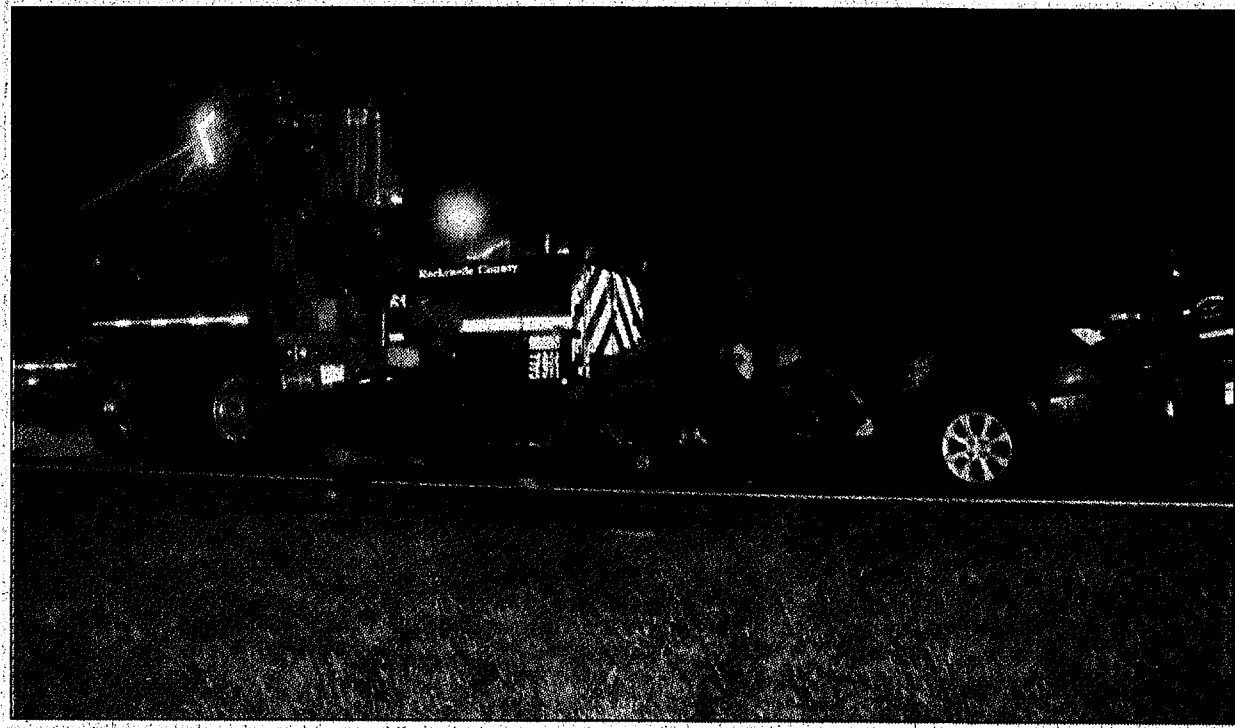


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A woman was seriously injured in a two vehicle collision Sunday night around 8 p.m. on I-75 northbound near the 59 milemarker in Mt. Vernon. Authorities say the woman, whose name has not been released, was traveling northbound in the right lane when she merged into the left lane and rear-ended a tanker truck that was at a complete stop due to road construction. Firefighters with Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue had to cut the woman out of her vehicle. The woman was airlifted to the UK Medical Center where she is being treated for two broken legs and a broken hip. The tanker truck was hauling approximately 50,000 pounds of round plastic pellets and the majority of the pellets were dumped onto the roadway after the impact of the collision. Northbound I-75 remained closed for several hours while crews cleared the scene.

## School Board discusses federal program for all students to eat free

By: Doug Ponder

The possibility of all Rockcastle County students receiving free meals was discussed at the recent monthly school board meeting.

Several Kentucky school districts are enrolling in the Community Eligibility Provision which allows high poverty schools to offer both breakfast and lunch to all students regardless of their parents' or guardians' income. The CEP started as a pilot project in 2010 in a select few states and it has now grown to cover schools in more states, including Kentucky.

Director of Pupil Personnel Becky Isaacs told the board that the stipulations under the CEP are extremely complicated. She said at least forty percent of the students at a school must already be certified to receive federal money from a government program for free meals.

However, Isaacs said just because a school or district qualifies for the CEP program doesn't mean that it is financially feasible for the school district to participate in the program as each dis-

trict has to pay the difference of those students who don't receive money from a federal government program for free meals.

"It is much more complicated than just saying that all student eat free," Isaacs said. "If all students eat free then the local school district must designate other financial resources to cover the cost not reimbursed by the federal program."

Isaacs also told the board that the CEP program also requires a long term commitment of usually three to four years from the school district. She said that if the school district decides to participate and things don't go well they can't dropout of the program until the end of the term limit.

However, Isaacs said they are spearheading a pilot program for the 2014-2015 school year that will provide additional support to students who are enrolled in the National School Lunch and Breakfast program. She said the pilot program will not only allow students who receive free lunch to eat free but also

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## Local police ask people to be on guard against Grandparent Scam

By: Doug Ponder

Local police are asking Rockcastle County senior citizens to be highly skeptical of phone calls from criminals, posing as their grandchild, who claims they are in jail and need money to pay their bail.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters said his office has recently received complaints of people falling victim to the "grandparent scam." He said the scam has existed for years but that has recently become more prominent in the county.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the caller identifies themselves as their grandchild and say they are in jail and need money to make bail. Then the caller gives them instructions on how to get the money to them such as wir-

ing the money, putting money on MoneyPak cards, etc. Victims are then scammed into paying thousands of dollars thinking they are helping their desperate grandchild get out of jail.

The FBI states that they have been receiving reports of the grandparent scam since 2008 and it targets senior citizens by taking advantage of their love and concern for their grandchildren. They also claim that con artists are able to make the phone calls seem legitimate as the internet and social media networking websites give them access to actual grandchildren's name, date of birth, school they attend, etc.

There has also been

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For City of Mt. Vernon

## Bids received for water tank project

Bids were opened last Friday for the Water Tank Project for the City of Mt. Vernon.

Mayor Mike Bryant told councilmembers, at their regular meeting Monday night, that there was "quite a bit of difference in the bids" with the three bids received for the water storage tanks ranging from \$1,657,445 to \$2,917,026.

There was also quite a variance in the bids for the Booster Pump and Water System Improvements with the three bids ranging from \$766,675 to \$1,232,050.

Kenvirons, engineers for

the project, conducted the bid openings and will review the bids submitted and make a recommendation to the council, hopefully at their September regular meeting.

The \$2.6 million project is being financed by a \$1,000,000 grant and a \$1,600,000 low interest loan from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

Bryant told the council that if Kenvirons recommended accepting the low bids for the projects they would total \$2,424,120 and that amount would not completely cover the engineer-

ing fees. However, he said that KIA would allow the city to draw up to 10% additional on the total amount of the project to cover additional costs.

Bryant told the council that the tanks would be low profile (ground level) tanks which would make maintenance and upkeep easier.

The city will have to cover the cost of taking down one old tank which has been estimated at \$10,000.

Bryant also brought the council up-to-date on the work being done by Back Porch BBQ to get the restaurant at the boat dock open.

The mayor said that Back Porch BBQ would be closing their restaurant in Berea this month and hoped to open the restaurant at the

## High speed chase leads to arrests

By: Doug Ponder

Two people were arrested last Thursday night after they led police on a high speed chase that started on Hwy 1004 in Mt. Vernon and ended on Cove Branch Road in Orlando.

Arrested at the scene were Courtney Elizabeth Duff, 23, of Berea and Jacob

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dock early in September.

The restaurant has been painted red outside and will be a nice addition to city property, Bryant said.

"All systems are go" for the Splash Pad to be located at the city park at the lake, the mayor said, except for the difficulty of finding someone to install it. "Probably the earliest we can find someone to install it wouldn't leave that much time for it to be used this season," Bryant told the council.

Councilman Wayne Bullock, who is also president of the All American Club and litter coordinator for the City of Mt. Vernon, reported to the council that, during August, his club picked up eight 55 gal. bags of trash, four old tires, five needles, and a gas tank, all on the front side of Lake Linville.

Fire Chief David Bales gave his report for July.

According to the report, the fire department made 26 runs and used 12,750 gallons of water and has made 211 runs through July 31st.

The report showed the fire department went to:

One accident w/entrapments; four accidents w/injuries; seven accidents with no injuries; two structure fires; three fire alarm activations; two controlled burns; two EMS lift assists; one set-up of a landing zone

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## Livingston Homecoming scheduled for next weekend

The annual Livingston Homecoming festivities will begin next Friday, August 29th and run through Sunday, August 31st.

Activities kick-off Friday night at 6 o'clock with a concert from the renowned southern gospel group "The Cupps."

On Saturday, August 30th the day will begin with a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. The 5K Livingston Leap will also start at 8 a.m. The race is a five mile run/walk.

The parade line-up will be at White Star Auto Parts at 10 a.m. with the parade at 11 a.m. led by Dell Ponder as this year's Grand Marshall.

At noon, the Bittersweet Cloggers will perform fol-

lowed by an Awards Ceremony at the firehouse stage at 1 p.m.

Some of the events from the Rockcastle River Days festival will also take place at the "ford of the Rockcastle River" south of Livingston City Limits. The remaining events of the festival will be held during the homecoming due to being cancelled in July because of inclement weather.

The Duck Race (rubber bathtub ducks) will be held at 2 p.m. The ducks will be dropped off the railroad bridge by event staff and the winning duck will receive a \$100 prize, second will receive \$50 and third \$25. Ducks can be bought from

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## Hunger Awareness March set for September 4th

The third annual Hunger Awareness March will be held on Thursday, September 4th at 10 a.m. on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. The march will form up in the parking lot across from NAPA.

The march is held to combat world hunger and runs in collaboration with Hunger Action in September. Registration fee for the march is one non-perishable food item that will be donated to Christian Appalachian Project's Grateful Bread Food Pantry in Mt. Vernon.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. on the day of the event.

Participants can pre-register by contacting Sherri Barnett at 606-256-3035 ext. 3 or

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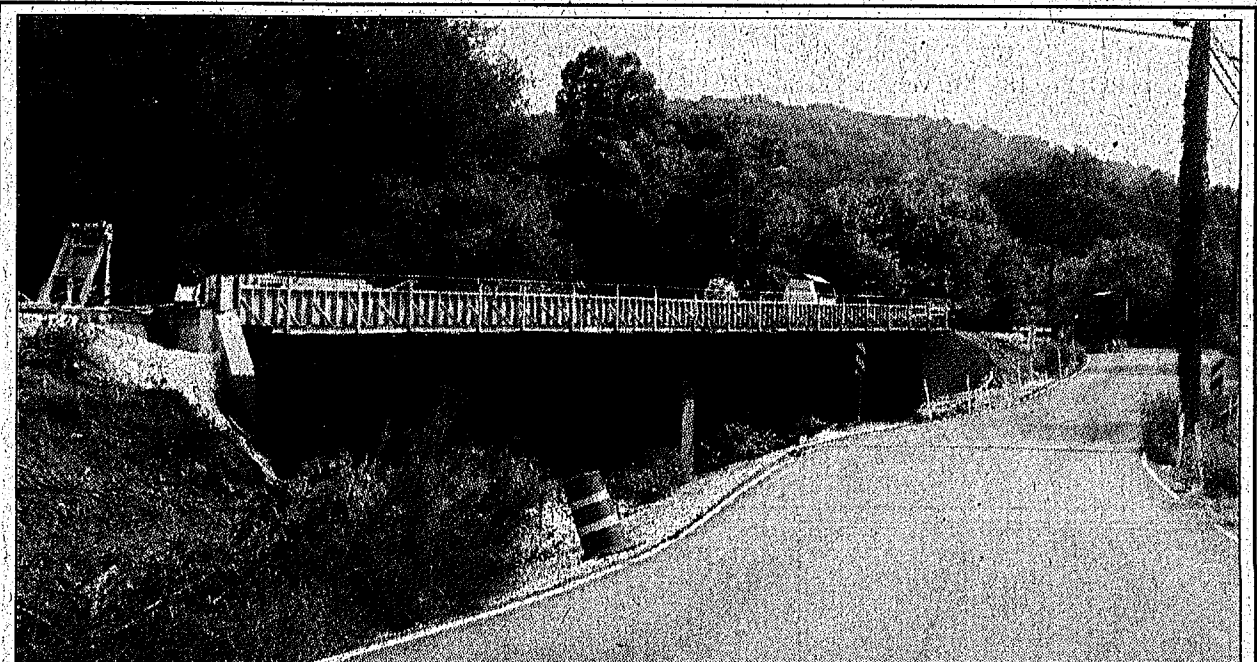
## Local man arrested for manufacturing

By: Doug Ponder

A local man was arrested for manufacturing meth last Tuesday, after police made a traffic stop on Maple Street in Brodhead.

Arrested at the scene was Anthony Jackson, 43, of Mt. Vernon.

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The reconstruction project of the Dix River Bridge in Brodhead is nearing completion. Contractors said they hope to have the bridge completed and opened to motorists by September. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials said once the bridge is reopened the temporary bridge will be torn out with large track excavators and a lot of the material will be recycled and used on other KYTC projects. The bid for the reconstruction project was awarded to K and K Construction of London for \$540,750 and the emergency funding to reconstruct the bridge was provided by the KYTC Rural and Secondary Roads Program.

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# Points East

By Ike Adams



I coined my first poem before I was even old enough to write it down but my Mom remembered it well. It went:

*"Mommy, Mommy come and see  
There's peaches growing on  
your switch tree"*

And indeed there were peaches hanging, literally in wads, on every limb of the little tree that grew there beside the fence off our back porch in the head of Blair Branch. It had sprouted from seed, which usually means that it should not bear fruit and even if it did, the fruit should not be very tasty.

Nor was it close to another peach tree, a situation that greatly diminished its chances for pollination. Apparently though, Uncle Willie's honey bees were far ranging and they must have hauled in pollen from other peach trees on their circuit. Two or three years might go by without any evidence of fruit and then would come a season when the switch tree would be loaded. In total defiance of conventional wisdom they were absolutely delicious.

Mom's switch tree was so named because it also produced an abundance of thin, limber sprouts, about 30 or so inches long around its lower trunk. Snapped off and stripped of leaves, these sprouts were Mom's implement of choice when it came time to administer corporal punishment to my brothers and yours truly. Said behavioral modification technique was also known as a "switching".

And sometimes it would work for several minutes.

One or two deft swats across the bottom with a keen switch was enough to sully even the most misbehaving youngster and when I grew up on Blair Branch every Mom on the holler kept at least one good switch handy. Mom tended to have several at the ready. On top of the refrigerator, fireplace mantle, cupboard, window-sills, and even on the kitchen table, a switch was ever present and within arm's reach.

Fruit off the switch tree, however sporadic, was processed, along with more dependable crops from Pap's old orchard some half

a mile up the mountain behind our house. We spent weeks in July and early August peeling peaches that mom canned by the hundreds of quarts. The peels were steamed for hours until the skins floated to the top of the kettle and the juice was mixed with sugar and turned into peach jelly. If a fruit was wormy and you had to cut around the worm hole so that you came up with clumps instead of slices, said clumps were crushed and stewed into peach preserves then canned in pint Mason jars. Nothing better, for breakfast, on a cold January morning than hot biscuits slathered with peach preserves.

Suffice to say that the entire summers of my youth on Blair Branch revolved around daylight till dark harvesting and canning dozens of varieties of fruits and vegetables. And peaches were the most aggravating because they attracted yellow jackets by the swarms—but that's another story. In any event I came to take peaches so much for

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## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

In 1975, Will accepted a job as a teacher of English as a Second Language from a school in Guadalajara, Mexico. That's where we met and became good friends with Gil and Gloria.

### GLORIA'S PIZZA BURGERS

Gloria fixed these for us the first time we had a meal prepared by her at their home in Mexico. I've had the recipe in my file box since then (1976). It has been well used.

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 small green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can tomato soup
- Chopped black olives
- Hamburger buns OR English muffins
- Cheddar cheese, cubed
- Brown beef; add onion and green pepper. Cook till tender.
- Stir in both cans of soup. Add olives; simmer 30 minutes. Allow to cool slightly. Spoon some mix-

### A Picnic in the Park

As we all do from time to time, our minds return to our childhood days. One of the things that dominate those memories of our school days is our childhood friends. Those friendships are strong, dear to our heart, and in some cases, have lasted many decades. We've seen each other in pig tails and no front teeth to grey hair and grandchildren. We've talked about going steady, and the prom to our various surgeries, high blood pressure medicine and "so sorry that you lost your husband last year".

Recently, our graduating class from high school held a picnic at Levi Jackson State Park in London. Stanley and I attended. As I walked to the shelter house, I saw many faces, faces that looked familiar but that had aged through the years. I thought for a moment to myself, who are these people and what have they done with my friends? We've gotten gray, wrinkled, and some had grown pleasantly plump, even the cheerleaders. Imagine that! There was one thing I noticed that hadn't

changed—their personalities. Very few had changed. If any thing, they had grown more friendly.

We arrived a little late, but as good southern folks do, as soon as we got near, "Get a plate and join us," welcomed us. We obliged and served ourselves from a long table brimming with all kinds of potluck food. There was all kinds of good stuff, enough to make Paula Deen jealous. Then, the visiting, neck hugging and catching up began. Our class has a reputation for being close, so we have a full-blown reunion every five years and a gathering of some kind almost every year or so. Most still live close but others come from Texas, California, Virginia, Ohio, the Carolinas and Florida. There are a few that bring a little "joy juice" or old fashioned Kentucky moon shine and things get real friendly after that.

I sat and talked with Debbie, a friend going back to first grade, at length about playing hopscotch. We could still remember exactly how both grids were laid out. We talked about our hopscotch rocks, and where we kept them hidden, in a cavernous hole under the sidewalk where the hopscotch grids were laid out. How convenient. Of course, I feared someone would steal mine, so I carried it with me. I have it to this day. I was a hopscotch demon!

Of course, before the night was over, as we usually do, we remember those who are no longer with us. It is sad to think about, but in our minds, they will be forever young and excited to show their class ring or what movie to see Saturday night. My good girl friend, Kim, was lost to cancer twelve years ago. We were the bomb back in junior high. Then there was Roger. He was in a car accident a little before graduation. He was the first of us to go. Then came Doug, then Brian (Kim's high school boy friend) and it just went

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### GIL'S BEAN DIP

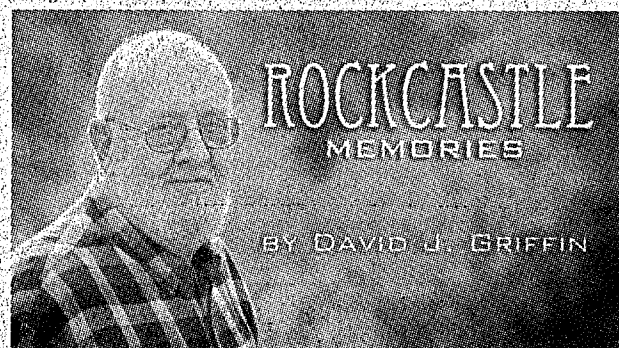
I have had this recipe since 1976 also.

- 1 can (14 ounce) refried beans
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 small can Ortega chiles, chopped
- 1 package sour cream mix
- 2 or 3 tablespoons red chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- Combine all ingredients and heat to boiling point. Simmer five minutes. Serve warm with taco chips. (If you can't find the packaged dry sour cream mix, use one cup of sour cream.)

### LEMON GLAZE CAKE

We didn't get to enjoy this cake until 1981 when we visited Gil and Gloria in Hollister, California.

- CAKE:
- 1 package yellow cake with pudding mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 package (3 ounce) lemon Jello®
- 3/4 cup oil
- 3/4 cup water
- GLAZE:
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- Preheat oven to 350°. Mix above ingredients two minutes at medium speed of mixer. Bake in greased and floured 9 x 13 pan for 25 to 30 minutes or until springs back when touched. While cake is baking, mix powdered sugar and lemon juice. When baked, prick hot cake all over with fork and pour lemon mixture over it. Chill well before serving.



### The Popular Ford Mustang

In the fall of 1953, I was a passenger with my grandfather (Pop) as he was filling up his 1951 Chevrolet at a service station on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. In those days you sat in your automobile while attendants fueled your car and washed the windshield. While waiting for the gas tank to fill, I noticed something I had never seen before. Right in front of us was a 1953 Chevrolet Corvette. I had read about the sporty new Chevrolet in Hot Rod Magazine, but I had never seen one in person, not even being driven on the highway.

My young heart began to race, and I asked Pop if I could get out and take a closer look. He said yes and accompanied me as we walked around the small convertible. The attendant had raised the hood in order to check the oil, and we noticed the three carburetors mounted on the side of the six-cylinder engine. I asked the young man who was driving the classic car how many horsepower it had, and he replied, "It has a 150 horsepower engine." Later, I read that the engine was the same inline six-cylinder that had been used in all other Chevrolet models, but with a higher-compression ratio and a more aggressive cam. It also had a two-speed Powerglide automatic transmission. I was more than impressed, and I told all of my friends about my experience.

For many years, my heart was owned by the Corvette, and I wanted to own one myself someday. That idea changed in late 1964 when Ford Motor Company introduced its "answer" to the Corvette by producing the Mustang. I was impressed with the look of the Mustang but even more so with the price.

I was attending the University of Kentucky when the first Mustangs became

available in local dealerships. Ford conceived the Mustang concept with the knowledge that in the mid-60s, the biggest population boom in history was coming of age in America. Baby boomers would rule the 60s, and there was little reason to believe they wanted cars that were anything like their parents'. For that reason, compared to every other American car then in production (except the Corvette), the Mustang was gorgeously sleek.

The Mustang was low, sporty, and completely new. The hood was longer, and the rear deck was very short. With these proportions, and the running horse in the middle of the grill, the Mustang was an automobile that people were instantly passionate about.

The most aggressive engine available in the '64 was a high-compression, solid-lifter, four-barrel 289 V8—pumping out a gutsy 271 horsepower. This was called the "High Performance" model of the Mustang. The automobile was also available with a 101-horsepower in-line six cylinder engine. The V8's outsold Mustangs equipped with the six by almost three to one. Americans fell in love with this car, and in 1965, Ford sold over a half million Mustangs.

In 1979, I married Kathy and discovered that she too was a Mustang fan. For over 30 years we have been attending car shows, and every time we stop and "drool" over the Ponies. In 2012, I was able to surprise her and brought home a blue Mustang GT for her birthday present. She was totally in love with her first new automobile and immediately set the Sirius Radio to the Elvis station. You could hear her coming around the bend with Elvis leading the way.

Mustangs have changed dramatically over the past five decades. The original

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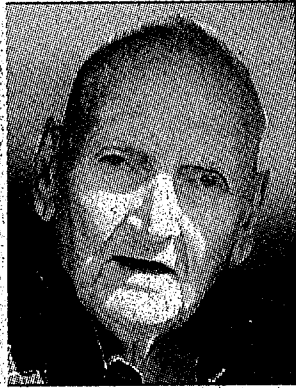
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# Obituaries



**Clyde Grimes**

Clyde Grimes, 93, of Livingston and formerly of Richmond, IN, died Sunday, August 17, 2014, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He was born February 14, 1921, in Mershons, KY, to Beverly Patrick and Della Robinson Grimes. He was raised in Kentucky, lived in Richmond, IN, for many years, and moved back to Kentucky where spent the remainder of his life. He was a United States Army veteran, having served in World War II. While in the Army, he served as a cook and a truck driver in the Philippines and New Guinea and was in five major battles. He was a former employee of DeBolt Concrete Company and retired from the Richmond Sanitation Department in 1983. He was a member of Teamsters Local #135. He was an avid auto racing fan and enjoyed gardening and taking care of his yard. He had a keen sense of humor and loved his family dearly.

Survivors include: his wife, June Grimes of Livingston; daughters, Phyllis Tyra of Richmond and Marge (Michael) Sweet of Richmond; step-daughter, Phyllis Steele of Kentucky; step-son, Victor (Debbie) Francis of Kentucky; two granddaughters,

Gina Owens of Centerville, and Jennifer (Charlie) North of Centerville; two great granddaughters, Krissie and Lindsey; two great grandsons, Korey and Justyn; great-great-grandson, Kurtie; great great granddaughter, Madison; nieces, nephews; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Grimes who died in 1983; parents; granddaughter, Jessica Tyra-Cline; brothers, Andrew, Pearl, and Ebb Grimes; and sister, Doris Chambers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. (today) Thursday, August 21, 2014, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home with Rev. James E. Slaven officiating. Burial will be in Goshen Cemetery with military honors provided by the Wayne County Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 12 to 2 p.m. (today) Thursday, August 21, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Reid Hospital Foundation for the Hospice Program, 1100 Reid Parkway, Richmond, IN 47374.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com).

## Marie Goff

Marie Goff, 89, widow of Jack and mother of Larry, Ronnie and Jackie Goff, died Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday, August 21, 2014 from 6-9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals and Friday, August 22, from 12 noon until time of service at 2 p.m. at Fairview Church of Christ in Willailla [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Thank You



**Thank You!!**

NeShay Helton and family would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that's touched our lives in some way after his motorcycle accident on January 5, 2014. First, and foremost, thank you for your prayers. Word came to us that good people from far and near were lifting us up in prayer. As you can see from the picture, those prayers were wonderfully answered and with hard work and determination, Shay was able to make his dream a reality by graduating from the Police Academy on August 1, 2014.

We are thankful for the wonderful group of friends who stayed with and supported us at a time when we had no idea what news the doctors would bring. Your presence meant more than we can ever tell you. We want to extend a special thank you to Eric Vanzant for staying with Shay until help came; to the officials and medical personnel for

your quick action and care; to Brandon Durham for notifying us of the accident; to Regina Stivers for everything you did and to Dr. Karpf and the UK Trauma Team for your attention and care. A very special thanks to Anna Mae Mullins for keeping things running at home. And last, but not least, thank you to Mayor Mike Bryant for everything you did and for your staff's patience and assistance to us.

It's hard to find words to express our gratitude, but we want everyone to know how much we appreciate those who visited, called, texted, e-mailed or sent face book messages. We appreciate the time taken from your busy schedules to let us know you cared. Thank you for the prayer cloths, gifts, cards and food. To each of our employers, thank you for being understanding of our time away from work and for those of you who had to cover for us, a special thank you.

We are truly blessed to live in a community where people genuinely care and reach out to others in trying times. We hope and trust each of you will be blessed for all the good things you've done for us and for the care and love you've shown us over these past seven months.

NeShay, Tarina, Donnie, Nickki and Naman Helton.



The Mt Vernon Lions Club worked the state fair on Thursday, August 14 helping with the free eye screening offered each day of the fair. This is always a rewarding experience. Those from Mt Vernon Lions Club doing the screenings were Bob and Brenda Kendrick and Bill and Sandy Dowell.



## Free Bible Courses

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## Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

## Benefit Gospel Singing

A Benefit Gospel Singing, to help defray funeral expenses of Grace Perry,

will be held at McNew Chapel Baptist Church, off Cove Branch Road, on Saturday, August 23 at 7 p.m.

Featured singers will be the Eugene Webb family. Other singers welcome.

## Singing Ozarks In Concert

The Singing Ozarks will be in Concert at the Mt. Vernon Nazarene Church Thursday night, August 28th. Service begins at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

## An encouraging word:

## A Reality to Attain

By Howard Coop



On Thursday morning, October 26, 1972, eager to face the new day in a strange land, I arose early and had a delightful breakfast at the Ritz Hotel in Jerusalem. After finishing breakfast, I went outside to breathe the fresh air, look around for a moment, and observe what I could of the "city of peace" before beginning the anticipated activities of the day.

Immediately, after going outside, I saw a man walking across the parking lot, and to my surprise, I recognized him. He was Joseph Shiimitshek, a man I had met two years earlier on a previous trip to Israel. Just as I recognized him, he must have recognized me, for he increased his pace and approached me with a broad smile. With his hand extended, he greeted me warmly and enthusiastically with "Shalom!" Now, Shalom is an old Hebrew word that means "peace," and the people of Israel have adopted it as a common greeting that is used every day.

Now, I am accustomed to greeting people with

"Good morning," "Hello," "How are you," or, on some occasions, "Howdy." During those next few days, I heard Israeli after Israeli greet each other with Shalom, and I heard them greet American tourists with that same word. Like Joseph, most citizens of Israel knew then, and they know now, the importance of peace, so peace is forever on their minds and in their speech.

As a young Jewish boy growing up in Germany, Joseph experienced the horror of the holocaust. After World War II, he found his way to his ancestral land and established a new home. That October morning the Six Day War was only five years in the past, and scars of it were visible throughout the city. Today, Israeli citizens live with the threat of terrorism on every side; they long for peace.

For everyone, Shalom is more than a greeting; it is a dream to hope for and a reality to attain through the best efforts of mankind.

## Upcoming Reunions

### Cash Reunion

The Cash Reunion will be held Saturday, August 30th at Quail Park on Hwy. 70. Bring a dish. Lunch will be served around noon.

### Marler, McClure,

### Stevens

### Reunion

The Marler, McClure and Stevens reunion will be held Saturday, August 30th at Sand Springs Baptist Church's picnic shelter, beginning around noon.

Come, bring a covered dish and enjoy the day with us. All family and friends are welcome.

### Carpenter-

### Kirby Reunion

The 18th Carpenter-Kirby Reunion will be held Saturday, August 23rd at the Russell Acton Folk Center in Berea from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Descendants of Tobe and Jane Carpenter and Jerry Kirby are invited. Bring you family, a covered

dish or two and enjoy the day.

For further information, call Faye Carpenter Miller at 859-256-7819.

### McGuire

### Reunion

Manley and Sylvia McGuire Family Reunion will be held August 30th, beginning at noon, in Singleton Valley. Bring a covered dish. Everyone welcome.

### Hamm Reunion

The John and Socia Hamm Family Reunion will be held Sunday, August 31st, starting at noon at Quail Park. Bring food and come join us.

### Davidson

### Reunion

The 60th Davidson Reunion will be held Sunday, August 31st at the old homeplace in Morris Valley. Bring a covered dish and enjoy a day of fellowship, storytelling, music, singing and great food.

## Pine Hill School Reunion

Pine Hill School Reunion will be August 30th at the Pine Hill Baptist Church. 11:30 to 7. Everyone invited and bring a covered dish.

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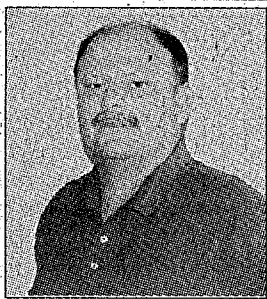
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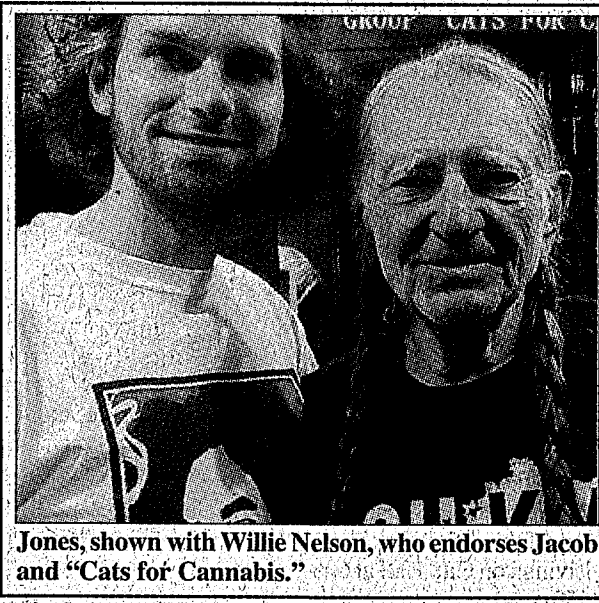
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Jones, shown with Willie Nelson, who endorses Jacob and "Cats for Cannabis."

### Jones enrolls at UK

As a proud mother, I would like to announce that my son, Jacob Elihu Jones, has returned to the University of Kentucky, after withdrawing in 2008, after the death of his sister, Scarlett Shade Jones. Jacob chose to become my caretaker, when I had a severe heart attack, following her accident five years ago.

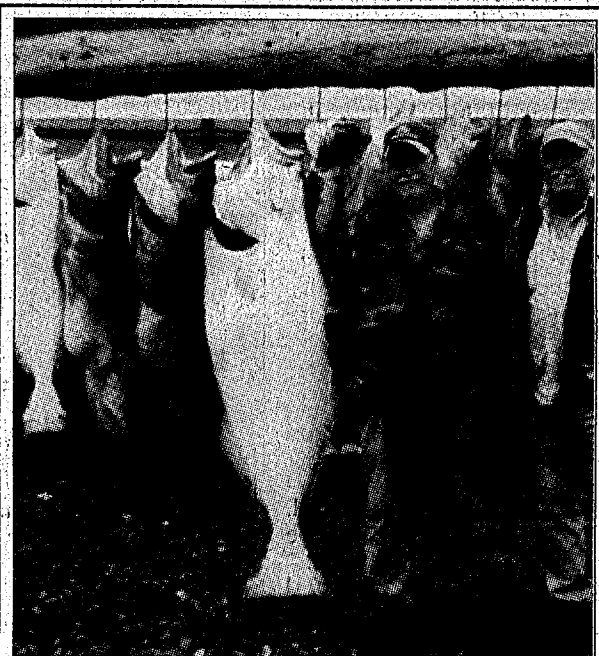
Jacob, the son of the late Gary Shepherd, is a 2007 graduate of Rockcastle High School where he earned the Governor's Scholarship Award, an award given to the best and brightest students in Kentucky.

During his hiatus from school, after 2009, Jacob graduated valedictorian from our country's first Cannabis University, Oaksterdam University, and has toured over 20 states, telling the harms we experienced through the prohibition of cannabis.

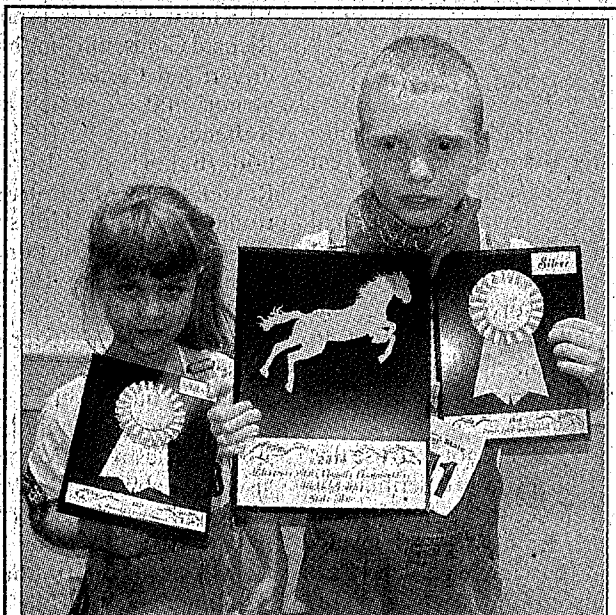
Jacob, now a junior at UK, majoring in Community and Leadership Development, with a minor in Plant and Soil Science, has been placed on the Dean's List for the second time since his return. This honor recognizes achievements of a scholastic average of 3.6 or above and Jacob earned a 4.0 average for the 2013 fall term and a 3.75 average for the 2014 spring term.

I want to wish Jacob luck with his upcoming semester and also with introducing his student organization, "Cats for Cannabis."

Mary Jane Jones



Casper Coy and Jessie Ray Taylor were in Homer, Alaska recently on a fishing trip. Casper caught the biggest fish, a Halibut, 5 feet, 6 inches and weighing 150 lbs. Together, they had 240 lbs. of fish after packaging. While in Alaska, they also toured Anchorage and report a great time.



Lydia Danner and Noah Moser, both of Mt. Vernon, placed Silver in the solo clogging competition this past weekend in Morehead. Noah also placed overall male in the male solo. Lydia is the daughter of Debbie Cornelius and Craig Danner and is in kindergarden at Mt. Vernon Elementary. Noah is the son of Tanya Moser and Jeremy Cornelius and is a 3rd grader at Brodhead Elementary. They clog with Kentucky Romp N Stomp of Mt. Vernon. For more information about clogging please call 256-1891.



Shaylin Hoverton and Cayla Miller, both of Mt. Vernon, placed 3rd in Dub/Duet Saturday in Morehead. Shaylin, an 8th grader and Cayla in her last year choreographed their own routine to "Classic". Both girls are members of Kentucky Romp N Stomp located in Mt. Vernon.



Kendra Engle, Sarah Cornelius and Cayla Miller, all of Mt. Vernon, placed Platinum in the Bluegrass Clogging Competition Saturday in Morehead. This competition is sanctioned by Clogging Champions of America. Kendra is the daughter of Debbie Cornelius and Ken Engle and a sophomore. Sarah is the daughter of Melissa Cotton and James Cornelius and in the 8th grade. Cayla is the daughter of Peggy and Danny Miller and finishing her education this year. The girls are from the advanced class of Kentucky Romp N Stomp directed by Ginger Taylor of Mt. Vernon.

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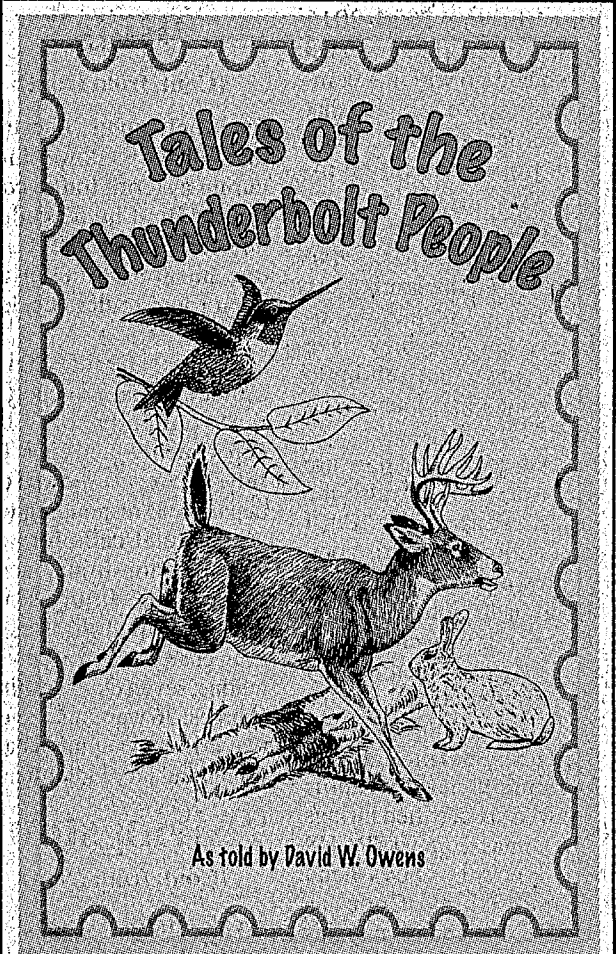
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### “Schools”

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allow students who qualify for reduced lunches to eat free as well.

Superintendent David Pensol said that this pilot program is being put into place for this school year and they will continue to evaluate the possibilities of participating in the CEP program.

“We are going to use this school year to determine the financial commitment needed from the school district to implement the CEP program,” Pensol said. “Also, this decision is one that we would want to put in place at all schools rather than only serving students at selected schools, which has been a concern for other communities.”

Pensol also brought up the district’s assessment amount after the dissolving of the Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust in 2013. Rockcastle County and several other Kentucky public school districts had to split a \$50 to \$60 million bill after the insurance trust disbanded.

Pensol said that several school districts with larger assessment amounts fought the issue in court but that the court recently ordered each school district to pay the amount of their respective assessments.

“They dissolved because there ended up being more claims than premiums,” Pensol said. “We were more fortunate than other districts as we weren’t involved with KSBIT as long as others.”

Pensol said Rockcastle County Schools only used KSBIT from 1990-2004 and that they actually weren’t using KSBIT in 1995, 2000 and 2001. He said their assessment ended up being \$101,855.

“We also didn’t have a lot of claims which is why our amount is lower than other districts,” Pensol said. “But this is the final number and there won’t be any further assessments.”

Pensol suggested that the district pay their assessment with a down payment of \$25,463 and set the remaining amount up on a six year interest free payment plan of \$12,732 a year. He suggested this plan because there is no interest charged on the assessment.

The board agreed unanimously to pay their KSBIT assessment with a down payment of \$25,463 for the first year and \$12,732 a year for the six remaining years.

Pensol also presented the board with a proposed tax rate for the 2014-2015 school year. He suggested the board go with the compensating rate meaning that school taxes on real estate and property won’t be increased.

Pensol said the school district is in the position to take the compensating tax rate instead of the 4% increase because they have made conservative efforts to make cuts and manage finances.

“We are getting pressure from the state to raise the taxes,” Pensol said. “But I don’t think this is a good time to raise taxes in Rockcastle County and put this on our own citizens.”

The board unanimously adopted the tax rate for the 2014-2015 school year.

The superintendent’s personnel action report showed six certified hirings of Thomas Coffey as RCHS cross country boys head coach, Cindy Cope as RCMS arts and humanities teacher, Lee Con Tran as a RCHS math teacher, Eric Wright as a RCHS biology teacher, Katherine Linville as a substitute teacher and Gary Shawen as the RCHS information technology teacher.

Fourteen classified hirings included: Dustin Reynolds, RCMS assistant boys basketball coach; Danny Robbins, substitute custodian; Mickey McClure, RCHS assistant football coach; Brandon Brooks, full time bus driver; Valerie Williams, full time bus monitor; Lisa Hayes,

BES instructional assistant; Richard Gibbs, full time bus driver; Tara Carter, BES instructional assistant; Rebecca Garrett, RCHS cook/baker; Loren Reynolds, RCMS instructional assistant; Melissa Wilson, RES instructional assistant; Kimberly Hines, substitute bus monitor; Laura Owens, registered nurse and Ronald Abney as a mid-day bus driver.

Resignations included James Isaacs as RCMS assistant baseball coach, Barbara Hall as MVES cook/baker, Boone Saylor as RCMS assistant football coach and Janice Tolle as RCMS instructional assistant. And, Kathy Coffey announced her retirement as RES instructional assistant.

### “Scam”

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cases where the scam arrests claim to be the arresting police officer during phone calls. They claim there is also scenarios where the scam artist will talk first and then hand the phone to an accomplice who portrays the arresting police officer.

The FBI suggests that in order to avoid falling victim to the grandparent scam always resist the pressure to act quickly, contact your grandchild or another family member to make sure the call is legitimate and never give money based on a request made over the phone or email.

Peters said that authorities on the federal, state and local levels are all aware of the grandparent scam. However, he said it is hard for them or other authorities to track down the con artists as they use fake phone numbers and if they do track them they are almost always traced to areas outside the United States.

Peters went on to say that con artists are always creating new scams that target different age groups, especially senior citizens.

“The generation that is now senior citizens grew up in a better time than now when things like this scam rarely happened. Back in their day people were more trustworthy and they could leave their doors unlocked and windows open,” Peters said. “You can’t be that trusting of things these days and you have to question everything to determine whether it’s true or not.”

For more information about the grandparent scam visit [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov). If you are a victim of the grandparent scam and wish to file a complaint visit [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

### “Bids”

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for a helicopter, one tree that fell across power lines during a storm; traffic control for Blast in the Valley; one farming accident and one hazardous materials tractor and trailer accident w/injuries.

Police Chief Brian Carter also gave a report to the council on his department’s activities for July. The report showed the department responding to:

491 total calls for service; 19 non-injury accidents; three injury accidents; 32 total arrests; 11 drug charges; 29 traffic violations; seven other criminal charges; 26 warrants served; two criminal summons and five grand jury indictments.

### “Livingston”

(Cont. from front)

event staff for \$5 each. Following the Duck Race, the Wacky Boat Race will take place at 3 p.m. Participants can build their boat out of whatever they choose and anyone can enter the race.

A ShaolinDo Karate Demonstration will begin at 4 p.m. and a lawn mower pull at 5 p.m. The Kentucky Romp ‘n Stomp Cloggers will also perform at 6 p.m.

Live music will be provided from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring the bluegrass band Wilderness Road at 7 p.m. and Tidal Wave Road at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, August 31st, events will start with a de-

votional at noon followed by a pet contest at 1 p.m. There will also be a fishing tournament at the ford of the Rockcastle River at 2 p.m. with the tournament ending with a weigh-in at 6 p.m.

At 3 p.m. there will be an auction, followed by a watermelon eating contest and hula hoop contest at 4 p.m.

The Ugly Woman Contest will be held at 7 p.m. and the Medley Boys will perform beginning at 8 p.m. The fireworks display will be at 10 p.m.

For more information on any of the activities, contact Livingston City Hall at 606-453-4341.

### “Hunger”

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Carolyn Lindsey at 606-256-5921 ext. 4. Participants can also preregister by contacting Barnett via email at [sbarnett@chrisapp.org](mailto:sbarnett@chrisapp.org) or Lindsey via email at [clindsey@chrisapp.org](mailto:clindsey@chrisapp.org).

The first 150 participants to register will receive a free t-shirt. Door prizes will also be given out after the march.

The event is sponsored by the Christian Appalachian Project. It’s also co-sponsored by the City of Mt. Vernon, God’s Pantry Food Bank and Walmart.

### “Chase”

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Darrin Stewart, 21, of Orlando.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, officers Adam Stallworth and Shay Helton were assisting Kentucky State Police troopers Brian Maupin and Josh Brainard with a safety checkpoint on Hwy 1004 when Duff approached the checkpoint in her vehicle.

Once officers started to approach the vehicle, Duff drove off at a high rate of speed and almost struck several of the officers.

Officer chased Duff’s vehicle as she turned onto Cove Branch Road and then Clark Cemetery Road. The chase ended after Duff’s vehicle stalled while attempting to cross a small creek. Duff’s vehicle also rolled back into a police cruiser, causing damage to the front bumper, hood and headlights.

After her vehicle stalled and rolled into a police cruiser, Duff exited her vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. Officers pursued Duff and apprehended her moments later.

Upon further investigation, officers noticed that Duff and her passenger Stewart both appeared intoxicated while performing field sobriety tests.

Duff later told police that Stewart told her not to stop and told her where to go while they were fleeing. Stewart later admitted to police that he had been using drugs prior to the chase.

Duff was charged with first degree wanton endangerment, fleeing or evading police, reckless driving, first degree criminal mischief, DUI and operating on a suspended/revoked license. Stewart was charged with public intoxication.

Both Duff and Stewart

were lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Duff was later released on a \$7,500 cash/property bond and Stewart was later released on a \$500 cash bond.

### “Chase”

(Cont. from front)

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Assistant Chief Barry Adams made the traffic stop on Jackson’s vehicle after observing him drive through two stop signs before parking in the middle of the street. Adams said

Jackson was leaning over in the driver’s seat and appeared to be reaching into the passenger floorboard.

Once Adams approached, he noticed a strong chemical smell coming from inside the vehicle.

After receiving consent to search the vehicle, Adams found several items used to manufacture meth including two packs of pseudoephedrine tablets, two packs of lithium batteries and a blender that contained a white powder residue. Adams also discovered sev-

eral text messages on Jackson’s phone asking him to purchase pseudoephedrine tablets.

Adams used “MethCheck” to discover that Jackson had purchased pseudoephedrine tablets ten times and had been blocked only one time.

Jackson was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was later released on a \$5,000 cash/property bond.

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 The cost to participate will be \$35.00. This will pay for the Jersey and shorts. The players will practice once or twice a week and games will be played during the week or on Saturday. Please return form and money to school by Friday August 22nd. Please remember this league is for the kids to have fun, become interested and learn the game. Please see attached schedule for draft at each school.

- Monday- August 25<sup>th</sup>- Roundstone Elementary Students @ Roundstone Elementary School  
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- Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup>- Mount Vernon Elementary Students @ Mount Vernon Elementary School  
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- Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> Brodhead Elementary Students @ Brodhead Elementary School  
5:00-6:00- K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Boys

Parents,  
 Teams will be split on evaluation night. We will send home a practice schedule, coach and team list, and a game schedule as soon as possible. If you are interested in coaching a team, list this somewhere on the application. There will also be a coaching application that will have to be filled out and returned. Coaches will have to pass a background check and complete a coach’s clinic.  
 The purpose of this league is for the players to be introduced to the game of basketball and to begin developing the fundamentals of the game. Good sportsmanship is expected and un-sportsman like conduct will not be tolerated.

Make checks payable to Little Rocket League. You may return forms to the following:  
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# Hiatt: The long-distance trek to become a mother

By Byron Brewer

Leigh Anne Hiatt was known as a crusading journalist and talented editor while working for Georgetown College's student newspaper, The Georgetonian, in the early 1980s.

With that same grit and determination decades later, the single Hiatt made a spectacular journey and adventure to fulfill her desire to become a mother.

After earning a degree in English from Georgetown College, I got my first job in public relations at Rockcastle County Hospital, back in my hometown of Mt. Vernon," recalled my friend Leigh Anne. "I worked for a couple of years before heading north for a master's degree in journalism from Indiana University Bloomington. I returned to Kentucky and have since held public relations positions at Marymount Hospital, UnitedHealthcare, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and, of course, Georgetown College. Since 2002, I've served as the public information officer for the Administrative Office of the Courts in Frankfort, the operations arm of the Judicial Branch.

"By the time I reached my early 40s, I had not managed to get married. I decided I could probably live

without a husband but I wasn't sure I could reconcile myself to never being a mother. A modest inheritance from an aunt provided the financial cushion I needed to afford an international adoption and that's when I began the process to adopt a baby from Kazakhstan. After nearly three years of endless paperwork and waiting, I brought 11-month-old Sophie home from Ust-Kamenogorst, Kazakhstan, in August 2010. I had made two trips to Ust-Kamenogorst and spent two and a half months there to finalize the adoption.

"It was all worth it! Sophie is the light of my life. Just a few months after I adopted her, Kazakhstan closed its adoption program and it still has not reopened. It's a miracle I have Sophie and I remind myself of that every time she has a meltdown in Kroger or gets in trouble for throwing mulch on the playground at daycare."

Leigh Anne's mother, Barbara Hilton Hiatt, graduated from Georgetown College, as did several of her friends and family members. It was a great fit for her as well, she found. She grew up in the rural town of Mt. Vernon, and felt more at home at a small liberal arts college than at a large uni-

versity. In spite of some early homesickness as a freshman — "I remember crying as I walked the track on Hinton Field those first few days" — she rebounded and fell in love with the college and our community.

"I wasn't athletic or inclined to join a sorority, so I threw myself into my classes and found my niche working for The Georgetonian," she said. "By my senior year, I had worked my way up to co-editor and was thrilled to have my little moment in the sun. That was before we had computers with design software, and everything was done by hand. We rolled warm wax onto our newspaper copy so that it would adhere to the large layout sheets on a light table. We then drove the winding roads to Paris to get the paper printed by one of the newspapers in Bourbon County. That's how we rolled at The Georgetonian in the early 1980s and, looking back now, it seems like a happy, simple time."

Leigh Anne was working at Marymount Hospital in London when she went to Georgetown College's Homecoming one fall and learned that GC was looking for a director of public relations. She applied for the position and several months later got an interview and a job offer. That was the beginning of five of the most exciting years of her career, she said.

"It was the mid-1990s and Dr. Bill Crouch had just come on board as president," she said. "It was a heady time of change and growth at Georgetown College as the new administration focused on improving relationships with students and alumni, enhancing fundraising efforts, and shoring up old infrastructure with renovations and new buildings. The college launched innovative academic programs, such as the

partnership with Regent's Park College in Oxford, England, and invited the Cincinnati Bengals to come to town every August to train at Georgetown College facilities. What I learned at Georgetown College about professionalism, communications and making connections serves me well today."

Leigh Anne lives in Lexington now but considers Georgetown a second home. "Last fall, I took Sophie, now 3, to lunch at Fava's for the first time and the hamburgers and grilled cheese sandwiches were as good as I remembered them," the former student editor said. "And I still take my cat to Georgetown to his longtime veterinarian, Dr. Donna Parr. Even though I lived in Georgetown for only nine years while a student and then an employee at Georgetown College, those were defining times in my life and I'm grateful to have spent them in such a special place."

Byron Brewer is a former managing editor of the News-Graphic. He can be reached at brbrewer@hotmail.com.

## Federal aid could help students interested in health care careers

The federal government offers several financial aid programs that may help students interested in health care careers pay college expenses, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has four scholarship programs:

- National Health Service Corps Scholarship: For students who plan to become physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives or physician's assistants.

- National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship: For students interested in careers in biomedical, behavioral or social science health-related research.

- NURSE Corps Scholarship: For students accepted for enrollment or enrolled in a registered nurse program at an accredited school of nursing in a U.S. state or territory.

- Scholarships for Disad-

vantaged Students: For students from disadvantaged backgrounds interested in just about any health care field.

HHS also offers several loan and loan repayment programs. Several HHS scholarship, loan and repayment programs require recipients to provide public service health care for certain lengths of time.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to apply for all of these programs.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES).

To find links to other useful education websites, go to [www.gotocollege.ky.gov](http://www.gotocollege.ky.gov).

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com); write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

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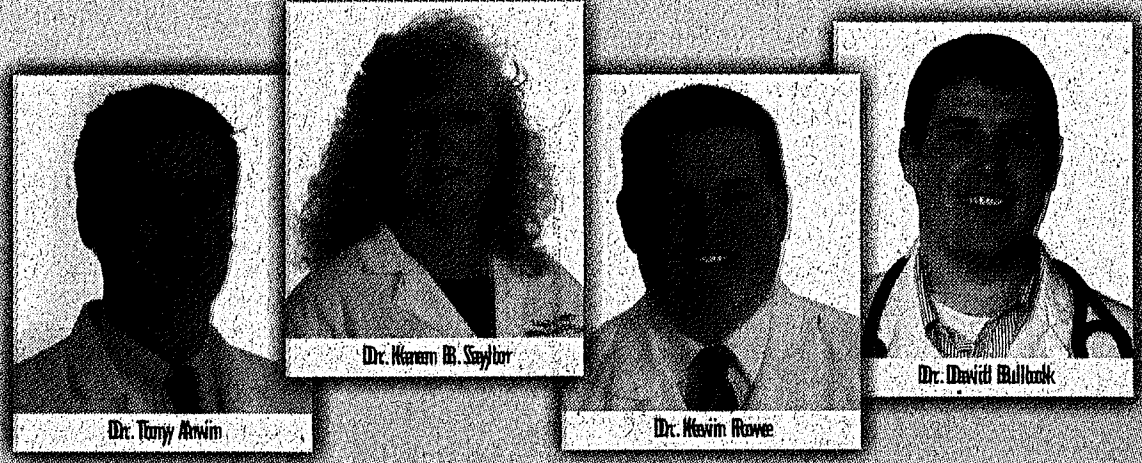
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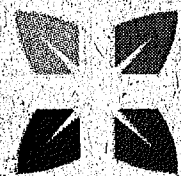


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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, August 21, 2014

## Ronnie Reno joins forces with Renfro Valley for 75th Anniversary

Renfro Valley Entertainment Center in beautiful Renfro Valley, proudly known as "Kentucky's Country Music Capital" is celebrating its 75th year anniversary.

Inside the lusciously green walls of this Valley you will find a music tradition that started back in 1939 by the founder John Lair. Great classic country, southern gospel, and mountain bluegrass music rings from the rafters and is "Still Going

Strong" at two theaters to this very day. Many artists began their career or called the Renfro Valley Barn Dance their home over the years such as Red Foley, John Lair, Coon Creek Girls, Old Joe Clark, Pete Stamper, Homer & Jethro, Dale Ann Bradley, Steve Gulley, Troy Gentry (Montgomery Gentry) and more.

Rural Rhythm Recording artist, Ronnie Reno, reigning 2013 IBMA Broadcaster of the Year and TV host of Reno's Old-Time Music Show, has joined forces with Renfro Valley Entertainment Center and Rockcastle Tourism to help celebrate the 75 year musical history of the Renfro Valley Barn Dance.

"I'm so honored to be involved with the 75th Anniversary celebration with my friends in The Valley Where Time Stands Still. Renfro Valley has stayed true to the traditions of family entertainment in America for 75 years and is passing them along for generations to come. Please come join us as we tell the story of the Renfro Valley Barn Dance in Renfro Valley, KY on our show Reno's Old-Time Music. 75 years and still going strong," said Ronnie Reno, Reno's Old-Time Music Show, Broadcaster, Artist, Songwriter and Producer.

On September 13th Reno's Old-Time Music Show will devote an entire episode to celebrate and

honor the important music history of the Renfro Valley Barn Dance over the past 75 years. Ronnie Reno is currently producing the TV show which will include many never-before-seen historic performances, interviews with several music legends and pioneers and an entertaining historical musical journey from the past to the present showing that the Renfro Valley Barn Dance is "Still Going Strong".

Reno's Old-Time Music TV show airs on RFD-TV and has a Nielson rating viewership of 1.2 million households on a monthly basis.

"We are so proud of Renfro Valley. There's something magical about this place that is hard to explain, but whatever it is, it keeps folks coming back year after year and they want to bring someone else with them so they can experience it too. Renfro Valley's heritage as a tourism destination has opened the door for other attractions to come into Rockcastle County including the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and lots of outdoor adventure. Renfro Valley truly deserves to be commended for keeping true country music alive for 75 years, and it's still going strong!" said Susan Tomes, Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission.

With such a celebrated musically historical past, Renfro Valley is truly still going strong with such top acts performing in 2014 such as Jamey Johnson, Merle Haggard, Rhonda Vincent, Ricky Skaggs, Loretta Lynn, Oak Ridge Boys, Don Williams and many more.

"I've always enjoyed performing at Renfro Valley. Its great history in live music makes us want to come back often," said Ricky Skaggs.

"I want to say congratulations to Renfro Valley, what an awesome place!

Congratulations on 75 years!" said Rhonda Vincent.

"Renfro Valley is that little place tucked in the hills with ethereal fat-free fried chicken, the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Museum and the famous barn dance. The area puts off a great vibe. I've always loved playing there because the people are always so warm and friendly," said Jamey Johnson.

Below is a list of upcoming shows from the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center. To purchase tickets online at renfrovalley.com or call (800) 765-SING:

**August:**  
 •22nd Marty Haggard, Dion Pride and Jett Williams  
 •23rd Sawyer Brown  
 •24th Merle Haggard

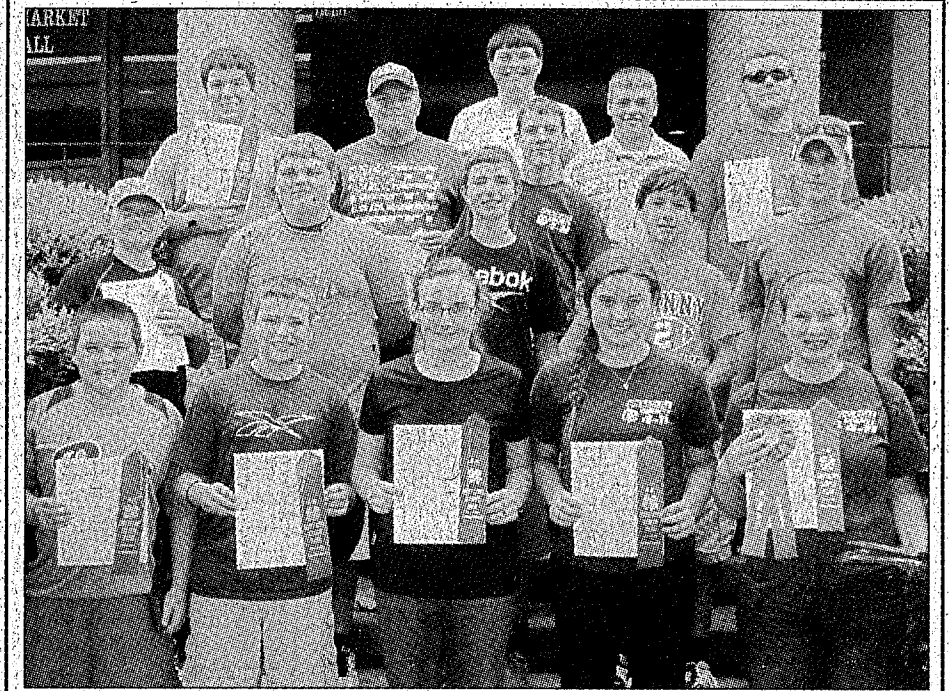
**September:**  
 •6th Ronnie McDowell  
 •13th Marty Stuart and Connie Smith  
 •20th Georgette Jones  
 •26th Jimmy Fortune and T. Graham Brown  
 •27th Gene Watson

**October:**  
 •2nd 4th Appalachian Harvest Festival  
 •3rd 4th Don Williams  
 •9th Bobby Osborne & Rocky Top X-Press  
 •10th Old Friends: Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, J.D. Crowe and Paul Williams  
 •11th Dailey & Vincent  
 •18th Bobby Bare  
 •24th Rhonda Vincent  
 •25th Ricky Skaggs

**November:**  
 •1st Travis Tritt Cruise in the Valley Car Show & 75th Anniversary Barn Dance  
 •2nd Renfro Valley's 75th Birthday Celebration  
 •8th 75th Barn Dance Celebration Show

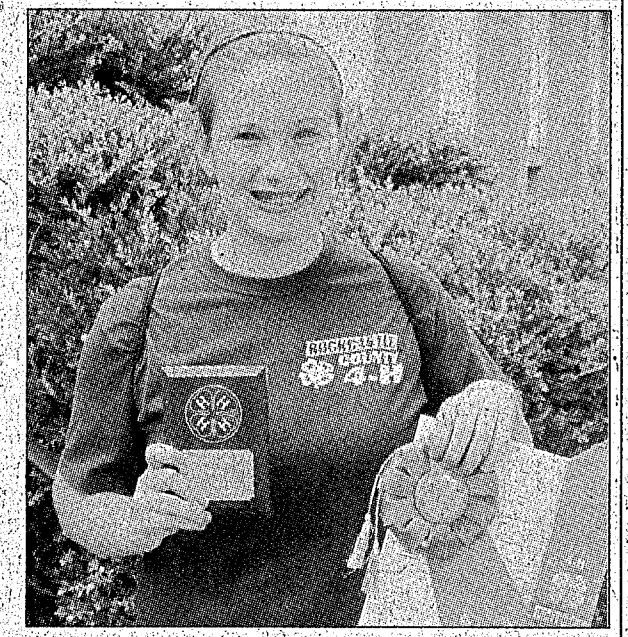
**December:**  
 •November 14th - December 20th - Christmas in the Valley

"Please join us in celebrating the 75th year of the world famous Renfro Valley Barn Dance. Come be a part of history as you enjoy one of the last Barn Dance shows in existence," said John and Julie Enneking, Renfro Valley Entertainment Center owners.



The Rockcastle County 4-H Land Judging team participated in the 2014 Kentucky State Fair on August 15th. Pictured are: Junior Champion Joy Frith, Pamela Miller (Blue), Holly Miller (Red), Cole Ballinger (Blue), and Zach Taylor (Blue), Andrew Sargent (White) all in Junior Division. The team included 10 senior members: Curtis Miller, Thomas Burdette, Caleb Ballinger, William Daugherty, Jarrett Carpenter, James Clay Ballinger, Andrew Ponder, Trevor Sweet, David Gabbard, Aaron Pevely. The top four Seniors, James Clay Ballinger, David Gabbard, Curtis Miller and Jarrett Carpenter placed Reserve Champion Senior Team.

Rockcastle County 4-H Land Judging team captured Junior Champion at the 2014 Kentucky State Fair Contest. Joy Frith, daughter of Chris and Crystal Frith won Junior Champion placing over 45 junior competitors. Joy has been Land Judging for 3 years and will advance to the Senior Division in 2015.



## For second year in a row Rockcastle Regional receives Women's Choice Award

Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center has received the 2014 Women's Choice Award for the second year in a row.

This distinction is the only award that identifies the country's best healthcare institutions based on robust

criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and expectations. "The best health outcomes are achieved when the highest level of care is provided with a focus on quality, safety, and patient experience," said Stephen A. Estes, president and CEO

of Rockcastle Regional Hospital. "We are proud to be recognized with this award as it reflects our continued commitment to women as our patients, and to their families."

In 2013, Rockcastle Regional treated over 24,000 female patients. This number represents a total of 58% of all patients in 2013.

Recently, Rockcastle Regional's mammography services was awarded a three-year term of accreditation by the American College of Radiology (ACR). This accreditation is designated to facilities representing the highest level of image quality and patient safety.

In addition to clinical treatment, throughout the year Rockcastle Regional provides resources, promotes awareness, and hosts events pertaining to women's care and health issues. Such activities include providing yearly discounted mammograms during the month of October, the "Ladies' Night Out" event for breast cancer, and the annual "Love Your Heart" program for women's heart disease.

Being named as a hospital of choice among women represents the strongest and most important consumer message in today's healthcare marketplace, considering that women account for 90% of all healthcare decisions for her and her family, according to American Academy of Family Physicians.

The America's 100 Best Hospitals scoring process is unique in that it is the only national list that focuses on female patient satisfaction. The process begins with scores derived for each hospital in the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) database. The score takes a subset of the questions HCAHPS uses that research

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4-H Variety Show State Fair participants were from left: Dylan Allen, Delani Reynolds and Andrew Mink from the Rockcastle County Middle School. They performed the song "Wagon Wheel."



Kyle Coffey from Rockcastle County Middle School participated in the Kentucky State Fair. Kyle won Grand Champion Light Goose, Reserve Grand Champion Light Goose, Reserve Grand Champion Turkey, 20 First Place Blue Ribbons and 4 Second Place Red Ribbons.

## Hidden Among Us The American Revolutionary War Patriots of Rockcastle

By Karen Hamm Adams

To celebrate and honor the county's American Revolutionary War Patriots and to enlighten the community about the service and sacrifice of these brave men, on behalf of the Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I have compiled highlights of the service of the known patriots living in the county and who applied for a pension between the years 1818 and 1842. All information was taken from the patriot's own account from his pension application and other historical documents. More information can be found on each patriot at the local library or the Rockcastle Historical Society. (Copyright pending). If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution, please contact Debbie Brown (606) 758-8659 or Iris Young (606) 256-2851.

**Barnabas Haley**  
 Virginia

Barnabas (Barnaby as he was known) Haley was born about 1759 in Lunenburg Co. Virginia and died on 27 October 1851 in Rockcastle Co. KY. According to his pension application, Barnabas gave the following account of his service on 10 September 1833 in Rockcastle Co. KY at the age of seventy three or four: He enlisted as a private in Army of the United States in 1776 for a term of three years at the Charlotte Court-

house State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Brunt in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan. His Lieutenant was William Collins, his Ensign, John Burns. After his enlistment, he was marched directly to White Plains, New York to join General Washington as he understood, and then to New Jersey. They marched to near Brandywine in about sixteen miles where he was taken ill after having faithfully serving twelve months and nine days. Barnaby got his Captain to write a letter to his father as to his condition and his father and grandfather hired a man by the name of Absalom Hughes, who came on to the Army and was received as a substitute and Barnabas was discharged by Colonel Morgan about sixteen miles from Brandywine, about three to four weeks before the Battle of Brandywine (September 11, 1777). He stated that he was in no battles. He also stated that Absalom Hughes served out the balance of his term of enlistment and when the time expired he returned home. Barnabas' father and grandfather gave Hughes sixty pounds to take his place, and he returned with a discharge for him (Barnabas) for three years which he had long since lost.

On 7 June 1842, Barnabas made an amendment to his application as follows:

After his enlistment, Haley was marched to White Plains NY and joined General Washington as he was told and so understood. Their march was hurried as it was said Washington was in great need of reinforcements, a big British Army being near at hand and an attack expected. In a few weeks after the Army moved to "Valley Forge" Colonel Morgan was promoted or assigned to some other service and the command of the Regiment was assigned to Colonel Lamb. While encamped at Valley Forge, his father John Haley and grandfather Barnaby Wells arrived at Valley Forge with a man by the name of Absalom Hughes. He was received as a substitute in his stead to complete the term of his enlistment. He did not wish to leave the Army but being young he was compelled to do so by his father and as he understood by the distressed state of mind of his mother in consequence of his enlistment. He believed that his father and grandfather gave Hughes 100 acres of land in Charlotte Co. VA. His discharge was given to him by Colonel Lamb at Valley Forge a few weeks before the battle of Brandywine, where his sub-





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**Notice is hereby given** that Peter Pavlick, 38335 Bainbridge Rd., Solon, OH 44139 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Michael Paul Pavlick, D.V.M. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Peter Pavlick or Hon. Bobby Amburgey, P.O. Box 3118, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before February 16, 2015 at 11 a.m. 35x3

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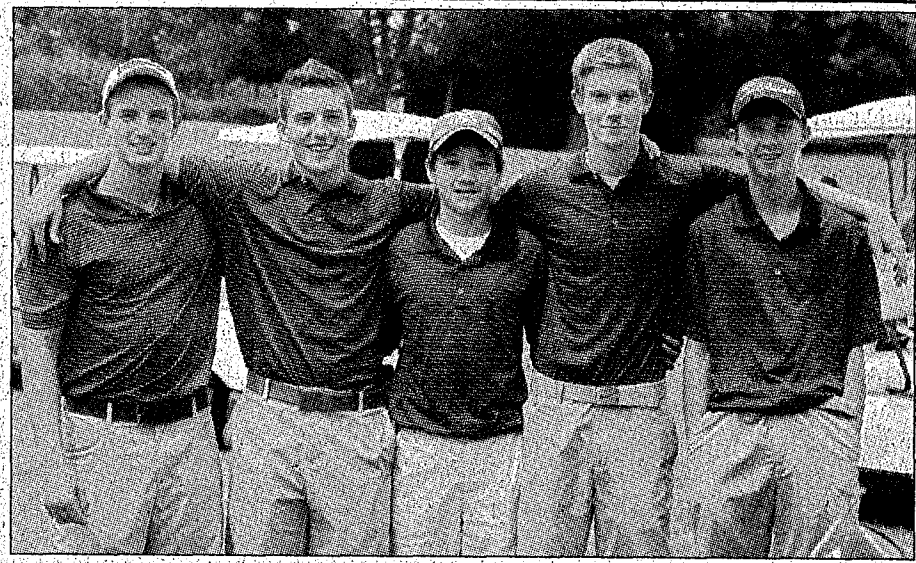
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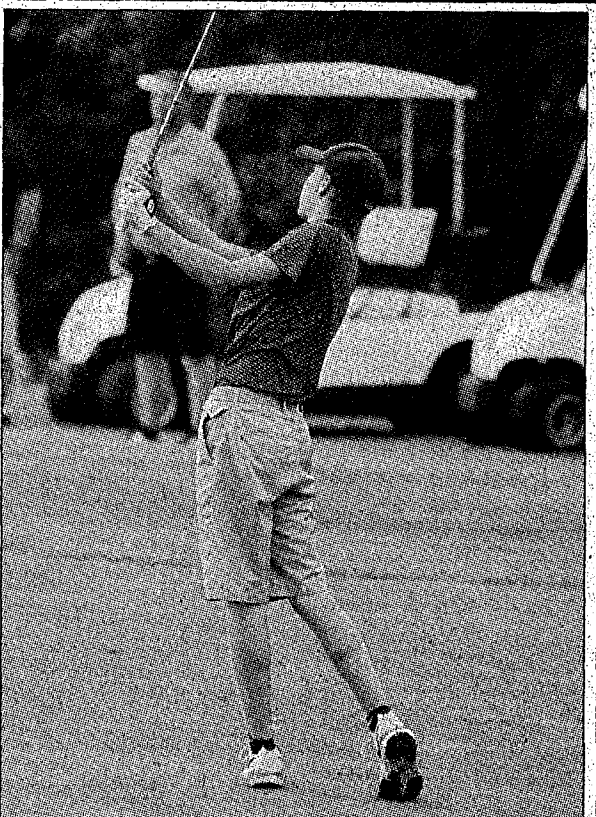




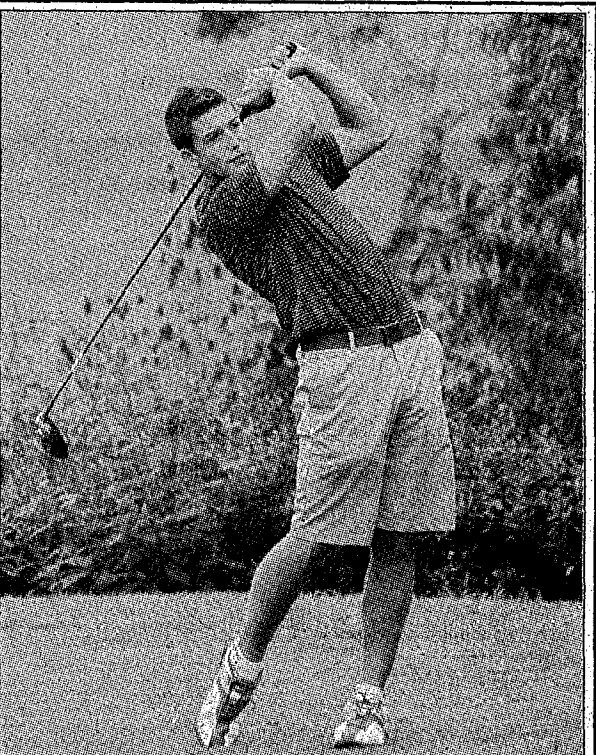
The Rockcastle Rockets boys' golf team placed 4th out of 15 teams over the weekend at the Garrard County Invitational with a score of 322. Pictured are from left: John Cornelius, Carson Noble, Thomas Burdette, Sam Pensol, and Cade Burdette. Scores: Cornelius 77; Burdette 78; Pensol 80; Noble 87; and Burdette 98.



Hannabeth Owens continued her excellent play this past Saturday at the Joy of Golf Tournament in Lawrenceburg. Hannabeth shot a 2 over par (74) to finish tied for 2nd with University of South Alabama commit Mackenzie Peyton of Henry county. Ellen Kehoe of Taylor County won the event with a round of 70.



Cade Burdette has been playing really well for the Rockets golf team. He recently posted a 2 under 34 in a recent golf match while also finishing tied for 13th at the Garrard County Invitational.



Carson Noble has played really well this season for the Rockets golf team. Noble turned in one of his best performances in tournament play over the weekend with a score of 87.

### Tips for eye safety for children playing sports

Now that the school year has started, the fall sports season also is under way.

That means parents must take precautions to ensure their children's eye safety. According to Prevent Blindness America, approximately 40,000 eye injuries take place in the United States during sports or recreational activities each year, and some will lead to irreversible vision loss. Almost one-third of sports-related eye injuries occur in children between the ages of 5 and 14.

"Eye injuries are the leading cause of blindness in children in America, and most injuries for school-aged children are sports-related," said Dr. Ian McWherter, an optometrist in Louisville, Ky. "The results of an eye injury can range from temporary to permanent vision loss, so it's important that parents take

the proper steps when their children play sports."

The good news, McWherter said, is that 90 percent of these injuries are preventable with the proper use of eye protection on the playing field. McWherter and the Kentucky Optometric Association have the following tips for eye and vision safety while playing sports:

- Always wear protective eyewear during team or contact sports;
- Keep street eyewear off the playing field. Conventional frames and lenses often do not meet the minimum requirements for impact resistance in most sports; and
- When shopping for protective eyewear, make sure the equipment conforms to the American Society for Testing and Materials specifications for that particular sport.

### Reed basketry demonstration

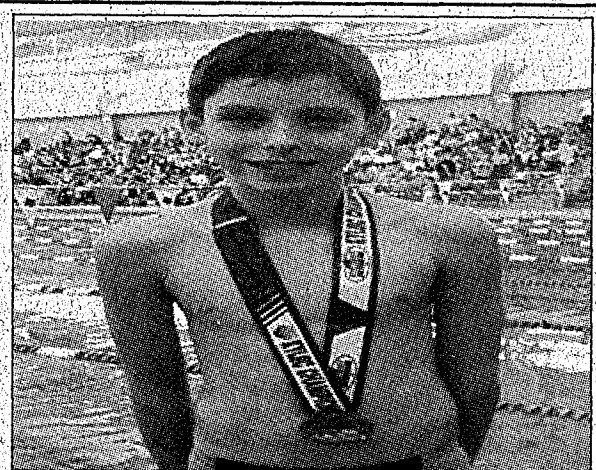
This Saturday, Aug. 23rd, Jan Treesh, of Lexington, will demonstrate her reed basketry techniques from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Treesh made her first two baskets in 1985 under the guidance of a friend. She then taught herself by looking at pattern books and studying actual baskets. She has developed many designs of her own and in 1990 began attending Indiana Basket-maker Association annual conferences to take workshops.

Treesh uses both flat and round reeds and traditional weaving techniques, along with commercial dyes when designing her functional and decorative baskets. Among her basket forms is the traditional round-bottom basket. Round-bottom baskets are formed by arranging reeds in a "spoke" fashion, and then twining the walls with round reeds. Treesh also makes baskets that start from a square or rectangular grid that is then shaped and woven upwards. Many of her baskets have a specific function in the kitchen or home, and she finishes all her baskets with a Danish oil stain to preserve their beauty. Each of her baskets is signed and dated.

Baskets by Treesh are regularly available at the center, located just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kentuckyartisancenter](http://www.facebook.com/kentuckyartisancenter), or go to the center's website at [www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov).



### Durham earns Swimmer of the Year

Although Silas Durham learned to swim at the age of three, he began swimming competitively only one year ago. At the 2014 Kentucky Long Course State Swimming Championship Silas competed against the states top swimmers and turned in the best performance of his young career. Silas took 3rd place in the 100 meter butterfly, 4th place in the 50 meter butterfly, 8th place in both the 200 individual medley and 50 meter freestyle, and 9th place in the 100 meter backstroke, 100 meter freestyle, and 200 meter freestyle. Silas also swam career best times in every event in which he competed.

Silas was named the 2014 Lake Cumberland Hurricane's Swimmer of the Year and qualified for the Hurricane's sectional swim team.

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| 5/8" x 3/4" Meter               | \$480.00 | \$700.00 | \$220.00  | 45.8%    |

Any person may examine this tariff filing at the Association office located at 371 New Brodhead Road in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky; telephone (606) 256-8283.

Any person may examine this tariff filing at the PSC located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm or on the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>; telephone (502) 564-3940.

Any person may submit comments regarding this tariff filing by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602; or through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

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### Ordinance No. 2014-4

#### An Ordinance Establishing a Comprehensive Personnel Manual for the City of Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department

Whereas, it is the intent of the City of Mount Vernon to establish a volunteer personnel policy manual, and:

Whereas, the council and the administration of the City of Mount Vernon recognizes that a personnel system, which recruits and retains quality, motivated firefighters, is indispensable to an effective and efficient fire department, and;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Mount Vernon to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its volunteer Fire Department through the practice of equitable and reasonable policies, as well as position description;

Now Therefore, be it ordained by the City of Mount Vernon that Ordinance No. 2014-4 be adopted as follows:

**Section One:** That the attached personnel manual (policies and procedures, classification and compensation plan), as well as any applicable state or federal laws, shall be the system of personnel administration for the city.

**Section Two:** That the administration of the system shall be as set forth by these policies and procedures and the applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes.

**Section Three:** This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 18th day of August, 2014

/s/ Michael Bryant, Mayor

Date of First Reading: July 21, 2014

Date of Second Reading: August 18, 2014

# The ROCK'S



Fall Sports Preview 2014

## Rockets look to change mindset and culture in 2014 season

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Rockets varsity football team is hoping to change their mindset and culture for the 2014 season after having two back to back seasons with a 2-9 record.

The Rockets enter the 2014 season ranked third in class 4A, district 6 in front of Clay County who is ranked fourth (last). The Rockets' ranking is largely due to their anticipated improvement with six starters returning on offense and six defensive starters returning.

Head Coach Scott Parkey said the main focus of the team's off season is the change of their mindset, culture and the individual thought process of each player.

"The older players have not been a part of a team that has won consistently. Because of this, they really don't know how to be a winner and don't realize what it takes to be a consistent winner," Parkey said. "Improving the little things that they can control like attitude,

effort and excitement will inevitably lead to team improvement and results that will be shown on the scoreboard."

The Rockets lost eight valuable seniors to graduation last year including star quarterback Corey McPhetridge who is now playing football at the University of Pikeville, wide receiver John Hughes who is now playing for the University of the Cumberlands and Jared Lake who is playing college football at Washington University in St. Louis. Parkey said this year's team is a talented but very young team.

"We are very young and green as a field of clover," Parkey said. "But the players are progressing at a very fast pace and we are pleased with their efforts."

A lot of pressure this year will rest on the shoulders of sophomore quarterback Dakota Bishop, who has stepped up to fill the large shoes of McPhetridge. Parkey said that Bishop has adapted well to the

subtle changes in the offense as well as the faster pace and speed of varsity football.

"McPhetridge was a very unique player with a skill set tailored to the passing game. Bishop is different. He is very smart, coachable and has shown the ability to lead the offense with both his passing and running ability,"

Parkey said. "Bishop looked good during the offseason in 7 on 7 competitions by making early decisions and completing the passes we need from him to be successful."

However, the success of the Rockets offseason was overshadowed last Friday when sophomore star tailback and defensive back

Chayse McClure suffered a left shoulder injury during a team scrimmage.

"He will be out for four weeks while receiving physician care and physical therapy. After four weeks he will be reevaluated to see if he can play," Parkey said. "He was a

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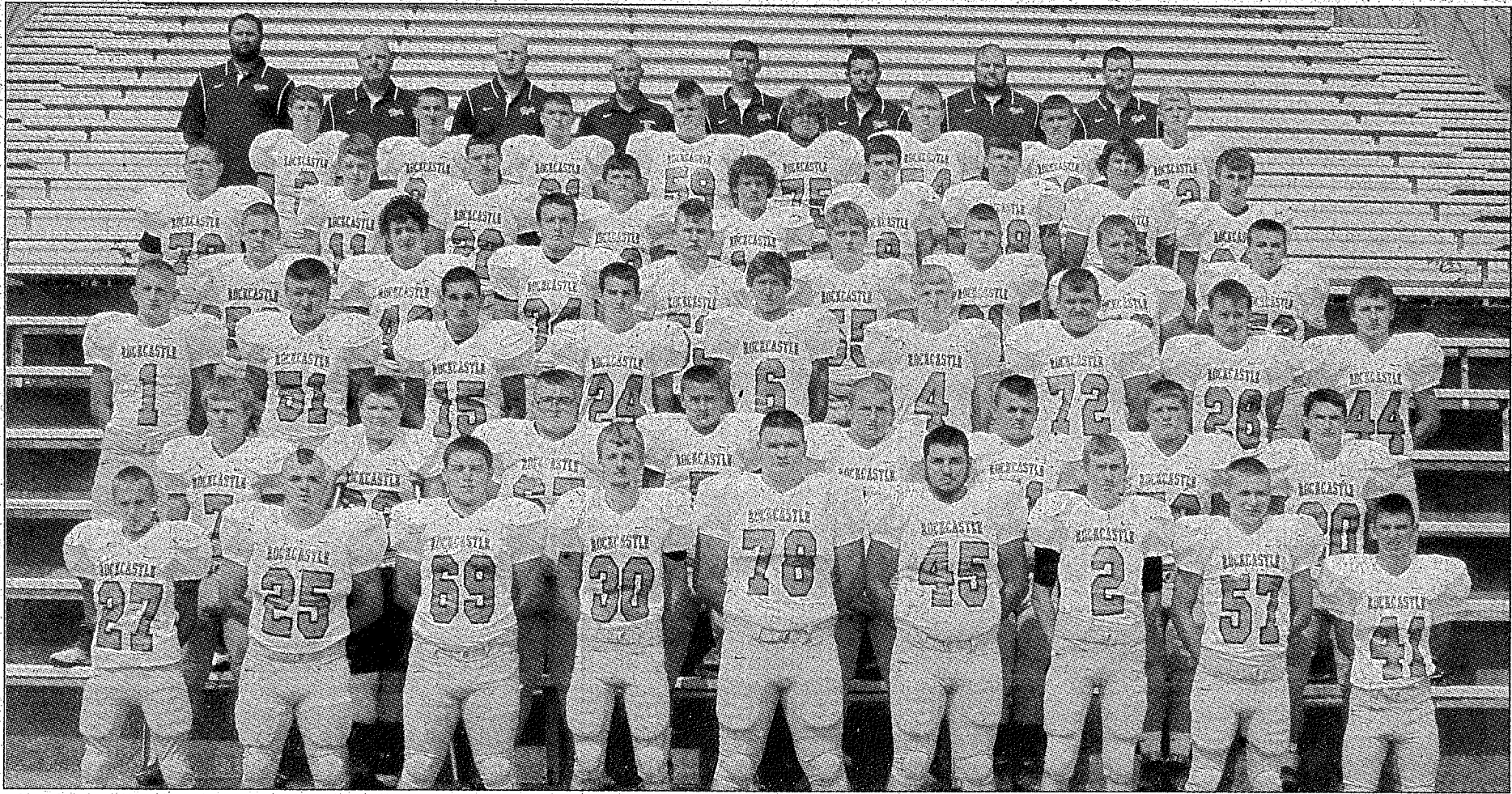
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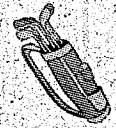
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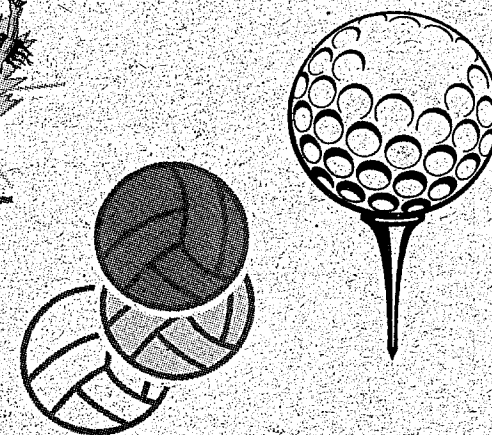
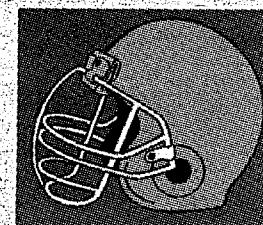
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| No. | Player            | Class | Height | Weight | Position |
|-----|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| 1   | Dalton Cole       | 11    | 5'8    | 141    | FB/LB    |
| 2   | Kyle Denny        | 12    | 6'0    | 139    | WR/DB    |
| 3   | Dakota Bishop     | 10    | 5'11   | 156    | QB/DB    |
| 4   | Tommy Bengé       | 10    | 5'9    | 144    | WR/DB    |
| 5   | Chayse McClure    | 10    | 5'9    | 158    | TB/DB    |
| 6   | Michael Tomlinson | 10    | 5'11   | 148    | WR/DB    |
| 7   | Aaron Helton      | 9     | 5'5    | 128    | RB/DB    |
| 8   | Drew Martin       | 10    | 5'11   | 147    | WR/DB    |
| 10  | John Harris       | 11    | 5'8    | 158    | TE/DE    |
| 11  | Isaac McClure     | 10    | 5'11   | 140    | WR/DB    |
| 12  | Lucas Jones       | 10    | 6'0    | 162    | TE/DE    |
| 14  | Isaiah Amyx       | 9     | 5'10   | 183    | QB/LB    |
| 15  | Thomas Foster     | 10    | 5'9    | 155    | FB/LB    |
| 20  | Dalton Rowe       | 10    | 5'6    | 132    | TB/DB    |
| 21  | Dylan Rowe        | 11    | 5'10   | 146    | WR/DB    |
| 22  | Emanuel Miller    | 9     | 6'0    | 176    | RB/DB    |
| 23  | Noah Vanwinkle    | 9     | 5'8    | 119    | WR/DB    |
| 24  | Jarred Brown      | 9     | 5'9    | 130    | WR/DB    |
| 25  | Isaiah Adams      | 12    | 5'8    | 211    | TE/LB    |
| 27  | Matthew Tomlinson | 9     | 5'4    | 115    | WR/DB    |
| 28  | Austin Mills      | 10    | 5'8    | 150    | FB/LB    |
| 29  | Brandon McCown    | 10    | 6'0    | 178    | TB/DE    |
| 30  | Tyler Langford    | 12    | 6'0    | 145    | WR/DB    |
| 31  | Brandon McCown    | 9     | 5'11   | 140    | WR/DB    |
| 32  | Blake King        | 9     | 5'11   | 148    | TE/DB    |
| 33  | Dylon Robinson    | 10    | 5'10   | 133    | WR/DB    |
| 34  | Holdan Barnett    | 9     | 5'10   | 210    | FB/LB    |
| 41  | Noah Gross        | 9     | 5'3    | 121    | FB/LB    |
| 44  | Devon Robinson    | 10    | 5'8    | 141    | RB/LB    |
| 45  | Chance Ansardi    | 12    | 6'1    | 248    | TE/DE    |
| 48  | Noah Prickett     | 9     | 5'9    | 159    | RB/LB    |
| 50  | Austin Saylor     | 10    | 5'7    | 182    | OL/DL    |
| 51  | Dylan Messer      | 9     | 5'9    | 194    | OL/DL    |
| 52  | Blaze Stewart     | 9     | 5'6    | 158    | OL/DL    |
| 53  | Brenton Amyx      | 10    | 5'9    | 185    | OL/DL    |
| 54  | Logan Coffey      | 10    | 5'10   | 182    | OL/DL    |
| 55  | Isaac Hyser       | 9     | 5'9    | 175    | OL/DL    |
| 56  | Shelby Newcomb    | 10    | 5'7    | 161    | OL/DL    |
| 57  | Justin Hughes     | 12    | 5'8    | 156    | OL/DL    |
| 59  | Hunter Hines      | 11    | 6'7    | 347    | OL/DL    |
| 62  | Ryan Winstead     | 9     | 5'7    | 185    | OL/DL    |
| 67  | Jacob Blair       | 10    | 5'7    | 282    | OL/DL    |
| 69  | Layne Jasper      | 12    | 5'11   | 220    | OL/DL    |
| 70  | Phillip Cope      | 9     | 5'10   | 239    | OL/DL    |
| 71  | Hayden Thacker    | 9     | 5'7    | 206    | OL/DL    |
| 72  | Peyton Saylor     | 9     | 5'10   | 230    | OL/DL    |
| 73  | Parker Hall       | 9     | 5'7    | 201    | OL/DL    |
| 74  | Caleb Kirby       | 10    | 6'1    | 252    | OL/DL    |
| 75  | Jarod Robinson    | 10    | 5'11   | 247    | OL/DL    |
| 76  | Logan Barnett     | 9     | 5'8    | 222    | OL/DL    |
| 78  | Levi Coffey       | 12    | 6'3    | 279    | OL/DL    |
| 80  | Logan Taylor      | 10    | 6'0    | 185    | TE/DE    |
| 81  | John Blackburn    | 9     | 5'11   | 188    | TE/DE    |
| 88  | Isaiah Mercer     | 10    | 5'11   | 171    | TE/LB    |

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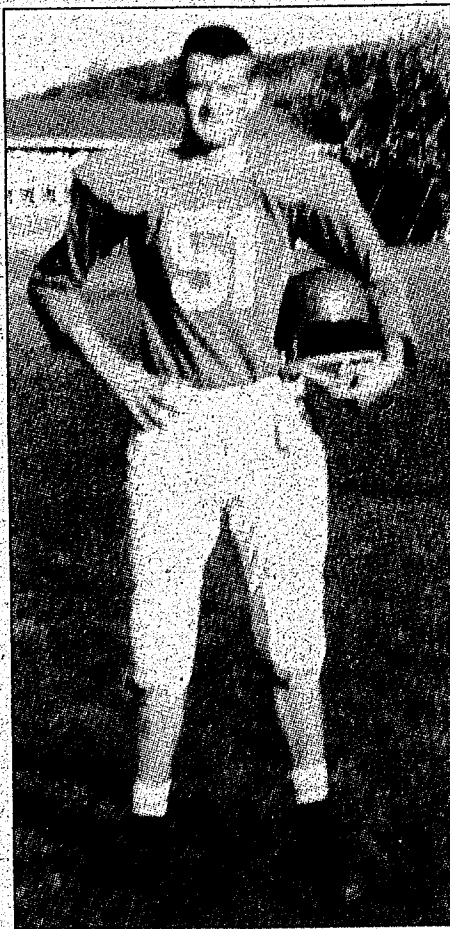


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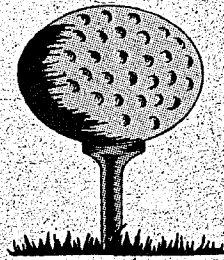
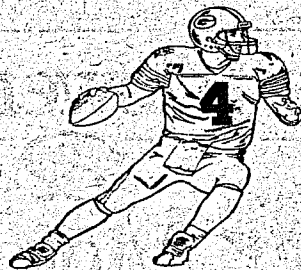
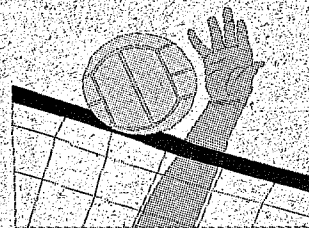
Members of the 2014 football coaching staff are shown above, from left: Devon Bussell, Michael McNabb, Mickey McClure, Scott Parkey, Josh Martin, Cole Abney and Spencer Childress.

## RCCHS Varsity Football Schedule

|          |  |      |
|----------|--|------|
| Aug. 22  | Madison Southern                                 | Away |
| Aug. 29  | West Jessamine                                   | Away |
| Sept. 5  | South Laurel<br>(Renfro Valley Bowl)             | Home |
| Sept. 12 | Whitley County<br>(Little League Football Night) | Home |
| Sept. 19 | Pulaski County                                   | Away |
| Sept. 26 | Perry Central<br>(Homecoming)                    | Home |
| Oct. 10  | Russell County                                   | Away |
| Oct. 17  | Knox Central<br>(UNITE Bowl)                     | Home |
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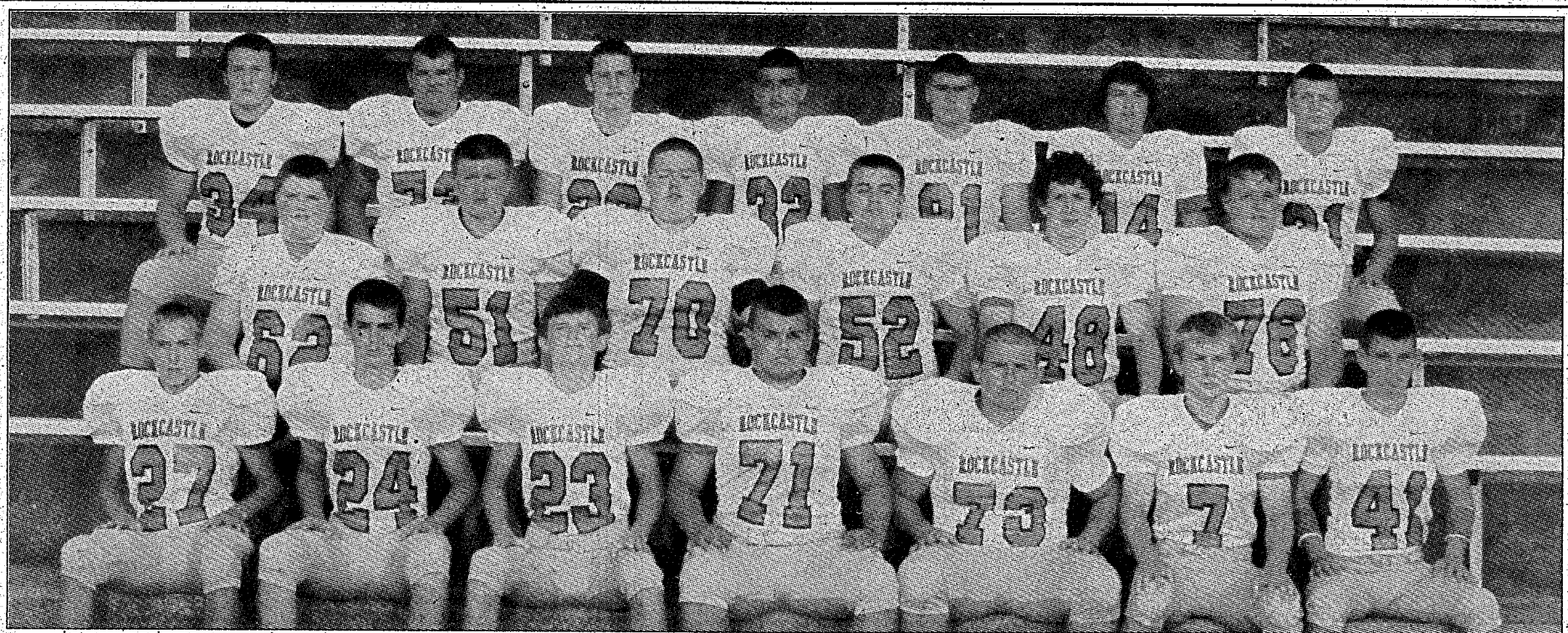
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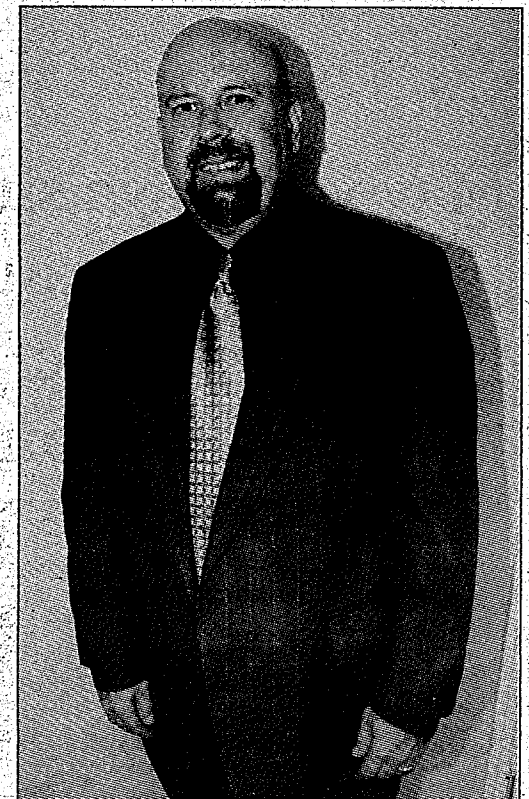
## *2014 Freshmen Football Squad*

Members of the 2014 Rocket freshmen football squad are shown above, front row from left: Mathew Tomlinson, Jarred Brown, Noah Vanwinkle, Hayden Thacker, Parker Hall, Aaron Helton and Noah Gross. Middle row from left: Ryan Winstead, Dylan Messer, Phillip Cope, Blaze Stewart, Noah Prickett and Logan Barnett. Back row from left: Holdan Barnett, Peyton Saylor, Emanuel Miller, Blake King, John Blackburn, Isaiah Amyx and Brent Lovell.

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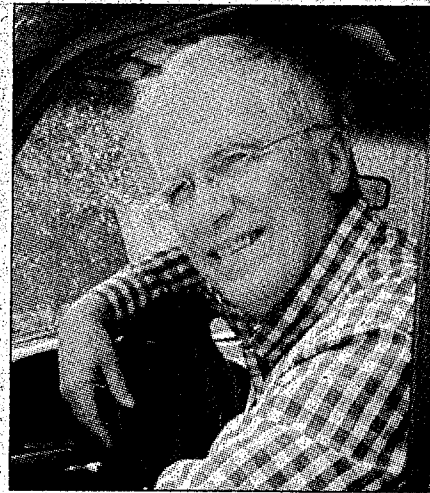
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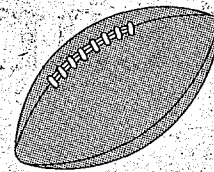
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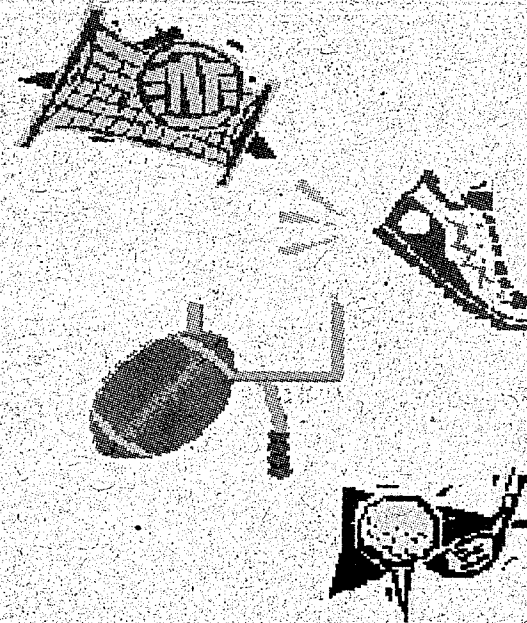
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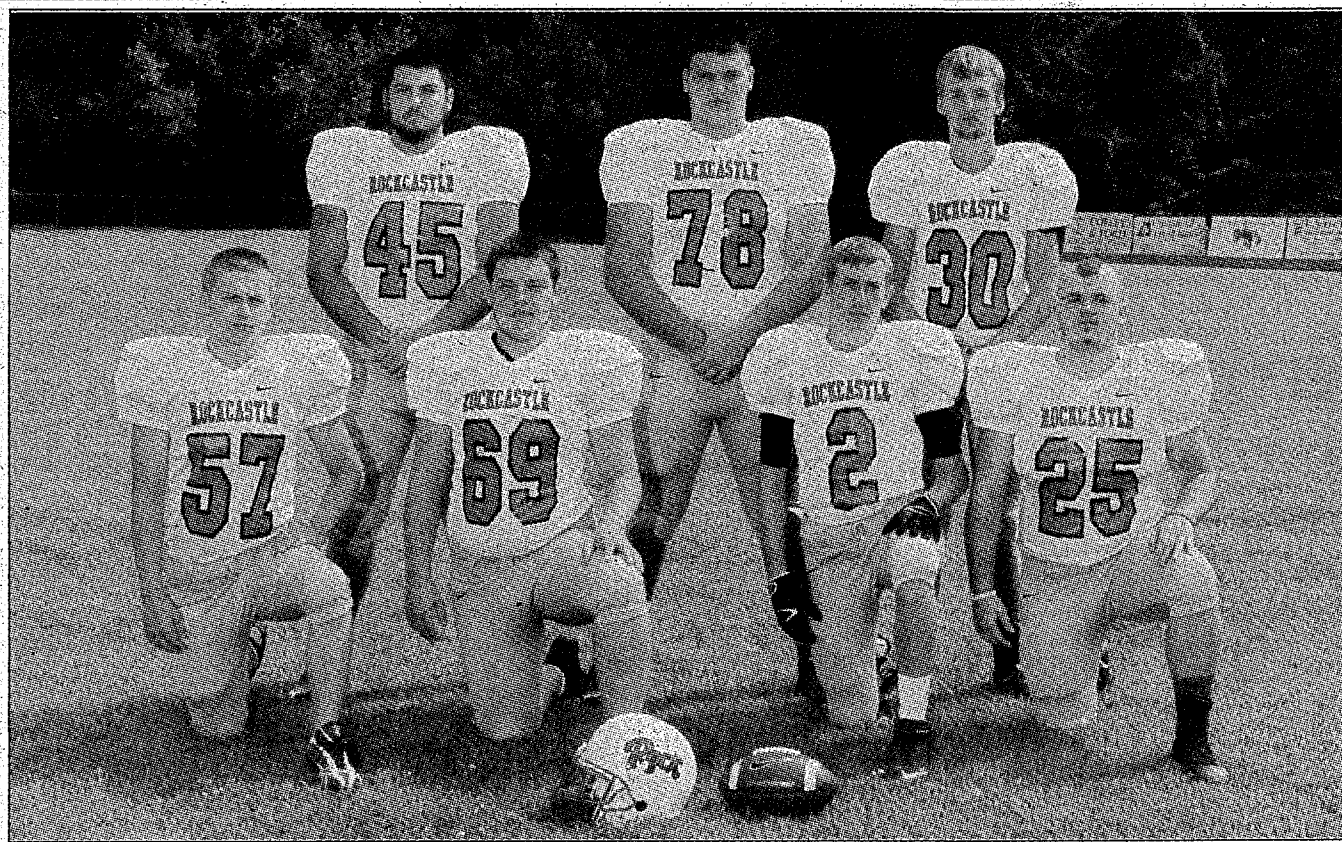


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## 2014 RCHS Football Seniors

Senior members of the 2014 Rockets football squad are shown at left, front row from left: Justin Hughes, Layne Jasper, Kyle Denny and Isaiah Adams. Back row from left: Chance Ansardi, Levi Coffey and Tyler Langford.

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## 2014 Rocket football opponents preview

By: Doug Ponder  
Madison Southern  
Class 5A, District 7

**2014 Prediction: Finish second in the district**

The Eagles are ranked behind Pulaski County, despite having Damien Harris, one of the top running backs in the nation. The Eagles are looking to unseat Pulaski County and claim the district championship in 2014.

*Coach Parkey's Report:* Harris is the number one running back in the nation and he is the real deal. It's not too often that we get the challenge to face a player like him. They lost some key players from last year but they have the numbers to replace them. The rivalry was kicked up several notches last season with the renewal of the series. Unfortunately, the series won't be renewed through the 2016 season. Hopefully, they will agree to renew the rivalry with us in the future.

West Jessamine  
Class 5A, District 6

**2014 Prediction: Finish sixth (last) in the district**

The Colts are coming off a disappointing 4-7 season, after looking to turn the program around in 2013. The Colts will have to find a way to win this season after losing star running back Devin Taylor to graduation.

*Coach Parkey's Report:* The Colts won't have Taylor this season who was second in total rushing yards in the state last year. They will continue to play hardnosed football, challenging our defensive front seven.

South Laurel  
Class 5A, District 7

**2014 Prediction: Finish sixth (last) in the district**

The Cardinals improved to 3-7 last season from their previous 1-9 record in 2012. Head Coach Hunter Jackson is looking to guide the Cardinals to their first winning season since 2007.

*Coach Parkey's Report:* We went

to London last year and laid an egg in a 19-8 disappointing loss against South Laurel. We had four turnovers, eight dropped passes and three fumbled exchanges between the center and quarterback. This is redemption time as we play them in our first home game of the season.

Whitley County  
Class 5A, District 8

**2014 Prediction: Finish fourth (last) in the district**

The Colonels are looking to rebound from a 1-10 record last season under the leadership of new Head Coach Jason Chappell. Chappell will have a couple of proven players with senior quarterback/running back Austin Ysidro and junior tailback Zach Mills.

*Coach Parkey's Report:* The Colonels have a new head coach in Jason Chappell who coached at South Laurel in the 2000s and also had success with the spread passing game. They will be tough as they are coming into the season with increased numbers and a heavy emphasis placed on the weight room, making them very strong for the field.

Pulaski County  
Class 5A, District 7

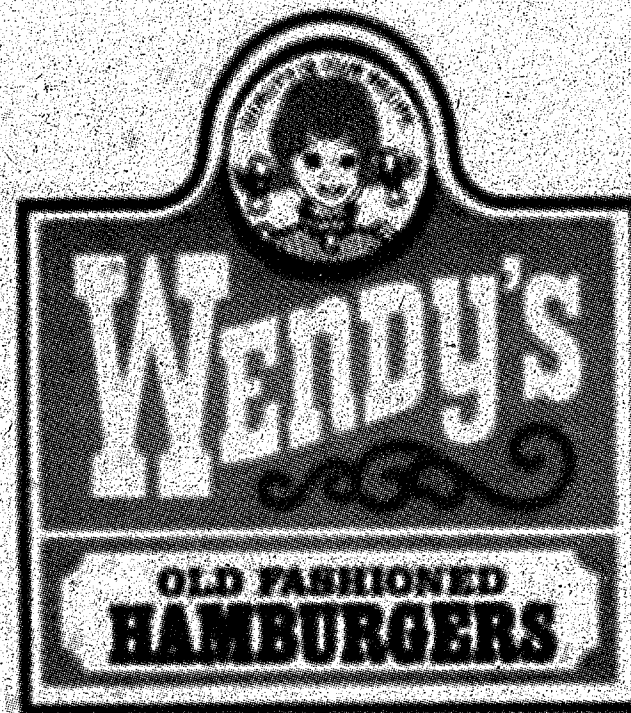
**2014 Prediction: Finish first in the district.** The Maroons made it to the Class 5A state championship last season but came away with a disappointing 49-14 loss to Bowling Green. The Maroons are hoping to make it back to the state championship this year but are hoping to come away as champions.

*Coach Parkey's Report:* The Maroons were a state finalist last year and they return the majority of their team this season. They are very athletic and fundamentally sound. But some of the things we will be doing, both offensively and defensively, will cause them some problems.

**Opponent Preview**  
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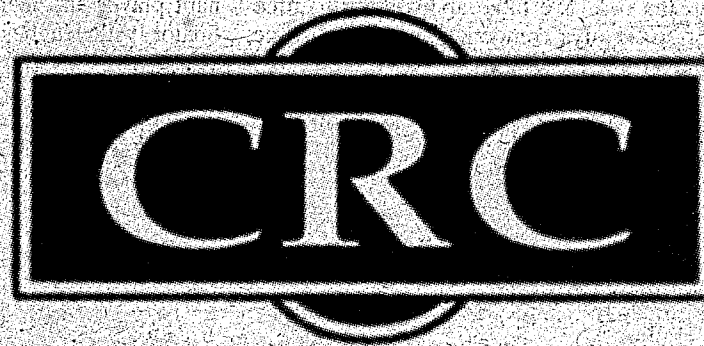
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# Q&A with Rocket football coaching staff

*Doug Ponder, for the Mount Vernon Signal, sat down with Head Coach Scott Parkey and Defensive Coordinator Josh Martin to ask them some questions about their outlook for the 2014 Rocket football season.*

## Questions for

### Head Coach Scott Parkey

**Q. What will the overall offensive style of play be this season?**

A. We will be more run-oriented but with the ability to run from a variety of formations which will put defenses in a bind. Play-action passing will also be vital to our success. The good thing is we are keeping the majority of the passing game elements from last year with the ability to spread teams horizontally and vertically.

**Q. Who are some of the key seniors your team lost to graduation last year?**

A. We lost quarterback Corey McPhetridge who was a prolific passer. We lost Jared Lake, Koty Bengé and RC Kirby on the offensive line. We also lost John Hughes

and Tyler Harper at wide receiver.

**Q. Who will be seeing the most action in the backfield this season?**

A. We will have a variety of backs this season with a host of players who bring their own skill sets to the table. Chayse McClure, Dalton Rowe and Brent Lovell will get the most reps at tailback. Devon Robinson and Austin Mills are quick guys at fullback while Isaiah Adams and Chance Ansardi are the big backs. With each player bringing something different that is needed, starters are not really important in these positions. Each of these players will contribute on a game to game basis.

**Q. Who are some of the biggest playmaking receivers this year and who is expected to start in those positions?**

A. Kyle Denny and Tyler Langford will fill the spots left by Hughes and Harper. They both are very good route runners who recognize the defenses and have great hands. Michael Tomlinson and Dylan

Rowe will both be explosive guys at wide receiver. Tomlinson is super athletic and has a knack of getting to the ball regardless of where it is thrown. Rowe has dedicated himself to becoming a great wide receiver. He has great hands and has shown in jayvee play that he is very hard to tackle in the open field.

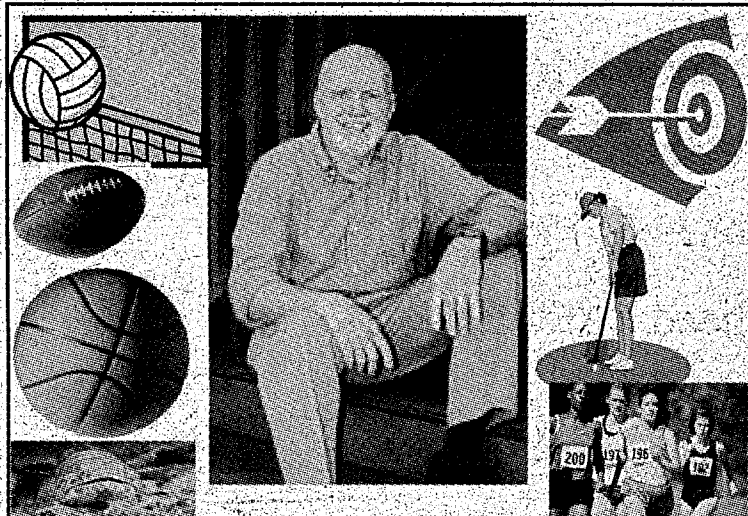
**Q. Which players will we see the most on the offensive line?**

A. We have about eight to nine guys competing for playing time

on the offensive line. Senior Layne Jasper is a returning starter who can play center or guard. Senior Levi Coffey, at 6'3" 279 pounds, hasn't seen much action in his high school career, but last October he decided he wasn't going to waste any more time. He dedicated himself to the weight room and the team while continuing his work ethic and attitude into practices. He has shown signs of being a dominant player and leader at tackle. Senior Justin Hughes is fundamen-

tally sound at guard. 6'7" 347 pound Junior Hunter Hines is working through a stress fracture in his foot but should be ready to play toward the middle of the season. Sophomores Logan Coffey and Caleb Kirby both had substantial playing time last season at both guard and tackle. Sophomore Jarod Robinson has the size to play tackle and the quickness to play guard. Sophomore Jacob Blair has

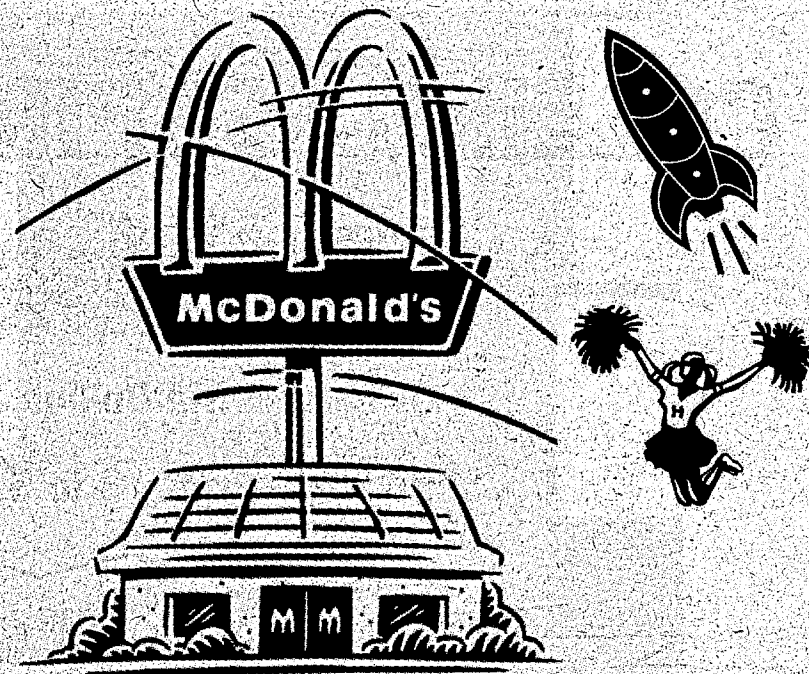
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## “Q&A”

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looked good at center through our summer practices. Sophomores Shelby Newcomb and Austin Saylor are two of our smaller guys with great motors who will still be competing for playing time as well.

We are really excited about this group of linemen. Although they are unproven in this style of offense, they have been really great to coach. Their attitudes and willingness to learn the techniques and fundamentals of our style of play, along with their overall intelligence, will make them successful. They will be our key to success. Being inexperienced often brings times when they will

want to play their own game, doing what they want rather than what we need from them. If they can remember this, look for good things this season.

### Questions for Coach Josh Martin

**Q. What can we expect to see from the Rocket defense this season?**

A. This season I expect our defense to be aggressive and quick. We will attack the offense and try to force them to make mistakes that we can take advantage of in the game. Our main goal is to get the ball back for our offense as quickly as possible and always try to give our offense great field position.

**Q. Who will be some of the key rushers on the defensive line this season?**

A. Chance Ansardi is a three year

defensive starter who is a versatile defender that can shut down his side of the field. Isaiah Adams is a two year defensive starter who is also very versatile but will help us stuff the middle of the offense's face. He is a guy willing to do the dirty work. Justin Hughes was a quality backup last year and is now ready to make his mark in the chop shop. Logan Coffey is a first year starter who is quick off the ball and strong as an ox. He can be an explosive player throughout the season. Lucas Jones has stepped up his game this summer and will be a force to be reckoned with coming off the edge. Also look for Levi Coffey, Hunter Hines, Austin Saylor and Holdan Barnett to see time in the defensive line this season.

**Q. Who will be the starters in the linebacker corps?**

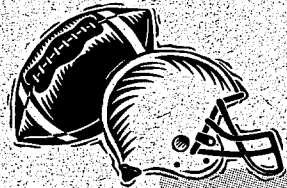
A. Devon Robinson was a spot starter last season and looks to step up into a full time role at linebacker. Even though he has a small frame he plays with reckless abandonment. It will be hard to find someone who plays as hard as he does. Austin Mills is in his second year as starter at linebacker. He looks to add consistency to his game and still make explosive plays for our team. Chayse McClure will play all over the field with his ability to be a great run stopper and great in coverage.

**Q. Who will be some of the starters in the secondary this season?**

A. Kyle Denny is a second year starter and is the brains behind the operation. He is a trustworthy teammate, captain of the team and the man who controls the orga-

nized chaos. Tyler Langford will start in the secondary this season. He is six feet and has the ability to play the ball in the air as good as anyone. He will help in the secondary and his improved tackling will be an asset throughout the year. Dalton Rowe is a second year starter and is one of our best tackles. He has a small frame but competes at the highest level. He cut his teeth on the big boys last year and continued this summer proving himself over and over again. Brent Lovell will also see quite a bit of action in the secondary. Although he is a freshman, he doesn't play like one. He is a great athlete with a maturity not seen in many freshmen and he will make big plays for us this year. Also look for Isaac McClure, Tommy Bengé and Dylan Rowe to round out the secondary.

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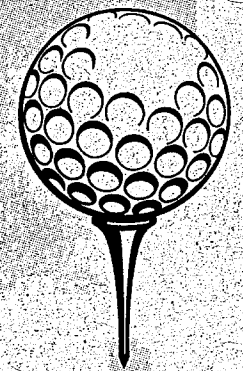
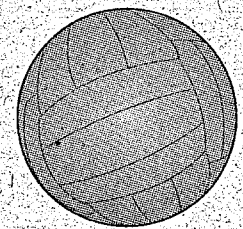
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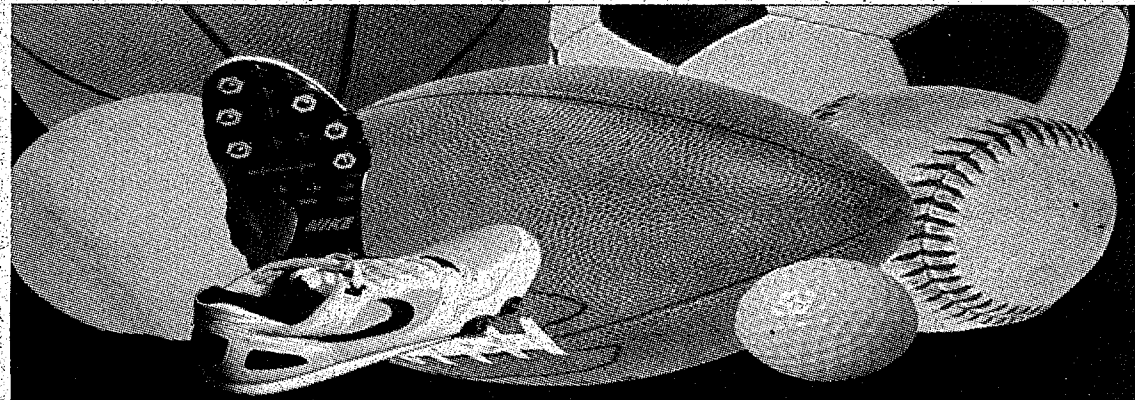


## 2014 JV Football Schedule

|          |                |      |
|----------|----------------|------|
| Aug. 25  | Pulaski County | Home |
| Sept. 1  | OPEN           |      |
| Sept. 8  | West Jessamine | Away |
| Sept. 15 | Wayne County   | Away |
| Sept. 22 | Casey County   | Away |
| Sept. 29 | Somerset       | Home |
| Oct. 6   | Wayne County   | Home |
| Oct. 13  | Casey County   | Home |
| Oct. 20  | Somerset       | Away |
| Oct. 27  | Playoffs       |      |

## 2014 Freshmen Football Schedule

|          |                  |      |
|----------|------------------|------|
| Aug. 28  | Madison Southern | Away |
| Sept. 4  | Lincoln County   | Home |
| Sept. 11 | North Laurel     | Home |
| Sept. 18 | Pulaski County   | Home |
| Sept. 25 | Casey County     | Away |
| Oct. 9   | Wayne County     | Home |
| Oct. 16  | Garrard County   | Home |
| Oct. 23  | Clay County      | Away |



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## “Opponents”

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**Perry Central  
Class 5A, District 8**  
**2014 Prediction: Finish second in the district**  
The Commodores went 6-6 last year which included only the second playoff win in the team's history. The Commodores also have a new head coach this season, Jordan Amis. *Coach Parkey's Report:* Perry Central has a new coaching staff with Head Coach Jordan Amis and coordinator John Chapman who will be implementing the “Air Raid” offense making them more difficult to defend.

**Russell County  
Class 4A, District 6**  
**2014 Prediction: Finish second in the district**  
The Lakers dominated their district last season, compiling a 10-2 record which included seven games where the Lakers defense held their opponents to 6 points or less. The Lakers expect to continue their success into the 2014 season. *Coach Parkey's Report:* They were district champions last year and they have one of the best players in the district with WKU commit Nick Coffey at TE/DE. They will be solid again this year with playmakers at quarterback and wide receiver.

**Knox Central  
Class 4A, District 6**  
**2014 Prediction: Finish first in the district**  
The Panthers' season ended in disappointment as they were seeking their first district championship since 1975 but finished second in the district. The Panthers will make another run for the district championship this season behind seniors Matthew Barger and Hayden Canady.

*Coach Parkey's Report:* They are district favorites this year but they have some issues at the quarterback position. However, they looked good in 7 on 7 competition this summer. They have a very big line and will try to use that to their advantage against our smaller quicker guys.

**Clay County  
Class 4A, District 6**  
**2014 Prediction: Finish fourth (last) in the district**  
Head Coach Eván Napier is hoping to rebound from a 2-9 season and the Tigers are expected to improve from the 2013 season with several starters returning. *Coach Parkey's Report:* They are looking to have a better season with many key players returning on offense. We will play them in Manchester which is always tough.

**Wayne County  
Class 3A, District 4**  
**2014 Prediction: Finish third in the district**  
The Cardinals had an impressive 14-1 season in 2013 with their only loss coming at the hands of Belfry in the state championship, a disappointing 0-3 loss. The Cardinals will have to find a way to continue their success this season as they replace nine starters on offense and eight starters on defense. *Coach Parkey's Report:* They were a state finalist last season but they lost more than twenty seniors from that team. However, around twenty-five seniors are returning this season. They are a well-coached team and a very good team who always bring their A game to the Rock. This game has been changed to October 30th on a Thursday night due to Halloween on that Friday.

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## “Season”

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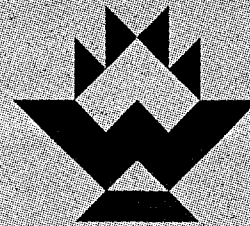
leader on both sides of the ball and if he has to miss a lot of games it will be a huge loss for our team.”

Parkey went on to say that

the goals he has for the team this season are to win games with the focal point on the district championship.

“Our main goal is to improve the little things that lead to having fun and winning each play. However, we realize that we are really green and inexperienced at key positions,” Parkey said. “We will make mistakes on the

field and we will mess up either mentally or physically on plays during games. But how we respond to those mistakes will show how much improvement we are making throughout the season. By district play, we expect to be much more mature, settled and able to play faster with our eye on the district championship.”



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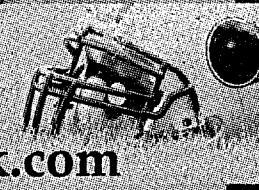
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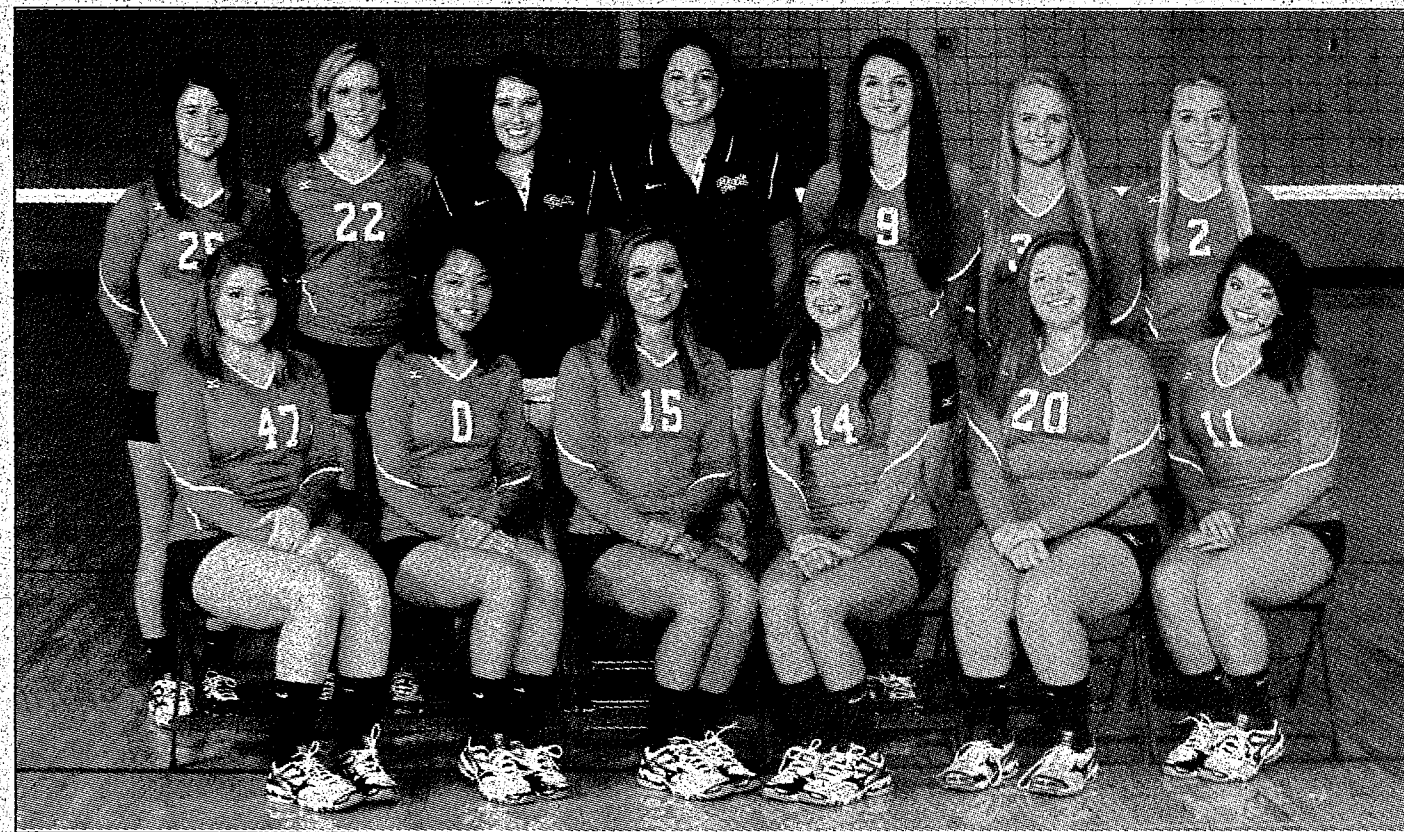
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# 2014 RCHS Varsity Volleyball

Members of the 2014 RCHS Varsity Volleyball squad are shown at right, front row from left:

Casey Chattelle,  
Hope Dull,  
Danielle McNew,  
Brooklyn Bishop,  
Abby Bray and  
Heana Miller.

Back row from left:  
Emily Childress,  
Rachael Davis,  
asst. coach Morgan Taylor,  
head coach Leticia R.  
Talamantes-Burns,  
Katie Adams, Sara Clark  
and Arie-Anna Lawson.



## Talamantes-Burns is new RCHS volleyball head coach

By: Doug Pontler

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets volleyball team has a new head coach for the 2014 season.

Leticia Talamantes-Burns, 32, of Berea was hired as the RCHS volleyball head coach, after former head coach Kayla Bryant resigned at the end of the 2013 season.

Burns said she started playing volleyball in the seventh grade and continued to play throughout her high school career for the Braves of Logan Elm High School in Circleville, Ohio.

After graduating from LEHS in 2000, Burns attended Berea College where she played volleyball for the Mountaineers for all five years of her college career. Burns graduated from Berea College in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and health with an emphasis in education and she went on to receive her master's

degree from Western Kentucky University in education and physical education.

Burns began her coaching career in 2004 as the assistant dance coach at Madison Southern High School. She later became the head volleyball coach for her alma mater the Berea College Mountaineers from 2007-2011.

Burns said she is excited to have the opportunity to return to coaching her favorite sport as the RCHS volleyball head coach.

"I love the sport of volleyball and I saw the opening as an opportunity to get back into coaching the sport I love," Burns said. "I also continue to play competitively whenever I can and I look forward to working with the youth in our community."

Burns said that the Lady Rockets first season under her helm will be one of development as a team.

"We expect to have a season

filled with growth and progress," Burns said. "The team has set a goal to have a winning season and to be highly competitive in our district and region."

The Lady Rockets lost four seniors to graduation last year in

Lyndsey Abel, Nicoline Joenborg, Jourdan Blanton and Gabby Miller.

"Where I am new to the position I didn't know last year's seniors," Burns said. "But I am seeing the entire roster step up and

work hard to make the team stronger."

Burns said she has been thrilled to see the underclassmen help fill

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## “Volleyball”

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the role of team leaders on and off the court.

“We have two seniors and the other 17 players are all underclassmen,” Burns said. “I am pleased to see our underclassmen players stepping up to help fill the role of being a leader for the team.”

Burns went on to say that she has been pleased with the Lady Rocket volleyball players’ progress and amount of improvement during the offseason.

“We began the offseason with a great deal of conditioning. We have also been working hard on in-

roducing a new offense and defense,” Burns said. “I am very pleased with how quickly the girls have picked up on the new style of play and the overall progress they have shown.”

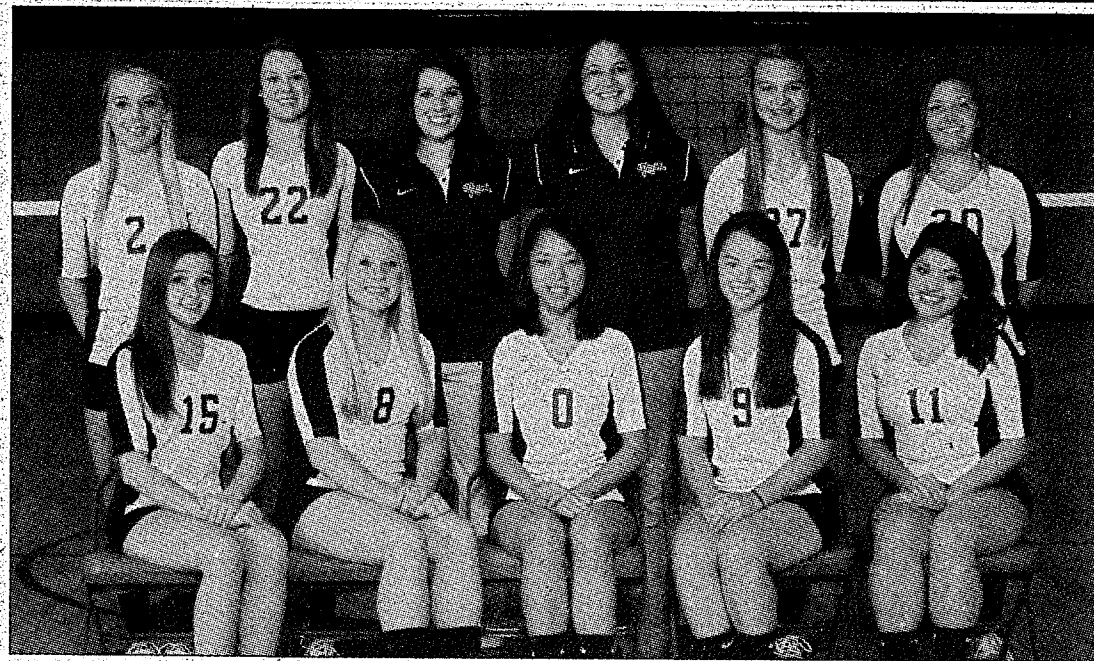
The Lady Rockets varsity volleyball team went 10-18 last season. Burns said they team is hungry for a winning season but that every game will be important in order to accomplish their goal.

“We are looking at our whole schedule as a challenge that will help us grow and improve,” Burns said. “The team that we are most focused on our schedule is our own by identifying our areas of need and striving for growth with each practice and match.”

## 2014 RCHS Girls’ Volleyball Schedule

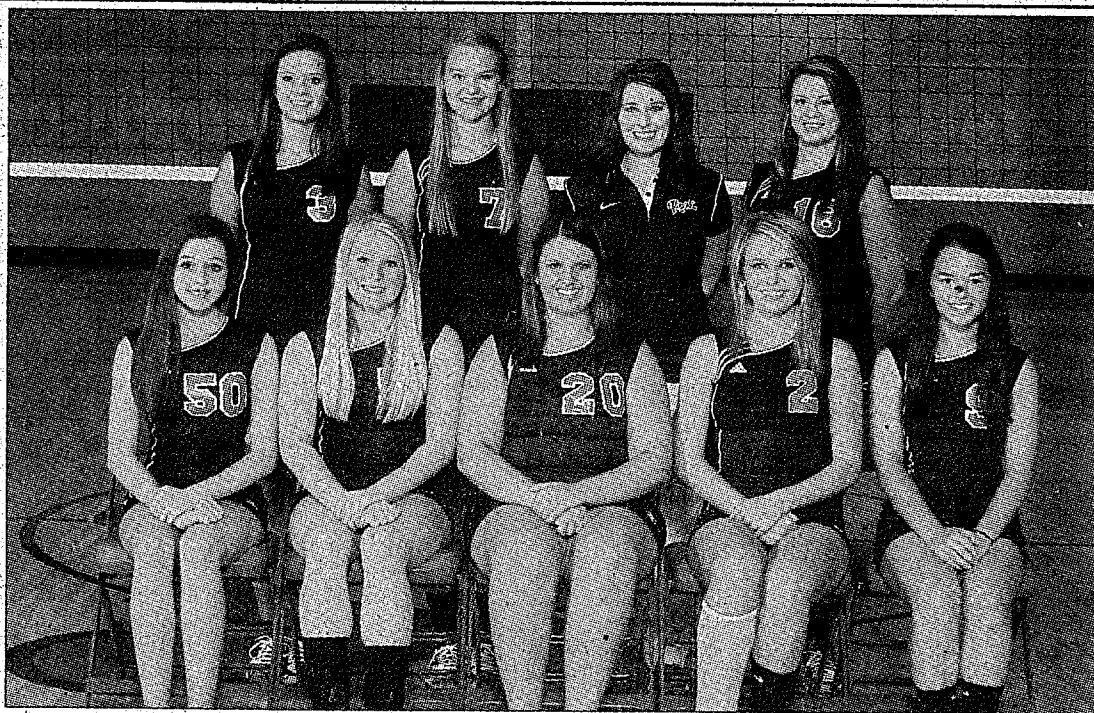
### Remaining Matches

|         |   |      |
|---------|---|------|
| Aug. 21 | North Laurel                            | 5:30 |
| 22-23   | Boyle Co. Tourney                       | TBA  |
| 25      | @ Somerset                              | 5:30 |
| 28      | Garrard Co.                             | 5:30 |
| Sept. 2 | @ Pulaski County                        | 5:30 |
| 8       | @ South Laurel                          | 5:30 |
| 9       | Casey County                            | 5:30 |
| 11      | @ Corbin                                | 5:30 |
| 15      | @ Wayne County                          | 5:30 |
| 16      | Somerset                                | 5:30 |
| 18      | @ Danville                              | 5:30 |
| 22      | Madison Southern                        | 5:30 |
| 23      | Pulaski County                          | 5:30 |
| 29      | @ North Laurel                          | 5:30 |
| 30      | @ Casey Co.                             | 5:30 |
| Oct. 2  | Wayne County                            | 5:30 |
| 9       | Boyle County                            | 5:30 |
| 14      | Burgin                                  | 6:00 |
|         | (JV/V Only)                             |      |
| 20-21   | District VB Tourney @ Rockcastle County | TBA  |



## 2014 Junior Varsity Volleyball Squad

Members of the RCHS JV volleyball squad are pictured above, front row, from left: Kira Owens, Emily Deubel, Hope Dull, Michaela Barron and Ileana Miller. Back row from left: Arie-Anna Lawson, Chelsea Barnett, asst. coach Morgan Taylor, head coach Leticia R. Talamantes-Burns, Maggie Franklin and Abby Bray.



## 2014 Freshmen Volleyball Squad

Members of the RCHS freshman volleyball squad are pictured above, front row from left: Kira Owens, Emily Deubel, Carlee Cash, Carley Childress and Michaela Barron. Back row from left: Sarah Roberts, Maggie Franklin, asst. coach Morgan Taylor and Chelsea Barnett.

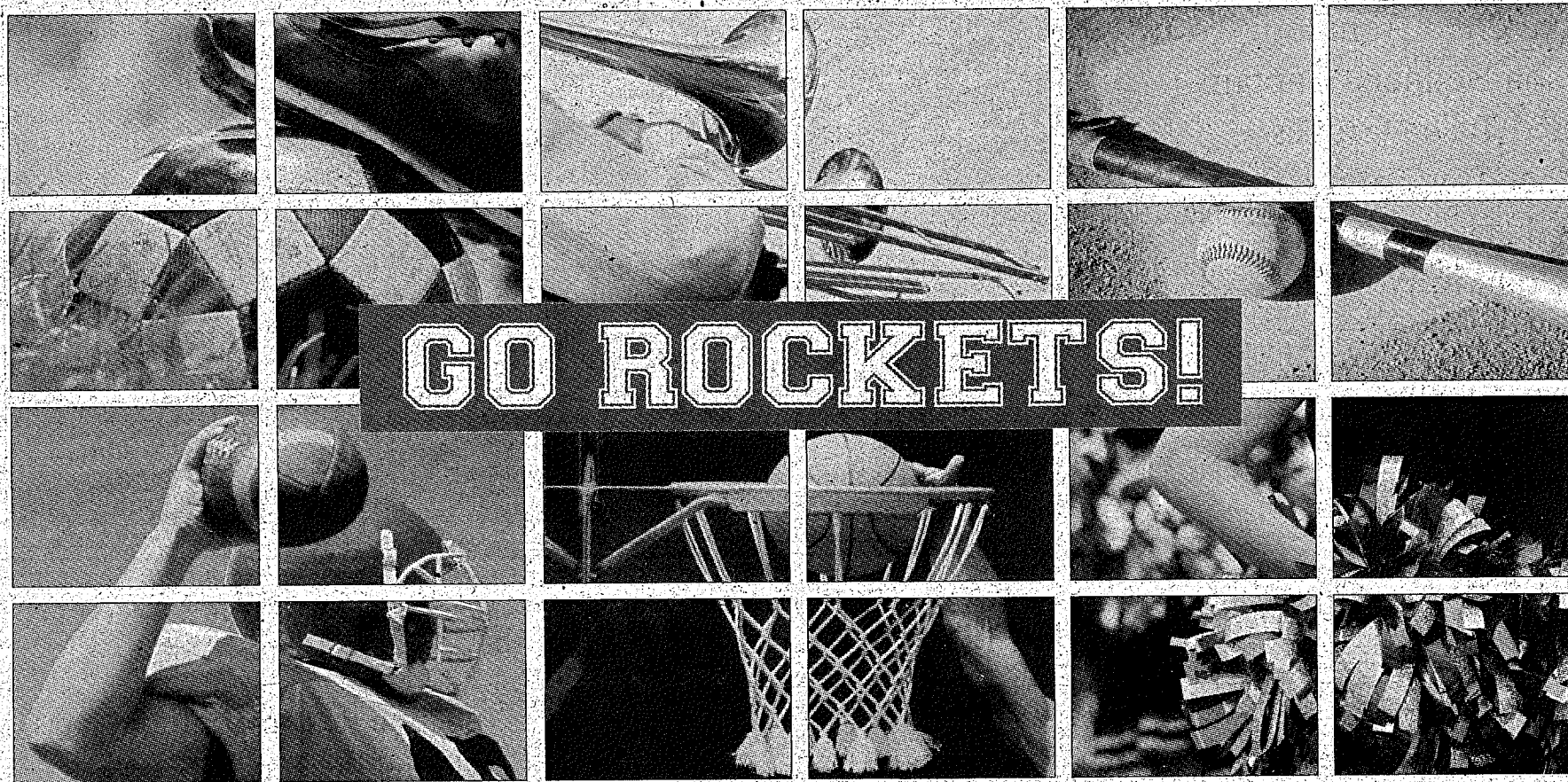


## *2014 RCHS Marching Rockets*

First row from left: Sierra Smith, Clarinet; Shelby Ponder, Piccolo; Sarah Ponder, Mellaphone; Aaron Pevley, Alto Saxophone; Abigail Fletcher, Tuba; Andrew Didelot, Trumpet. Second row from left: Sam Brickely, Sideline Percussion; Kennedy Carpenter, Sideline Percussion; Faith Saylor, Clarinet; Samarah Lovins, Clarinet; Jordan Smith, Trumpet; Cassidy Adkins, mellaphone; Logan Anglin, Trombone; Zach Hayes, Trombone; Shelby Brown, Drum Major. Third row from left: Connor Noble, Alto Saxophone; Morgan Didelot, Alto Saxophone; Levi Sparks, Trumpet; Presley Cromer, Trumpet; Corey Parkerson, Tenor Saxophone; Megan Bond, Baritone Drumline; Ryan Martin, Tenors; Jay Imaide, Snare/Bass; Jacob Riley, Snare/Bass; Jonah Pillion, Bass. Colorguard front row: Jessica Harris, Johnathon Case, Allison Renner - Captain. Back row from left: Trista Graves, Caitlin Daugherty - Captain, Frankie Woodall.



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# 2014 RCHS Color Guard

The RCHS Color Guard 2014 is shown at right, front row from left: Allison Renner - Captain and Tasha Graves. Back row from left: Jessica Harris, Frankie Woodall, Johnathon Case and Caitlin Daugherty - Captain.



# 2014 Band Section Leaders



Section leaders for this year's Marching Band are shown, at left, front row from left: Presley Cromer, Allison Renner, Shelby Brown - Drum Major and Cassidy Adkins. Second row from left: Sierra Smith, Shelby Ponder, Samarah Lovins, and Kennedy Carpenter. Back-row from left: Caitlin Daugherty, Levi Sparks, Zach Hayes, Aaron Pevley and Jacob Riley.



Cassidy Adkins



Jessica Harris

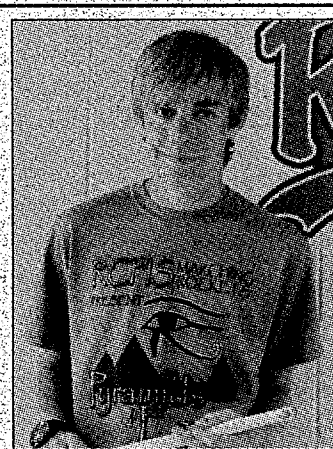
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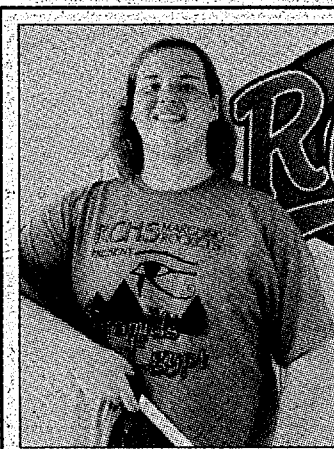
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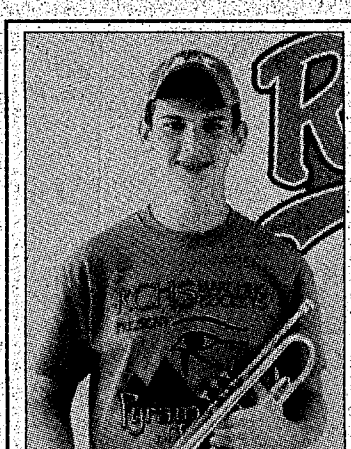
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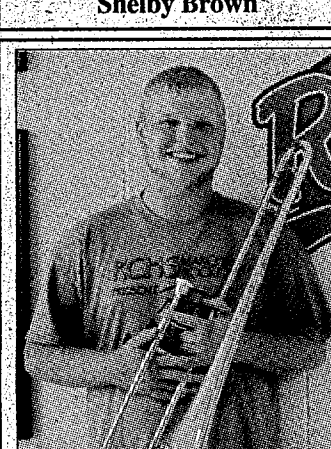
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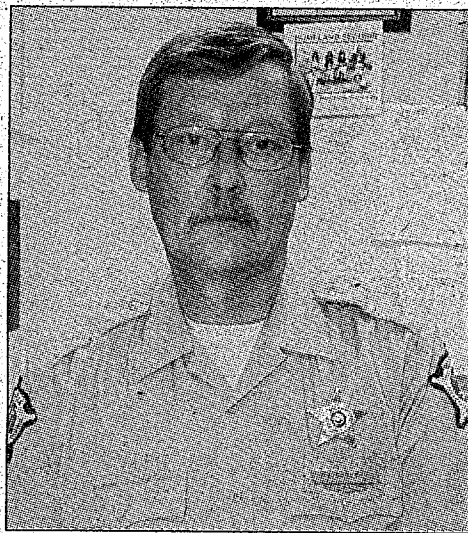
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Greg Daugherty, Band Director; Steven Renner, Colorguard Instructor.

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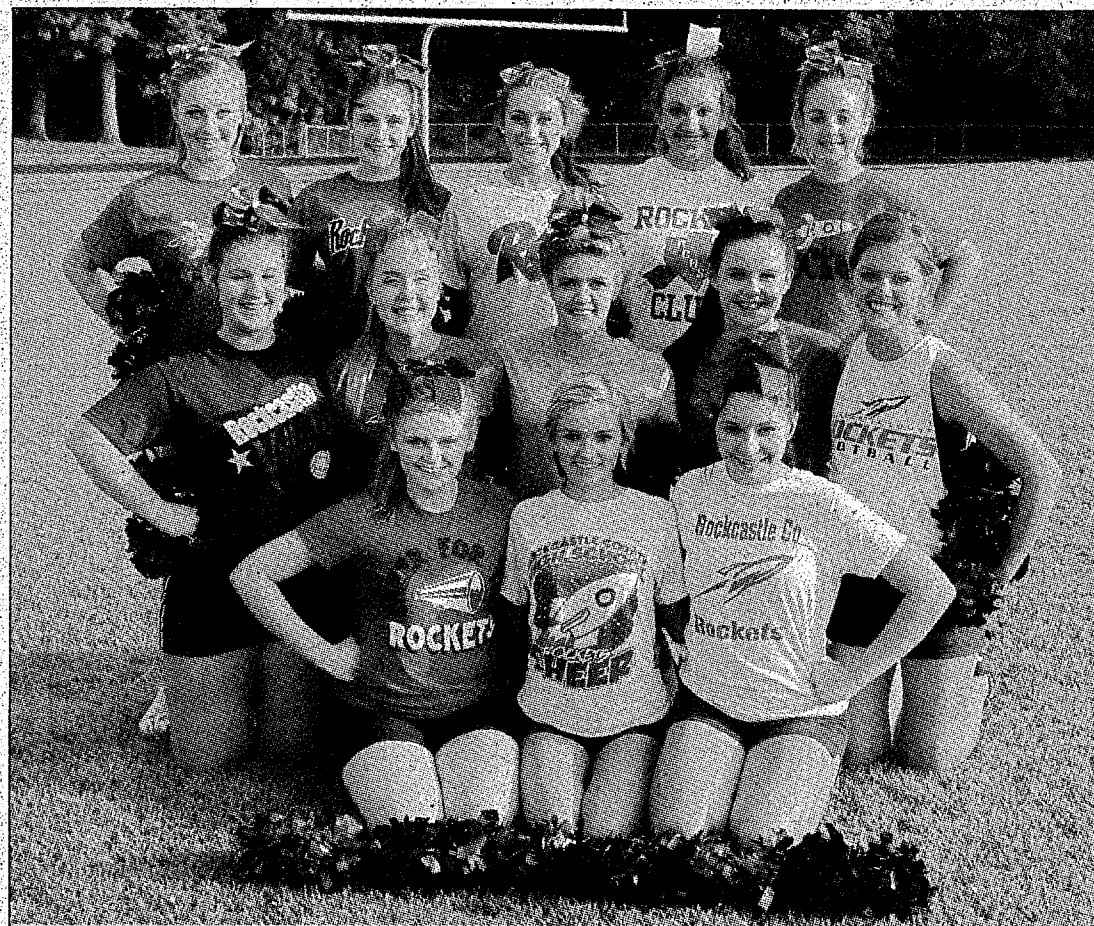
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from

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Katie Wood**



## 2014 RCHS Cheerleading Squad

Members of the Rockcastle County High School Cheerleading Squad are shown at left, front row, left to right:

Mikayla Cass, Cheyenne Morgan and Kendra Dees. Middle row from left: Cierra Neal, Scarlett Eaton, Kiana Harris, Jaiden Barnes and Kieara Cromer.

Back row from left: Sarah Alcorn, Brianna Carter, Courtlyn Vanhook, Shelby Convery and Hannah Cotton.

Not pictured: Samarah Lovins.

## 2014 Senior Cheerleaders

Shown at right are seniors for the 2014 cheerleading squad,

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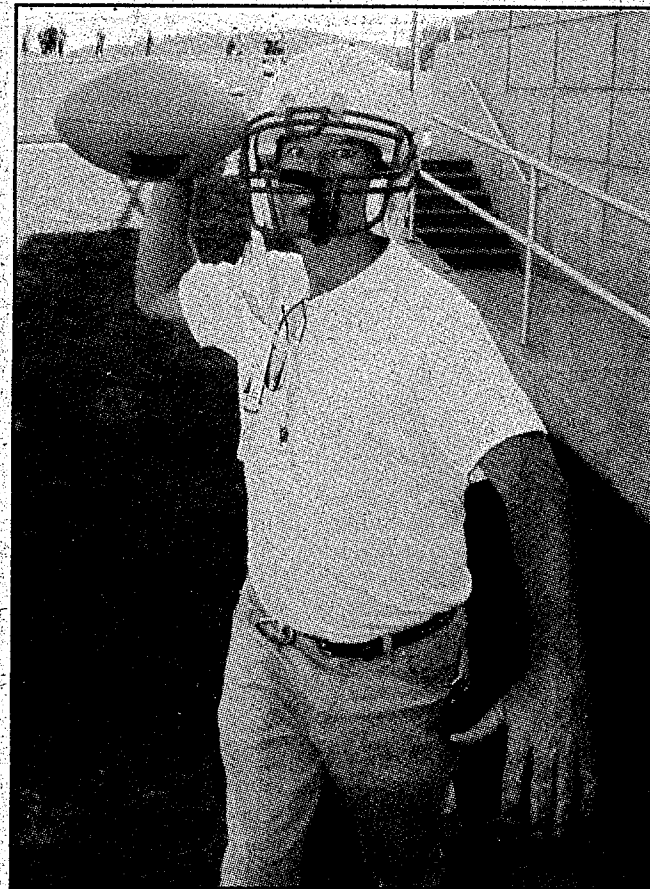
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# RCHS girls' cross-country team seeks 7th regional title

The RCHS girls' cross-country team begins the 2014 season as a strong contender for their seventh Class 2A Region 5 title.

Two seasons ago, the girls' won the regional championship title at Bell County while dominating regional rival Boyle County.

Last season, the girls placed fifth at region and were led by Alyssa Cox and Rachel Cain, both of whom qualified for the Class 2A State Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park.

RCHS returns several experienced seniors this season, including Cox and Cain, as well as Rakhi Patel and Tanika Chasteen.

The girls hope to finish their senior season as regional champions once again. The team should have an excellent chance with some consistent hard work and dedication in the next few months.

Placing 14th and 15th at region last season, both Cox and Cain should be strong contenders for the individual regional title in early November.

The team also hopes to get major contributions from sophomores Sierra Mercer, Taylor Bullock, and Lanna Prewitt. All three girls showed tremendous improvement during track season this past year.

Freshman newcomer Jordyn Powell, 8th graders Kensie Sheffield and Allie Green, along with 7th graders Tori Dotson, Autumn Courtney, Alexandria Blair, Grace Gardiner, and Destiny Hamm could also play a vital role in the team's success.

Boyle County will be the regional favorite this season, followed by a strong Wayne County team. Only seven girls per team are

eligible to compete in the regional championships. With the added depth from the RCMS 7th and 8th graders, along with the experience of the high school girls, RCHS should be able to make a great run for the team title.

The competitiveness of the entire team should be at an all-time high given the limited amount of spots for the regional team and the quality of our runners.

Kensie Sheffield, Allie Green, Tori Dotson, Autumn Courtney, Alexandria Blair, Grace Gardiner, and Destiny Hamm will lead a very solid RCMS girls' team that looks to improve a great deal over last season. Dotson and Sheffield had impressive track seasons this past spring.

Tori broke the all-time RCHS and RCMS record for the 3200-meter run (12:02) and was ranked in the top ten nationally in the event among all 6th graders that competed in the U.S. She's also expected to contend for the individual regional title, as well as the state middle school championship title.

Several elementary girls should have a major impact on the middle school team and will have a great team of their own.

Those that are qualified to run sixth grade and under include Hannah Davis, Karalinn Loudermilk, Gracie Spoonamore, Allie Martin, Kylie Martin, Lexi Dotson and Keelee King. Karalinn is also the only sixth grade and under competitor for Rockcastle that is qualified to compete in regular season varsity competitions

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## 2014 RCHS Girls' Cross-Country Team

Members of the RCHS Cross-Country team are shown above, front row, from left: Jordyn Powell, Kensie Sheffield, Autumn Courtney, Grace Gardiner, Alexandria Blair and Allie Green. Back row from left: Rakhi Patel, Taylor Bullock, Katie Hensley, Rachel Cain, Sierra Mercer, Alyssa Cox, Lanna Prewitt and Tanika Chasteen. Not pictured: Tori Dotson and Destiny Hamm.

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### 2014 RCMS Girls' Cross-Country Team

Members of the RCMS Cross-Country team are shown above, front row, from left: Kylie Martin, Lexi Dotson, Hannah Davis and Gracie Spoonamore. Back row from left: Keelee King, Allie Martin, Karalinn Loudermilk, Autumn Couriney, Kensie Sheffield, Grace Gardiner, Allie Green, Alexandria Blair. Not pictured: Tori Dotson and Destiny Hamm.

## 2014 Rockcastle Cross-Country Schedule

|              |  |                           |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|
| September 13 | Southern Harrier Classic                         | Somerset-GE Field         |
| September 16 | Mercer Co. All-Comers                            | Anderson-Dean Park        |
| September 20 | Franklin Co. Invitational                        | Lexington-Ky. Horse Park  |
| September 23 | Pulaski Co. All-Comers                           | Somerset-GE Field         |
| September 25 | Boyle Co. Invitational                           | Danville-Millennium Park  |
| September 27 | Wayne Co. Invitational                           | Monticello-Cave Lake Park |
| September 30 | CKC Championships                                | Lincoln Co. HS            |
| October 4    | Greater Louisville Classic                       | E.P. Tom Sawyer Park      |
| October 7    | Mercer County All-Comers                         | Anderson-Dean Park        |
| October 11   | Pulaski Co. Inv.                                 | Somerset-GE Field         |
| October 18   | Woodford Co. Invitational                        | Woodford Co. Park         |
| October 21   | Mercer County All-Comers                         | Anderson-Dean Park        |
| October 25   | Meet of Champions/Middle School/Elementary State | Lexington-M.S. Park       |
| November 1   | Region 5 Championships*                          | Anderson-Dean Park        |
| November 8   | Class 2A State Championships                     | Ky. Horse Park            |

\*Varsity runners only

### "Cross-Country" (Cont. from pg. 26)

since she participated in some last season. Many of these girls had great track seasons as well that should help them this upcoming season.

Since school is only beginning, their will likely be several new middle and elementary school competitors added to the team. Any school age girl that is interested is welcome to join our team. Many of our elementary races feature athletes from kindergarten to 6th grade.

They must have a completed sports physical to participate. For more information, contact Coach Mark Brummett at RCMS (256-5118).

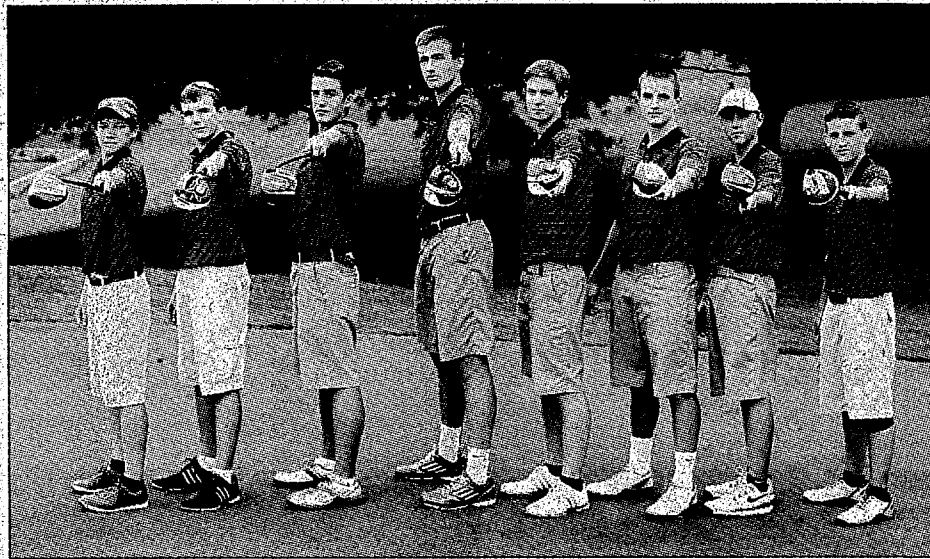
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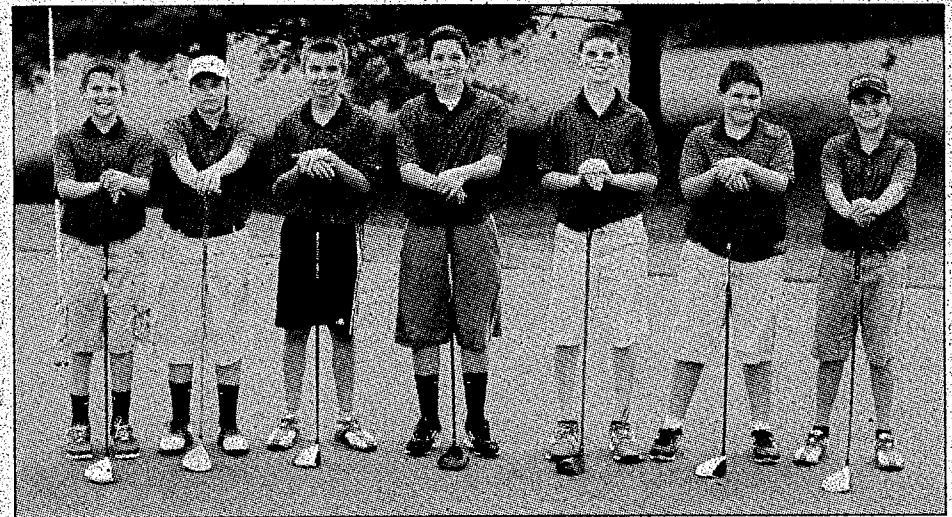
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## 2014 RCHS Boys' Golf Team

Members of the 2014 RCHS Boys' Golf Team are shown above, from left: Thomas Burdette, Grant Issacs, Carson Noble, Lucas Gentry, Sam Pensol, John Cornelius, Cade Burdette and Zach Baker.  
Not pictured: Jackson Cromer, Jesse Smith, Joseph Cowan.



## 2014 RCMS Boys' Golf Team

Members of the 2014 RCMS Boys' Golf Team are shown above, from left: Jonah Eaton, Aidan Cain, Jackson Cromer, Jesse Smith, Joseph Cowan, Grant Issacs and Joseph Coffey. Not pictured: Cade Burdette, Zach Baker and Andrew Sargent.

Boys' Golf Photos By: Jamie Cornelius

## 2014 RCHS Boys' Golf Schedule

### Remaining Matches

- August 21 -- @ Mercer County
- August 26 -- @ Danville
- August 30 -- Madison Central Invit. @ Gibson Bay
- September 4 -- @ Garrard County
- September 6 -- Montgomery Co. Invitational
- September 8 -- Casey @ Cedar Rapids
- September 10 -- @ Berea
- September 11 -- @ Southwestern
- September 13 -- Danville Invitational
- September 16 -- @ Clay County
- September 17 -- Berea @ Cedar Rapids
- September 20 -- Conference Tournament
- September 22 -- The Jackson Cup
- Week of September 30 -- Region Tournament



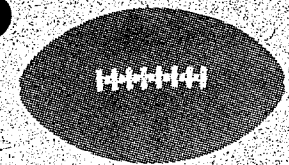
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### *2014 RCHS Girls' Golf Team*

The 2014 RCHS girls' golf team is shown above, from left: coach Julie Asher, Autumn Courtney, Callie Asher, Mackenzie King, Hannabeth Owens and Gracelyn Owens.

## **2014 RCHS Girls Golf**

### *Remaining Matches*

#### **August**

- 21 - Southwestern @ Burnside
- 26 - Clay/Southwestern/Corbin @ Cedar Rapids

#### **September**

- 2 - Southwestern @ Burnside
- 6 - WBGIT Tournament @ Bowling Green CC
- 11 - Lincoln County @ Cedar Rapids
- 13 - Sacred Heart Tournament @ Hurstbourne CC
- 16 - Corbin @ London Country Club
- 20 - Lady Titans Golf Classic @ Danville CC
- 29 - Regional Tournament @ Burnside

**Good Luck  
to all**

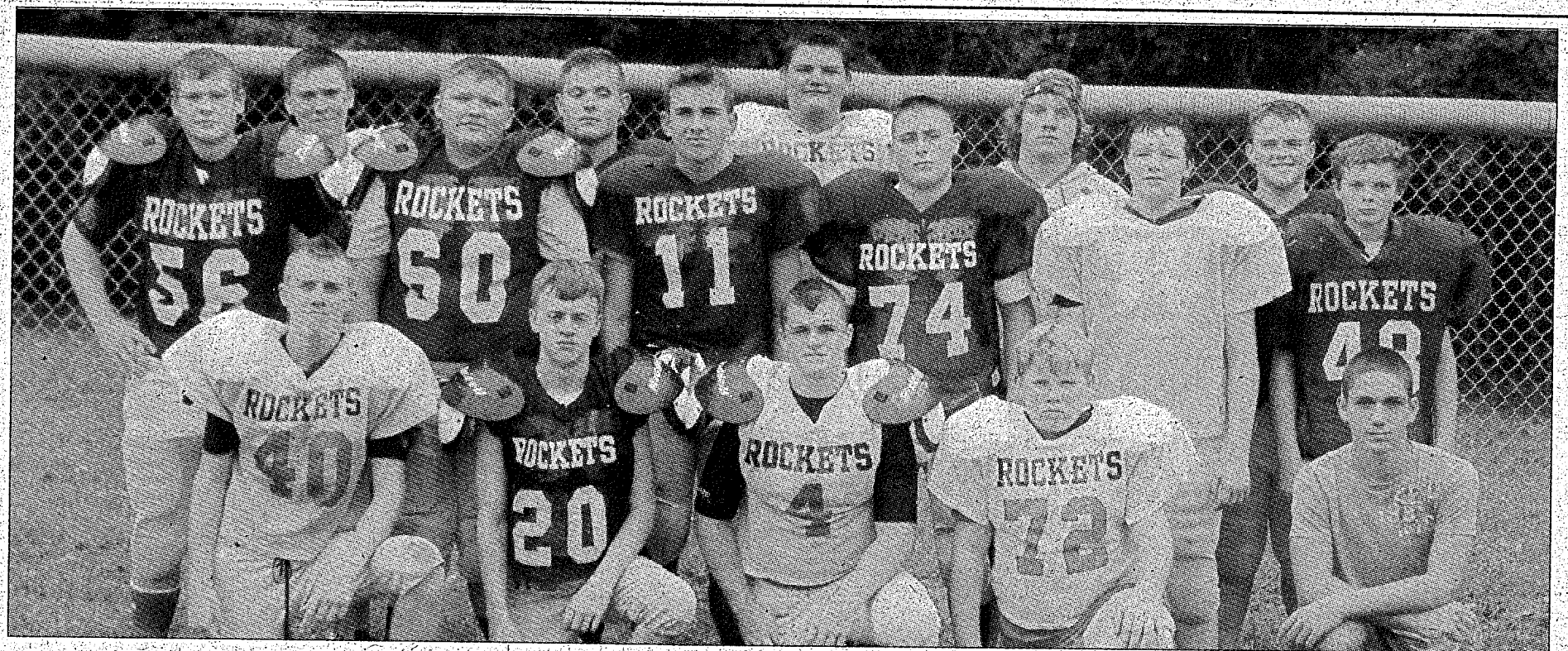
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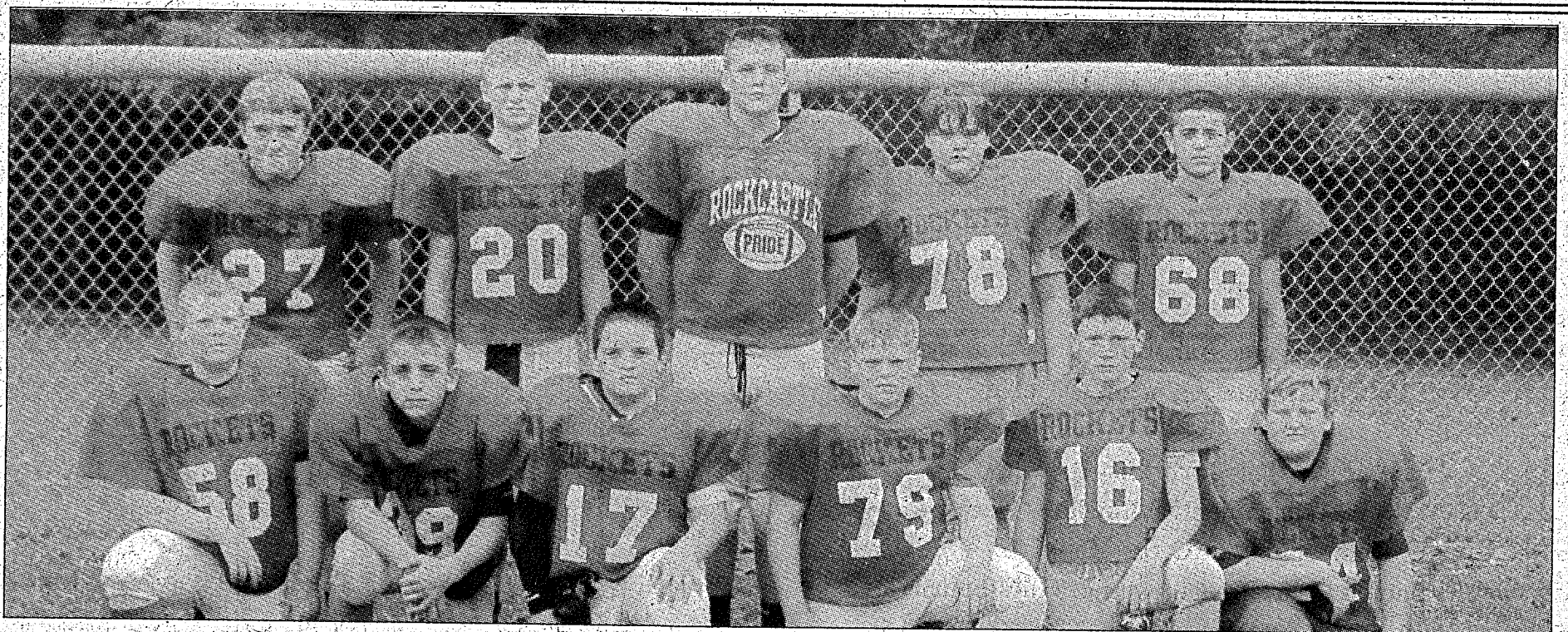
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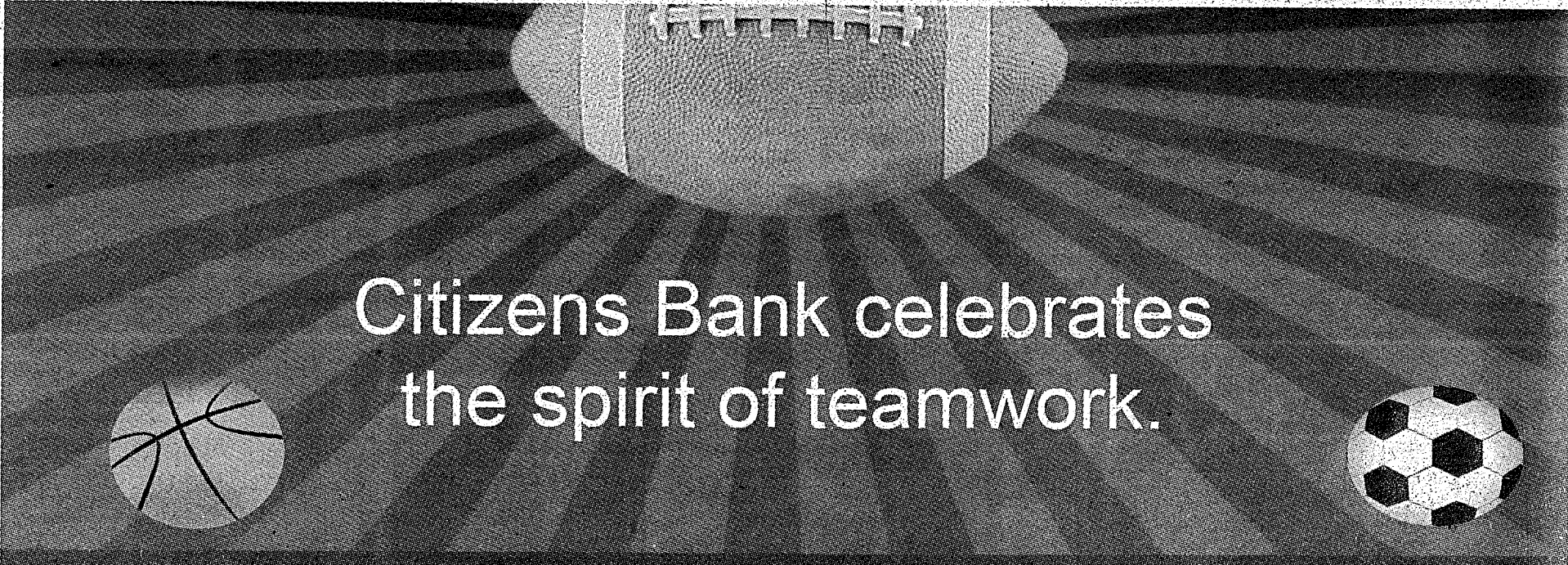
### *Rockcastle County 8th Grade 2014 Football*

Members of the RCMS 8th grade football team are, front row, from left: Logan Kidwell, Jacob Hunter, Jaydon Payne, Josh Mason and Hunter Sargent. Middle row from left: Roger Hoover, Jared Burke, Evan Hendrickson, Clifton Boone, Chaz James and Taylor Smith-Back row from left: Zack Baker, JD Hamilton, Harley Northern, Jacob Stoneking, Conner Robinson. Not pictured: Elijah Durham, Justin York and Andrew Greer.



### *Rockcastle County 7th Grade 2014 Football*

Members of the 7th grade RCMS football team are, front row, from left: Blaine Rumsey, Josh Thacker, Zack Taylor, Austin Tillery, Caden Fletcher and Logan Smith. Back row from left: Donny Thacker, Trevor Todd, Seth Shepherd, Morgan Johnson and Elijah Miller. Not pictured: Tristan McFerron, John McClure and Noah Forester.



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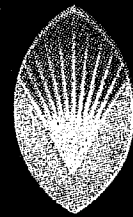
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