration was the highlight of my experience," he said in his Letter of Resignation.

And, of course, the letter mentions the board minutes that have been in question this year. "I will forever share the 4 to 1 vote to not include an explanation for a no vote in the meeting minutes and the consequential exclusion from the minutes at the recommendation of the board attorney."

Hammond's letter goes on to thank voters and auditors as well as others.

Chairman Angela Mink said having Hammond on the board "has been a challenge," but that she greatly appreciates his dedication to the students of Rockcastle County. "You always keep us thinking and I appreciate the fact that you always keep the kids first. That is to be commended," said Mink. Board member Angela Woods also expressed her appreciation for Hammond's service on the board. No others spoke concerning Hammond's resignation.

Hammond said he is excited to move forward with the middle school project and he plans to spend his last three months helping the board make the right decisions about renovation versus new construction and continue to promote transparency.

Hammond said in an interview "I believe Rockcastle County to be the capitol of complacency. This board is about to make some big decisions that will affect a lot of people. Parents and guardians and all Rockcastle County residents had better begin to take an interest in some of these public meetings. The people of this county need to show up and have their voices heard."

Hammond left the meeting with one last word. "The annual audit has to be done before I leave in January. I can't wait until we start working with the auditors," he said.

Though Hammond had given three months notice, the board held a special called meeting Monday, September 20 to vote to accept the letter of resignation. The motion to accept passed unanimously.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Melissa Ann Evans, 46, Brodhead, client advocate and Robert Matthew Hensley, 42, Brodhead, disabled. 8/25/21
 Dorothy Rose Lewis, 61, Berea, clerk and Tony Dell Walters, 53, Richmond, USPS. 9/1/21
 Brandi Michelle Johnson, 35, Berea, CNA and Robert Michael Langston, 43, Lexington, service manager. 9/10/21
 Chelsea Elizabeth Marcum, 24, Mt. Vernon, clinic manager, and Douglas Gary Nicely, 24, Mt. Vernon, construction. 9/16/21

Deeds Recorded

Margaret Schrieffer, property on Red Hill Rd., to Forrest E. Hiler. Tax \$73
 Vickie Lynn Dye, property on Oak Ridge Road, to James T. Brockman. No tax
 James T. Brockman, property on Pak Ridge Road, to Laurie Pizaaz. Tax \$185
 Laverne Albright Robertson, Philip and Lila Karnes, Orbin Brock and Terri Brock, property on Dug Hill Road, to Laverne Albright Robertson. No tax
 Mary Mathis Insurance Agency LLC, property on Church St., to MS and P Property, LLC. Tax \$40
 Richard A. Jackson, property on Linville Road, to Craig Fields. Tax \$5
 William H. and Nancy A. Estep and Martin A. Estep, property in Rockcastle County, to Charles and Melissa Miller. Tax \$10
 Larry and Tojnia Kidwell, property in Rockcastle County, to Monica Randolph. No tax
 Dan and Ruby Mae Epperson, Ted and Mary Ann Saylor and Jeffrey W. Saylor, property in Rockcastle County, to James E. and Ruth E. Lunsford. Tax \$35
 Jim and Bonnie Neely, property in Sunny Side Estates, to Amanda Gadd. Tax \$10
 The Estate of Marian Kay Shelton, property in Rockcastle County, to Anthony and Tiffany Anglin. Tax \$212
 Ronald F. Brummett, property in Rockcastle County to Tracy Barron. No tax
 Ray Willis, property

on Poplar Grove Road, to Cheyenne Brown and Christiana Gross. No tax
 Dwane King, Sr. and Vivian King, property on Main St., Livingston, to Dwane King, Jr. and Melissa Hahn. No tax
 Shannon David and Angelina Dowell Bishop, property near KY 1505, to Mark and Wendy Sowder. Tax \$110
 The estate of Marian K. Shelton, property in Orlando Subdv., to Darrell Carpenter. Tax \$3
 Joseph and Kimberly Ramsey, property on US 150, to David Allen and Kayla Danielle DeBord. Tax \$55

District Court

Sept. 13-15, 2021
Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
 Angela M. Terrill: giving officer false identifying information, 30 days in jail/costs merged.
 Anita Marie Adams: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine plus costs.
 Robert Shane Adams: fines/fees due (\$25), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/one day in jail or payment in full.
 Tracy May Anglin: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., \$25 fine plus costs.
 Dustin L. Bowling: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Heather M. Brock: illegal possession of legend drug, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/concurrent plus costs.
 Brandon Brown: fines/fees due (\$383), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.
 Dustin R. Brown: fines/fees due (\$25), one day in jail or payment in full.
 Kevin Burdette: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Michelle L. Damrell: fines/fees due (\$693), bw issued for fta/14 days in jail or payment in full.
 Jonathan Edwards: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine plus costs
 Donna Ferch: fines/fees due (\$743), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.

Michael D. Goldy: fines/fees due (\$173)/converted to four days in jail.
 Tonya Hammons: fines/fees due (\$253 and \$198), bw issued for fta/ten days in jail or payment in full.
 James W. Helgeson: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Richard Johnson: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
 Samantha Lynn Key: fines/fees due (\$25)/converted to one day in jail.
 Richard Lamb: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
 Thomas E. Lutten: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Joseph Martin: Alcohol intoxication in public place, bw issued for fta.
 Veronica G. Martin: operating vehicle w/expired operators license and eight other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 William Daniel Martin: fines/fees due (\$466), bw issued for fta/10 days in jail or payment in full.
 Logan McGuire: possession controlled substance, possession of marijuana and fleeing or evading police, bw issued for fta.
 Wesley Miller: fines/fees due (\$151), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Samantha Naylor: fines/fees due (\$168), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Michael Paul Nicely: fines/fees due (\$93), bw issued for fta/two days in jail or payment in full.
 Erica Oaks: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Steven T. Owens: fines/fees due (\$386), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.
 Johnathan James Payne: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
 Dony Adahel Perez: fines/fees due (\$289), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.
 Anthony Powell: fines/fees due (\$593), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.
 Zachary Robinson: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Katie E. Romero: fines/fees due (\$513), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.

Bobby J. Routt: failure to register transfer of vehicle and five other charges, license suspended for fta.
 Murby Scott Scalf: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Matthew Paul Sizemore: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Pershing Smallwood: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Gerald D. Smith: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.
 Priscilla D. Smith: possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.
 Christy Stephens: no/expired registration plates/receipt, failure of owners to maintain required insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, theft of services, theft by deception, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Kathy Stewart: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Wendy Lynn Turner: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance crd, bw issued for fta.
 Elizabeth A. Weakley: fines/fees due (\$803), bw issued for fta/17 days in jail or payment in full.
 Joni Rachelle Winstead: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.
 Terry Wray: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Speeding: Mamoudou Diara, Timoyhy R. McAdams, Kerry Lynn Purkerson, license suspended for fta; Charles Christopher Neikirk, paid; Shaun W. Roark, \$30 fine plus costs.
 Gary Sowder: fines/fees due (\$218), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
 Joshua David Null: fines/fees due (\$333)/bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full.
 Aaron Douglas Medley: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.
 Robert D. Couch: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
 Michael Dwayne Grimes: fines/fees due (\$393), converted to eight days in jail or payment in full.

Chester J. Hargis: fines/fees due (\$223 and \$318), bw issued for fta/12 days in jail or payment in full.
 Kiana Shace Harris: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
 Marybeth Marie Lamb: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
 Jason A. Lyte: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Stefani L. Cole: fines/fees due (\$208), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
 Elizabeth Ranae Comley: fines/fees due (\$233) plus \$800 restitution, bw issued for fta/five days in jail in lieu of \$233.
 Trevon Warren: operating motor vehicle under influence of substances, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Michael L. Adkins: fines/fees due (\$208), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
 Mark E. Baker: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.
 Kenneth Edward Begley: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Natasha Black: fines/fees due (\$278), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.
 William T. Bullsens: fines/fees due (\$258), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.
 Anthony Calder: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.
 Jerry Caldwell: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Emily Loraellen Renner: reckless driving, \$100 fine; leaving scene of an accident/failure to render aid, 30 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs and res-

titution if requested.
 Jonathan T. Allen: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, controlled substance prescription not in original container, 90 days/probated 24 months/each count/concurrent on condition plus one costs.
 Ashley Yauger: theft by unlawful taking, 30 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
 Deanna M. Cartmill: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/substances and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Kaitlyn D. Gilbert: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Zachary B. Goebel: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and 11 other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Kristina Hall: assault (two charges), bw issued for fta.
 William R. Hal: speeding, operating suspended/revoked operators license and failure to surrender revoked operators license, license suspended for fta.
 Andrea Elizabeth Johnson: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 365 days in jail/probated 24 months n condition plus costs.

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 Drug Tip Hotline
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Rockcastle County Property Taxes 2021

The property tax bills for Rockcastle County will soon be mailed out.

If you do not receive bill by October 5, 2021 please contact the
Rockcastle Sheriff's Department,
205 East Main St. Box 2,
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.
606-256-2032.
 Business hours:
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon (Closed holidays)

Property tax bills can also be viewed on the Rockcastle County Department website at rockcastlekentuckysheriff.com

	Starting Date	Ending Date
2% discount	Oct. 1, 2021	Nov. 1, 2021
Face amount	Nov. 2, 2021	Dec. 31, 2021
5% Penalty	Jan. 3, 2022	Jan. 31, 2022
10% Penalty+	Feb. 1, 2022	Apr. 15, 2022
10% Add-On		

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Offers Disaster Assistance for Producers Facing Inclement Weather
Severe weather events create significant challenges and often result in catastrophic loss for agricultural producers. Despite every attempt to mitigate risk, your operation may suffer losses. USDA offers several programs to help with recovery.

Risk Management
For producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), we want to remind you to report crop damage to your crop insurance agent or the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

If you have crop insurance, contact your agency within 72 hours of discovering damage and be sure to follow up in writing within 15 days. If you have NAP coverage, file a Notice of Loss (also called Form CCC-576) within 15 days of loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

Disaster Assistance
USDA also offers disaster assistance programs, which is especially important to livestock, fruit and vegetable, specialty and perennial crop producers who have fewer risk management options.

First, the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybee and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP) reimburses producers for a portion of the value of livestock, poultry and other animals that died as a result of a qualifying natural disaster event or for loss of grazing acres, feed and forage. And, the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides assistance to producers of grazed forage crop acres that have suffered crop loss due to a qualifying drought. Livestock producers suffering the impacts of drought can also request Emergency Haying and Grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres.

Next, the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides cost share assistance to rehabilitate and replant tree, vines or shrubs loss experienced by orchards and nurseries. This complements NAP or crop insurance coverage, which cover the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases.

For LIP and ELAP,

you will need to file a Notice of Loss for livestock and grazing or feed losses within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days. For TAP, you will need to file a program application within 90 days.

Documentation
It's critical to keep accurate records to document all losses following this devastating cold weather event. Livestock producers are advised to document beginning livestock numbers by taking time and date-stamped video or pictures prior to after the loss.

Other common documentation options include:

- Purchase records
- Production records
- Vaccination records
- Bank or other loan documents
- Third-party certification

The Emergency Conservation Program and Emergency Forest Restoration Program can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore damaged farmland or forests.

Additionally, FSA offers a variety of loans available including emergency loans that are triggered by disaster declarations and operating loans that can assist producers with credit needs. You can use these loans to replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, or refinance farm-related debts, and other needs.

Meanwhile, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides financial resources through its Environmental Quality Incentives Program to help with immediate needs and long-term support to help recover from natural disasters and conserve water resources. Assistance may also be available for emergency animal mortality disposal from natural disasters and other causes.

Additional Resources
Additional details – including payment calculations – can be found on our NAP, ELAP, LIP, and TAP fact sheets. On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help you determine program or loan options.

While we never want to have to implement disaster programs, we are here to help. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local USDA Service Cen-

ter. All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments because of the pandemic.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: Oct 6, 2021 8:30 A.M. at the Limestone Grill.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

At this time the Mount Vernon USDA service center is open to phone appointment only. While we are currently closed to visitors because of the pandemic, we continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

- Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 1.875%
- Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 3.000%
- Limited Resource Loans = 5.000%
- Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.500%
- Emergency Loans = 2.875%
- Farm Storage Loans = 3 yrs. = 0.375%, 5 yrs. = 0.750%, 7 yrs. = 1.000%, 10 yrs. = 1.250%, 12 yrs. = 1.375%, 15 yrs. = 1.625%
- Commodity Loans = 1.125%

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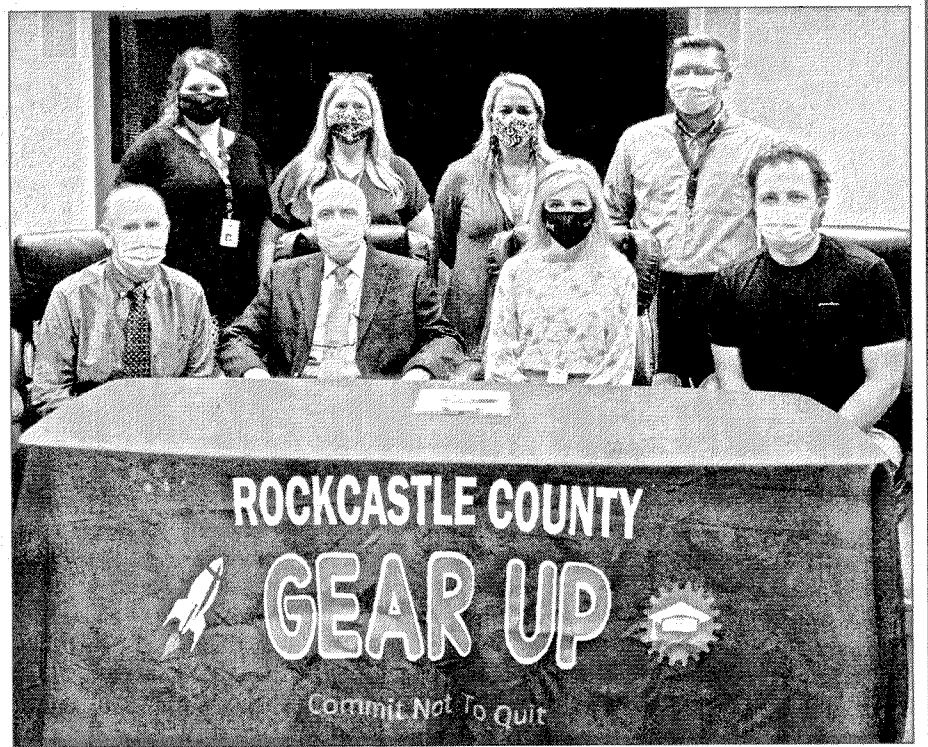
Rodriguez named to Dean's List

Nathaniel Rodriguez of Mount Vernon, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 Dean's List.

Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the term.

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On Monday September 20th, 2021, local officials gathered to sign a Proclamation for National GEAR UP Week. GEAR UP provides academic and college/career services to Rockcastle County High School students. Pictured above, front from left are: Howell Holbrook (Judge Executive), Mike Bryant (Mount Vernon Mayor), Carrie Ballinger (Superintendent), and Josh Bray (State Representative). Back row from left: Holly Bryant (College & Career Navigator), Kayla Bryant (Academic Interventionist), Cayci Mahaffey (Academic Interventionist), and Eric Bullock (College & Career Navigator).

Legislative Update

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator
SPECIAL SESSION
WRAP-UP

The Kentucky General Assembly utilized its authority to shape the state's response to the pandemic during a three-day special session ending just before midnight on Thursday, September 9.



Upon the Governor's call for a session, we passed bills in both the House and Senate dealing with many aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic ranging from education and public health to boards and commissions.

While no action taken during the pandemic will enjoy universal support, republican supermajorities took a balanced approach by focusing on public health, individual liberties, and localized control.

Recently, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled that a lower court incorrectly blocked laws passed during the 2021 Regular Session reigning in the executive authority regarding emergency powers. With that, the legislature used this special session to extend some emergency executive actions and eliminate others. New COVID-19 mitigation strategies were also considered to provide relief to institutions - strained by the pandemic, including schools, hospitals, businesses, and nursing homes.

Senate Joint Resolution 1 extended specific executive orders, regulations, and other actions. Of particular note is that we did not implement or permit the Governor to issue a statewide mask mandate. For the purposes of federal funding and other regulations that we viewed as essential, we allowed the state of emergency to remain in effect until January 15, 2022.

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) reaffirmed that there would be no statewide mask mandate in schools but instead leaves that decision to the local school boards. The goal of SB 1 is to prioritize in-person learning by stabilizing school funding, assisting with staff shortages, and creating conditions for state and local health departments to support local school districts with their COVID-19 mitigation plans.

Under this legislation, the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) would develop a "test-to-stay" model for school districts to minimize quarantining for non-symptomatic students and staff, encouraging students to be in the classroom as much as possible. Additional language in SB 1 provides that the DPH shall assist local school districts in implementing their board-ap-

proved COVID-19 plans, whether they concern a test-to-stay method, masking guidelines, contact tracing, or quarantining.

In consultation with the Governors' office and the Kentucky Department of Education, we allowed up to 20 days of remote instruction. The intent is to allow room for a targeted learning experience in the event of virus exposure, as teachers would still be required to teach from their regular classrooms.

In light of critical staffing shortages, SB 1 will make it easier for retired teachers to return to the classroom, in some cases as soon as 30 days after retiring. It also provides temporary revisions for the hiring of substitute teachers, background checks, and school schedules.

Senate Bill 2 concerns one of the most heartbreaking parts of the pandemic and establishes safety protocols for loved ones to visit family members in long-term care facilities. This bill defines criteria for a family or friend to be designated as an essential, compassionate caregiver. SB 2 also acknowledges the Governor's statewide mask mandate deficiency but encourages vaccinations, COVID-19 testing, and greater access to monoclonal antibody treatments, such as Regeneron.

A provision to SB 2 provides assistance for health care providers, jails, prisons, homeless shelters, and local health departments in acquiring COVID-19 tests. Another will allow paramedics to work in hospitals to relieve a nursing shortage.

Senate Bill 3 will redirect more than \$69 million of State Fiscal Recovery funds to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services. The money was left over from the repayment of a federal loan to Kentucky's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund that was taken out to cover a surge of pandemic-related unemployment claims.

The money will help health care providers, schools, and others implement provisions of SB 1 and SB 2. These include purchasing COVID-19 tests, establishing regional monoclonal antibody treatment centers, and test-to-stay

programs in schools. Senate Bill 5 is an economic development incentive bill requested by the Governor and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development to only apply to projects over \$2 billion. It will utilize existing programs. However, these incentives will be paid out over time to ensure any project meets the required job and wage targets. Some incentives will be in the form of forgivable loans.

Kentucky is in the running for at least one mega project eyeing Hardin County. Language within SB 5 can be compared to state economic development incentives the General Assembly passed in the late 1980's, which brought Toyota first American assembly plants to Georgetown. It is now the world's largest Toyota manufacturing facility where the Lexus ES350, Avalon, Camry and some hybrid counterparts are assembled.

Bills signed into law by the Governor included SB 3 and SB 5. Line-item vetoes placed on SB 1 and SB 2 were swiftly overridden. These bills contained an emergency clause, meaning they become law immediately upon the Governor's signature.

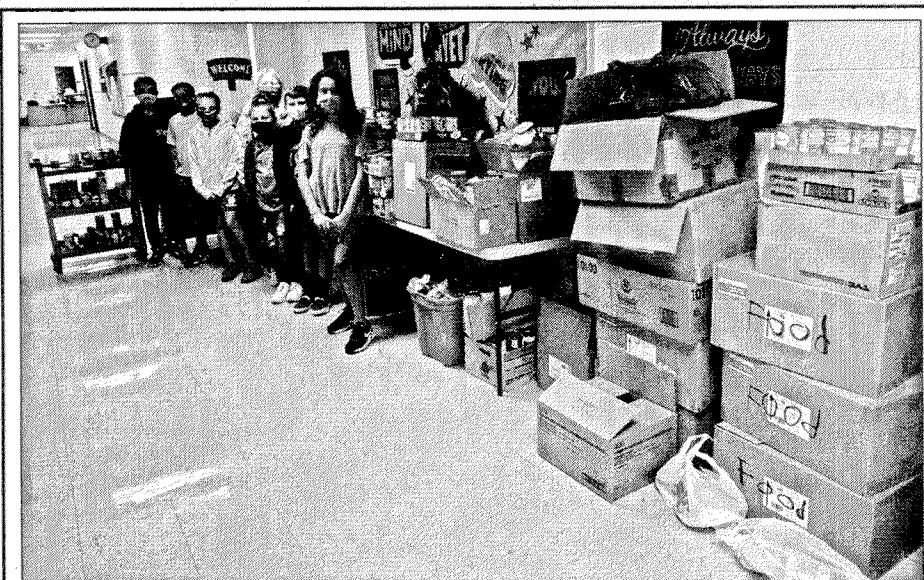
As a legislative body, it is our job to stabilize the system, and this new legislation is an attempt to do so during these unprecedented times. The General Assembly still faces serious budget and policy decisions in the upcoming 2022 Regular Session. Still, we will remain dedicated to finding the best legislative course of action for citizens across the Commonwealth as we continue to navigate the pandemic.

Thank you for your questions and concerns. I hope you will remain engaged with legislative happenings for the remainder of the interim by visiting www.legislature.ky.gov or www.KET.org/legislature. It is an honor to serve you in Frankfort.

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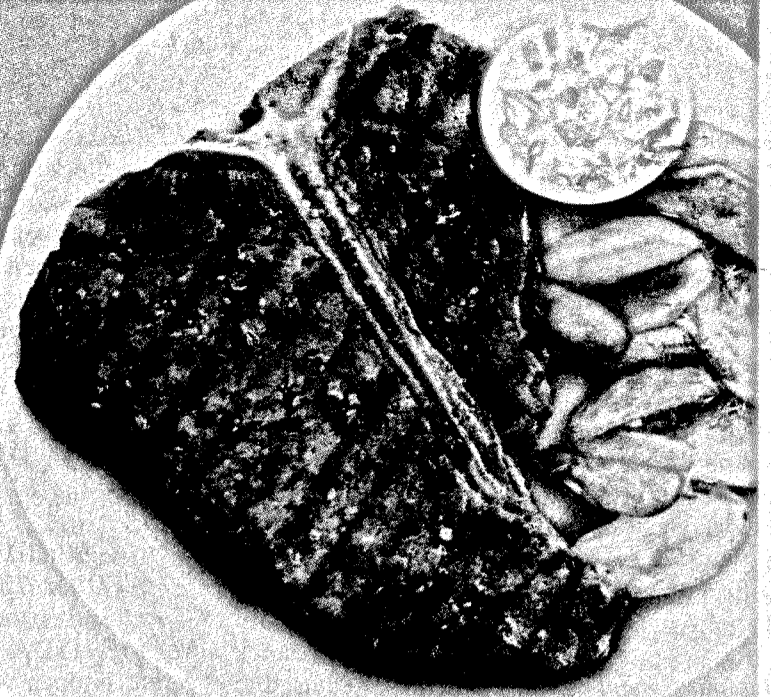
Some people go "old" - Others never go "UP"
Happy 75th Birthday to "Luther"!!!!



MVES students, with the help of the Student Council (pictured above) collected over 2,000 items of food last week during the 10th Annual CAP Hunger Walk. All donations will be given to the Grateful Bread Food Pantry. Mr. Blake McKinney's second grade class won a pizza party for bringing in the most donations from one classroom. Eight classrooms brought in over 100 food items each for the drive. Way to go MUSTANGS!

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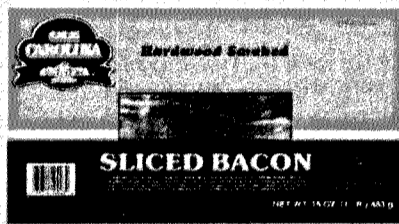


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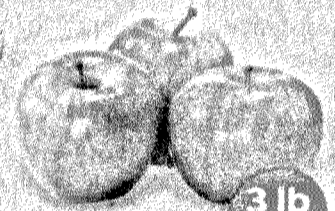
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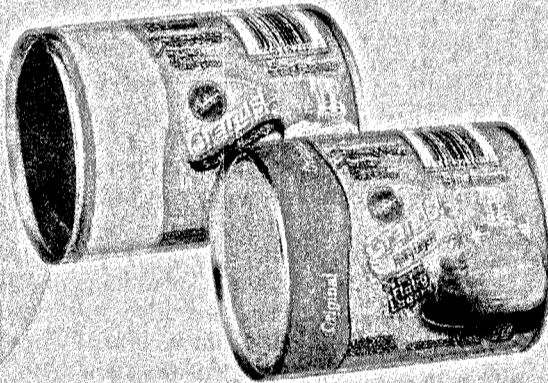
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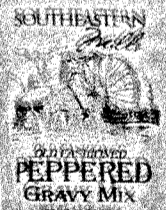
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**Red Baron
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Assorted Varieties



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**Mantia's
Elbow Pasta**
16 oz



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**Mantia's
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24 oz, Assorted Varieties



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**Luck's
Pinto Beans**
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Assorted Varieties



53¢
**Jiffy
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8.5 oz



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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Six students graduate from youth programs

Rockcastle County students graduate from The Center for Rural Development's youth programs

Six Rockcastle County students graduated from the Rogers Explorers program and the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute this summer hosted by The Center for Rural Development.

Rogers Explorers

Four Rockcastle County Middle School graduated from the Rogers Explorers program Benjamin Brenda, Anna Chaliff, Gracie Peavie, and Markley Richards. Rogers Explorers is a summer youth leadership program that takes place on five different college campuses throughout the Commonwealth.

Chaliff is the daughter of Matt and Julie Chaliff, of Mt. Vernon. She attended the Union College camp. At graduation, representatives from the college announced that students would receive a \$2,000 scholarship offer upon high school graduation.

Brenda is the son of Travis and Judy Brenda, of Crab Orchard. He attended the program at Eastern Kentucky University. Peavie is the daughter of Shannon and Jennifer Peavie, of Mt. Vernon. She attended the program at Asbury University. Richards is the daughter of Mark and Jamica Richards, of Mt. Vernon. She attended the program at Lindsey Wilson College.

Rogers Explorers is open to eighth-grade students in Southern and

Eastern Kentucky who have a strong interest in developing their skills in leadership, team building, community service, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields of study.

Rogers Explorers is a three-day and two-night program on a leading Kentucky college campus where experts will guide them through hands-on assignments. The program is provided at no cost to eligible students within The Center's 45-county primary service area.

Rogers Explorers is presented by The Center in partnership with Lindsey Wilson College, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Asbury University, and Union College. The 2022 application period is December 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022.

Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute

Rockcastle County High School students Ella Bussell and Brock Mason graduated from the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute in July. Bussell is the daughter of JD and Gina Bussell, of Brodhead. Mason is the son of Chris and Bobbie Mason, of Somerset.

ELI is a weeklong summer leadership camp for student entrepreneurs. ELI provides high school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky with an in-depth look at what it takes to start their own business venture — from idea development to building a model proto-

type.

The Center for Rural Development partners with Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation and Eastern Kentucky University to develop the program. During the camp, ELI business teams competed in the Business Concept Challenge competition. Bussell was a member of the winning team and earned a \$16,000 scholarship offer from EKU.

The 2022 application period is January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022.

The Center's youth programs are made possible through the 2021 sponsors: TTAI of Somerset, South Kentucky RECC, Conley Bottom Resort, Outdoor Venture, Community Trust Bank of Somerset, First and Farmers Bank of Somerset, Kentucky Utilities, Lincoln Manufacturing, Forcht Bank of Somerset, and Vaughn and Melton of Middlesboro.

For more information

about The Center's youth programs, contact Allison Cross, community liaison and youth programs coordinator at The Center, at across@centertech.com or call 606-677-6019.

Established in 1996 through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05),

and other leaders, The Center for Rural Development is a nonprofit organization fueled by a mission to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. In

its 45-county primary service region, The Center provides innovative programs in leadership, public safety, technology, and arts and culture. The Center is committed to constantly expanding its capabilities in order to deliver a range of key services.



Ella Bussell, of Brodhead, graduated the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Pictured is Shelton Ansley, Assistant Director at the Kentucky Highlands Innovation Center; Bussell; and Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center. Bussell was a member of the winning team at the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute in July. Each member of the winning team received a \$16,000 scholarship offer from Eastern Kentucky University.



Gracie Peavie, of Mt. Vernon, graduated the Rogers Explorers program at Asbury University, hosted by The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Pictured is Allison Cross, Community Liaison and Youth Programs Coordinator at The Center, and Peavie.



Markley Richards, of Mt. Vernon, graduated the Rogers Explorers program at Lindsey Wilson College, hosted by The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Pictured is Allison Cross, Community Liaison and Youth Programs Coordinator at The Center, and Richards.



Anna Chaliff, of Mt. Vernon, graduated the Rogers Explorers program at Union College, hosted by The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Pictured is Allison Cross, Community Liaison and Youth Programs Coordinator at The Center, and Chaliff.



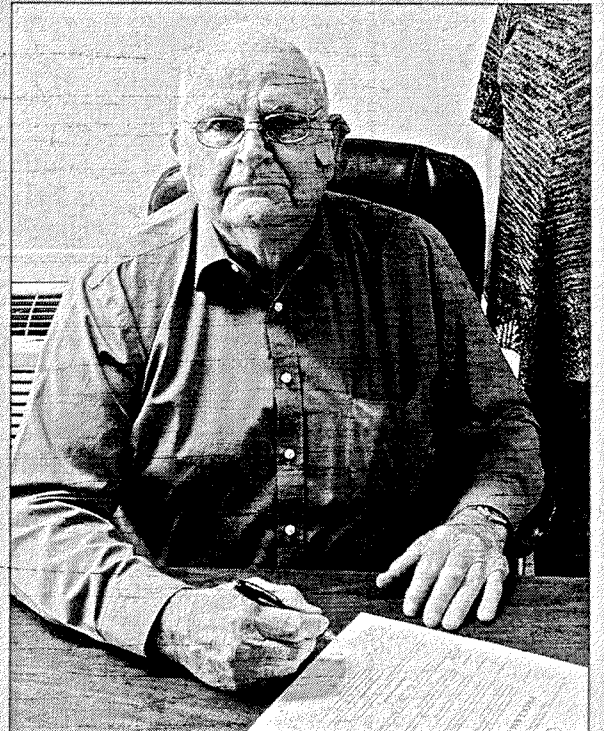
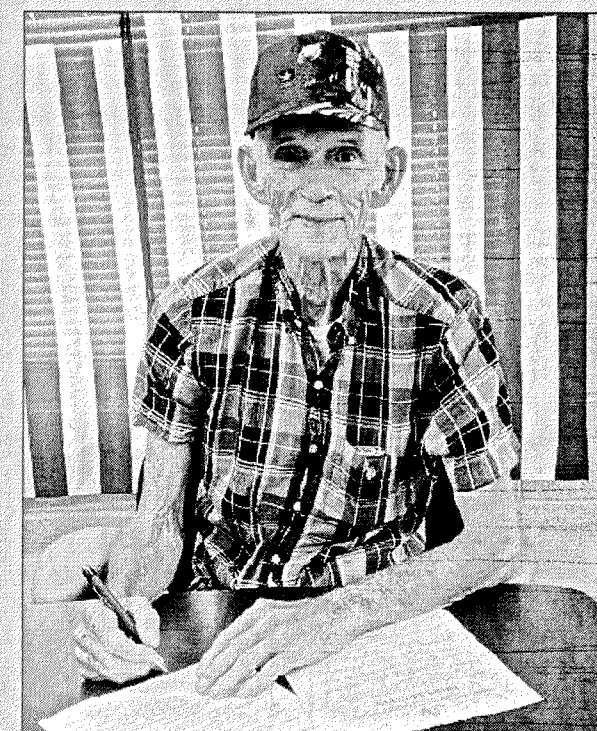
Benjamin Brenda, of Mt. Vernon, graduated the Rogers Explorers program at Eastern Kentucky University, hosted by The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Pictured is Allison Cross, Community Liaison and Youth Programs Coordinator at The Center, and Brenda.



Brock Mason, of Somerset, graduated the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Pictured is Shelton Ansley, Assistant Director at the Kentucky Highlands Innovation Center; Mason; and Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center.

Constitution Week Proclamation Signings

September 17-23, 2021



Constitution Week Proclamation signings by the mayors of Rockcastle and school principals were held last week. DAR Members Jennifer Hand and Joan Garrison represented the Rockcastle Chapter. Pictured at left are: Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant with Joan Garrison and Jennifer Hand. Pictured top right is Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash. Pictured in the center is Livingston Mayor Dwane King. School principals were: J.D. Bussell (RCHS); Robbie Phillips (RCMS); Sandra McClure (BES); Chris Bishop (RES); and Thomas Coffey (MVES).

SPORTS

Rockets trounce South Laurel 52-7

By: Chad Hensley
Rockcastle County used a strong start to silence the South Laurel Cardinals in a non-district tilt by a 52-7 final on Friday night.

The phrase "Wake Up the Echoes" from the Notre Dame Fight Song was emblazoned upon shirts, tents and banners all throughout South Laurel's Gilliam Field but it was the Rockets that made the most noise by running over and around the Cardinals for 379 yards of total offense.

Rockcastle (3-1) ran the ball 37 times for 335 yards with eight touchdowns on the night, forcing the running clock to go into effect early in the third quarter.

Matthew Chasteen once again paved the way for the Rockets ground attack with 153 yards on 12 carries and three touchdowns.

Chasteen now has over 1,700 rushing yards and 25 touchdowns for his career.

"Matthew had another great night running the ball," stated Rockcastle Head Coach Scott Parkey. "He has been tremendous over his career, and we can't wait to see how he continues to improve the rest of the season."

Chasteen got the scor-

ing started with 6:13 remaining in the opening quarter with a 15-yard scamper to put the Rockets up 6-0.

Cameron Wright, the Rockets' signal caller, added a 14-yard scoring run less than three minutes later.

On his birthday, freshman kicker Benjamin Brenda converted the extra point attempt for the first varsity points of his career.

"Benjamin has earned the job as our place kicker," Parkey stated. "He will continue to improve as he grows, gets stronger and matures."

Chasteen would notch another touchdown, a 14-yard run, just 0:17 into the second quarter. Brenda's kick was good to put the Rockets up 20-0.

Wright would tack on another touchdown from 8-yards out before Chasteen would close the half with a 44-yard scamper to put the Rockets up 33-0 at the half.

Rockcastle would cause the running clock following its first possession of the second half when Landen Broaddus tallied his only touchdown of the night from six yards out. Brenda's extra point try was good putting the Rockets up 40-0 with 8:22 left in the

quarter.

Anthony Goodin and Carter Powell would collect their first career touchdowns to close out the scoring for the Rockets.

Goodin's 12-yard run put the Rockets up 46-0 with 4:18 left in the third quarter.

After the Cardinals scored on the Rockets junior varsity defense in the fourth, Powell finished off the scoring for the night on a 29-yard jaunt with just 0:16 remaining in the game.

While the Rockets were chewing up the yards on offense, and winning the first down battle 20-6, it was the Rockcastle defense that had its best game of the season statistically.

The Cardinals (0-4) were held to just 61 yards of total offense with 100 coming by way of their passing game.

Knowledge of simple math will tell you that the Cardinals running game notched -39 yards on the night. The non-existent rush attack from South Laurel was thanks to the stellar play of the Rockcastle defense, especially Goodin and Tyler Osborne.

"The defensive unit played great all night," Parkey said. "The coverage was there on the back end forcing their young quarterback to hold the ball longer than he wanted. Our box guys were outstanding, staying in their gaps and allowing the blitzers to run free to the quarterback."

"Goodin is a really good, young player. He simply plays hard all the time. Osborne had another great game. He presents matchup problems for the offensive lines due to his speed and quickness."

Goodin led the way with nine tackles, five tackles for loss and three quarterback sacks.

Osborne followed closely with six tackles, three tackles for loss and three quarterback sacks of his own.

South Laurel's offense was primarily based around the pass with the quarterback lining up in the shotgun formation throughout the night, but the defensive pressure the Rockets put on the quarterback led to numerous forced passes and a lot of lost yards on sacks.

The quarterback for the Cardinals may have

completed 14 of his 20 passing attempts, but those 14 completions netted just 100 yards through the air.

Offensive totals for the Rockets included Wright finishing the night completing five of his seven attempts for the Rockets for 30 yards and Caleb Moore was perfect in his only attempt for 12 yards.

Wright also had seven carries for 68 yards and two scores.

Powell totaled 41 yards on four carries with one touchdown while Broaddus (six carries for 39 yards and one touchdown), Goodin (three carries for 26 yards and one touchdown) and Moore (three carries for 10 yards) were the other Rockets to tallying yards on the ground.

Reese Coguer was

Wright's favorite target with four receptions for 32 yards. Landon Dillingham had the other completion from Wright.

Demarcus Robinson added a reception for 12 yards from Moore.

Brenda finished the night going 4-for-8 in his first significant opportunity from the kicker position.

Chasteen had another strong night defensively with six tackles and a fumble recovery.

Kaden Kidwell and Coguer added five tackles each with Marion Farthing and Jake Sanders adding four each.

Farthing had a tackle for loss and a quarterback sack while Sanders added a fumble recovery.

Ethan Tyree tallied three tackles while five Rockets (Wright, Moore,

Ethan Kirby, Jayvon Bowden and Ford Lowell) collected two tackles each.

Robinson, Broaddus, Cody Maupin, Isaiah Dehart and Dalton Simpson added a tackle each.

Wright and Dehart also earned a tackle for loss each with Dehart also notching a quarterback sack.

Next up for the Rockets will be district rival Estill County on Friday night.

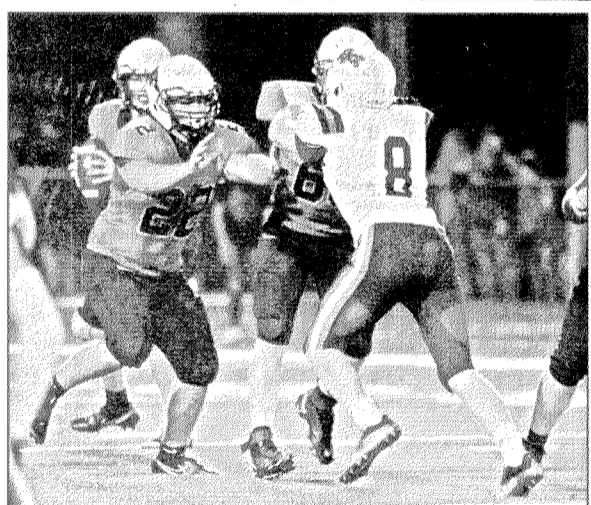
Estill County is undefeated on the season at 4-0, including a 40-6 victory over South Laurel on Aug. 27.

The Engineers haven't been up to full strength all season due to injuries and illnesses, but the Rockets

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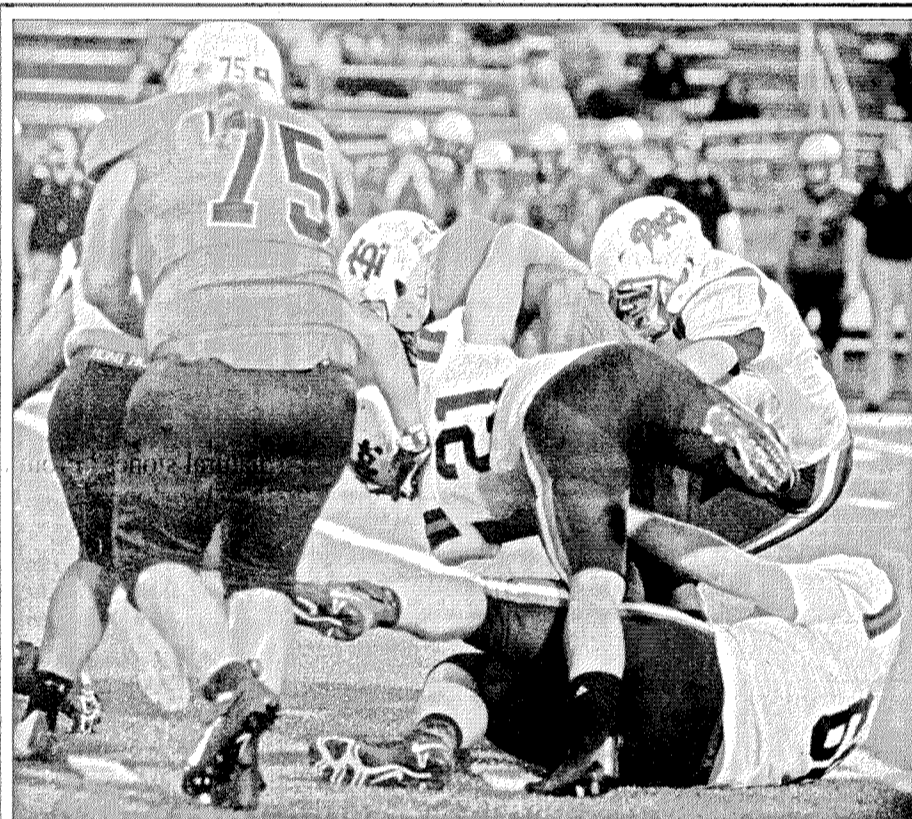
Kaden Kidwell picks up one of his five tackles in the Rockets' win Friday night.



Tyler Osborne works hard to get to South Laurel's quarterback in the Rockets' win Friday night. Osborne had three quarterback sacks.



Matthew Chasteen fights off a tackle during one of his 12 rush attempts during the Rockets' win Friday. Chasteen had 153 yards rushing and three touchdowns.



Anthony Goodin, Tyler Osborne and Jake Sanders bring down a Cardinal in the Rockets' 52-7 rout of South Laurel last Friday. Goodin and Osborne each had three quarterback sacks while Goodin had nine total tackles and Osborne had six. Sanders also had four tackles.



Carter Powell holds for place kicker Benjamin Brenda for one of his four PATs in the Rockets win over South Laurel Friday. Powell also scored a touchdown for the Rockets.



Isaiah Dehart picks up a quarterback sack in the first half of the Rockets' 52-7 win over South Laurel Friday.

Rocket volleyball picks up two district wins

The Rockcastle County High School varsity volleyball team was perfect in its three matches last week including two big district wins to run its on-court record to 7-1 on the season.

Head Coach Loren Reynolds Maples saw her team put itself in the driver's seat of the 47th District standings with two wins over Pulaski County and Somerset to extend the Rockets' district record to 4-0.

The Lady Rockets started the week on Monday, Sept. 13, with a 3-2 (25-18, 22-25, 25-19, 20-25, 15-13) home victory over Pulaski County, thanks to an outstanding double-double performance by Kylee Burns.

Burns, a junior outside hitter, totaled 22 kills, 15 digs, four service aces and three assists.

Keelee King dished out 34 assists from her setter position to go along with nine digs, two aces and a block.

Sarah Barron was stellar from her libero position, scooping up 36 digs in addition to five aces and two assists.

The Lady Rockets service game kept the Lady Maroons on their heels with 16 aces.

The next night, Rockcastle went on the road to take a 2-0 (25-20, 26-24) sweep of Wayne County.

King and Barron led the way against the Lady Cardinals with King collecting 13 assists, six digs and an ace while Barron totaled 13 digs, four assists and two aces.

Burns and Hallie Brown were tops on the team with six and five kills, respectively.

Rockcastle finished off the week with a 3-1 (25-19, 21-25, 25-18, 25-19) victory over the Lady Jumpers from Somerset on Thursday, Sept. 16 at Rock Arena.

Burns and King tallied double-doubles once again to pace the Lady Rockets both offensively and defensively.

Burns led the way in kills and digs with 17 in each category. Burns also served up a team-best eight service aces to keep the Somerset serve-receive game at bay.

King added 28 assists, 14 digs and three aces for the Lady Rockets.

Barron added a 16-dig, five-assist, two-ace performance while Laura Doan was the fourth member of the team to notch double-digit digs with 11.



The RCMS Golf Team placed second at Eagle Creek Country Club in Crittenden on Sunday. They now advance to the state next Sunday in Bardstown. Team members shown above, from left: mgr. Cooper Ford, Nolan Bryant, Zeke Fain, Dalton DeBorde, Conner Ford, Luke Ellis, Gavin Isaacs and coach John Ford. DeBorde led the way with a 40, Fain shot a 42, Ford shot a 43, Ellis had a 45 followed by Bryant with a 46.

RCMS sophomore Lexi Dotson ran in the super competitive high school girls' seeded elite race which featured 138 competitors and many of the state's best runners and teams, as well as some great teams from out of state on Saturday at the Trinity/Valkyrie Invitational at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park in Louisville. Lexi had an outstanding race in only her second meet of the season. She placed 49th overall out of several hundred competitors with an awesome time of 20:37.19, an improvement of over 49 seconds from last year's meet. Lexi is currently ranked 2nd in the Class 2A Region 5 high school rankings and in the top twenty-five in Class 2A overall.



RCMS seventh grader Maliyah Swinney ran in the very competitive high school girls' varsity race which featured 148 competitors, as well as many of the state's best runners and teams, along with some outstanding competition from out of state at the Trinity/Valkyrie Invitational at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park in Louisville. Maliyah had an awesome race in only the second 5,000-meter race of her career. She placed 75th overall with an awesome time of 23:57.25. She's currently ranked 8th in the Class 2A Region 5 high school rankings.



Yards to Paradise

Stone, the Natural Building and Landscaping Choice

In a time when the world seems to be coming unglued, what could be more simple and more grounded than harvesting, placing, stacking of natural stones? From the humble stone cottages of by-gone years to stone-clad multi-million dollar luxurious homes that we marvel as we see a new one constructed, stone has stood the test of time as a building material. (Think European castles or the Great Pyramids.) Homeowners, or hired professionals, find many uses for stones in the landscape.

A column or short story can never adequately cover a topic this huge, but let's explore rocks and pebbles as they may apply to our homes and landscapes.

Hunting and selecting natural stones can be a mentally relaxing and fulfilling adventure. Just be aware of your physical limitations and avoid injuries. Buying stones from a quarry is an option when it comes to acquisition of stones for building or landscaping. And, purchasing from a business that sells stones and having the rocks delivered requires the least effort on your part but will necessitate spending more money.

Indeed, home building of stone does still take place, but in modern construction most often concrete or cinder blocks are used for the main construction and stones applied as "veneer" to cover up the concrete or other underlying materials. The days of building a log cabin with a large supporting stone at each of the four corners and one just outside the door as a step are mostly history except in very remote locations. Faux or 'fake' stone has become the rage as it gets the job of "rocking" a wall completed so much more quickly. Good use of stones adds value to most any property.

Landscape uses of stone are many. From a stone wall for a fence to the stone retaining wall just below a cut in the dirt for building a home or deck or patio, walls of stone are impressive if done properly to stand the test of time. (frequently they're not 'retaining' much, but give the appearance anyhow). Paving of cobble stones with dirt or sand between them, or veneer stones on top of concrete using mortar or modern polymer adhesives look and function great as patios and walks—even driveways. Stack stones make good bed edgings. Large boulders can be used as lovely accents in the yard or flower bed.

Rolling land can be flattened using stone retaining walls, and filling dirt for gardening, growing of lawns, and so on. This is called "terracing", and creates useful flattened spaces where once was a slope we couldn't use. Even the flat yard can have stones stacked in a circular fashion creating beds to be filled with soil, thus elevating and changing the look of the flat yard.

So many homes built in the last 50 years are in subdivisions and it's common practice for the builder to sell the topsoil, retaining only enough to grow grass. Using stones to create a raised bed and filling that with good soil is an excellent method of planting trees in the landscape in such a yard. It looks to the casual observer that your stonework was for appearance only, but you know it serves other purposes!

Dry stacked vs. masonry. Sometimes a wall needs to be mortared in. Other times it can be just stacked up rocks. Walls that are dry stacked can often have planting pockets where flowers or vines can be planted and help naturalize the new wall.

Large flat quarried stones make especially nice dry stacked walls. The strength of a boulder

that has not been disturbed is obtained by stacking flat, or nearly flat, stones for a wall, for stair steps and for creating the transition to a different elevation. Placing a few long pieces far back into the dirt then filling in tons of dirt on top can anchor many feet of a carefully created dry stack wall of this sort.

Let's not forget that the raised bed can enable growing nice trees and plants where the existing soil, due to being hard, rocky, all sub-soil clay, or perhaps too wet, won't permit plants to live, or at least not allow them to thrive.

Creation of paths, lined ditches, rock-camouflaged culverts, stone benches for seating, man-made rock out-croppings and water features, as well as stone expressions of the whims of the homeowner are all ways stones (rocks if you prefer) are used in the building and adorning of our

homes and yards. And creek or river pebbles or even crushed gravels of granite, shale or limestone are quite commonly used in place of ground bark or hardwood mulch around plants, for rustic or seldom traveled paths, or simply to get rid of some grassy areas that are difficult to mow.

As everyone seeks 'instant gratification', perhaps this might be the right time for you to oppose the 'going-along-with-the-crowd' mentality and to consider using a building or landscape material as natural, beautiful, useful, time-tested and enduring as real stone.

The author is a landscaper. To contact Max, call (606) 416-3911 or use rockcastles@gmail.com

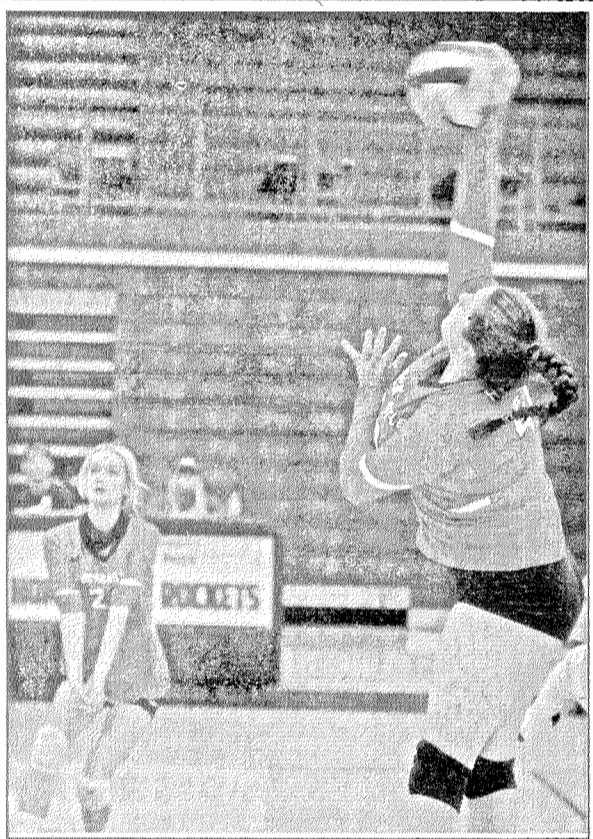
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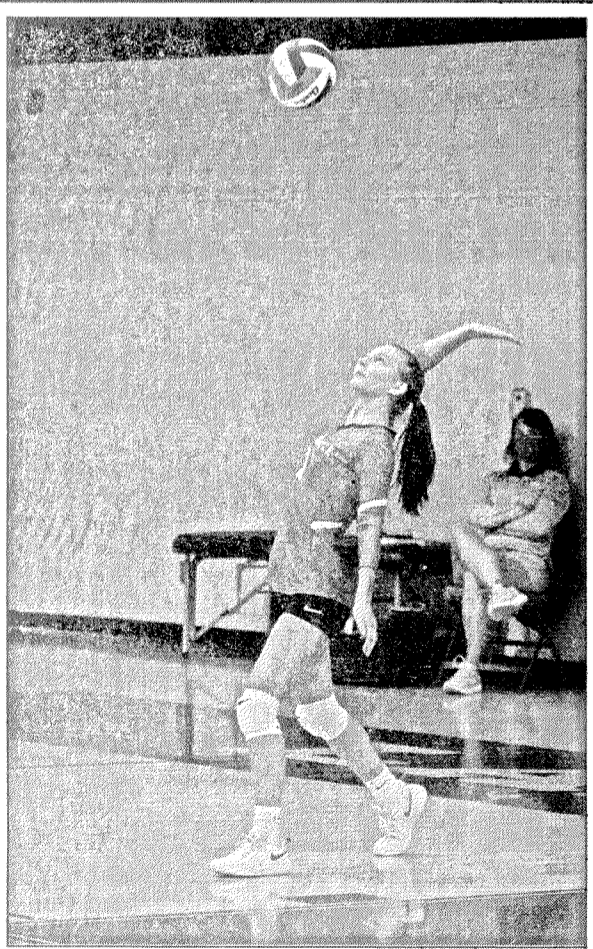
will be expecting a tough game regardless of who Estill County has in uniform.

"Estill is very good," noted Parkey. "Likely their best team they have had there in years. Our guys know this and have seen it on film through their undefeated season to this point. They are somewhat of a mystery still as to who their best team is. They have had multiple guys out in each game due to this and that. They have a strong, experienced line; a smart, talented multi-threat QB; running backs that run hard and a very stingy defense which gets off the ball as good as anyone we have played this year.

"Our team knows we have to win this one to be at home in the playoffs. Playing at home Friday will for sure help. I hope all the Rocket fans will come out to see our guys play in this huge district game. The next four games are our district block of opponents. These kids need to see and hear a packed house beginning this week."



Kylee Burns had 17 kills, 17 digs and eight service aces in the Rockets' win over Somerset. Also pictured is teammate Karalinn Loudermilk.



Leann Doan had four kills, 11 digs and one assist in the Rockets' win over Somerset.

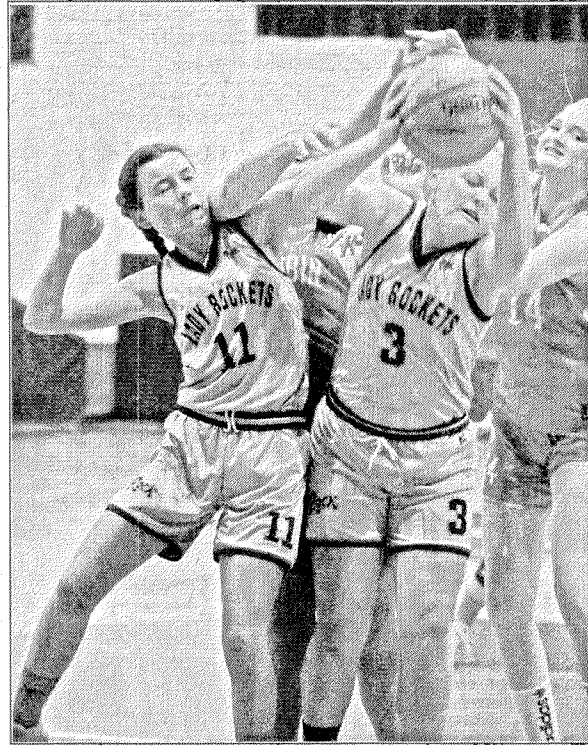
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Eighth grader Macy Spivey plays some tough defense in the Rockets' 42-28 win over Corbin last week.



Seventh graders Kinsley Smith and Tatum Bishop fight hard for a rebound in the Rockets' 23-20 win over Corbin last week. Bishop had 11 points in the win.



Sixth grader Haley Hopkins looks for a teammate in the Rockets' loss to Corbin last week. Hopkins had six points in the contest.



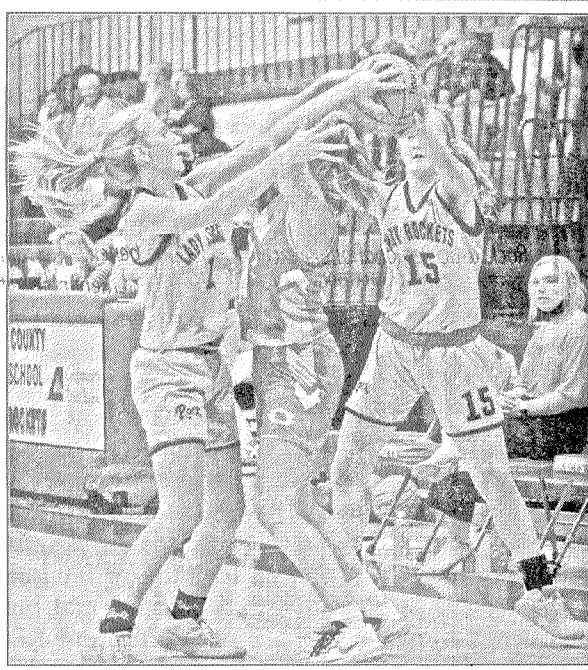
Eighth grader Addy King goes hard to the basket in the Rockets' 42-28 win over Corbin last week. King led the Rockets with 12 points.



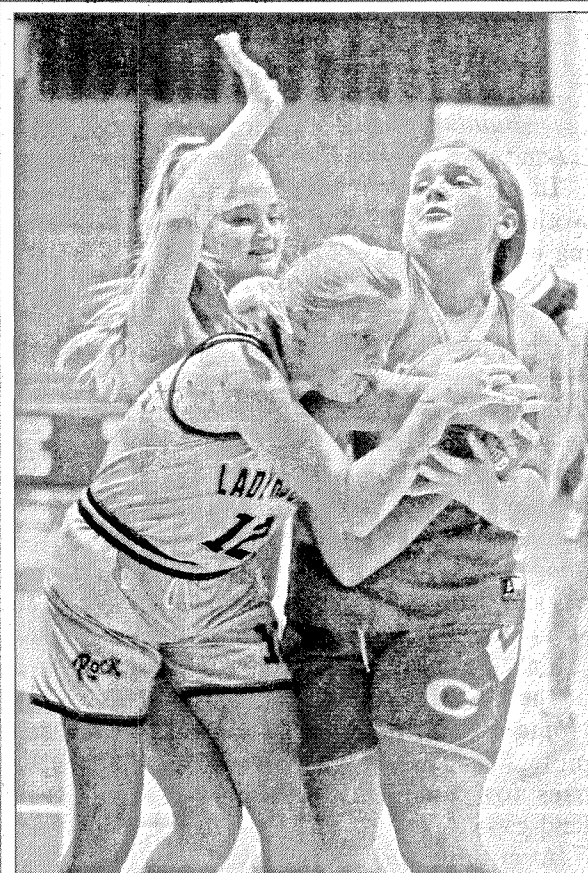
Seventh grader Tessa Begley plays some tough defense in the Rockets' 23-20 win over Corbin last week.



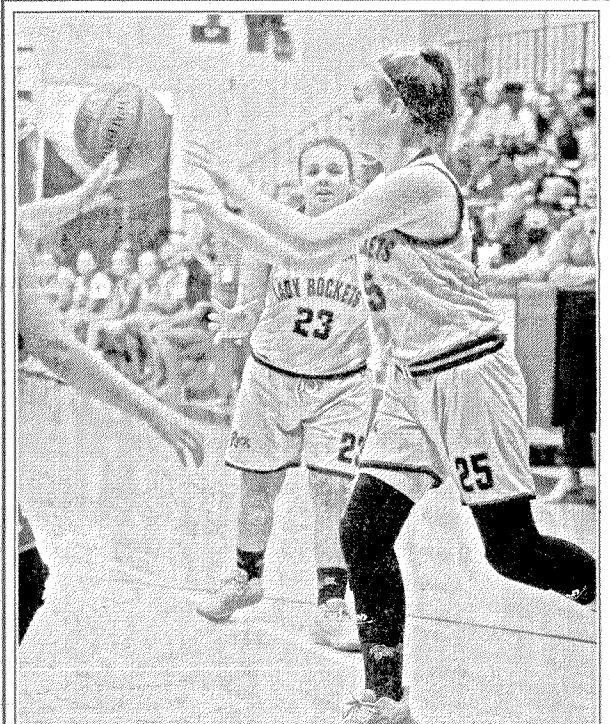
Sixth grader Lauren Pingleton drives to the basket in the Rockets' loss to Corbin last week.



Eighth graders Taylor King and Ella McKinney double team a Redhound in the Rockets' win over Corbin last week. King had 11 points in the win.



Seventh grader Kelsey Maupin led the Rockets' defense in a come from behind win over Corbin last week.



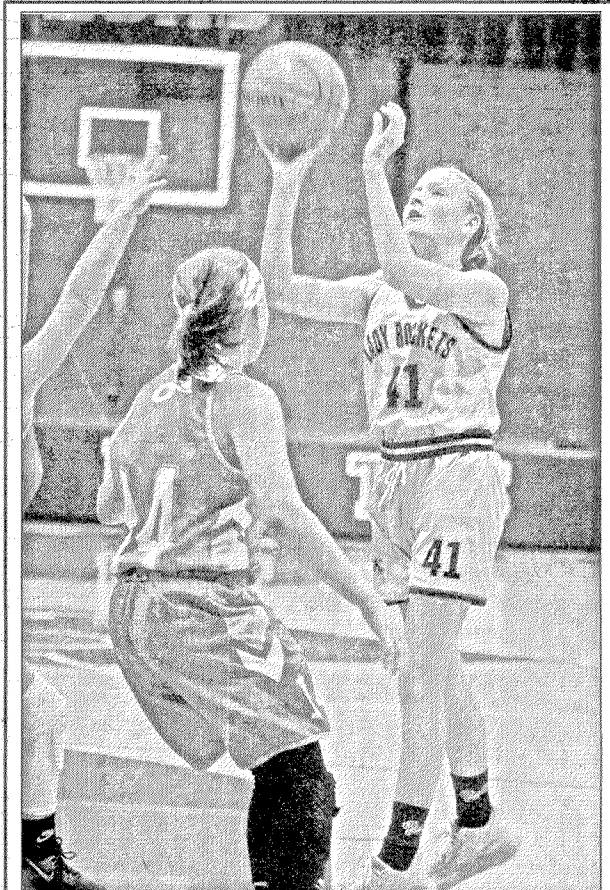
Sixth grader Leighton McKinney makes a pass in the Rockets' loss to Corbin last week. Also pictured is teammate Adeline Bussell.



Eighth grader Addison Carter fights for a rebound in the Rockets' win over Corbin last week.



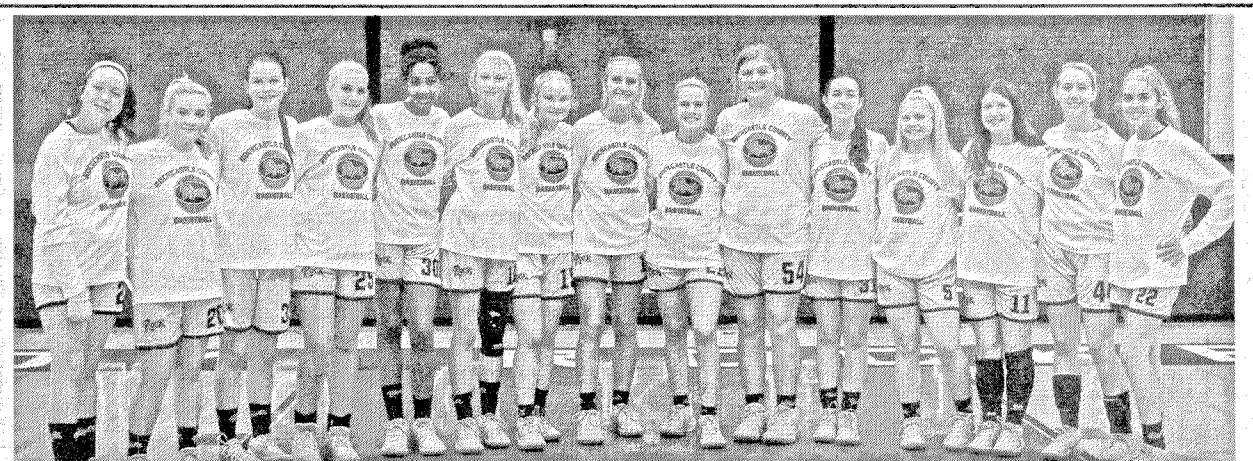
Seventh grader Sadie Osborne goes up for two of her team high 12 points in the Rockets' win over Corbin.



Sixth grader Jaycee McIntosh goes for two of her eight points in the Rockets' loss to Corbin last week.

Eighth graders honored

RCMS basketball honored their eighth graders last Thursday. Team members shown at right, from left: Keathlee Justice, Katelynn Minton, Jocelyn Reynolds, Kiley Dunaway, Aisha Njie, Macy Spivey, Ella McKinney, Taylor King, Addy King, Alizabeth Falin, Olivia Hamm, Katelyn Barron, Bailey Adams, Addison Carter and Sydney Holcomb.



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Notice is hereby given that Pamela Dawn Alexander, 4836 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 has been appointed Executrix (with

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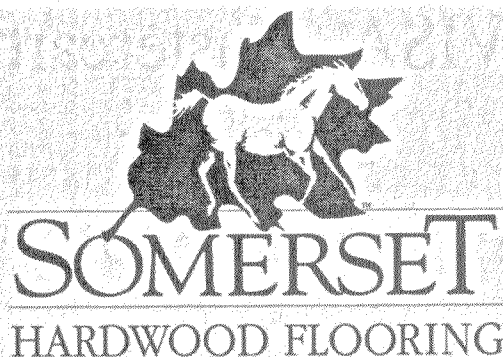
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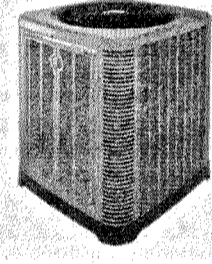
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