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## Little World's Fair brings thousands

By: Mike French  
Editor

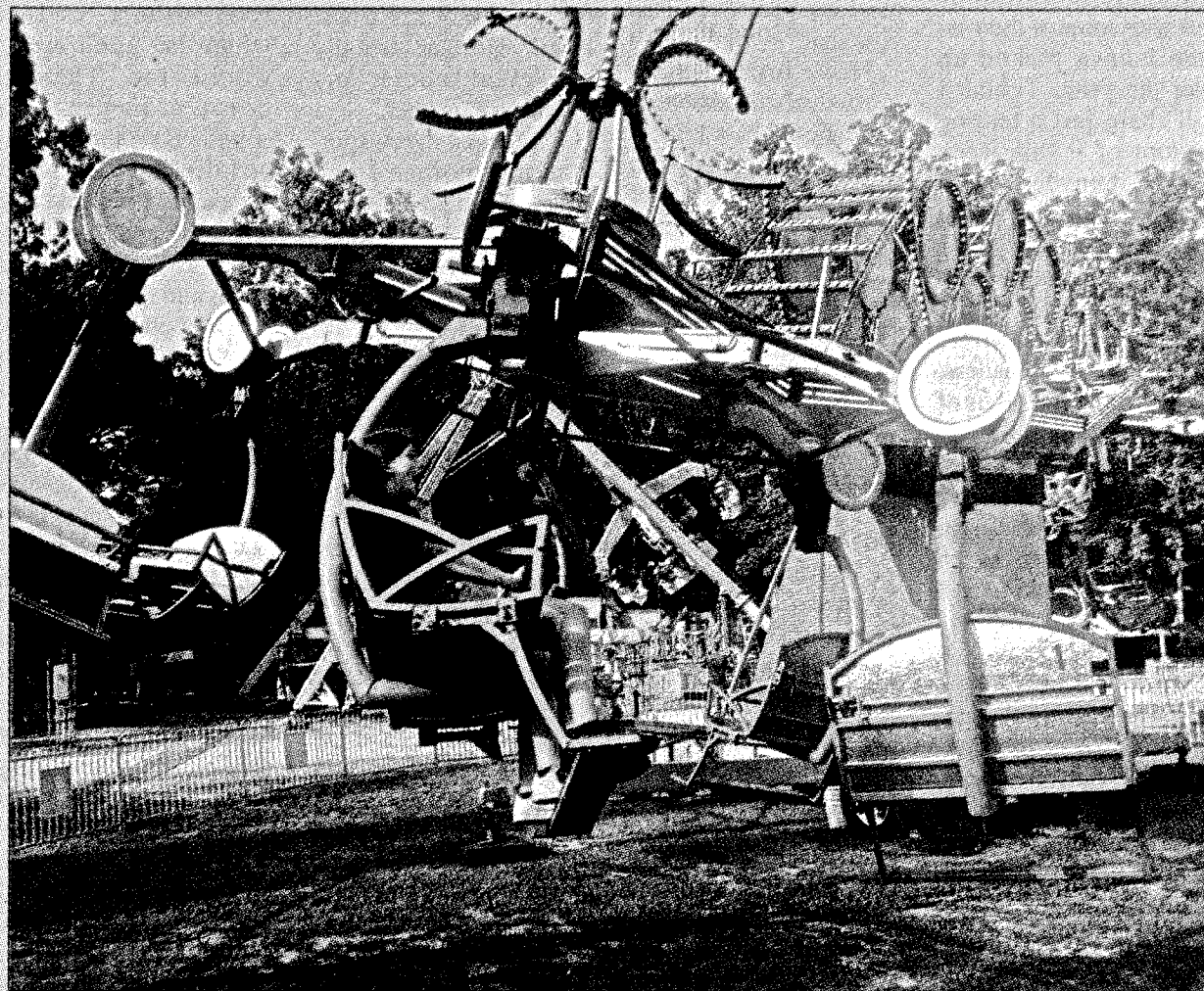
Once again, The Brodhead Little World's Fair was a huge success, according to organizers.

Paradise Entertainment once again set up the fairway bringing thousands of visitors to the City of Brodhead as the truck pull events and

other track events brought thousands more.

Organizers say 2024 attendance was ahead of last year's attendance but a slightly slower Thurs-

day night, and some storms on Saturday, slowed visitors slightly. Officials say attendance ranged from 1,500 to  
(See "Fair" on A5)



Screams could be heard throughout the Little World's Fair Fairway last week as thousands of visitors rode exciting rides throughout the event. Organizers say the event was a great success as guests enjoyed track events and the fairway throughout last week.

## Signal files Open Meetings violation complaint with Attorney General

A recent vote by the City of Mount Vernon, to place the issue of medical cannabis facilities on the ballot in November, may be void if the Kentucky Attorney General's office decides the meeting, in which the vote was held, was in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

A special called meeting concerning the issue of medical cannabis (Marijuana) by the Mount Vernon City Council last Monday has been the source of controversy after the publisher of the Mount Vernon Signal de-

clared that city did not give proper notice of the meeting to the media as required by statute.

A special called meeting on Monday, August 12, initiated by council member Michael VanWinkle, included creating a resolution to place on the November ballot the issue of allowing medical cannabis facilities to locate inside the city limits of Mount Vernon. If the issue is on the ballot and passes in the general election, father  
(See "Complaint" on A5)

## Board approves start of the new RCMS building

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board finally

voted last week to approve construction of the new Rockcastle County Middle School.

The board had been fighting for the new RCMS building for over a year. But, after the design came in over budget, rather than cut vital programs and student opportunities, board members and Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger say they waited until they could afford to do the job properly.

Along with the struggles of the board and the finance department to find funds, Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray was able to secure enough state funding to complete the project as needed with funds left over, and the project was rebid.

Representatives of  
(See "RCMS" on A5)

## Fiscal Court looks for ways to collect occupational taxes

By: Mike French  
Editor

Among the many issues discussed during the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, was the issue of how to collect occupational tax from those who refuse to respond.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. told the court that there are some business owners

who have not collected the required occupational tax from their employees and refuse to pay the amount due the county. "There are some who have gone out of business or have no employees or have some reason, but they refuse to answer our letters," he said. "All they would have to do is let us know the problem."

But the biggest prob-

lem comes with those who haven't closed and still refuse to respond. "Then there are a few who simply will not re-

### Prohibits cannabis facilities

spond to our letters and our ordinance has no legal recourse for us in

those cases."

County Attorney Jer-  
(See "Collect" on A5)

## School district to purchase local \$1.6 million building

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board held their

regular monthly meeting last week with a lengthy agenda.

After monthly house-keeping items, the board entered closed session for about 30 minutes to discuss the potential purchase of property.

The week before, the Rockcastle County Indus-

trial Development Authority (RCIDA) made an offer to the school district to sell the recently vacated Excelsa Technologies building to the school district.

During the regular RCIDA meeting, members of the school board  
(See "School" on A5)

## First responders are prepared for any school emergencies

By: Mike French  
Editor

According to statistics from the National Institute of Justice, 304 students were shot at school in 2022 and 346 in 2023. Last year in America, 57

students were killed. There are 75,200,000 students enrolled in American schools.

But school shootings are at the bottom of the list of ways student's safety may be in danger

at schools, the report says. Officials say there are many factors to consider when considering school safety. Sports and gymnastics, playground equipment, structure fires and many other events cause most school injuries, statistics say.

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board and district department heads have met on the issue countless times over the past few years. "The safety of our students has been and will remain our top priority at Rockcastle County Schools," Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger said at one of the meetings.

Local fire and police departments, as well as the sheriff's office and other emergency services, are also concerned with student safety and have participated in such training with the school dis-  
(See "Safety" on A5)

## Local man steals police cruiser for short joy ride

By: Mike French  
Editor

Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Saylor was contacted while driving a loaned cruiser while his issued police cruiser was receiving work at a local service station. The caller said Saylor's issued cruiser had been stolen by Troy Bullock, 50, of Mount Vernon.

Deputy Saylor then began a search for his

cruiser but was unable to locate it, according to a uniform citation.

However, upon returning to the Sheriff's Office to write the report of the incident, Saylor was flagged down as he passed the service station where his cruiser had apparently been returned by Bullock.

The suspect was then spotted walking in the  
(See "Cruiser" on A5)



Members of the Livingston Fire and rescue Swift Water rescue Team were assisted by the Rockcastle EMS, the Kentucky State Police, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office and Rockcastle Emergency Management Monday after a vehicle and driver were found trapped in the Rockcastle River on Wildcat Mountain Road. Officials say the driver and vehicle were removed safely from the water. Officials did not know the cause of the incident.

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# ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

It is only in Main Stream Media's and Democrats' reasoning that Donald Trump can lead in the polls on every single issue facing this country, such as the economy, immigration, crime, etc. but still be neck and neck with his Democrat opponent in the overall poll. Make it make sense.

Maybe they wouldn't be so close if Harris hadn't flip-flopped on every issue that has been the (embedded in concrete) policies of the Biden-Harris administration since 2021 and that has wreaked economic and moral chaos on the citizens of this country.

Such Democrat policies as a mandatory gun buy back, a national fracking ban, decriminalization of illegal border crossings, elimination of private health insurance and, more recently, the passage of the tax on tips by the Democrats for which Harris cast the deciding vote.

Suddenly, she is now against these policies and promises her audiences that she will fix the economy in the first 100 days of her administration. Evidently, it doesn't occur to her admiring audiences that she and Biden are **RESPONSIBLE** for the highest inflation this country has encountered in 40 years and it is still hanging on in spite of their repeated touting of how "Bidenomics" is working!! It's working alright. Inflation is still alive and well in this country and is causing the middle class to have to make tough decisions every day because their disposable income has shrunk drastically under the Biden administration. It now takes \$967 a month **MORE** to cover basic necessities than it did under the Trump administration.

Recently, Harris promised that she would build

three million new homes (with the help of the government's \$25,000 gift to first time homebuyers for a down payment, of course), if she were elected. However, she and Biden barely managed to build eight electric vehicle charging stations in 2 1/2 years for \$8 billion.

And, to put the Democrat icing on the cake, it's less than three months to the November general election and we are once again being warned of a Pandemic of the Monkeypox that necessitates another round of "vaccines" that aren't really "vaccines" but gene therapy, which has caused serious physical injury to many who took the "vaccine" (for an illness for which you had to be tested to see if you had).

One thing to remember before allowing someone access to your body, reports say there has been a 143,233% increase in cancers (in the US) due to COVID vaccinations. I have the source of that report from Myrna Mantaring but do not have room for her list of qualifications (contact me for them or do your own research on Google).

Of course, the main reason I think this is happening again is to justify changing states' federal election laws, again, in order to "stop the spread" of the dreaded Monkeypox which, to date, has killed **58 AMERICANS and 537 people WORLD WIDE**, but really to facilitate the stealing of another election with their millions of unverified votes.

Monkeypox is, reportedly, mainly transmitted through sexual contact but, those advocating for the "vaccine" claim it can also be transmitted "from direct

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Maybe it is being old (or experienced) but, for some reason, I know some things that are apparently overlooked by society.

Most of it is secrets that we oldtimers keep to ourselves, as we watch the younger generation make mistake after mistake. We old folks usually sit back and snicker because we know they wouldn't have listened even if we had told them.

But I have decided to part with some of the wisdom I have picked up over the years. I think I will share just a teasing amount of it this week and see if anyone listens before they make more mistakes.

Here are some ways to fix government. Just some things that would turn our elected leaders, who became rich off us of hard workers, into servants instead.

First, we need a max age in the Senate and House. Some of these guys and gals can barely find the bathrooms anymore. Clearly, some of them do not need to be making decisions that determine if you are successful or not.

Second, end corporate donations. This one is so obvious I am amazed no one has argued for it yet. Clearly if a billion-dollar corporation gives a million bucks to someone, that someone is going to be expected to turn a blind eye when that same corporation tries to rip off the people. Stop it!

Put an end to stock trading by elected officials. Once elected, you cannot buy or sell stock. Clearly they have information the rest of us do not have. So, clearly that is unfair to the people. Some of those same stocks that are bought by our elected officials are the corporations that just donated a million bucks to the person you voted for. No! Nothing fishy there!

Also, let's pay our elected leaders the exact same amount as the average salary of American citizens. I am betting citizens' salaries would rise pretty quickly. Yet the cost of living would likely suddenly go down as well. Why should they live so much better than the people they "serve"? Why are they paid more than 99% of the people they serve? Stop it!

Here's one. Let's get the drag queens, who

fight so hard to read to our little boys and girls, to read to the street gangs in New York and prisoners on Death Row. Those people deserve to have such information also, don't they? I hope it goes well for them.

I have also been thinking, every time I watch an official swear in another official for office, they have to promise they haven't been involved in any duels with pistols. Yes, they still vow that.

If we brought back pistol duels, I am betting there would be a lot less people crying that they were offended over something someone said.

Here's one. Forbid insurance companies from raising your rates if you have a claim.

If you are paying insurance and then have an accident, the insurance company should have to pay to fix your car. If they raise your rates, YOU are paying to fix your car, not them. Your insurance premium is doing nothing more than semi-promising you a loan.

There are lots of things we could do to fix our problems as a society. But they won't happen as long as the "woke" crowd exists.

Anyway, You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink. And you can show a person the truth, but you can't make them think.

Right now we have people running for office that are saying some of the craziest things.

Somehow the media has convinced a large part of the population that the last three and one half years just didn't happen at all. It is astounding to watch.

Just months ago, the world agreed that Kamala Harris was the most unpopular, useless, politician to ever cackle in public. Then the day after the Democrats staged the coup and ignored the votes of every primary election, Kamala was suddenly the "genius of Washington" and all the stupid things she said were forgotten.

CNN and NPR reporters are saying things like "it is a documented fact that Americans are better off under Biden/Harris

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



My Uncle Frank

Dear Journal,

I suppose I'm a follower of President Ronald Reagan. Stanley keeps me supplied with jelly beans. Reagan loved them, too. I like to eat a handful after taking my medicine that leaves a bad taste in my mouth. There are some licorice flavored jelly beans in the Jelly Belly brand that I love. Every time I eat one I think of my Uncle Frank. He was actually my great uncle, my grandma's brother.

Almost every summer my mother and I would go to spend about a week with him and his wife, Dorothy, in Cincinnati. Uncle Frank was an interesting fellow. He always was quick with a humorous tale to tell or a joke. He and Aunt Dorothy had twin beds in their bedroom with a little night stand between them. There was a little light, a phone and Uncle Frank's candy jar on it. He had a supply of hard candies and some licorice twists in it. He said that he liked to have it on hand in case his mouth got dry during the night. Aunt Dorothy said that it was just because he liked to eat candy.

Uncle Frank was born and raised in the north-eastern portion of the state of Tennessee in a small town named Clairfield, a small coal mining town. It is in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains that I'm studying about now. I've been learning about the various creatures that roam those mountains

such as Big Foot and the Moon Eyed People. Once when he was a teenaged boy, he went to a circus that was in town. They were quite the excitement for that era, the 1910's, etc. The circus was closing for the night and Uncle Frank began walking his way back home up the railroad tracks. He had gotten about half way home when he thought he could sense a presence close behind him. In a few steps he realized that when he sped up it would, too. Then he heard a panting-like sound. By this time he had decided that one of the circus lions had gotten loose and was at his heels. He started to run faster and faster stepping on every other railroad tie all the rest of the way home which was about two or three miles. He ran up the front steps and just fell through the front door to find his father patiently waiting for his safe return, as his father read the newspaper by a coal oil lamp. When Uncle Frank recovered enough to speak, he told his father there had been a five hundred pound lion chasing him for over two miles. The lion was never found.

Uncle Frank did well for himself. He got an executive position with the Drake Memorial Hospital in Cincinnati where he retired. He was a 32nd degree Mason. He and Aunt Dorothy had a nice home in the suburbs where he enjoyed his jar of candy at night and would run to his basement at the slightest sign of a storm.

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# High school students invited to participate in Donate Life challenge

This October, high school students across Kentucky are invited to participate in an innovative Donate Life challenge. The Donate Life High School Challenge aims to engage young minds in a meaningful cause while promoting physical and mental well-

being. The High School Challenge offers a unique opportunity for students from all backgrounds to get involved and create a significant impact in the mission of organ, tissue, and eye donation. Whether part of a sports team, FBLA club, HOSA

chapter, or any other high school organization, everyone can participate in activities that promote both personal health and community engagement. Participants can earn points by creating various activities, community outreach initiatives, and innovative projects to promote the Donate Life mission throughout the month of October. These points will not only contribute towards their team's overall standing but also towards winning exciting prizes.

The top-performing groups will have the chance to earn up to \$1,000, while a standout teacher/advisor will receive a tablet as a token of appreciation. "Teachers and students alike have a unique opportunity through the Donate Life High School Challenge to not only showcase their strength and health but also to make a lasting impact in their communities by advocating for organ donation. I encourage all high school groups to participate enthusiastically in this empowering initiative," shares Rockcastle Circuit Clerk, Eliza York-Hansel.

Key Dates and Details: Registration Deadline: September 13, 2024 Mandatory Training: September 19, 2024 (Q&A session for at least one representative) Challenge Duration: October 1 – October 31, 2024

To register your group, visit <https://bit.ly/24HSCenroll>. Participants will receive a toolkit with donation guides and resources, marketing materials, and access to a live training session to kick-start their

For more information on activities, the points system, and prizes go to: <https://bit.ly/HSCChallengeToolkit>. Everyone is invited to unite this October to make a lasting impact with "Power Moves - Strength in Giving!" and advocating for the life-saving mission of organ donation.

## ramblings...

(Continued from A2) contact w/rashes, scabs or body fluids of a person w/Monkeypox and extended close contact (more than four hours) with respiratory droplets from an infected person.

Currently, there is no treatment approved specifically for monkeypox virus infections, so your only choice (unless you want to refrain from touching those with rashes or scabs or exchanging body fluids with them) appears to be injecting something into your body which has NOT gone through the normal years of drug trials to determine its efficacy and safety.

I refuse to let the government tell me what I should put into my body but that's going to get harder to adhere to I now know that my vegetables are being sprayed with the "vaccine," cattle are being "vaccinated" to say nothing of the planes that fly over us constantly emitting SOMETHING into the atmosphere which filters down to us, our soil and water. The credit for all this seems to lie with the evil Bill Gates who has somehow risen to a position of unelected power in a government which, in my humble opinion, shows its disdain daily for all citizens of this country.

As a perk for those attending the DNC Convention, abortions and vasectomies are available at the DNC convention in Chicago. They are advertised as free, however, their advertisement explains that fees are charged on a sliding scale.

This is right in line with one of the major planks in Harris's platform, the "protection of reproductive rights" which, of course, has nothing to do with actual "reproduction." The DNC Convention began Monday in Chicago and an expected 100,000 protestors, in support of Palestine and wishing death on Israel (and America often), were expected. They

showed up, right on cue, bright and early Monday with their anti-Israel posters and chants and Palestinian flags. Surrounding businesses had taken the precaution of boarding up their storefronts last week.

The DNC or taxpayers (probably the latter), put a very impressive fence all around the convention hall where delegates are gathering. That fence had been breached by said protestors by early afternoon Monday.

The Democrats are in a tough position on this issue. Do they appease the extreme left in Congress and the huge segments of Muslim residents in swing states and condemn Israel or do they go with the vast majority of Americans who support Israel?

As always, we will see a masterful attempt by Dems to straddle the fence on this issue.

One last thought on Harris' plan for the economy. She has said she supports price controls, which we have had and it was a disaster but will, she says, stop price "gauging," as she kept calling it in her speech, by evil corporations. She also declared that she will "pull patents" (otherwise known as stealing) as a means of controlling the cost of medicines. It will also cause pharmaceutical companies to limit, or quit altogether, research and development for new drugs--not an issue I can get too torn up about with big pharma's recent track record.

I will leave you with a recent Twitter (X) post that caught my eye, an observation from Republican VP nominee J.D. Vance:

Kamala gave a two minute speech to the DNC Monday night, listing her accomplishments as vice president. That took 15 seconds and she then had a minute and 45 seconds to kill.

And don't give me a hard time for dissing her. She has been the vice presidential nominee for a month now and has not given an interview or held a press conference.

## Aces

(Continued from A2) than they were four years ago." It is hilarious! Every human on earth knows it's a lie.

Here's hoping that eventually the younger part of the generation who thinks they know all about the world, will eventually wake up and smell the coffee. The answers to some problems are pretty simple until manipulators make it complicated and weak people fall for it.

It is manipulation. CNN has a banner across the screen when Trump speaks suggesting his words may not be accurate. That is so funny. Where is that banner when Joe Biden is telling

us his family member was eaten by cannibals and he graduated at the top of his class?

Where was that banner when Adam Schiff was swearing he had documented proof of Trump's Russian collusion?

We old timers can see right through such blatant propaganda and it is amazing that some cannot.

If we put in place some pretty, simple plans, it would change the elite class of millionaire politicians into average American citizens.

You think our "servants" in Washington are not there for the money? Cut their salary to the average America salary and see how many run for reelection.

## Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Kentucky joins national effort to prevent impaired driving

As Labor Day quickly approaches, Kentuckians are reminded to celebrate the end of summer safely by planning for a sober, designated driver if festivities include alcohol.

"Ensuring the safety of Kentuckians is our highest priority," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Driving under the influence endangers not only yourself but everyone on the road. Let's unite to prevent avoidable crashes by pledging to celebrate responsibly."

While law enforcement

officers patrol for impaired drivers year-round, impaired driving crashes typically increase over holidays, so the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and law enforcement across the nation in reminding drivers to Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Driving impaired is never safe. For more information on drunken driving visit [kydrivesober.com](http://kydrivesober.com).

## Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

### Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, August 26th: Calloway, Red Hill and Livingston. Wednesday, August 27th: Maple Grove and Climax.

### Class of 2004 20th Year Reunion

The RCHS Class of 2004 will hold their 20th Year Reunion on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Limestone Bar & Grille from 7 to 10 p.m. Food and drinks will be available to purchase at the restaurant. For questions, text 606-308-4044.

### KPR Meeting is August 27th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, August 27th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website ([kentuckypublicretirees.org](http://kentuckypublicretirees.org)). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

### MVHS Class Reunion

The Mt. Vernon High School Class Reunion will be held September 14th at Rockcastle Middle School. Registration is from 4 to 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$20 per person and must be paid in advance. Being honored are the classes of 1944, 1954, 1964. There will be a photographer on site for the event. Please join us for this special reunion.

### Farmers Market Now Open

The Rockcastle Farmers Market on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon is now underway for the summer. The market will be open three days a week: Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Brodhead Community Center.

### Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

Vietnam Era Veterans, that attended Livingston High School, are asked to meet the last Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., for breakfast and conversation, at Limestone Grille.

### Weekly Grief Support Group

There is a Weekly Grief Support Group which meets each Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hospice Care Plus & Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond. Please pre-register at [hospicecareplus.org](http://hospicecareplus.org) or by calling 859-986-1500. Open to anyone whose loved one was cared for by Hospice Care Plus. If travel is an obstacle, contact Abby at the number above to request alternative grief support options.

### Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

### VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and Chaplain William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

### Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

The Rockcastle County Historical Society & Museum meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at RTEC garage/training room.

### Mt. Vernon Lions Club

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

### American Legion Post News

The David M. Smith American Legion meets at the Veterans Center the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or District Commander B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

### Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities. Please join us each month.

### Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

Tuesday - MARA - Medicated Assisted Recovery Anonymous - Mt. Vernon: 2 p.m., 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon. Contact: 606-308-8900 for info.

Wednesday-Air-All In Recovery-Mt. Vernon: 12 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY. Contact: 606-308-8900 for more info.

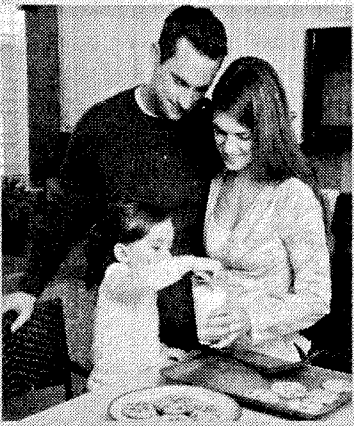
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous-Brodhead: 7 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: 606-308-8900. Please park in the Coffey & Ford parking lot.

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

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# Obituaries

## William Taylor

William Edward Taylor, 85, of Brodhead, died Saturday, August 17, 2024 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Mt. Vernon on December 8, 1938, the son of the late James Edward and Zula Mae Shepherd Taylor. He was a retired truck driver and served as the Rockcastle County Sheriff from 1982 through 1986. He was a lifelong member of the Shriners and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Brodhead.



He is survived by: three sons, Billy Wayne Taylor, Danny McClure (Jennie) and Mark McClure (Vickie), all of Brodhead; one daughter, Michelle McCormick (David) of Phenix City, AL; nine grandchildren, Breanna Burton, Gina Nicole Harding, Matthew Taylor, Lorrie Santo, Katelynne McClure, Monica Robinson, Jeremiah McCormick, Luke McCormick, and Maddix Johnson; 20 great grandchildren; and a brother, Kenny Taylor of Berea. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Mary Taylor; one son, Jesse Edward Taylor; two brothers, Wayne and Robert Edward Taylor; two grandchildren, Timothy Taylor and Heather Morgan; and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jake Harding. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery in Brodhead. Pallbearers are: Maddix Johnson, Jaden Burton, Noah Harding, Jazz Reyes, Matthew Taylor and Jordan Burton.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Lisa Faye Winkler

Lisa Faye Winkler, 60, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, August 16, 2024, in Owen County. She was born June 29, 1964, in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of the late Robert "Buck" Bishop and Betty Jean McMahan. She had been a homemaker that enjoyed board and card games.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her mother, Betty Jean McMahan and her husband, Robert; children, Stacy Spoonamore (Joie Brown) of Sparta, Floyd Thomas Lovell III (Angela) of Mt. Vernon, Adrienne Paige Ferguson (Adam) of London, Erica Brooke Jasper (Ashley) of Oneida, Crystal Jean Rigsby (Bobby) of Hustonville, Brad Anthony Michael Rogers (Taylor Thomas) of Sparta, and Chad Alan Michael Rogers of Sparta; 16 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and brothers, Robert Michael Bishop of Sparta and Sammy Gary Bishop.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert "Buck" Bishop, and her husband, Floyd Thomas Lovell, Jr.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. James Hayes officiating. Burial was in Lovell Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com).

## Gary Grant Asher

Gary Grant Asher, 71, of Mt Vernon, passed from this worldly life into his eternal life in Heaven, after a long and courageous battle, on August 17, 2024, in Lexington. Gary was born December 29, 1952, in Wallins Creek, to Grant and Eula Mae Shoop Asher.

He is survived by: his brother, Bradley Dearl Asher (Judy) of Midway; his daughters, Brittany Asher (James Hayes) and Jessica Asher Carpenter (Junior) of Mt Vernon; grandchildren, Gavin Hayes, Willow and Eleanor Carpenter; companion of 22 years, Renee Miller and children Stephen Robinson and Meredith Gross (Brandon); mother of his children, Sherry Taylor Asher; plus nieces, nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by: father and mother-in-law, E.J. and Roberta Taylor; and brother-in-law, Larry Taylor.

He was a dedicated employee of Rockcastle Regional Hospital for 47 years, Rockcastle Emergency Manager for 30 years and former firefighter and E.M.T. He was a KY Colonel and a Freemason. He enjoyed working on the farm (Bear Waller), the outdoors, John Deere tractors and spoiling his children and three grandchildren.

Casketbearers are: Junior Carpenter, Bart Asher, James Hayes, Buddy Semones, Stephen Robinson, and Brandon Gross. Honorary casketbearers are: Gavin Hayes, Willow Carpenter, and Eleanor Carpenter.

Services will be Friday, August 23, 2024, with visitation starting at 12 p.m. until time of the funeral at 2 p.m. with Bro. Josh Hasty officiating. Bural will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

## Barbara S. Allen

Barbara Sue Whitaker Allen, 72, of Mount Vernon, died August 10, 2024 in Temple, Texas. She was born January 5, 1952 in Richmond. She was the daughter of Paul and Arnie Whitaker of Mount Vernon. Barbara was a member of Brodhead Christian Church.

Barbara is survived by: two children, Terry Paul (Kim) Zapf of Fairfield, OH and Jamie (Carrie) Zapf of Russell Springs; one stepdaughter, Marion Elizabeth Allen Williams of Killeen, TX; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth (Joey) Meyer, Gabriella Zapf, Tristan Zapf, Samuel Zapf, Scarlett Zapf, Tyler Williams and Caleb Williams; two great grandchildren, William Meyer and Henry Meyer; one sister, Lisa (Ronnie) Hayes and daughter MacKenzie of Mount Vernon; and one brother-in-law, Larry Wynn of Livingston. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Orba Allen; parents, Paul and Arnie Whitaker; two siblings, Donnie (Liz) Whitaker, and Bonnie Wynn; and one granddaughter, Cassandra Zapf.

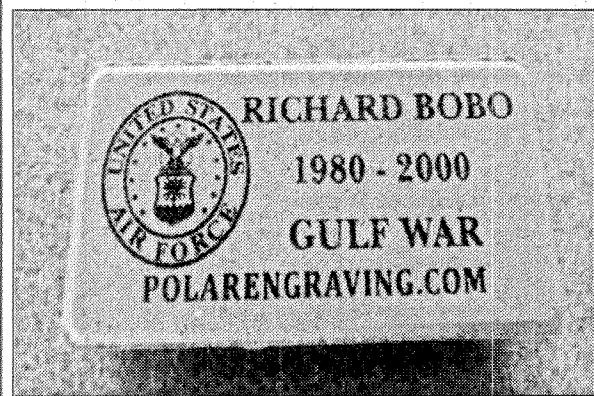
Barbara retired in 2013 as a Rockcastle County Deputy Jailer and Cook. During her career, she influenced countless inmates to make positive changes in their lives. Her infectious laugh and loving demeanor made her a blessing to all who were fortunate enough to meet her. She enjoyed reading, gardening, traveling and most of all, her grandchildren.

In honor of her final wishes, Barbara will be cremated and there will be a celebration of life held for her at a later date. While our hearts mourn her loss, we take comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering.

## "Walk of Honor" Fundraiser

The "David M. Smith" American Legion Post 71 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5908 are holding a brick fundraiser to construct a "Walk of Honor" at the recently opened Rockcastle County Veterans Park.

Engraved bricks will be the foundation and will honor Rockcastle County Veterans, past and present. Order forms will be distributed by members of the two organizations. If you have any questions or would like an order form contact Richard Bobo at (606) 308-2271 or email [boborichard719@gmail.com](mailto:boborichard719@gmail.com).



## Upcoming Reunions

### Annual Hummel Homecoming

The annual Hummel Homecoming will be held Saturday, August 31st at Hummel Holler (Uncle Tom's Holler). Dinner will be potluck and will be served around 12:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the day.  
For more information, call 606-308-9587.

### Graves, Hayes, Owens Reunion

The Graves, Hayes, Owens Reunion will be held Saturday, September 7th at the Woodstock Community Center. Bring your favorite covered dish.

### Davidson Reunion

The 70th Davidson Family Reunion will once again be held at the "Old Home Place" in Morris Valley on Sunday, September 1st, beginning at 11 a.m.  
Lunch will be served around noon.  
Don't forget to bring a covered dish of food and a lawn chair.

### Cash Family Reunion

The Cash Family Reunion will be held at Quail Community Park on August 31st, the Saturday before Labor Day. Bring your vittles and eat with us.

### Hamm Family Reunion

The Hamm Family Reunion will be held Sunday, September 1 at Quail Community Park on Hwy. 70.  
We will eat at noon. Bring a dish and enjoy the evening with us.

## Cemetery Notices

### Philbeck Cemetery

Mail donations for the upkeep of Philbeck Cemetery to Philbeck Cemetery, PO Box 636, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

### Pine Hill Cemetery

The Pine Hill Cemetery is in need of dnations for mowing and maintaining the cemetery grounds.

Any and all donations will help and be greatly appreciated.

Please send to: Donnie L. Cromer, 146 Teacher Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

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### Ask, Seek, Knock!

Matt 7:7-8 says, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock and it shall open unto you: V 8 For everyone that asked receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened unto him. As Christians we have access to God's unlimited resources, biblical examples reveal unto us how God gives his people favor.

Asking acknowledges our dependence on God. Asking expresses our recognition that we cannot accomplish everything with our strength and wisdom. When we ask, it is crucial to approach God with humility and reverence. Gen.15:2 reads, Abraham asked for a son in his old age, and God blessed him with Isaac. 1 Samuel 1:19-20 Hannah asked for a child, and God granted her the gift of Samuel. 1 Kings 3:1-15 King Solomon asked for wisdom, and God granted him unparalleled wisdom and riches. These stories remind us that God delights in answering when we ask.

Seeking goes beyond simply presenting our request. To seek is a desire to align our hearts and minds with God's purposes. To seek means earnestly desiring His wisdom to navigate challenges.

His guidance to make decisions, and his presence to strengthen and to sustain us.

Exodus 3:4 Moses sought God's guidance for leading the Israelites out of Egypt, and God revealed Himself in the burning bush. Psalms 40:1-10 David sought God's advice in the times of distress, and God granted him wisdom and deliverance. John 20:22 The disciples sought guidance after Jesus' ascension, and God provided them with the Holy Spirit to empower their mission. These examples remind us that when earnestly seek God's direction, He reveals Himself and guides our steps.

Knocking signifies unwavering faith and refusal to give up. Knocking is a reminder that our faith is not passive but active, and it compels us to press on in prayer, trusting in God's power to bring about transformation. Examples of this is found in the following verses, Luke 18:1-8 The persistence widow in Jesus' parable is a powerful illustration of who refused to be discouraged and persisted until she received justice. 2 Cor. 12:7-8 Paul was persistent, praying 3 times that his thorn of the flesh be removed. In this example Paul didn't receive the answer he desired, but rather the answer that was best for his spiritual well-being.

Let us always Ask, Seek and Knock for God to guide us in his ways not ours.

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## Fair

(Continued from front) 1,600 patrons per night.

The event is the staple fund raising event for the Brodhead Fire Department and members of the department, along with city employees and elected officials, were seen throughout the event moving boxes, running wires, taking tickets and helping patrons every night of the fair.

Brian Bullock, BFD assistant Chief, said the crowds had been slightly better than last year up to Thursday evening but he expected the remainder of the event to draw a large crowd as well.

Officials say there were no big problems throughout the event and now that the fairway has closed for the year, officials and volunteers have spent the days cleaning up the grounds-. Repair work is underway at the fairgrounds from the large crowds visiting the event and the heavy equipment moving in and out.

Organizers offer their appreciation to all who helped organize or operate the event through the week and Chief John Dyehouse said all firefighters and city officials also appreciate every patron who came out to enjoy the Little World's Fair.

Organizers have already begun plans for the 2025 Little World's Fair.

## Cruiser

(Continued from front) courthouse parking lot where Deputy Saylor approached him.

The citation says Saylor asked Bullock if he stole his cruiser but the suspect refused to answer until he talked to his attorney.

The citation also says Bullock resisted when Saylor attempted to arrest him.

Saylor was also able to receive a blood test from Bullock which indicted intoxicants, according to the citation.

Bullock was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with theft by unlawful taking of a police vehicle, theft by unlawful taking of a fire arm, possession of a fire arm by a convicted felon, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, unauthorized use of a police radio, tampering with physical evidence, impersonating an officer and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicants.

Bullock was arraigned Monday and has a preliminary hearing set for next week.

His bond was set at \$50,000 cash or property.

## Complaint

(Continued from front) cilities that produce, manufacture and process medical cannabis would be allowed to locate inside Mount Vernon city limits.

According to KRS 61.822(2), council members may call a special meeting if a majority of the council signs a petition to do so. All members apparently signed the petition and the vote to place the issue on the November ballot was unanimous. The resolution was then filed the following day, according to City Clerk Crystal Rush. This was the final day to file the resolution placing the marijuana is-

sue on the ballot.

VanWinkle told news sources that since the fiscal court was expected to vote to prohibit medical cannabis facilities in the county (which they did the following day) he felt the need to hold the special meeting to place the issue on the ballot.

However, officials with the *Mount Vernon Signal*, the city's legal newspaper of record, say they were not notified in writing that the special called meeting was being held. *Signal* Publisher Perlina Anderkin then contacted several city officials to ask why the *Signal* was not notified in writing.

On Wednesday evening, August 14, VanWinkle initiated another special meeting to determine if the previous meeting was indeed in violation of the Open Meetings Act. The *Signal* was notified in writing of the August 14 meeting.

In that meeting, VanWinkle said he "freely admits" he did not provide written notice but had instead called and left a message concerning the meeting with the composition department of the *Signal*.

City Attorney Bobby Amburgey told the four council members and Mayor Tim Roberts, who were present at the meeting, that, in his opinion, Monday's meeting was indeed in violation of the Open Meetings Act and the resolution may be null and void.

When asked by council member Shelly Lewis, Amburgey said he would recommend the city "self report the violation" to the Attorney General. Council members Wayne Bullock and Gertha Mink were not present for the August 14 meeting.

Though not on the agenda and not a member of the council, Rachele Riddle, an outspoken advocate for placing the issue on the ballot, continued to speak up in the meeting offering her opinion and asking questions.

Amburgey told the council that he feels some of the confusion may be because council members could be taking advice from Riddle instead of the City Attorney. "If you had called me, I could have told you the process to call the meeting," he said. Amburgey said the question is "are you going to listen to your city attorney or her (Riddle?)"

Lewis and VanWinkle said they believed the *Signal* had been notified of meetings before through such verbal confirmation as phone calls. However, Amburgey continued to point out that verbal confirmation is not sufficient notification according to the statute and that such notification must be in writing. Lewis asked if City Clerk Crystal Rush had given notice via phone calls in the past, but Rush said she uses written text to notify the *Signal* of meetings.

Lewis said media outlets who wish to be notified of meetings must provide a written request explaining how they wish to be notified of meetings. "The city council is obviously aware that the *Signal* is the legal newspaper and should be notified of public meetings. The city has notified us of every meeting for the past decade, except the one dealing with such a massively controversial issue," said

French. "I have received phone calls from the city before, but only to verify that we had received notice by text or email. Often, we receive several written notices from the city of a special called meeting."

After more discussion, council members agreed to investigate if there is an extension that can allow the city to have the cannabis issue placed on the ballot if council members repeat the August 12 meeting and vote again. Once that information was discovered, council members agreed they would discuss the results of that investigation at the regular monthly meeting scheduled for last Thursday, August 15.

However, according to the city clerk, it was discovered that no such extension exists. The city then notified the *Signal* in writing that the regular monthly meeting had been postponed to Thursday, August 29.

All parties involved are awaiting a decision from the Attorney General's office.

## RCMS

(Continued from front) Deco Architectural Engineers, Inc told the board last week that the project is now ready to begin. Representatives said the project once again was pushing the budget due to inflation and other factors. But through cutting some "items that really will not be missed" the project is now within budget.

The board also viewed a detailed virtual walk-through video of the new structure, as it is expected to appear when completed. The video showed a highly, modern, extremely spacious design that engineers and designers had worked out over the past year.

Also shown in the video was the parent pick-up area, where parents will drive through the building, providing extreme safety for each student, parent and staff. The video also features a spacious entrance lobby leading to a concourse overlooking the modern football field and bleachers. The open lobby area also leads into a spacious library leading to an airy courtyard which is connected to the cafeteria and an outdoor eating area.

The video also showed a roomy band room and basement corridor, as well as science classrooms, agriculture classroom, locker areas and a glass entry into the new gymnasium area.

Representatives of Deco Architecture said the board is "our best client to work with" and stressed that each department has worked hard to make the vision possible.

Dates for starting the project, and expected completion dates, are expected to be released as such information becomes available.

## Collect

(Continued from front) emy Rowe agreed the problem must be addressed. "You can only write so many letters for so long," Rowe said. "Eventually, it becomes obvious that they are not going to respond." Rowe agreed to draft a penalty and/or collection method amendment to the ordinance concerning occupational tax in the county.

Holbrook also recom-

mended Ginger Cash for as a trustee for the Rockcastle County Public Library Board, after the recent resignation of Barbara Congleton. The nomination passed unanimously.

In other action, the court voted unanimously in support of the second reading of the ordinance prohibiting medical cannabis facilities in Rockcastle County. Holbrook said the ordinance took effect immediately upon the second reading approval.

The court also approved previous meeting minutes and the RCIDA budget summary report as well as the Livingston Trail Town Report. The court also approved the \$25,000 quarterly program support to the RCIDA board along with several other monthly agreements and other housekeeping issues.

The court also received a request from the Little League Football Program for annual program support. Though the county approved \$7,000 last year in program support, Holbrook said the bill from the program was nearly \$7,500. Magistrate Shane Thacker made a motion to provide \$7,500 this year but the motion received no second and William Denny made a motion to provide \$7,000. Denny's motion passed unanimously.

The court also approved \$1,210 for security cameras for the Rockcastle Detention Center. Jailer Nathan Carter said the fiscal court would need to pay the bill but he has received a grant to fully reimburse the court.

The court also approved a 15 mile per hour speed limit on Gum Sulfur Road and approved the purchase of a \$52,280 skid steer for the road department.

Treasurer Vickie Miller and Holbrook asked the court for approval to transfer \$15,000 from the general fund to the 911 fund, \$855 from the federal fund to the Sheriff's fund; \$3,549 from the federal fund to the road fund and \$1,224 from the 911 fund to the general fund since that money was accidentally deposited into the wrong account. All requests were approved unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting

## Safety

(Continued from front) trict and individually. School officials have had several emergency preparedness events to educate the staff concerning school safety and the local emergency entities are involved with the mock emergency trials each year.

Last week, members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD) conducted a walk-through of local schools to review and enhance emergency preparedness plans. "We collaborated with school officials to discuss protocols for various emergencies, including fires, tornadoes, earthquakes, active shooters and bomb threats," said Adam Bales, MVFD Chief.

Department officials say during the event, personnel identified key locations within each school that may present a challenge during an emergency, including fire department connections and alarm panels. "This

allowed us to gain a clear understanding of the general layout of each building, helping us to create a comprehensive pre-plan that will be on file for any future emergencies," said Camden Mink, Public Affairs Officer at the MVFD.

Officials also worked out the best potential route for fire and EMS in the event of cardiac emergency and outlined what student and staff can expect from the response team. "This proactive approach ensures that we are fully prepared to protect the students and staff of Rockcastle County Schools effectively and efficiently in any situation," said Mink.

## School

(Continued from front) and some department heads were present. A closed session was called lasting over an hour. Once the meeting was reopened to the public, the RCIDA board voted to offer the building at 618 Progress Drive in the Mount Vernon Industrial Park, to the district for \$1.6 million.

At last week's school board meeting another closed session was called and, when the meeting was reopened to the public, the board voted unanimously to purchase the property for the asking price. "This property will be a great, great asset to us," said Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink. "This kind of multi-use facility can open a lot of opportunities for our children. I am very, very, very excited about this decision."

As for plans for the use of the building, Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said the Local Planning Committee will meet soon. "Our Planning Committee team will look at the best options for utilizing the property," she said.

Results of that meeting can then be brought to the board, if action is required.

The board also approved the new position of Technical Leadership Program job descriptions. Ballinger said current employees will add the duties to their job description for a stipend of \$500 per year, rather than hiring additional employees.

The job description was approved unanimously along with the 2024-25 salary schedule. Ballinger said the new position is the only change in the salary schedule.

The board also voted to renew a \$3 million CD at Citizens Bank for 12 months. Members also accepted a bid from Citizens Bank to serve as the bank of the district. "Citizens Bank offered the highest fund rate and many other benefits for our needs," said Finance Director Jenny Sweet. The district will use Citizens Bank for all funds.

I.T. (Information Technology) Director Brandon Reynolds provided details to the board of the \$2 million cyber insurance policy and the work done to protect the district from cyber attacks. "We have done a lot with cyber security this year," he said. Reynold discussed a weekly scan by a Homeland Security program that provides weekly reports to the district.

Mink and Ballinger also discussed the new high school parking lot and entryway. "It is much

safer for parent pick up now," said Ballinger. "There won't be parking along the side of the highway. We have an extra lane just for that," she said.

Ballinger also called the recent first Parent Palooza a "big, big success."

Board member Angela Woods asked the board to add an item to next month's agenda. "There is a very important amendment added to the ballot in November," she said. "It is important to our community and we should discuss it at the next meeting." The board agreed to add the issue to next month's agenda.

Ballinger also presented her monthly Personnel Action Report saying it is typically longer in toward the end of summer. It is as follows:

### Full time certified employees hired

Meagan Bishop, elementary teacher at MVES; Kayla McClure, math teacher at RCMS; Jessie Ferguson, elementary teacher at RES; Holly Hawk, speech language therapist; Chris Powell, science teacher at RCHS; Kayla Campbell, language arts teacher at RCHS; Dustin Bullock, LBD teacher at RCMS.

### Full time classified employees hired

Sonya Gregory, instructional assistant 1 at MVES; Sarah Chasteen, full time bus driver; Katelyn Osborne and Averi Dillingham, instructional assistant 1 at BES; Utina Measde, food service cook/baker at RCMS; Candace Gibson, food service cook/baker at RES; Darrin Quinley, 2nd shift custodian at RCHS.

### Resignations

Viena Anderson, instructional assistant 1; Isaac McClure, middle school head basketball coach; Haley Pingleton, Savannah McClure and Rebekah Hurley, instructional assistants 1; Shawnetha Watson, LBD teacher; Nora Pullman, Nathan Pritt and Dalton Hutton, substitute teachers; Kristy Isaacs, elementary teacher; James Hamilton, middle school assistant football coach; Anthony Thompson, instrumental music teacher; Kayla Abney, instructional assistant 1.

### Certified substitutes

Sydney Nivens, Jordan Smith, Audry Childress, Savannah McClure and Rina Tanaka, substitute teachers.

### Classified substitutes

Roy Bullock, substitute bus driver; Whitney Daugherty, Michelle Mason, Justine Alcorn and Brittany DeLaney, substitute food service cook/baker; Kim Bolyard and Juanita Briseno, substitute bus monitors; Elizabeth Scaff, substitute instructional assistant.

### Certified staff updates

Ella Bradley mental health advocate at RCHS; Serenity Hopkins, middle school instructional coach at RCMS; Juliann Renfro, elementary teacher at BES; Jake Woodall, math teacher at RCMS.

### Classified staff updates

Kim Hunter, STC community impact lead coordinator; Donovan Howard, midday substitute bus driver; Brittany Anderson, instructional assistant 1 level III at MVES.

### Volunteers

Sandy Alexander, cheer volunteer at RCHS.



# Rockcastle Historical Haven

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**One Room School-houses**

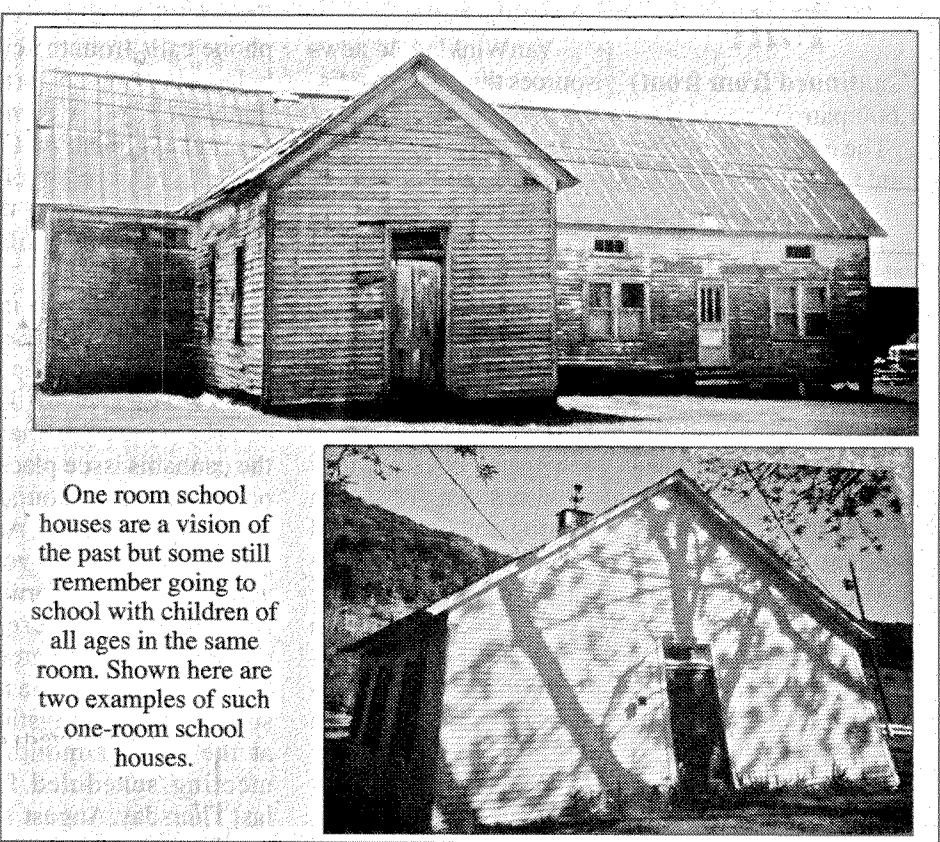
August 26 the 2024-2025 school year will begin. Rockcastle County has offered some form of formal public education since 1910 when Mt. Vernon formed a graded school district. Before the formation of the graded school system, the structure of the education system in Rockcastle was made up of private schools and rural one-room schoolhouses.

In fact, one might argue that the backbone of the educational system we have in place today stems from those one-room schools and the desire of the Appalachian people to educate their children.

John Lair discusses the history of education in Rockcastle County in his book *Rockcastle Recollections*. "The first school of any kind in the area which later became Rockcastle County was started near Buffalo, long before the setting up of a county free school system. The Student body was composed of eleven boys of various ages. Classes were held in the shade of a huge sycamore tree with a cavity large enough for all the students to crowd into it in case of rain. Leaving only the teacher outside to get wet." (Lair p.116). From these rustic early beginnings came the need for more substantial structures:

- The one-room school houses.
- In 1853 there were at least 26 different school districts within the Rockcastle County area with an enrollment of 1306 students. Lair provides a list of former County School Districts:
- Anglin Falls
  - Beech Grove
  - Boiling Springs
  - Blue Springs
  - Brushy Ridge
  - Buckeye
  - Copper Creek
  - Cedar Hill
  - Cave Ridge
  - Calloway
  - Chestnut Grove
  - Climax
  - Conway
  - Cooksburg
  - Cove
  - Cruise Ridge
  - Cummins
  - Davis Branch
  - Disputanta
  - Durham
  - Fairview
  - Flat Rock
  - Freedom
  - Fish Point
  - Gabbard
  - Gauley
  - Green Hill
  - Gum Grove
  - Gum Springs
  - Gum Sulphur
  - Hayes Grove
  - Hammond
  - Hickory Grove
  - Hickory Valley
  - Hummel
  - Hurricane
  - Johnetta
  - Little Rock
  - Level Green
  - Long Branch
  - Macedonia

- Maple Grove
  - Maretburg
  - Medical Springs
  - T. R. Mullens
  - Negro Creek
  - Negrotown
  - New Chestnut Ridge
  - New Hope
  - Norton
  - Oak Hill
  - Old Chestnut Ridge
  - Orlando
  - Owens
  - Owen Allen
  - Ottawa
  - Pine Hill
  - Patton Moore
  - Piney Branch
  - Poplar Grove
  - Poplar Gap
  - Pleasant View
  - Pleasant Run
  - Quail
  - Red Hill
  - Redbud
  - Rock Springs
  - Rocky Bend
  - Scaffold Cane
  - Sinks
  - Sikes
  - Sand Hill
  - Sand Springs
  - Sayers
  - Sowders
  - Thad Drew
  - Well hope
  - Whitaker Wildie
  - Wilmott Chapel
  - Victory
- Betty Henderson provided a collection of photos taken by her late husband of some of the old one-room schoolhouses: Maple Grove School, Disputanta School, Wolf Creek School, Anglin Falls School, Hammonds Fork School, Davis Branch School, Poplar Grove School, Blue Springs School, and two that I could not locate names of.
- Simple social media searches can lead to pictures and stories of our ancestors and those early Rockcastle students whose families believed that education could make a difference in their children's lives.



One room school houses are a vision of the past but some still remember going to school with children of all ages in the same room. Shown here are two examples of such one-room school houses.

## Assessed values rise Fiscal Court lowers tax rate from 6.7 to 6.4

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Rockcastle County portion of tax bills for some residents may rise slightly in 2024. However, if they do it is not because the fiscal court raised taxes. "The property is worth more this year than the previous year," said Rockcastle County Judge Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. "The tax rate is actually lower than last year."

In fact, the fiscal court voted to accept the 2024-25 compensating tax rate, recommended by the state, which lowered the tax rate from 6.7 to 6.4. This means the county tax rate is set at 6.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value, or \$64 per \$100,000 in value.

According to the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Local Government, real estate prop-

erty in Rockcastle County rose in assessed value by \$58,497,837 over the 2023 assessment.

In 2023 total assessed property value, including real estate and tangible property was valued at \$645,753,552 in the county, but the 2024 total assessed value is set at \$704,251,389.

Hence, though the tax rate per \$100 of value dropped, the county is expected to receive about the same in property tax revenue as last year's rate provided, according to Holbrook.

The Judge/Executive said the compensating rate allows for an increase in assessed value, keeping the county revenue about the same as the previous year. The rate is compensated for the assessed value to keep total revenue very near the same amount each year.

The state offered the county the option of approving a rate increase up to 6.6, which is still lower than the 2023 rate, but Holbrook said approving that rate would feel like a rate increase to residents of the county, though the rate would be less than 2023. "It is just less burden on our citizens and less trouble for everyone to accept the compensating rate recommendation," he said. "The county will still receive about the same revenue so there was no need to cause more burden on the taxpayers."

Still, residents' tax bills also include taxes for several other entities, including the Rockcastle County Library, the Rockcastle County School District, the Soil Conservation District, the Rockcastle County Extension District and the State of Kentucky. Holbrook said the state of Kentucky collects almost double what the county collects in taxes.

The Rockcastle County Extension District submitted a tax rate request of 4.8 on real property and 7.72 on tangible property. The request included a 2.5 cent tax per \$100 of assessed value on motor vehicles. The fiscal court approved the request.

The Rockcastle County Public Library submitted a request to levy a real property tax rate of 0.08, on tangible personal property at 0.1255 and on motor vehicles at 1.7 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The court had not received the request from the school district or the Soil Conservation district at press time.

## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

**Good Landscaping:** What Can It Do For You And Your Place?

Have you driven through a neighborhood and noticed a house or yard so attractive you had to slow or stop to admire? That's good curb appeal!

A well-planned landscape with nice healthy trees and shrubs and flowers that compliment the house come together to create an appealing look. Nice lawn grass, neat planting beds mulched well, useful amenities that are well placed on the building lot or acreage all can add to the quality landscape.

Fences, decks, arbors, pergolas, paths, sheds, patios, ponds, play space appropriate for whatever age the children or grandchildren may be, barbecues and ovens, retaining walls, comfortable seating: the how and where these things are placed at your place can add a lot to your home, (or subtract if haphazard or unattractive).

Visual appeal, first and last impressions, can add value in various ways. You can make a good impression on neighbors and visitors, you can have a higher quality living experience, and if selling your place at some point, quality landscaping (not necessarily high priced or luxurious amenities) will pay rewards. A pleasing landscape is satisfying to own, and also puts a smile on your neighborhood.

Our original ancestors were given a lovely garden to live in, and one of the first instructions was to dress and keep it. There is no such thing as no-maintenance (although many seem to think there might be when asking for a landscape design), but it is true some landscapes are easier to keep looking good than others. A lot of that has to do with design at the very beginning.

Some folks like to fancy up their front yards. Others prefer to spend on the backyard. Its not for me to decide your choices are 'right' or 'wrong'. It tends to be that retired folks are more concerned with their private spaces and they work to make them into their personal paradise—and more youthful owners more often than not spend for a good impression from the street. Again, this is preference, but it's something you notice if you've been on the contractor side of this scene for any length of time.

The homeowner that does their own landscaping can enjoy making their place better and saving money. Even so, smart ones make plans before they begin. Browsing at the garden center and falling in love with a tree or plant, then taking it home with no proper place for it is how some yards end up a cluttered mess of a landscape.

The lovely and carefully planned landscape can not only offer up great curb appeal, but it can make for good family time, smooth entertaining if you like having frequent guests, privacy if that's important, and convenience, too.

Neighborhoods would all be better places if the appearances are lovely, and the families that occupy those places are a happy bunch, and good landscaping can help all around. Consider having less couch and screen time, and step into your yard for you might be surprised at the good that awaits out in the landscape. And if nothing nice is there when you step outside, consider there are many benefits to improving your landscaping. Personal satisfaction. Happy neighbors. As we said at the start, people notice a great looking landscape, and having one will make you, the owner, proud too.

The author is a landscaper. rockcastles@gmail.com

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Police battle drug dealers mixing illegal drugs

By: Mike French  
Editor

More and more often, arrests, 911 calls, hospitalizations and overdoses are caused by users taking several different opioids mixed together to increase the potency, according to local officials.

"In the 40s and 50s it was marijuana. In the 70s and 80s it was cocaine and LSD. By the 90s it was heroin and meth. Now coke is making a comeback and they are mixing drugs of all kinds together," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin.

According to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, 50% of

adult Americans have used illegal drugs at least once and overdose deaths are nearing one million since the year 2000. But according to several local officials, the scariest thought comes in the fact that each year, illegal drugs become more potent and more likely to kill.

"One of the biggest issues is the fact that these kids have no idea what they are getting," Franklin said. "These dealers just mix together whatever they have lying around. Add to that the buffer they use to cut it and there is no way to know what you are putting in your body." A

buffer is any type of powder such as baking soda, salt, baby powder, aspirin or other substance that will make more of the drug, in order to make more profit. "They can't know how much or how little of it is lethal because they don't know what is in the drug or how much of each drug."

Some officials say that users may be familiar with taking a certain amount, because it is typically diluted with some substance. So when the user gets some of the drug that is not cut (diluted) or has less buffer or has more of one opioid, they are taking a double dose without their knowledge.

Officials say there is no specific recipe and no two batches of the drug mixture is the same.

A large part of local drug busts now list mixtures of drugs as one of the charges.

Franklin says the situation has also greatly increased the expense to the community, as well as the danger to officers. "It isn't only dangerous to the users. There is a lot to consider when our deputies or other agencies deal with this situation. Some of those drugs can be absorbed through the skin or one can breathe it in," said Franklin. "It is very risky for any officer dealing with the issue."

Franklin also said there are a lot of drug overdose calls that are not added to the statistics. "What isn't considered sometimes is a call may be listed as a domestic dispute. But what caused the dispute? Did one of them get out of their head or was the issue over drugs or a drug deal?" he said. "How many calls that are listed as 'theft' is someone stealing in order to buy more drugs? Forgery, social service calls, emergency room visits, identity theft? They are often due to someone who was on a drug or trying to get more drugs. In reality, there are tens of thousands of man hours each year as an expense to honest citizens because of illegal drug activity."

According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, there are well over one million citizens in prison and nearly half of those are there because of some drug-related offense.

Franklin also said NARCAN isn't always effective. NARCAN is

the injection that many first responders carry as an antidote to many forms of drug overdose. "There are drugs out there that NARCAN does not help and you don't know if those drugs are in the mixture anymore," he said.

Franklin also said there are several programs designed to help the issue. "On a positive note, there are programs like UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigation, Treatment and Education) and others, with school systems involved, that are attempting to educate children at an early age of the dangers involved," he said. UNITE has 30 programs dealing with drug education.

Local officers agree that it is impossible to calculate the total expense to citizens because of illegal drug activity. But officials say the sharp increase in drug over-

doses stems from this new mixture of potentially lethal illegal drugs as well as the increased popularity and availability of Fentanyl in recent years.

Franklin said there is also a noticeable increase in alcohol-related incidents since Rockcastle County cities voted in favor of the sale of alcohol. "There is a noticeable uptick in DUI incidents and public intoxication calls since our cities became wet," he said. This also has misrepresented statistics, since alcohol may be involved in many calls that are listed as other charges, according to Franklin.

"It is a daily battle and every law enforcement agency continues to fight the problem of alcohol abuse and illegal drug activity in new and innovative ways. We may not be winning today, but we will never stop fighting," he said.

DAR Sponsoring Memorial Fund Classroom Grant

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant program. This grant program was established in 2017 and provides fifty-one \$500 grants to classroom teachers impacting more than 10,000 students nationwide. Since 2018, two \$500 grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia. Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, must

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Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for supplies, guest speakers, off campus fieldtrips and educational resources, but applicant must show how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR. Grants must directly impact students and may not be used for continuing education/workshops for the teacher.

This grant is a one-time award and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years. Application forms for 2025 are now available August 15th, 2024-October 15, 2024. Any classroom teacher wishing to apply please contact Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com

Up, up and away...



Among the many rides and events at the Brodhead Little World's Fair that brought attention, was the helicopter rides. For \$25, guests were able to fly over the fair grounds and around see the City of Brodhead from the air. The trip was offered last year and officials are considering offering the ride again at next year's fair.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Jake, (left) the 2 year-old male Huskey who is shy and timid and not good with children but is neutered, and Sally, the nine week-old female Mnt. Cur who is very friendly and has had her first shots. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

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- 20) Accepts a proposal
- 23) Telling sign
- 24) Buddhist discipline
- 25) Scratch, as furniture
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- 37) Skin lotion ingredient
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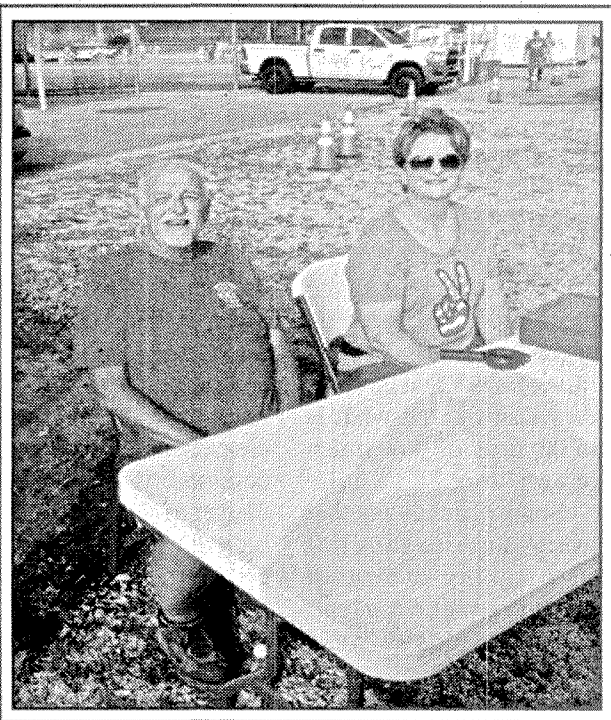
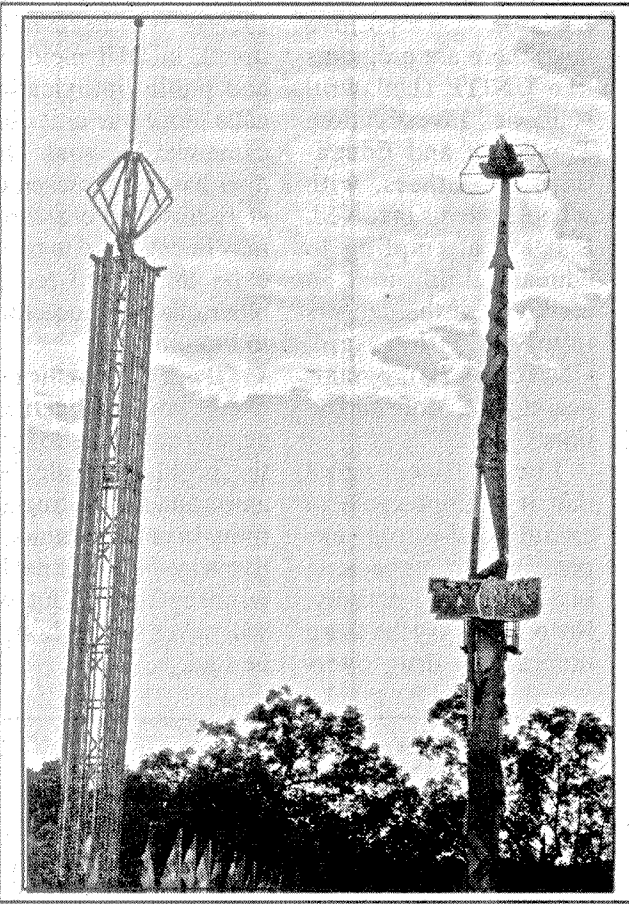
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- 65) Clarinet kin
- 66) Pepsi, for one
- 67) Nobody's fool
- 68) "Ahem" alternative
- 69) Cookbook abbr.
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- 3) Lily variety
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- 6) Oregon city
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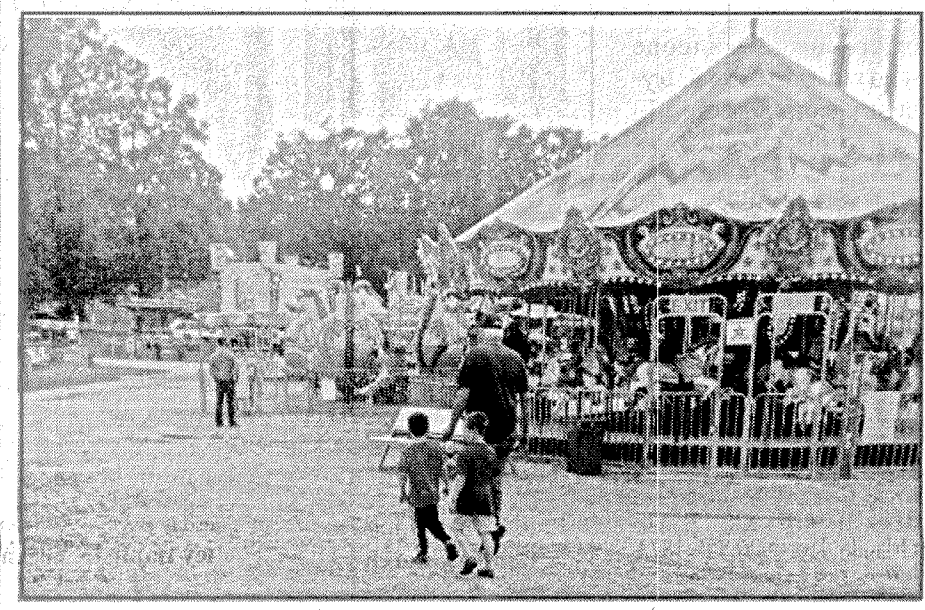
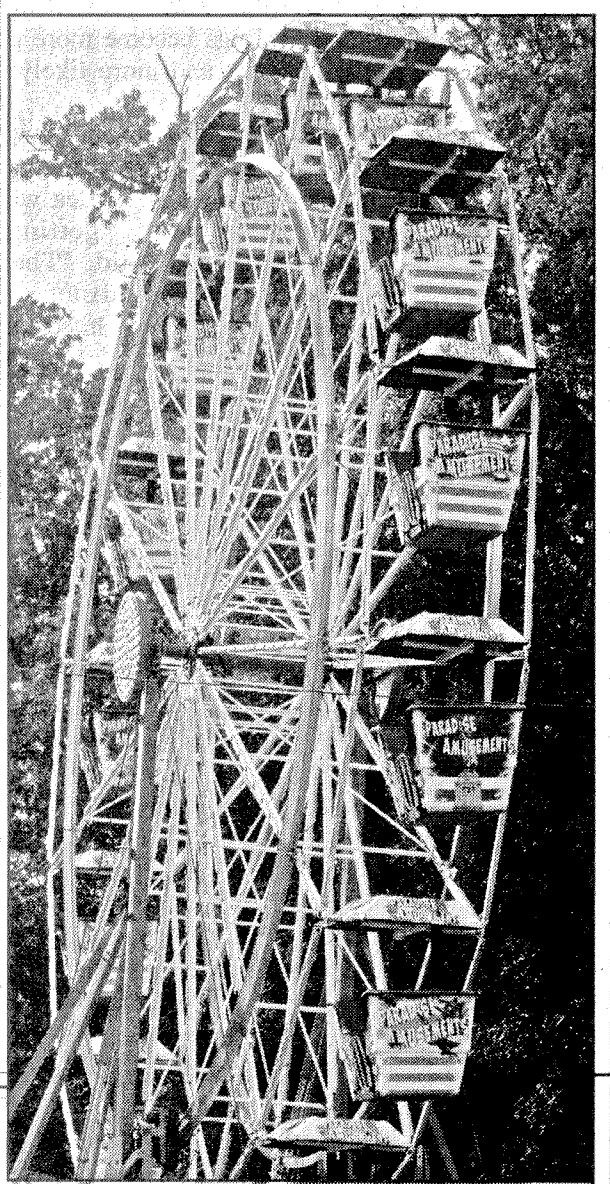
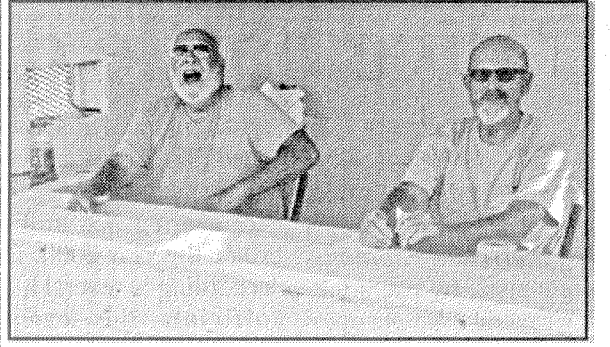
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- 29) Metric unit of volume
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- 31) Accused's need
- 32) Courted
- 33) Advances
- 35) Using trickery
- 37) Where to get your balance
- 39) Aden's country
- 40) Sleep cycle acronym
- 41) Annoy
- 46) Superlatively slippery
- 47) Thick-skinned behemoths, briefly
- 48) Bulb's place
- 50) Snake that puts two and two together?
- 52) Legislate
- 53) Travails
- 54) Academic challenge
- 55) Opera star
- 56) Hardly haute cuisine
- 57) Ad \_\_\_ (improvises)
- 58) High-hatter
- 59) Congers
- 60) Cashless deal



# Little World's Fair is huge success again this year



The Brodhead Little World's Fair has been called a huge success after thousands of visitors flooded the Brodhead Fairgrounds last week. Paradise Entertainment once again hosted the fairway and provided rides and games for all the patrons throughout the week. Officials say the event is the staple fundraiser for the Brodhead Fire Department. City employees, City Commissioners, volunteers and the Mayor joined countless firefighters in organizing and working through the event. Plans are underway for next year's Little World's Fair.



## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Thoughts on Landscape Trees

Homes with trees are worth more. It's location any realty company may tell you--ocean front, mountain views, stream-side, yet convenient. Most of us can't have everything on a dream list, but generally we can have trees in our landscapes. Which trees, then, could or should we plant?

If you are planning on doing some tree planting, you probably can have most any tree you dream of, if you put in the effort to find and acquire and plant it. Things to consider, though, are it's appearance, it's fit with your home and other landscaping, it's pro's and con's, it's cost, and it's

likelihood of success in your community. (In some cities or states, you may not have the freedom to make certain choices.)

Trees offer benefits of varying importance. They can also bring liabilities. Greenery benefits the environment (yet allergens, increased humidity, having to hire tree cutting professionals sometimes, can all be, negatives). Economic benefits have dollar values and in most cases, trees bring increased value. But there are mental and emotional and perhaps spiritual values also in having some nice trees.

Trees typically make our homes more livable. The right trees can make it more attractive. They can make it cooler, they can

blunt chilly winds or summer storms, they can screen undesirable views, they can offer blossoms, fruit or nuts, habitat for birds and other creatures, and they can be a means to self expression by showing off your creativity and individuality, and trees help give most people a more healthy and positive frame of mind. (The highest crime neighborhoods usually have a low tree count.)

What are your favorite trees? Do you know what climates and soils they like? It is smart to do a little investigating before making choices unless you know the topic of trees well and have some reasons for the choices you are thinking to buy. Consider colors of leaves or needles or blossoms, consider leaf mess, think about appearance in the various seasons. Are roots going to be a problem every time you mow, and can you have grass or other plants under your future tree? Does it put off lots of pollen, lots of seedlings, is it unsafe in a strong storm, and are there maybe local restrictions on the tree you desire?

Some people get hung up on if a plant is 'native' or not. If that thinking had been prevalent centuries ago Americans would have no apples, peaches, pears, oranges, and no honey-bees. I suggest folks make their own educated choices in trees, not be overly concerned about the latest 'must have' fad tree nor the latest 'do not plant' listed tree. Japanese maples, evergreen azaleas, crepe myrtles, taxus, European and Japanese hollies, are common examples of popular non-native land-

scape plants.

Professional landscaping served the wealthy of the population in past eras. But, today from high end garden centers to mail order plants, both common and rare specimen trees are available to most of us.

(And digging up a small seedling tree by the roadside or from the forest is still an option for those desiring trees but having no money in the budget for buying trees.) (Just be careful to do it

lawfully.)

From colorful, fruitful trees in our yards to treed hills that slow flood runoff and reduce strong winds, give some thought to the subject, meditate a bit and then you will probably make mostly brilliant choices as you plan for and install your new trees.

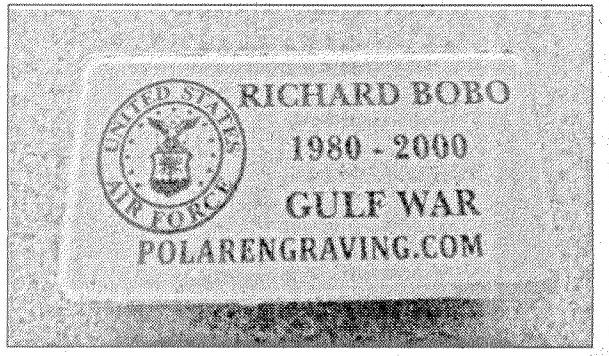
It's rather sad to see trees dozed into piles and burned for road construction or for subdivision building, though I've often thought it good practice to use trees for fire-

wood, paper making, lumber harvesting, and such as those trees usually grow back or replacements are planted. Perhaps the greatest means to offsetting those losses is to plant a new tree in that open lawn of your front or backyard.

I hope this little study on trees and the many benefits (and occasional penalty) of having lovely trees has been helpful, or at least made you cease your scurrying for a moment and to think..

## "Walk of Honor" Fundraiser

The "David M. Smith" American Legion Post 71 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5908 are holding a brick fundraiser to construct a "Walk of Honor" at the recently opened Rockcastle County Veterans Park. Engraved bricks will be the foundation and will honor Rockcastle County Veterans, past and present. Order forms will be distributed by members of the two organizations. If you have any questions or would like an order form contact Richard Bobo at (606) 308-2271 or email [boborichard719@gmail.com](mailto:boborichard719@gmail.com).



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Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
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Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
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606-758-8316

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Sunday Worship

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Bible Study 7 p.m.  
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Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Bobby Turner, Pastor**  
606-758-4007

**Cove Branch United**  
**Baptist Church**

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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6 p.m.

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

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Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
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**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on the former Berl Hopkins' land (now belonging to Judy Hopkins Marsh) on KY 461 near US 150 and 461 intersection. 27x20p

**Posted:** No trespassing for any reason on land belonging to Matthew Broadus and others on KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 12(24)x52

**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJJ Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(23)x52

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Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 46/24x52

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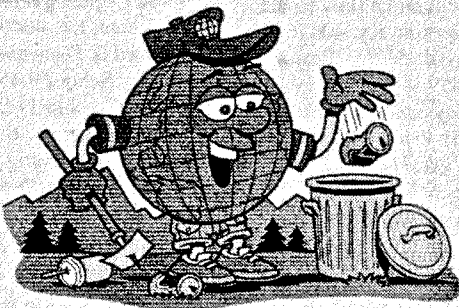
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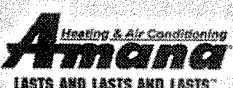
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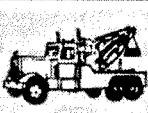
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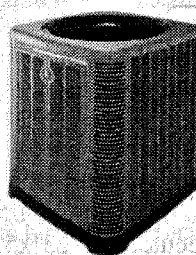
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Legislative Update

By Josh Bray

Voters to weigh in on two proposed constitutional amendments

Several times over the past few weeks I have had constituents ask about the two constitutional amendments on the ballot in this November's General Election. I thought I might use this space to explain what they would mean for our Commonwealth if voters choose to approve them.

But first, why amend the constitution in the first place? Constitutions are critical to a government. They establish the fundamental principles and framework of a government and define the distribution of powers, citizens' rights, and the rule of law. However, what was relevant when they were written may not be a century later. Our state constitution was adopted in 1891. While it certainly includes provisions that are timeless, there are sections that need to be updated. In fact, Kentucky voters have approved 42 constitutional amendments over the past 133 years. For example, it was amended in 1975 to restructure the court system; in 1992 to reform the executive branch and change the succession order; and in 2002 to create family courts.

The ability to amend the constitution is important because it allows us to adapt to changing needs, address legal ambiguities, and reflect the evolving values of their citizens. This November, Kentucky voters will have an opportunity to weigh in on two proposed amendments to the state's

constitution. The first, Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1, strengthens election security while Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 would provide greater flexibility in meeting the educational needs of Kentucky schoolchildren.

I plan on writing more about these amendments in the future, but thought it would be helpful to start with the actual ballot language and amendment language.

For example, the language that will appear on the ballot for Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 reads: Are you in favor of amending Sections 145 and 155 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prohibit persons who are not citizens of the United States from being allowed to vote in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as stated below?

It is proposed that section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years who has resided in the state one year, and in the county six months, and the precinct in which he or she offers to vote sixty days next preceding the election, shall be a voter in said precinct and not elsewhere. No person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to vote in this state. The following persons also shall not have the right to vote:

1. Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of treason, or felony, or bribery in an election, or of such high misdemeanor as the Gen-

eral Assembly may declare shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but persons hereby excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon.

2. Persons who, at the time of the election, are in confinement under the judgment of a court for some penal offense.

3. Idiots and insane persons.

It is proposed that section 155 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

The provisions of Sections 145 to 154, inclusive, shall not apply to the election of school trustees and other common school district elections. Said

elections shall be regulated by the General Assembly, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution. No person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to vote in said elections.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 will appear on the ballot as: To give parents choices in educational opportunities for their children, are you in favor of enabling the General Assembly to provide financial support for the education costs of students in kindergarten through 12th grade who are outside the system of common (public) schools by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as

stated below?

It is proposed that a new section be added to the Constitution of Kentucky to read as follows:

The General Assembly may provide financial support for the education of students outside the system of common schools. The General Assembly may exercise this authority by law, Sections 59, 60, 171, 183, 184, 186, and 189 of this Constitution notwithstanding.

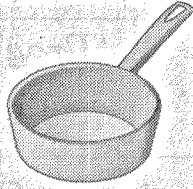
To be placed on the ballot, a proposed amendment must first pass the Kentucky General Assembly. Lawmakers who support the amendment may support the ultimate goal, but even if they do not, they believe it is an

important enough issue that voters should have a say. I cannot think of two more important issues than education and elections. Again, I do plan on writing more about the individual amendments in the future, but thought it would be helpful to share some basic information now as we all begin to think about November's election.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Or you may write ou can also contact me via e-mail at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



PORK AND CABBAGE

I cooked this in a 7-quart crock pot, so if you are cooking in a smaller one, just reduce the amount of cabbage. 1 to 2 heads cabbage, chopped 3 pounds pork roast 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced 1 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon celery seeds 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1 large onion, chopped 1 pound baby red skin potatoes 1 pound carrots cut into bite-sized pieces 1 can (15 oz.) veg broth 2 T apple cider vinegar 1 tablespoon sugar

Place cabbage in bottom of crock pot. Cut slits in roast. Place a piece of garlic into each slit. Rub the salt, celery seeds, and pepper onto the pork roast, place over the cabbage in the crock pot. Place onion, potatoes, and carrots over and around roast. Pour vegetable broth over layers. Mix vinegar with sugar; sprinkle overall. Cover; cook on LOW for 5 to 6 hours.

SWEET GREEN TOMATO CORNMEAL MUFFINS

2 cups seeded, diced green tomatoes 1/2 cup sugar, divided 1/2 cup butter, melted and divided 2 cups self-rising white

cornmeal 2 teaspoons lemon zest 5 large eggs 1 container (16 ounce) sour cream Cooking spray

Preheat oven to 450°. Sauté tomatoes and 2 tablespoons sugar in 2 tablespoons melted butter in large skillet over medium-high heat until tomatoes begin to caramelize and turn light brown. This usually takes about 10 to 12 minutes. Stir together cornmeal, lemon

zest, and remaining sugar in a large bowl; make a well in center of mixture. Whisk together eggs, sour cream, and remaining melted butter; add to cornmeal mixture, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Fold in green tomatoes. Generously coat muffin pans with cooking spray; spoon batter into molds, filling two-thirds full. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

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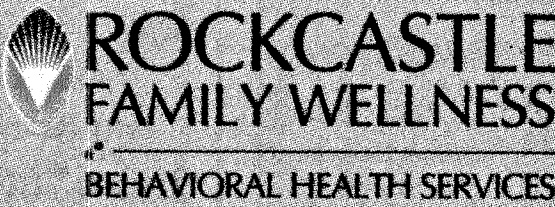
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Fall Sports Preview 2024



## Rockets looking to replace experience lost with graduating seniors

By: Chad Hensley

A season removed from one of the most electrifying offenses in program history, the Rockcastle County High School football team will look to a more traditional ground-and-pound offense as a youth movement will take over in the 2024 season.

That youth movement isn't necessarily one in which the majority of starters will be freshmen and sophomores, but more of a varsity inexperience as the Rockets will look to replace upwards of six starters on defense and seven on offense.

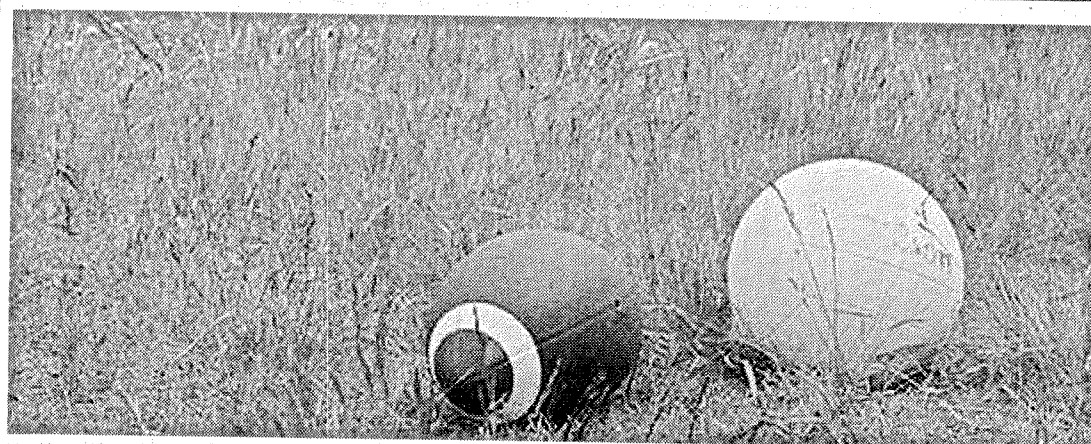
Of those lost from last season's team notably are Tucker Warren and Christian Larkey. Warren may have only played one year with the Rockets, but he

will go down as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, quarterbacks to ever lead our offense.

Christian Larkey may have only worn a Rockcastle County jersey for two seasons as a player, but deep down he was a lifelong Rocket that poured everything he could into the program and his now giving back to our youth as a coach with the Rockcastle County Middle School Sixth Grade team.

The overall team speed that Rockcastle faithful saw in last season's opener against Anderson County was on full display all the way through the entire season with numerous bulbs in scoreboards needing to be replaced with as many points as the

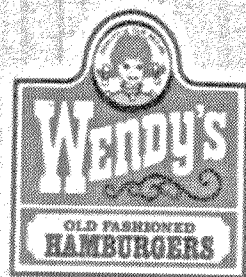
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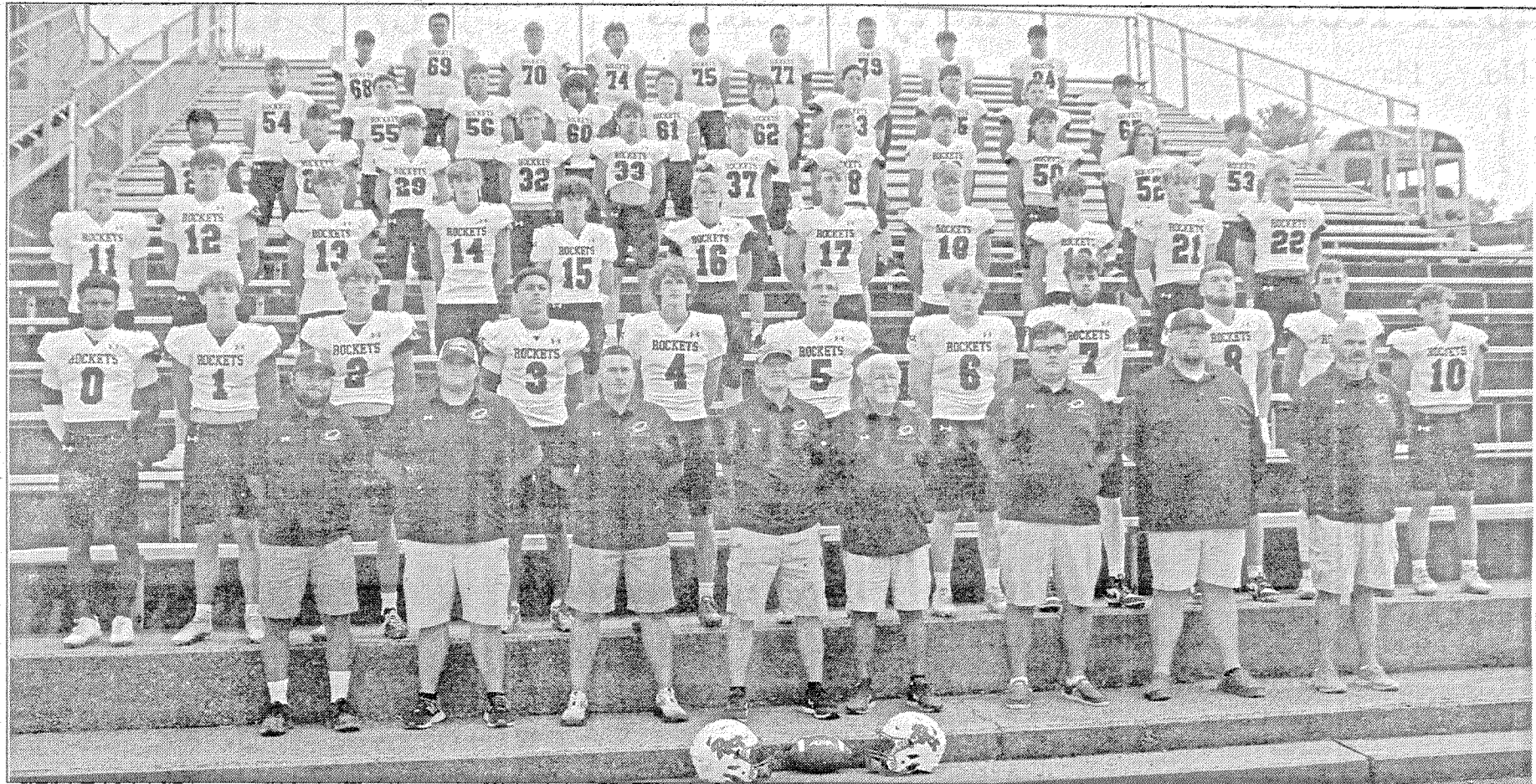
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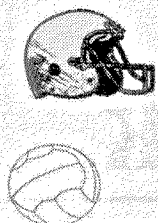


Members of the 2024 Rockcastle Rockets football squad are shown above, bottom row from left: coaches Chayse McClure, Michael Brummett, Dackery Larkey, head coach Chris Larkey, Tom Larkey, JD Hamilton, Aaron McNabb and Josh Martin. Second row from left: Isaiah Jackson, Connor Wright, Caden Lovell, Xavier Leger, Jacob Camel, Carter Powell, Hunter Pingleton, Isaiah Phelps, Jai Denny, Ethan Weaver and Myles Watson. Third row from left: Camden Larkey, Cam Smith, Chris Tomlinson, Shadan Denny, Gavin Issacs, Titus Smith, Dillan Bullock, Dalton Flannery, Alex Smith, Brayden Thacker and Creed Gabbard. Fourth row from left: Brandon Valle, Nick Reppert, Jack Childress, Jaden Minton, Blake Mullins, Chase Wooten, Bryant Davis, Briley Smalling, Jaydon Bowles, Heath Barnes and Hayden Deatherage. Fifth row from left: Braedon Campbell, Eli Phelps, Jacob Leger, Jerney Slone, Owen Cromer, AJ Cromer, Dakota Mills, Ethan Tillery, Jeffrey Ingram and Jacob Catron. Back row from left: Ryan Hart, Austin Miles, Jaydon Burton, Reece Rednour, Michael Camel, Colin Hamilton, Grant Johnson, Benjamin Brenda and Zane Bullock. Not pictured: Dylan Burke.

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No.	Player	Class	Position
0	Isaiah Jackson	11	WR/DB
1	Connor Wright	11	WR/DB
2	Caden Lovell	10	QB/DB
3	Xavier Leger	10	RB/DB
4	Jacob Camel	9	RB/LB
5	Carter Powell	12	RB/DB
6	Hunter Pingleton	10	RB/LB
7	Isaiah Phelps	11	RB/DB
8	Jai Denny	11	RB/DL
9	Ethan Weaver	11	WR/DB
10	Myles Watson	11	QB/DB
11	Camden Larkey	9	QB/DB
12	Cam Smith	10	TE/LB
13	Chris Tomlinson	10	WR/DB
14	Shadan Denny	11	WR/DB
15	Gavin Issacs	9	WR/DB
16	Titus Smith	10	WR/LB
17	Dillan Bullock	11	RB/LB
18	Dalton Flannery	11	RB/LB
19	Alex Smith	11	WR/DB
21	Brayden Thacker	9	RB/DB
22	Creed Gabbard	12	TE/LB
23	Brandon Valle	12	WR/DB
24	Dylan Burke	10	RB/DB
28	Nick Reppert	10	QB/DB
29	Jack Childress	10	WR/DB
32	Jaden Minton	12	WR/DB
33	Blake Mullins	10	RB/LB
37	Chase Wooten	10	RB/DB
38	Bryant Davis	10	RB/DB
42	Briley Smalling	10	WR/DB
50	Jaydon Bowles	11	OL/DL
52	Heath Barnes	11	OL/DL
53	Hayden Deatherage	11	OL/DL
54	Braedon Campbell	11	OL/LB
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70	Jaydon Burton	9	OL/DL
74	Reece Rednour	10	OL/LB
75	Michael Camel	11	OL/DL
77	Colin Hamilton	11	OL/DL
79	Grant Johnson	9	OL/DL
80	Benjamin Brenda	12	K
84	Zane Bullock	9	WR/DL

## RCHS Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 23	Anderson County	Home
Aug. 30	Pineville @Union College	Away
Sept. 6	Frankfort	Home
Sept. 13	Grant County	Away
Sept. 20	Paris	Home
Sept. 27	Clay County	Away
Oct. 4	Bell County	Home
Oct. 18	McCreary Central	Away
Oct. 25	Knox Central	Home
Nov. 1	Casey County	Away

All games—7:30 p.m.

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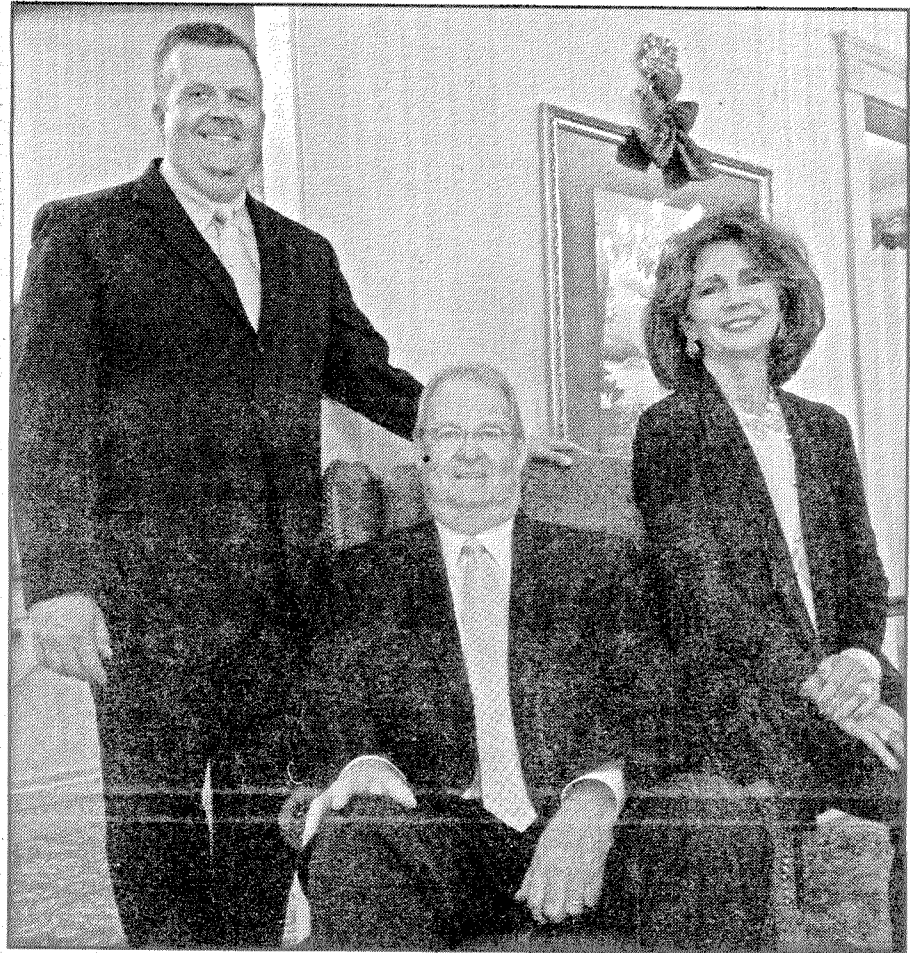
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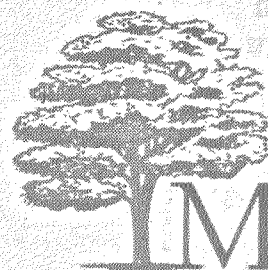
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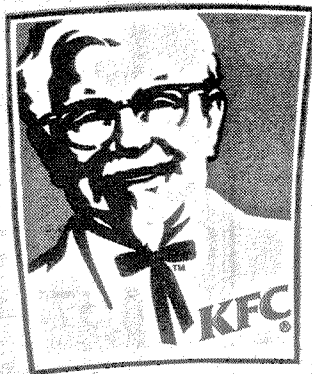




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Sept. 9	Casey Co.	Home
Sept. 16	Garrard Co.	Away
Sept. 23	South Laurel	Home
Sept. 30	OPEN	
Oct. 7	Estill	Away
Oct. 14	South Laurel	Away
Oct. 21	Whitley Co.	Away
Oct. 28	TBD	Away

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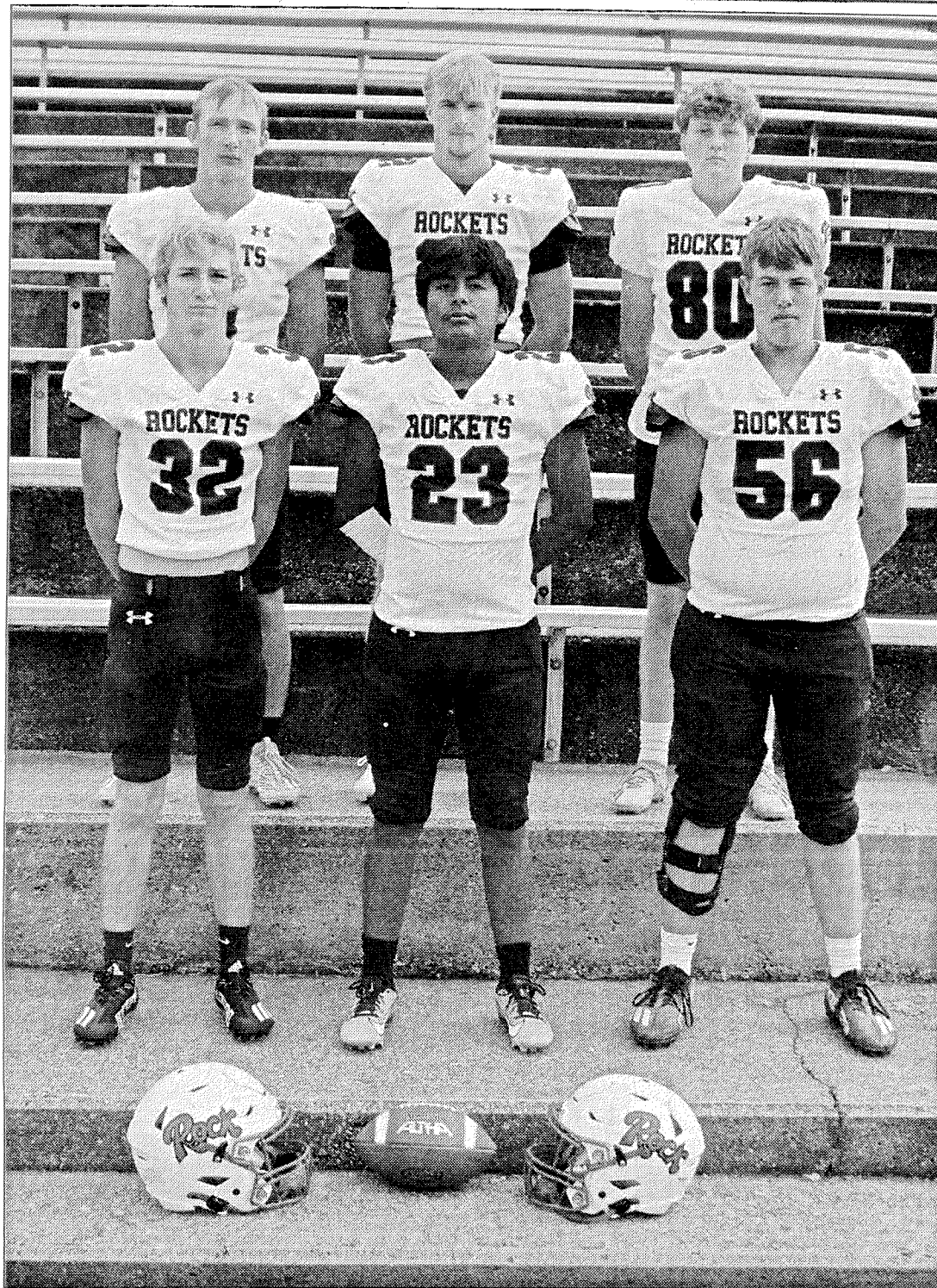


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## 2024 Rocket Football Seniors

Senior members of the 2024 Rocket football squad are shown above,  
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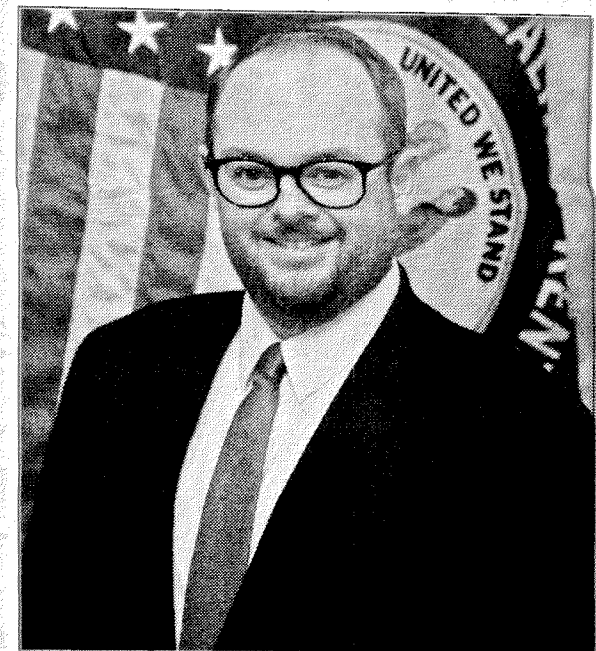
Back row from left: Carter Powell, Creed Gabbard  
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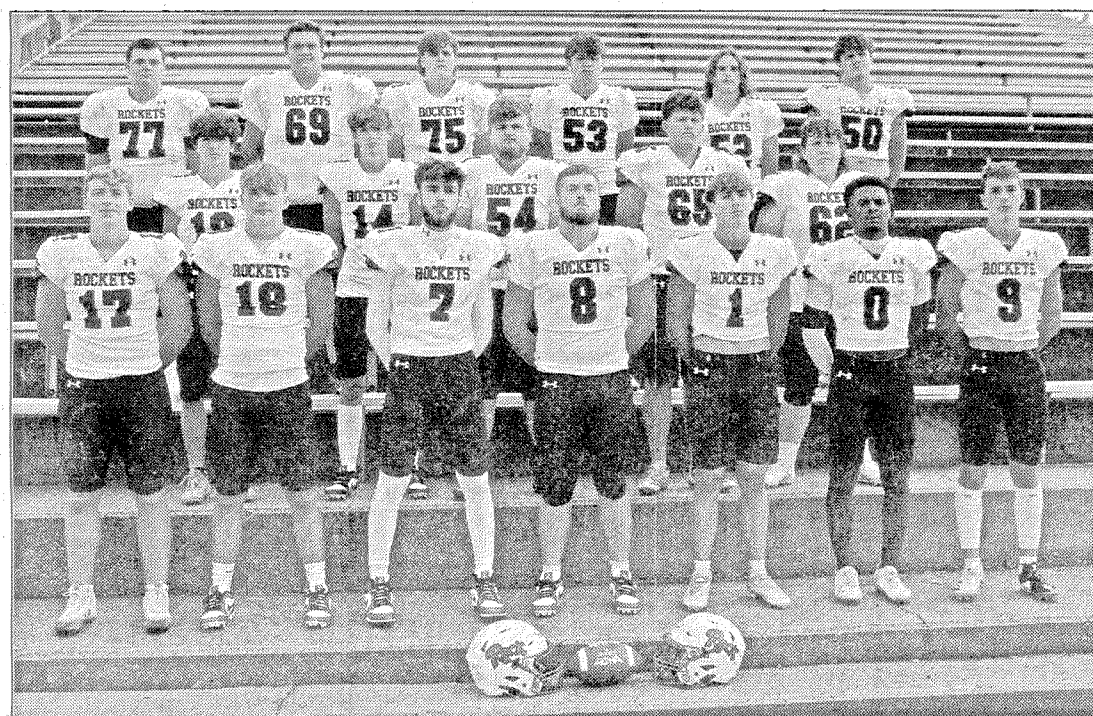
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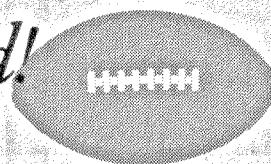


Junior members of the Rocket football squad are shown above, front row from left: Dillan Bullock, Dalton Flannery, Isaiah Phelps, Jai Denny, Connor Wright, Isaiah Jackson and Ethan Weaver. Second row from left: Alex Smith, Shadan Denny, Braedon Campbell, Ethan Tillery and AJ Cromer. Back row from left: Colin Hamilton, Austin Miles, Michael Camel, Hayden Deatherage, Heath Barnes and Jaydon Bowles.

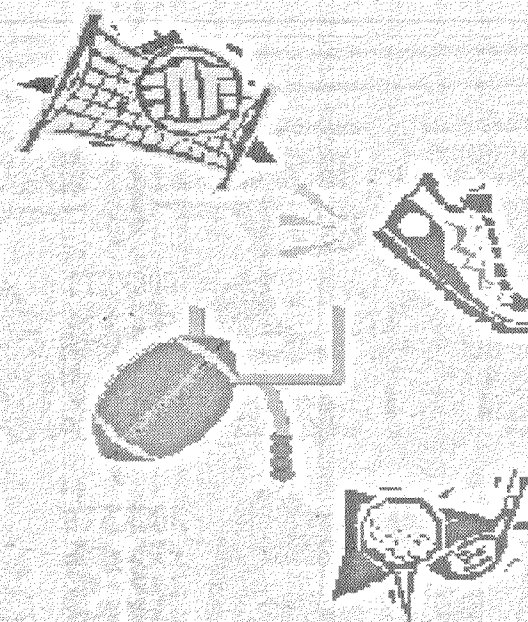
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## "Rockets"

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Rockets were churning out on a weekly basis.

"I hope people can realize how good and how fast of a team we had last year," said RCHS head coach Chris Larkey. "That probably was the fastest team to ever play on that field and if one game had went different, we would have been playing for a state championship again. We are replacing seniors with kids that haven't got a lot of real varsity playing time/experience, but we expect them to step up and really compete."

It is that speed and talent from last season that brought pride back to Rockcastle County football in Larkey's second season at the helm of his alma. The Rockets may have lost for formidable foe Lexington Catholic in the regional championship game in Larkey's second season as head coach, but it was the same number of times that the Rockets had been to the third round of the playoffs since legendary Rockets coach Tom Larkey retired.

As for the excitement that last season's team brought to the program and how important that is to our community, words can't begin to describe the feeling in the air each week.

"God, family, Rockcastle County football...that's how important it is to me," Larkey commented. "To get our team last year as far as we did and see how our football community came together and got our fans so excited means everything. I want something our community and school is proud of. Last year, we had a very exciting team and some awesome crowds, and I think it meant a lot to our county."

It definitely meant the world to the citizens of Rockcastle County and that excitement has carried over to this season with the Rockets mere days away from kicking off the season with a home opener against Anderson County.

The Rockets will be led on offense by sophomore quarterback Caden Lovell, who was the backup last season and the junior varsity starter. It remains to be seen who the running back to get the most carries will be but look for Isaiah Jackson to be one of the top targets for Lovell in the passing game.

Jackson, who is a junior and in his third season as a starter, has amassed 81 receptions for 871 yards and eight touchdowns as a wide receiver in his young career.

Jackson has been able to garner enough interest in his play as a Rocket as well in the 7-on-7 summer passing league he plays in to be invited to attend skills camps this past offseason at such schools as Kentucky, Louisville, Indiana, Tennessee, Cincinnati, Yale, Murray State, EKU, WKU and Tennessee State as well as trips to combines and showcases in Naples, Fla., and San Antonio, Texas.

Fans can expect to see a breakout year from first three seasons as a Rocket as well as this past offseason going to skills camps like Jackson has done.

In his first three seasons, Brenda is 95-for-111 in extra points and 6-for-6 in field goals including a 2023 season that saw him go 61-for-66 in extra points and 5-for-5 field goals to rank as one of the top kickers in the entire state regardless of classification.

"Brenda is one the most dedicated kickers I've had," Larkey said about Brenda, who was ranked as the 22nd-best kicker in the country for the Class of 2025 and was given a 4-star rating after attending the Ray Guy ProKicker Top Prospect Invitational Showcase in Louisville this offseason. "He comes to practice and gets his stuff done with no problem. Last year his extra points against Bell always gave us that 9-point lead and the kick against Casey pretty much sealed the win and not to mention the huge kick against Lawrence County in second round

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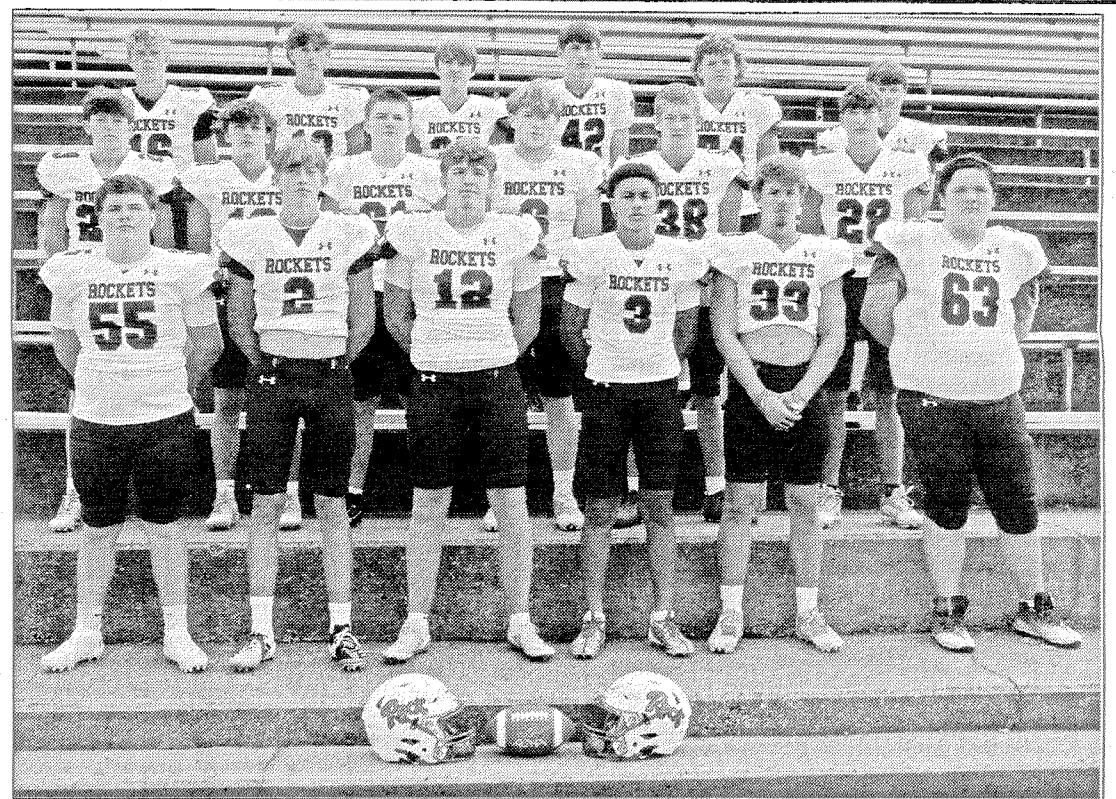


## 2024 RCHS Football Coaching Staff

Members of the 2024 football coaching staff are shown above, front row from left:

Chayse McClure, Tom Larkey, head coach Chris Larkey and Dackery Larkey.

Back row from left: Michael Brummett, Josh Martin, Aaron McNabb and JD Hamilton.



Sophomore members of the Rocket football squad are shown above, front row from left: Eli Phelps, Caden Lovell, Cam Smith, Xavier Leger, Blake Mullins and Dakota Mills. Second row from left: Jack Childress, Myles Watson, Owen Cromer, Hunter Pingleton, Bryant Davis and Nick Reppert. Back row from left: Titus Smith, Chris Tomlinson, Chase Wooten, Briley Smalling, Reece Rednour and Ryan Hart.



## "Rockets"

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of the playoffs to put us up 10. He is just clutch."

One thing that has helped Brenda in the kicking game is that he has had the same holder and long snapper for each of the last two seasons. Isaiah Phelps has learned from such great long snappers in Rockcastle County history as Burley Burkhart and Josh Martin. Powell has not only been Brenda's holder for the last two years, but since the two started playing middle school football together in the seventh grade.

"Isaiah Phelps does what colleges and the NFL pays millions for...tosses a great snap," Larkey exclaimed. "He and Powell work with Brenda everyday working on the snaps and holds. They are a valuable trio."

Speaking of those camps that Jackson and Benda have gone to as well as those that tight end Dalton Flannery have to in order to get in-person drills completed in front of college coaches and scouts, Larkey went on to say the following about just how important that has become in today's game as players transition from high school to college.

"Well in this day and time, if you want recruited you have to go to camps. College coaches want to see you personally perform. Plus the drills and competitions they get at the camps against other kids help them develop skills. So yes, those kids are learning and getting exposed at these camps."

Fans will get to see the same schedule the Rockets had last season, but with the locations being swapped. The Rockets will once again face all 10 of the same opponents as last season including this Friday's season opener against Anderson County.

Two slight location changes of note will be that the Rockets second game of the season against Pineville will be played at Union College rather than in Pineville as the Mountain Lions' field is be-

ing turfed and will not be completed before the start of the season.

The last scheduled home game would have been against Knox Central on October 25, but construction on the new Rockcastle County Middle School as well as turfing of the football field will begin shortly after the Rockets host Bell County on October 4.

"Our schedule is good for a small 3A team," Larkey added. "You know some schools around us have as many boys in their school as we do total kids. That's a huge advantage for them with so many more kids to pick from. I think our schedule is great and competitive."

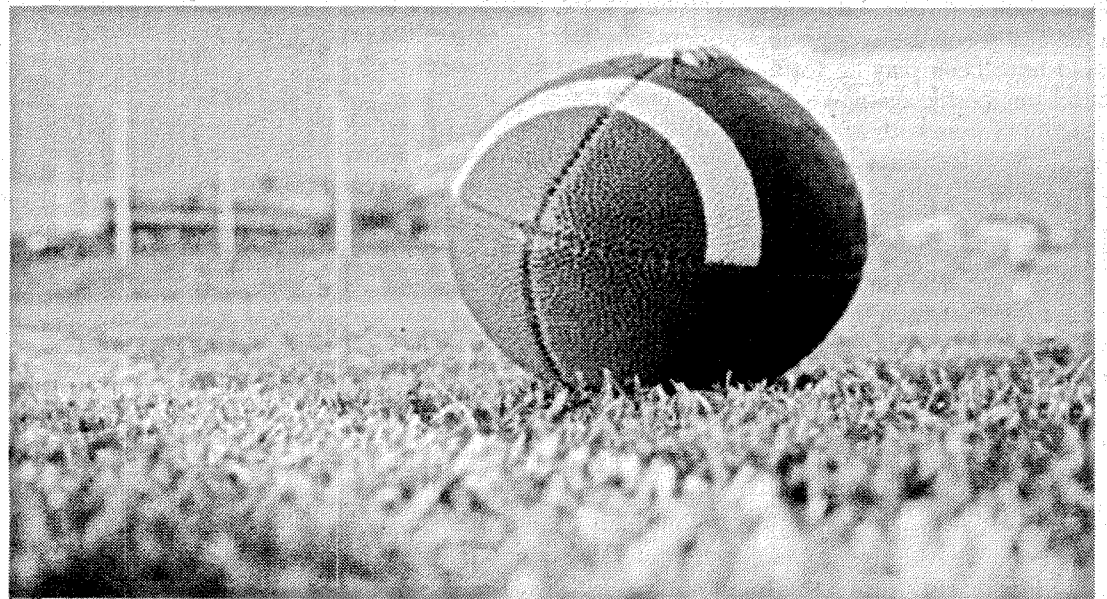
As for this being the final season of Rockcastle County football at the high school, middle school and youth levels being played on that oh so beautiful grass field, the memories for many former Rockets will flood back this season as we count down the number of games left on our natural grass field.

"I love our grass field," commented Larkey. "It's the great equalizer. There are not many grass fields left and that's what makes it so special. There have been so many great games here at The Rock on this field and so many great memories both good and bad. It's a very special place."

One additional thing that will help make this season such a special season at such a special place as the Rockcastle football field will be the ravenous fans and family support that the Rockets are accustomed to. Whether its season tickets or reserved parking spaces selling like hotcakes or the merchandise that will be for sale by Coach Larkey's wife Leslie and daughters under the canopy in front of the home locker room, the excitement is coiled up and ready to explode like the fireworks shot off after every scoring play.

"I feel we have the absolute best fans around," Larkey stated. "They know football and are our biggest supporters. We love our fans."

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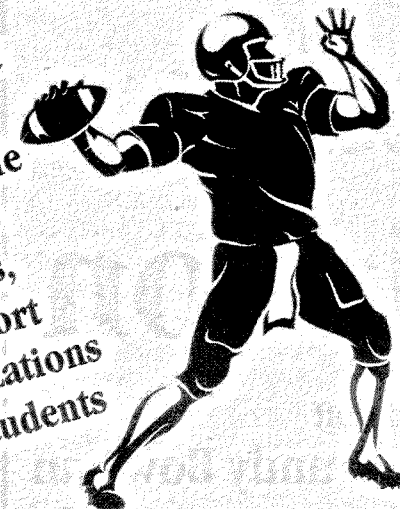
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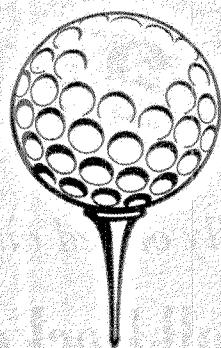
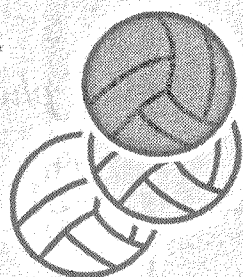
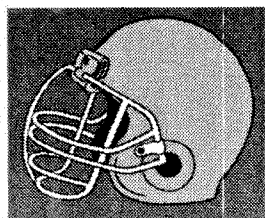
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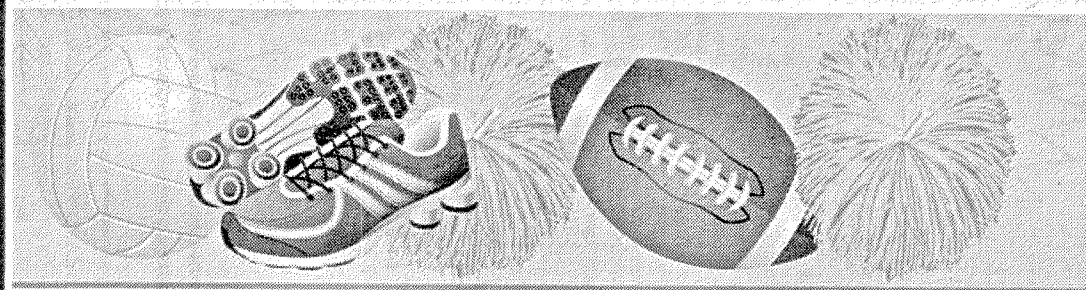
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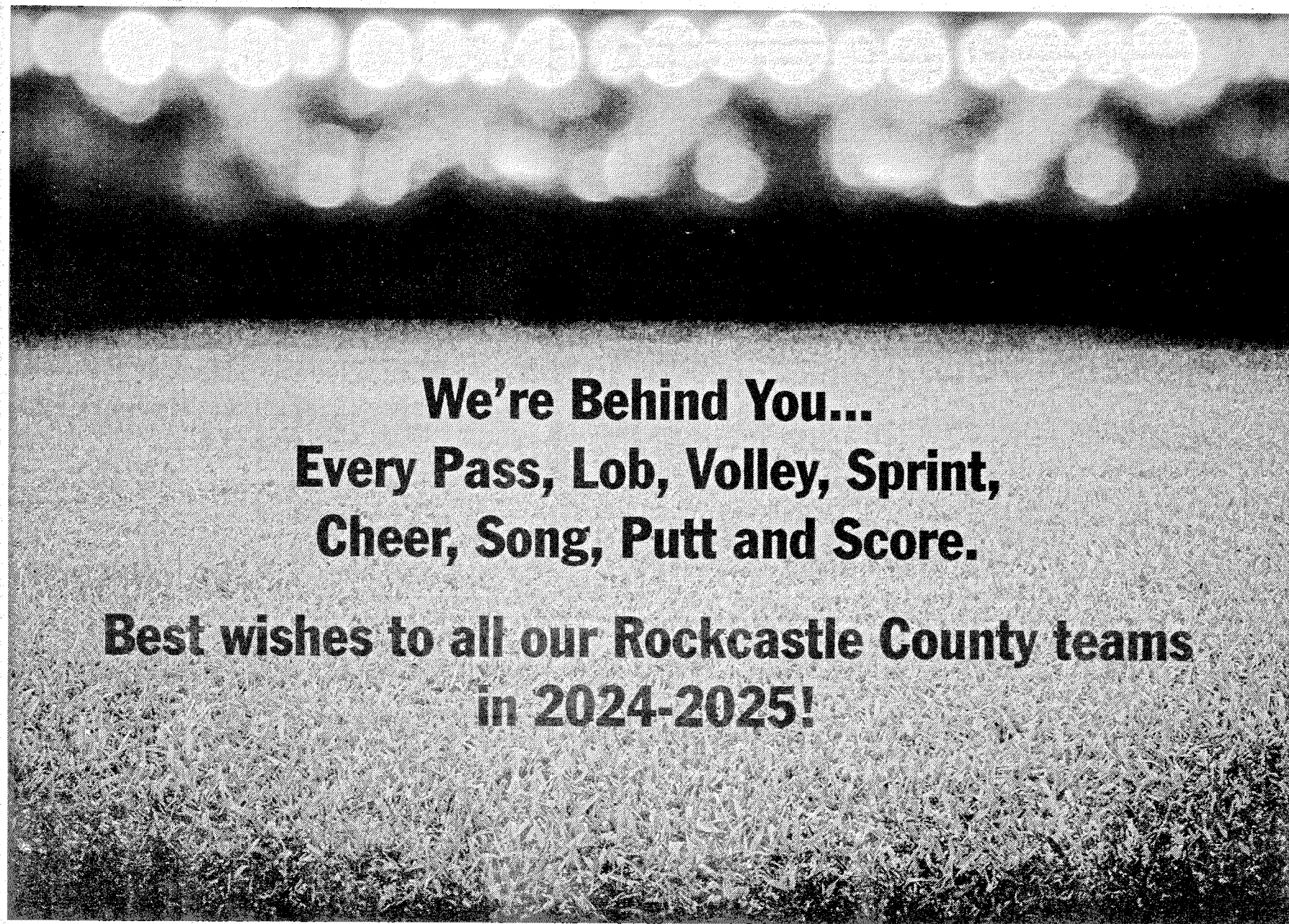
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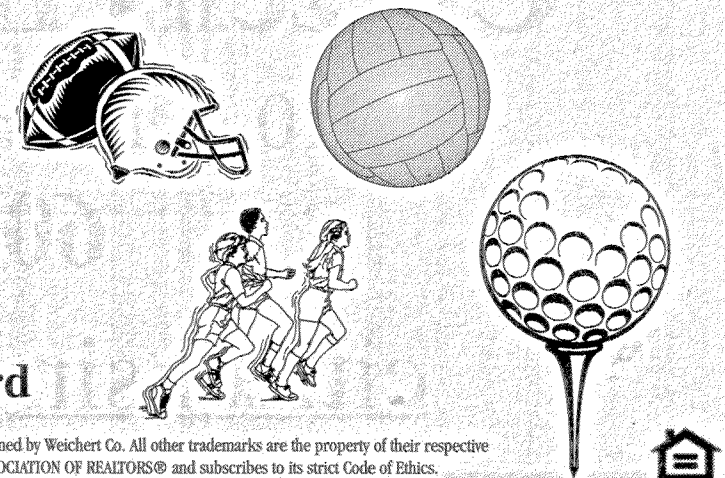
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Members of the Rockcastle County High School Cheerleading Squad are shown above, front row from left: Bevin Baker, Peyton Carter, Ava Deatherage, Sidney Doan, Madie Hasty, Brooklyn Carpenter, Kayden Collins, Lexi Burkhart, Kathryn Coffey and Eleana Rodriguez. Back row from left: Emma King, Samantha Benge, Jaden Davidson, Ally Hayes, Sydney Hall, Brooklyn DeBorde, Chelsea Cox, Chloe Taylor, Emma Hensley, Jenna Eaton, Victoria Dykes, Maggie Reynolds, Brooke Dunn.

Coaches: Joanie Lake, Sydney Hager and Sandy Alexander.

## ***2024 Seniors***

Seniors on this year's cheer squad are shown at left, from left:

Jenna Eaton and Victoria Dykes.





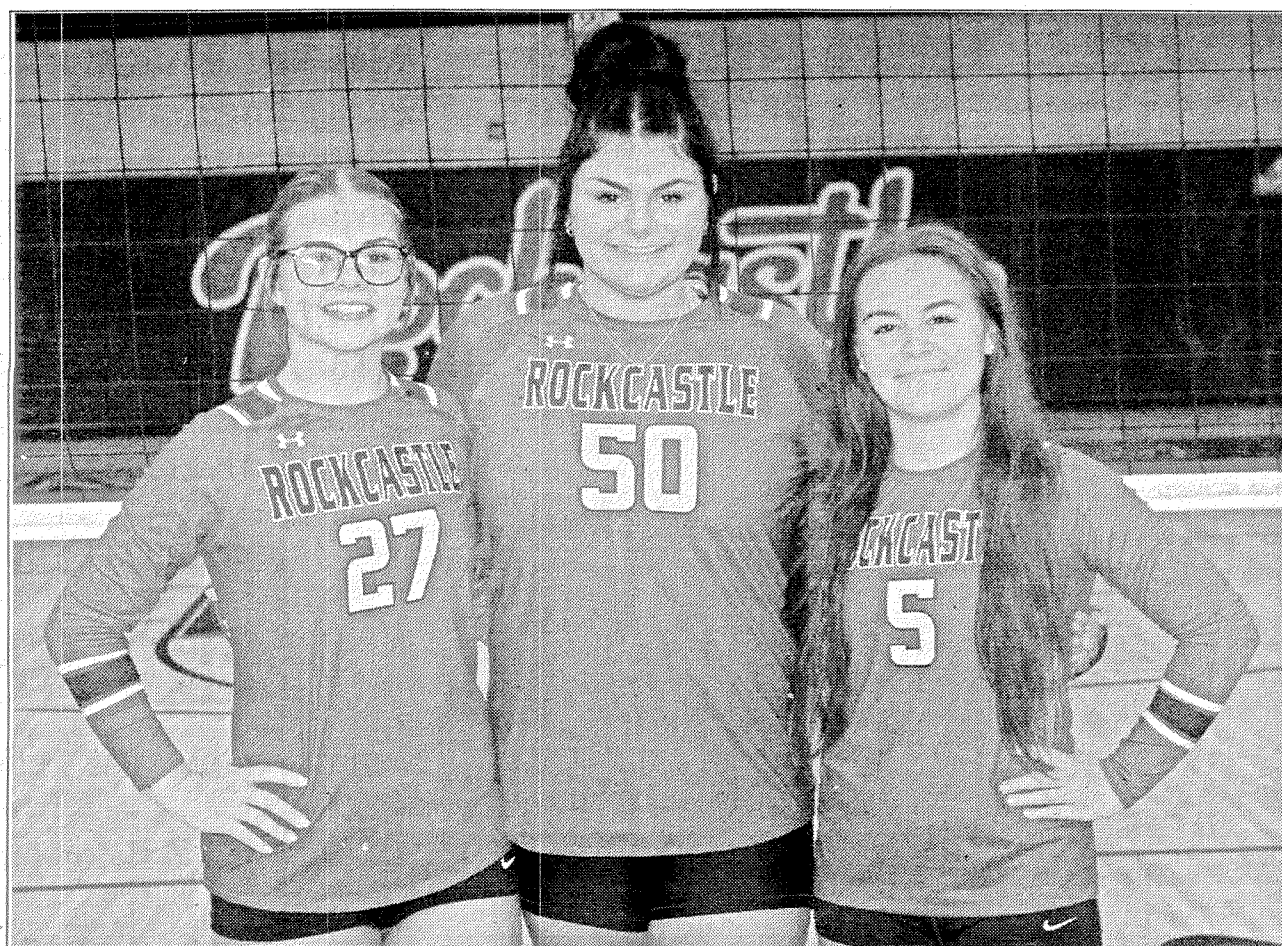


## ***2024 RCHS Varsity Volleyball***

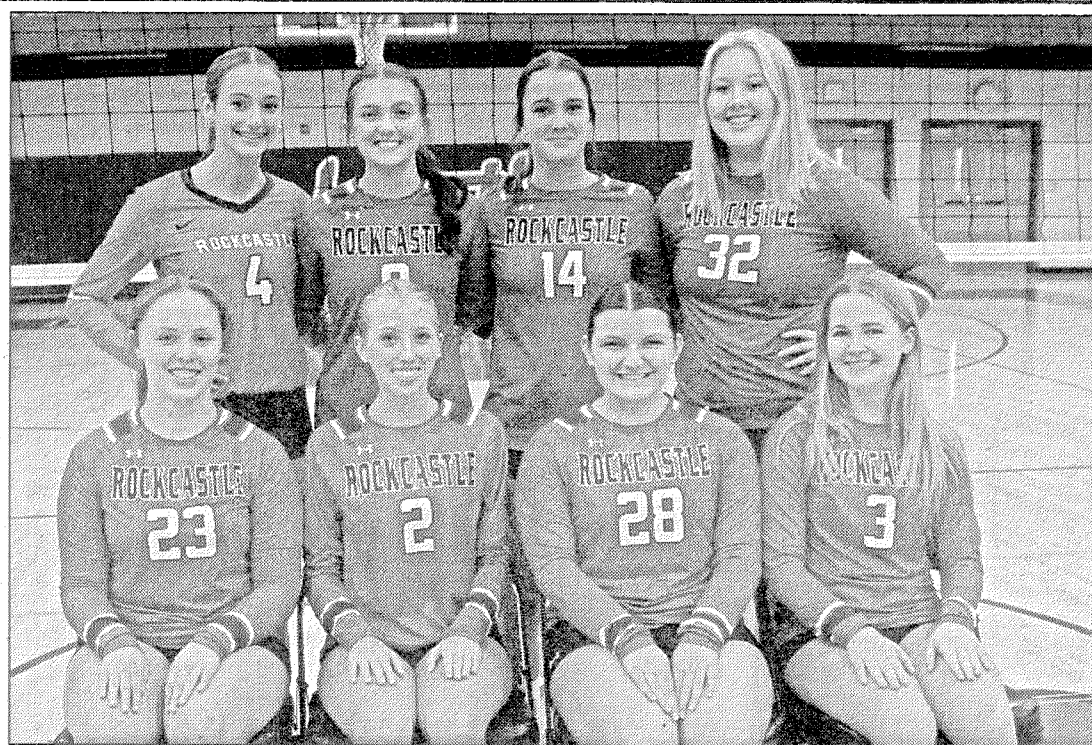
Members of the 2024 RCHS varsity volleyball squad are shown at left, front row from left: Markley Richards, Hannah King and Addy King. Back row from left: Madison Hayes, Aisha Njie, Addy Rush and Brilie Bussell.

## ***2024 RCHS Varsity Seniors***

Senior members of the 2024 RCHS varsity volleyball squad are shown at right, from left: Madison Hayes, Addy Rush and Markley Richards.







## 2024 Junior Varsity Volleyball

Members of the RCHS junior varsity volleyball squad are shown above, front row from left: Kenzie Owens, Abby Hopkins, Callie Thacker and Arrahlyn Richards. Back row from left: Madelynn Parsons, Trinity Abney, Chloe Wilson and Carleigh Philbeck.



## 2024 Freshmen Volleyball

Members of the RCHS freshmen volleyball squad are shown above, front row from left: Kennedy Hopkins, Caylee Cash, Makenna Weaver and Amber McClure. Back row from left: Leighton McKinney, Madelynn Parsons, Jaycee McIntosh, Kaiya Njie and Katie Valle.

## RCHS Rockets' Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 22	Danville (JV/V)	Home	5:30
27	Somerset (JV/V)	Away	5:30
29	Casey County	Home	5:30
Sept. 3	Madison Southern	Away	5:30
5	South Laurel	Home	5:30
9	Mercer County	Away	5:30
10	Pulaski County	Away	5:30
12	Somerset (JV/V)	Home	5:30
14	Rockcastle Invitational		
16	Garrard County	Away	5:30
17	Wayne County	Away	5:30
19	Casey County	Away	5:30
24	Southwestern	Away	5:30
26	Pulaski County	Home	5:30
28	Whitley County		

### First Priority Lady Colonel VB Classic

30	Som. Christian (JV/V)	Home	5:30
Oct. 12	Tri Match	Home	TBA
14	Garrard County	Home	5:30
15	Whitley County (JV/V)	Away	5:30
17	Lincoln County	Home	6:00
	Sr. Night - Varsity Only		
21-22	47th District Tournament	Casey Co.	
28-31	12th Region Tournament		TBD





## 2024 RCHS Girl's Soccer

Members of the first ever soccer team at Rockcastle County High School are shown above, front row from left: Brianna Hensley, Madison Catron, Makayla Griffin, Naveah Daniels, Senthia Sagraves, Lydia Conforti, Ava Watson, Addison Gilbert and Taylor Jones. Back row from left: Jocelyn Reynolds, Leah Permenter, Alivia Permenter, Alexis Gilbert, Kinsley Smith, Kali Jones, Jassmine Alcorn, Kaylee Johnson, Katielynn Smithern, Abby Watson, Brooklyn Ledford and coach Kevin Conforti. Not pictured: Anna Chaliff and coach Emma Judd.

## 2024 RCHS Girls' Soccer

### Remaining Matches

August 22nd	Casey County	Away 7:30
August 24th	Somerset (JV/V)	Away 5:00 & 6:30
September 3rd	Wayne County	Away
September 9th	Pulaski County	Away 6:00
September 12th	McCreary Central	Away
September 16th	Somerset (JV/V)	Away 6:00 & 7:30
September 19th	Pulaski County	Away 6:00
September 23rd	Casey County	Away 6:00
September 30th	South Laurel	Away

## 2024 RCHS Girls' Golf

### Remaining Matches

August 26th	Southwestern	@Burnside
August 31st	S. Laurel Invit.	@LCC
Sept. 10th	Lincoln Co.	@Dix River
Sept. 24th	KHSAA Region	@London CC
Oct. 1st	KHSAA State 1st Rd.	@Eagles Nest
Oct. 11th	KHSAA State Final	@BGCC

***Team Photo  
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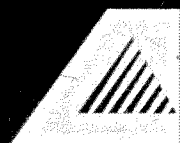
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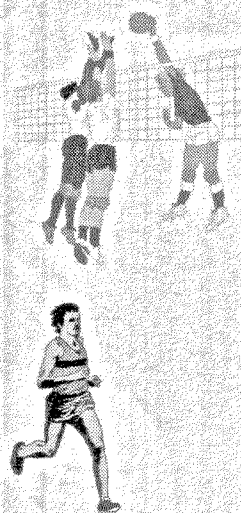


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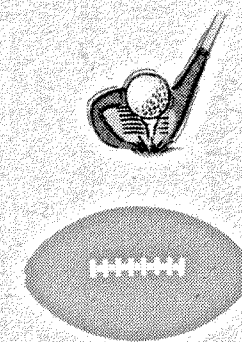
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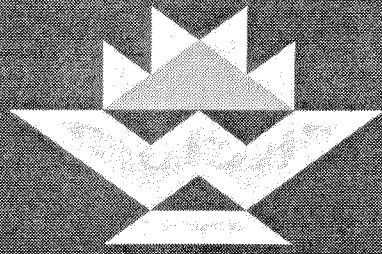
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## 2024 RCHS Golf

Members of the 2024 RCHS Golf Team are shown above, front row from left: Ben Chaliff, Zeke Fain, Nolan Bryant, Dalton DeBorde, Phoenix Pittman, Brody Hodges, Luke Ellis and Carson Neeley. Back row from left: coach Zach Gentry, Sawyer Yates, Emerick Goff, Lincoln Rader, Jace Rogers and coach Logan Bowman.

## 2024 RCHS Boys' Golf

### Remaining Matches

August 22nd	East Jessamine	@Thoroughbred GC
August 27th	Mercer County	@Brightleaf Golf
August 29th	Garrard County	@Peninsula Golf
September 7th	Conference Tourn.	@Woodford Club

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