

Countywide Stride underway



Shown above, runners took off Saturday for the kickoff of the 14th annual Countywide Stride Run/Walk series. The event was a two-mile run/walk and was called the Snowball Express which raised money for Relay for Life. Sponsors include Brodhead Elementary School, Bluegrass Timing, Brodhead Fire Department and the Brodhead Police Department. The event was the first in a 12-race event that will raise money for different needed charities and is operated by the Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. Rewards will be presented for those who reach specific goals throughout the series. Anyone interested in participating or for more information, contact Chelsea Dillingham at c.dillingham@rhcc.org or call 606-256-7767.

Livingston Police Chief watches meth deal before making arrest

By: Mike French  
Editor

A methamphetamine drug deal took place a few feet away from Brodhead Police Chief Travis Davis last Wednesday, January 25 at about 7 p.m.

Amanda Peters, 31, of Berea, was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center after the chief witnessed the deal take place, according to a uniform citation.

Davis said he received information that a meth deal was about to take place on Wednesday. Driving an unmarked vehicle, Davis pulled up to pump 5 at Peg's Market on South Wilderness Road where the deal was expected to take place. Parked at pump 6 beside Chief Davis, Amanda Barnes, 48, of Mount Vernon, sat in the driver's seat with Peters as a passenger.

According to the citation, Davis watched the entire drug transaction take place. Once the transaction was complete, Davis stepped out of his

vehicle and asked Peters and Barnes to step out of their vehicle.

The citation goes on to say that after being read her Miranda Rights, Peters admitted that she had come to the location for the purpose of selling meth. She also told Davis of more meth in her undergarment. She then retrieved the additional meth and Davis confiscated it. The citation says Peters was scheduled to be sentenced on a different case in February and her conditions of release included no contact or usage of drugs.

Barnes admitted to knowing about the drug transaction when she drove Peters to the location, the citation says.

Peters was arrested and charged with trafficking in meth and violation of conditions of release. Barnes was cited on the charge of facilitating a meth transaction.

The following Sunday evening Steven Frederick, 35, of Paint Lick was arrested at the Marathon Station in

Livingston.

According to the citation, Davis was parked at the station when Frederick pulled up behind him with his turn sig-

Lisa Cornett  
New member of  
Rockcastle County  
School Board

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle County's Lisa Cornett is the newest member of the Rockcastle County Board of Education.

Long-time Rockcastle County School Board member Misty Lakes resigned her position as District 4 board member before her term was complete. No reason was given in public for the resignation.

Board members, with Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink and Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger, began an im-

mediate search to find a replacement for Lakes' seat.

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Troubles with 911 service last week have been repaired

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle County residents who had an emergency last week may have had some trouble reaching 911. "It was really the worst case scenario," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. "The system was clipping in and out and cutting people off. It would have been much better if it had been down all together."

Several businesses and government offices, including the Signal office, who are Windstream customers experienced problems through part of last week when emails, internet service and phones were not working properly. Reports indicate the Rockcastle County Road Department, and some city offices had no phones or internet service for several days. At the Mount Vernon Signal, email service

through Windstream was down for nearly three days.

Officials at the local 911 service say the phones were down at their office for only a few hours but it was long enough to cause trouble for those at the center.

According to Holbrook, the fiscal court pays \$3,084 per quarter for a system that covers local needs in the event the 911 phones aren't working, by tying several counties together. "We pay quarterly for a system that sends callers to a hub in Fayette County if our local 911 lines are down," he said. "Then the hub in Fayette County immediately contacts Rockcastle emergency services. The problem in this instance was the system wasn't completely down. It worked enough to get the call directly to

(See "911" on A5)

Unapproved cabin found built on city property at lake

Council to buy CD with \$1.2 million

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council held a special meeting last Thursday evening, to a comparatively empty house. No police representative, no fire department representative, and no guests (except spouses of officials) were present for the meeting. One councilmember was absent, Lonetta Daugherty, and one attended by phone, Gertha Mink. City Clerk Crystal Rush was absent due to family illness. The City Attor-

ney, Bobby Amburgey, was also absent. However, all department reports were available at the meeting. The regular monthly meeting had been postponed the prior week due to weather conditions.

After approving monthly financial reports, members moved to new business since there was no old business to address.

Meeting no opposition, Mayor Tim Roberts appointed Adam Bales as the Mount Vernon Fire

(See "Cabin" on A5)

Grateful Bread Food Pantry hosts open house for new facility

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for its expanded food pantry located at 3065 Richmond St, Mount Vernon on February 5, 2024, from 10 a.m. to Noon. Grateful Bread Food Pantry has been serving the residents of Mount Vernon since 2007. Gov. Andy Beshear will join the celebration to spotlight the impact food insecurity has on the community and ways local pantries make a difference.

"The participants we serve in Rockcastle County will now have an option to choose the drive through to pick up their pantry/commodities or come in and shop," said Carolyn Lindsey, director of human services programming in Rockcastle, Jackson, and McCreary Counties. "People with disabilities will no longer have to get out of their vehicles if they choose not to but will still have a great experience at the pantry."

The pantry's former

facility was 1,853 square feet. The new facility is 4,620 square feet and includes twice as many parking spaces and a three-door cooler in the shopping area to enhance the shopping experience for families. A drive-thru was added to help traffic flow and to provide shelter for shoppers during inclement weather.

"We are excited about this new, larger facility, but more importantly, we want to make sure that participants continue to

(See "Pantry" on A5)

Jimmy Perrin Corner



Shown above, Mount Vernon City Administrator Jim Bowman (left) and Mayor Tim Roberts (right) unveiled signs this week designating a corner on Richmond Street at the railroad tracks as Jimmy Perrin Corner honoring his 41 years of service to the community. Perrin is a well-known face throughout Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County as he has shouted "get your Mount Vernon Signal here" for 41 years. Many county residents have driven to the corner to purchase their weekly newspaper as Perrin became a familiar face to all who pass.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It seems that every week I begin this column the same way, lamenting how scary a time it is in our country.

Well, it is! And, it has been ever since pResident Biden assumed office in January of 2021. He has step by step increased this country's vulnerability and weakness until we are pretty much on the precipice of a major confrontation with, at least, Iran and even among ourselves.

It seems that we have entered an era where a ruling by the Supreme Court doesn't really mean that however they rule on any given matter, makes that the law of the land.

Now, it seems, the powers that be look at their decision and decide if they want to follow the court's dictate.

For example, the Supreme Court ruled that pResident Biden did not have the authority, under the Constitution, to forgive student debt loans. So, pResident Biden has been merrily been doing just that ever since, in chunks, to certain subsets of the population by executive fiat.

And now, the Supreme Court ruled recently that the State of Texas must allow Customs and Border Patrol agents to cut the razor wire that Texas has installed along a section of its border with Mexico (and the Rio Grande River). Texas's Governor Greg Abbott has chosen to ignore that dictate and has, in fact, doubled down and is busily installing even more razor wire to try to stem the flow of thousands of illegals crossing into Texas on a daily basis.

25 states have signed a letter in support of Abbott's actions and several states have sent some

National Guard troops to assist Texas at their border.

In retaliation, Biden froze the export of Liquefied Natural Gas, of which Texas is one of the biggest exporters.

Also the U.S. Army has deployed armored units to Texas for "scheduled military drills," aligning with the movement of additional National Guard troops from various states dispatched to fortify Texas's border.

Biden could federalize Texas's National Guard but has chosen not to, thus far. But, even if he should choose to, Abbott has said it would make no difference that he has other armed law enforcement personnel standing guard on the border.

I think the Supreme Court was wrong in this decision but...

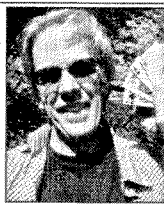
It is presently a very tense time for our armed forces and our "Commander" in Chief since our servicemen have been attacked 165 times since October 17, 2023, mainly by the Houthis, a terrorist organization based in Yemen since the ninth century. At one point, our government declared them a terrorist organization but our present pResident lifted that designation last year, for reasons known only to him and his handler.

Now, three US service members have lost their lives from one of these attacks by a "kamikaze" drone on a US base in Jordan, right on the border with Syria and Iran backed militia are the main suspects. The attack drone reportedly followed one of our drones returning to base. This kept the enemy

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



There are a lot of sounds I miss from my younger days.

For some reason, the sound of our wooden screen door comes to mind a lot more than I ever dreamed it would. At the time, it never even dawned on me that the sound of that wooden door would stay in my memory for the next 50 years.

Our door had one of those old skeleton keys that was big and black and probably not very safe. A black, square box was attached to the door on the inside and that big key stuck into it and moved the latch. It wouldn't have stopped anyone I don't think. But I really wouldn't know. To my knowledge, we never locked that door.

But outside that heavy, solid wood, painted door, was a skimpy, wooden, black frame with a screen on top and the bottom. It had one spring attached to the door at one end and the door jam on the other. When I opened the door you could hear the spring expand and contract. And then when you let the door go, it would slam back shut and make a loud slam noise. BANG!

Why that sound has stayed in my memory is fascinating. I guess because I heard it a hundred times per day throughout my childhood.

But there are a lot of other sounds that were part of my childhood as well. Sounds that I never dreamed I would someday miss with all my heart.

Every morning when I woke, the very first sound I heard after mom wak-

ing me, was that old percolator that sat on the stove making coffee. Dad must have started it at the same time every morning and I woke just as it started to send hot bubbles up into the glass cylinder on top.

Of course, before we moved up in the world and got our big, fancy Warm Morning gas stove, we heated our home with a coal burning, potbelly stove in the living room. That stove had a lot of sounds involved and I recall them all. The slamming shut of the door every time dad added coal and the metal-on-metal twist of the handle that looked like a big, shiny spring.

Grandma heated with a fireplace and I remember very well the sound of wood burning in that fireplace. Occasionally there was a loud pop and a spark would fly out. We had to run and stomp that spark out so that it wouldn't catch the house on fire. I don't know what they did at night but there were a lot of burned spots in the living room floor.

In my day, our school had an actual bell that rang when school was over and I had set my Lone Ranger watch to the exact second when that bell would ring. Every day I was the kid in class who started the count-down at 10 seconds until the bell would ring. When I started counting, kids started slamming their books and putting up their pencils. I got in trouble a few times for it, but I did it anyway. Yes, assume from that what you will about my demeanor.

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Founding Fathers of Rockcastle Society ----  
--A Living History

As chair of the Historic Preservation Committee of the Rockcastle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, it gives me much pleasure to announce a program I had envisioned about three years ago. However, due to Covid and my health, I've reserved its launch until now.

I'm certain that there are several families still living in the area that descend from the original founding fathers who first settled in Mount Vernon and surrounding communities of the county. I envision this group of descendants meeting periodically during the year to not only socialize but recount oral family history, and preserve these names and stories in book form to be published for the benefit of other generations to come in the future. Hopefully, we could raise enough funding in sales of this book to erect a monument with these Founding Fathers listed on it as an honor and everlasting memorial to these families. There would not be dues or any cost to join, only a desire to preserve a living history, in the current descendants of these Founding Fathers. Those individuals should be proud to represent a living piece of our legacy. Watch for

following notices in the Mount Vernon Signal for listings of the founding father's names as I have more research to do. The first meeting should be

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## Rockcastle Historical Haven

Presented by  
Rockcastle Historical Society

By: Markita Proctor

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

—Nelson Mandela.

Education is a powerful weapon. Not only can it change the world, it can change a person. Education is a way for individuals to rise above, to gain independence, and to grow. Rockcastle Countians have taken pride in our schools for generations. While our educational system has limited beginnings we are always attempting to look to the past and grow towards the future.

In the years just after the Civil War, during the Reconstruction Era, African Americans believed education was a way to take small steps toward true freedom, equality, and independence for themselves and their children. The Notable Kentucky African Americans Database (NKAA) in a report titled, "African American Schools, Freedmen Schools-Kentucky 1866-1870 addressed many of the opportunities for education for African Americans in Kentucky during the late 1800s. The report provides information on the establishment of schools by the U.S. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands from 1866 to 1870. The creation of these schools was the first major, statewide effort to provide education for African Americans in Kentucky. There were over 200 schools for African Americans during this time. These schools did not resemble the idea of schools that we have today. These "schools" included locations such as churches or other buildings where classes could be held. There were day, night, and Sabbath schools for children and adults. Even though they may not have matched the education available to others, it was a step in that direction.

Rockcastle County

wasn't very different from other counties in the state, there was a push early on to provide some form of legislature to ensure that children were provided an education. Most believed that education was a way for anyone to improve their standing in society. Rockcastle County has had several schools in our history. This includes schools for colored children. In another report from NKAA, "A colored school in Rockcastle County, KY, was established several years before 1884, according to the thesis of Egbert F. Norton: History of Rockcastle County Kentucky. Norton estimated that the colored schoolhouse had been built in 1865." The Kentucky Colored School System is reported to have covered about 112 of the 120 counties. One of those counties was Rockcastle. In 1866 there were two colored schools in Rockcastle County. One in Brodhead and one in Mt. Vernon. "In 1899 the teacher of the colored Mt. Vernon School was Remetha Ford" (African American Schools in Rockcastle County, KY, NKAA). By 1903 there was only one colored school remaining in Rockcastle County.

Unfortunately, when it comes to history, we often take one step forward, only to then take two steps back. In 1904, Kentucky passed the vote to prohibit white and colored people from attending the same school. This law spanned primary through the university levels.

Moments in Kentucky Legislative, a report presented by the Kentucky Historical Society, says this:

"On January 12, 1904, Representative Carl Day of Breathitt County introduced a bill "to prohibit white and colored persons from attending the same school." It was

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### LIHEAP Crisis Enrollment Starts January 9th at Kentucky's Community Action Agencies

Assistance Available for Eligible Households Facing Heating Crisis in all Kentucky Counties.

Starting January 9 through March 31, 2024, Kentucky's Community Action Agencies (CAK) will accept applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis component on a first-come, first-serve basis, or until funds are depleted.

This program assists eligible households facing a home heating emergency, such as imminent loss of heat, low fuel supply, or eviction due to unpaid utility bills. Households must meet eligibility requirements, including income eligibility of up to and including 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Prior LIHEAP assistance does not impact a household's eligibility.

Crisis benefits will cover the minimum needed to alleviate the crisis not to exceed the Community Action Agency's local cost for a deliverable supply of the household's primary heating fuel or \$400 for gas or electric. Households can reapply each time they experience a crisis until they reach their maximum benefit. Benefits are paid directly to the fuel vendor.

Kentucky's Community Action Network collectively operates outreach offices in all 120 Kentucky counties. To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency office or call 800-456-3452. Visit [www.capyk.org/network](http://www.capyk.org/network) to find the nearest office.

**All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at time of application:**

- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
- Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month.
- Most current heating bill, statement from your landlord if heating expenses are included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program.
- The account number and name on the account for main heating fuel sources and electric bill.

For the Crisis component, applicants requiring assistance for natural gas or electric must bring a disconnect/past due notice. If your rent includes heat, bring a copy of your lease and eviction notice. Pre-Pay Electric Program participants must show they have 10 days or less of pre-paid electric service.

Community Action Kentucky administers LIHEAP in partnership with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services who receive the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. More information about LIHEAP and a listing of LIHEAP outreach offices can be found at the Community Action Kentucky website at [www.CAPKY.org](http://www.CAPKY.org).

Join the fight against cancer!

## 2024 Rockcastle County Relay For Life Kickoff Community Meeting

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**  
Rockcastle Regional Wellness Center  
12 Noon

For more information, call Melissa Brock at (606) 256-7703

Save-the-Date: Rockcastle Co. Relay For Life is Friday, June 14, 2024



## ramblings

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drone from being knocked down by one of our defense missiles. As a result three service members lost their lives, one a 46-year-old sergeant and two soldiers in their 20s. At least 25 soldiers were wounded.

Biden, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken have all assured the public that there will be retaliation of the US's choosing of time and place.

**In other worrisome developments**, the authors of a review paper, published last week in the journal *Cureus*, has called for a global moratorium on the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine. The authors say that reanalyzed data from the vaccine makers' trials and high rates of serious post-injection injuries indicate the mRNA gene therapy vaccines should not have been authorized for use. They also called for the COVID-19 vaccines to be removed immediately from the childhood immunization schedule and for the suspension of the boosters.

"It is unethical and unconscionable to administer an experimental vaccine to a child who has a near-zero risk (0.0003%) of dying from Covid but a well-established 2.2% risk of permanent heart damage based on the best prospective data available." they wrote.

**And, as an extra deterrent to our immigration policy for illegals**, households that are headed by illegal immigrants and have U.S. born children are more likely to use welfare than are homes led by U.S.-born individuals, according to a recent report by the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS).

At least 59.4% of illegal immigrant-led homes use one or more welfare programs, compared with 39 percent of households headed by people born in the United States, according to the Dec. 19 report.

But, I'm pretty sure there's not anything being done to correct this gross imbalance by our elected officials, just as there's not anything being done, except by Texas, to curb the influx of more illegals all the time.

**And, for my last dire item**, "A substantial blast, followed by a massive fire, occurred Monday at the Feather Crest Chicken Plant in Bryan, Texas. The huge structure spans 3-4 stories in

height and extends across multiple football fields.

The origin of the blast and fire remain to be determined.

Another unexplained blow to our food supply but, nothing to see here folks. I'm sure it has nothing to do with the tens of thousands of military-age illegals (including over 30,000 from China) flooding our southern border ever since Biden assumed office in 2021.

**In the "Nothing will come of it, but I'm glad they did it category"** draft articles of impeachment have been submitted against Director of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas. If the articles are approved, then the impeachment effort will move to a floor vote in the House. Only if that vote passes will he be considered impeached....

## Aces

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There were a lot of sounds I didn't know would later mean so much. The sound of grandpa spitting into that Maxwell House coffee can, the sound of a rocking chair that dad used to sit in on the wooden porch, the sound of the church bell bringing the old men in at the last moment, the sound of pots and pans banging when mom cooked, the sound of the chickens clucking out back, the sound of the wooden floor creaking at the country store, the rhythmic sounds of the tobacco setter and on and on.

We are surrounded by sounds in our youth that we will someday miss. But I had no idea I would. I never even considered the idea that someday I would miss a particular sound. Yet I do.

But of them all, of the uncountable number of constant sounds that filled my youth, of the continuous noises, chirps and bangs that my childhood was filled with, there are some that can never be duplicated and I know I will never hear again. Though I miss so many sounds that surrounded my childhood, it is those that I know can't be repeated that I miss most.

I can likely find a screen door somewhere. I can build a fire and listen to the pop of wood burning. I can percolate coffee. It won't be the same exact sound but maybe close enough.

However, those that can't be repeated are the ones that haunt us all. Those sounds that we took for granted. Those noises that we never

dreamed were treasures. Those were the sounds that I would give all I have to hear once more.

I wish we could appreciate sounds more while we have them.

One sound I miss more than all the other combined. One I will never hear again was in my mother's voice.. "Good night, Mike. Sleep well."

*Editor's note:*

*I am not ignoring the Texas/Federal government conflict. I am avoiding it on purpose. If I wrote what I really think, I believe the censorship czars working to eliminate the First Amendment, could use it as fuel for their argument.*

## T.J.'s

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around April or May. I am looking for about three or four dedicated individuals to help me get this program launched in the near future. If interested, please call Tonya Cook at 606-453-2218 or 606-308-1851.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### ELAINE'S WINNING BANANA BREAD

1 stick butter (softened at room temperature)  
1 and 1/2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 eggs  
2 to 4 ripe mashed bananas  
1 cup buttermilk  
2 cups flour  
1 and 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup nuts (chopped walnuts or pecans)  
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour one large loaf pan or two small loaf pans. Cream together butter, sugar, vanilla, eggs, bananas, and buttermilk. In another bowl, add flour, salt, and soda. Gradually mix into banana mixture. Add nuts. Thoroughly stir by hand. Pour into prepared pan or pans. Bake about one hour. If toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, they are done.

### LEMON BLUEBERRY BREAD

1 and 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 cup sugar (or Splenda)  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 large eggs  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 and 1/2 cups fresh blueberries  
Preheat oven to 350°. Spray or grease an 8 x 4

loaf pan. Whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, and sugar in a medium bowl. Set aside. Stir together oil, lemon juice, eggs, buttermilk, and vanilla. Stir in dry ingredients just until mixed. Gently fold in blueberries. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or loaf is browned, and toothpick inserted into middle comes out clean. Cool on cooling rack at least 10 minutes before turning out of pan to finished cooling. NOTE: You can also use completely thawed and drained frozen blueberries.

### DATE BREAD GLORIA 1989

1 cup chopped dates  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup boiling water  
1 beaten egg  
1 tablespoon melted butter  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 and 3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
Mix dates, nuts, and baking soda. Add boiling water. Let cool about 15 minutes. Preheat oven to 350° (325° for glass). Grease a 4 x 8 loaf pan. Add remaining ingredients. Stir to blend. Turn into prepared pan. Bake for one hour (1 and 1/4 hour for glass pan.)

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## Haven

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passed in the House by a vote of 73 to 5 and in the Senate by the margin of 28 to 5. The Day Law went into effect in July 1904 and remained in full force until it was amended in 1948 and again in 1950. It was completely overturned by the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision, Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. The Day Law was aimed at only one school—Berea College, which at that time was the only integrated school in the state or in the South."

In 1906 the Mt. Vernon Signal reported 23 colored students in the county. By the 1927-28 school year, there was one school, one teacher, and 19 students enrolled in Rockcastle County. This was one of the last terms for a colored school in Rockcastle County. Gradually the educational opportunities for African American

children dwindled. In 1930, there were reportedly nine children of school age living in the county, but the average attendance was 0. According to Norton, "colored education in Rockcastle became less serious during this period, because of the gradual decrease in colored population in the county."

1933 saw the opening of a colored school with an enrollment of 11 students who were taught by one teacher, Miss. Lena Marshall. Miss Marshall was the first teacher from Rockcastle County to enroll in the Kentucky Negro Educational Association. Unfortunately, the 1937-1938 school year was the final term for this

school. This was perhaps the last opportunity for formal education for colored children in Rockcastle County until the Supreme Court ruled in the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision stating that segregation in public schools was a violation of the fourteenth Amendment.

Unfortunately, there is little to be said about the lack of educational opportunities for the African American citizens of Rockcastle's past. Yes, it was a different time, but we can learn from the past. Education is a powerful tool. Today, we should use education to change the world. When we educate the world, we make it a better place for us all.

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### Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

**Monday, February 5:** Child Development, Seek and Learn, Lisa's Little People. **Tuesday, February 6:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

### Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

Vietnam Era Veterans, that graduated from 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 now 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/or District Commander 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 Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

### DAR Meetings

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

### 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, Katheryn 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 - MARRA - 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: Katheryn 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

## Iris Valeria Stevens Young

Iris Valeria Stevens Young, 84, of Mount Vernon, died Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Norton Women's and Children's Hospital in Louisville. She was born September 5, 1939 in Brodhead, to the late Colson and Ann (Emerick) Stevens. She married Joseph Ray Young on December 26, 1959 and from that union came two children, Timothy Joseph and Donna Ramona. Iris was a graduate of University of Kentucky obtaining a Masters degree in English. She was employed with the Rockcastle County school system for over 20 years before retiring to grandmother status.



Iris was a charter member of the Rockcastle County Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), which was established on October 9, 1970. She was the first recording secretary and served as Regent of Rockcastle Chapter years 2001-2007 for two terms. She was a DAR member for 54 years in faithful service to the organization. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening and had a beautiful flower garden. She also enjoyed genealogy.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 64 years, Joseph Ray Young; her children, Timothy Joseph (Stella) Young, and Donna Ramona Young, both of Mt. Vernon; her grandchildren, Brandon Joseph (Bethany) Young of Lexington, and Alexis Delisle Young of Columbus, OH; her joy and great grandchild, Bennett Joseph Young; her sisters, Virginia Broadus of Brodhead, Patricia Blair (Herman) of Lexington, and Loretta "Sunny" Rowe of Cincinnati; her brother, Rex Stevens of Somerset; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her sisters, Kathleen McLaurin, Juanita Cloud and Jo Ann Reusch; brothers, Danny Stevens, Jan Stevens, Don Stevens, and infant Joyce Emerick Stevens.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jeff Stevens, Jan Eyvan Stevens, Daniel Stevens, Paul Reusch, Marty Stevens and Matt Broadus.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Rockcastle Community Scholarship. A scholarship will be awarded to a graduate who is pursuing a degree in English. Donations can also be given to the Rockcastle Regional Hematology Oncology Department at 145 Newcomb Avenue, Mt. Vernon, Ky 40456. This will be used for medical transportation needs of oncology patients.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

## Repentance

We read in Mark 1:15, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent you, and believe the gospel' Matt 4:17 also tells us, From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

What does it mean to repent, biblically? Repent is an action word, which requires one to think differently leading to acting differently, about a matter. Repentance in the bible simply means changing our thinking and our action, as we turn toward God and move toward Him. Repentance for an unsaved person means a changing of their thinking about anything they depended on (dead works, lifeless religion, idolatry, atheism) embracing the truth about God and turning toward God both in thought and deed, is repentance. Repentance for a believer means a changing of their thinking, and aligning their thoughts and actions to God's thoughts and God's ways is also repentance.

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Roman's chap 6- Begins stating that we cannot continue in sin, just because of abounding grace and also teaches us that the power of sin over our lives has been broken on the cross of Jesus of Christ.

Roman's chap 8- Teaches us that we must walk in the Spirit to put an end to the sinful deeds of the flesh.

Roman's chap 12 -We must be transformed in the way we live, by the renewing of our mind. We are transformed by the renewing of our mind.

Roman's 12:2 -A continual change in our thinking that aligns itself with the thoughts of God, so our actions align to the ways of God.

Let us all be ready to repent, so that we may be more Christ like in our days here on earth.

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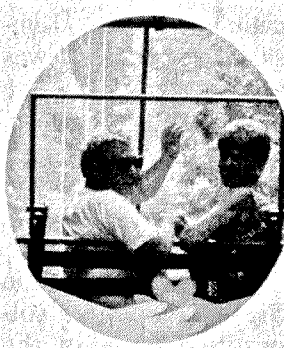
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## Judy Hopkins Mize

Judy Hopkins Mize, 73, wife of the late Homer Ray Mize of Brodhead, died January 28, 2024, at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Judy was born November 10, 1950, in Berea, to the late Virgil Sr. and Dolly Denny Hopkins.



On July 1, 1974, she married Homer Ray Mize, and they enjoyed 40 years together till his passing in 2013. From that union came three children, Shawna Harris of Brodhead, Donnie Moberly (Judith) of Richmond and Shannon Mize of Brodhead.

She was a member of Livingston Christian Church and loved reading, canning, gardening, and most of all spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren more than anything.

She is survived by: her children, Shawna Harris of Brodhead, Donnie Moberly (Judith) of Richmond and Shannon Mize of Brodhead; eight grandchildren, Josh Moberly, Logan Mize, Savannah Mize, Sean Moberly, Shelby Harris, Peyton Mize, Bailey Harris, and Jaimey Harris; four great grandchildren, Jacob Osborne, Octavia Mize, Raylen Neal and Rylee Mize; four brothers, Mike Hopkins, Robert Hopkins (Teresa), Tim Hopkins (Dina), and Bruce Hopkins (Betsy); four sisters, Peggy Hopkins, Donna Poynter (Larry), Doris Smith (Ricky), and Jenny Miller (Ricky); as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Other than her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: four siblings, Virgil Hopkins, Jr., Roger Dale Hopkins, Donald Hopkins, Sr., and Charles Eddie Hopkins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 1, at 2 p.m. at the Marvin E Owens Chapel with Bro. Randall Adams and Mike Chism officiating. Burial will be at Ottawa Cemetery.

## Ronnie Ray Payne

Ronnie Ray Payne, 74, husband of Kaye Payne of Eubank, died January 26, 2024, at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Ronnie was born May 19, 1949, in Sand Springs, to the late William Payne and Ruby Bullock Payne.

On May 18, 1969, he married Kaye Taylor Payne, and they enjoyed 53 years together. From that union came two children, Stanley and Trina.

He was a member of Chestnut Church of Christ. Ronnie cut hair for 50 years at Ron and Don Barbers in the Trade Wind Shopping Center. He loved to garden and mow the grass, but he loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren more than anything.

He is survived by: his wife, Kaye Payne of Eubank; one daughter, Trina Jeanette Whitaker of Eubank; one son, Stanley Ray Payne (Terri) of Brodhead; three grandchildren, Courtney Taylor Payne, Amber Nicole and Jenna Grace Whitaker; and one great grandchild, Ophelia Sage Payne.

He was preceded in death by one brother, David Payne.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at Marvin E Owens Chapel with Bro. Ova Baker and Dale McNew officiating. Burial was at Providence Cemetery.

## Shirley Carpenter

Shirley Marie Carpenter, 80, of Livingston, died Sunday, January 21, 2024 at Landmark of Lancaster Rehabilitation Center in Lancaster. She was born in



Leslie County on April 18, 1943, the daughter of William and Sarah Boatwright North. She retired as a machine operator for Parker Seal Corporation following over 30 years of service and was a member of Cupps Chapel Holiness Church. She loved flowers, as well as visiting with family and friends and going to church.

She is survived by: a son, Michael Glen Carpenter and wife Beth of Crab Orchard; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Carpenter of Livingston; her grandchildren, Robbie Carpenter, Travis Carpenter, and Jordan Carpenter; a step-grandson, Ty Bottoms; her great grandchildren, Kaleigh, Landon, Kason, Karson, Kashton, and Brylin; and two step-great grandchildren, Evie Claire and Emmeline. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Russell Carpenter; a son, Bro. Dwayne Carpenter; four brothers, Elbert, James, Bud, and Elvie North; and a sister, Ethel Harris.

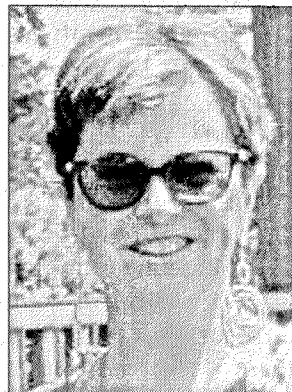
Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 26, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marlow Napier, pastor of Kings Highway Church of God. Burial followed in Carpenter Family Cemetery in Livingston.

Pallbearers were: Ty Bottoms, Jeff Carpenter, Robbie Carpenter, Travis Carpenter, Israel Caudill, and Canaan Linville. Honorary pallbearers were: nieces and nephews, and Bernice Burkhart, Bernice Carpenter, Anna Lois Carpenter, and Zaney Burdine.

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

## Sandy Smith

Miss Sandra Michelle Smith, 54, of Livingston, died Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Berea on August 29, 1969, the daughter of William "Sonny" and Arlene Bales Smith. She had been a waitress and was a member of Calloway Baptist Church.



She is survived by: her mother, Arlene Smith; an aunt, Barbara Burdine of Livingston; two uncles, Larry Smith and wife Bertha of London, and Jeff Smith and wife Sandy of Livingston; and a very special great aunt and uncle who were her caregivers, Jerry and Nina Jones. Also surviving are: her dogs, "JoJo" and "Bo"; as well as a host of cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by: her father, "Sonny" Smith; her grandparents, Billie Bales, Archie Bales, George William Smith and Irene Smith; an aunt, Trula Bruner; and two uncles, Ronnie Bruner and Jackie Burdine.

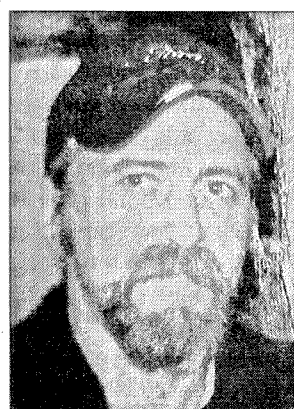
Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Jason Medley, pastor of Calloway Baptist Church, Phillip Doan, pastor of Calloway Holiness Church, and Jim Miller, pastor of Livingston Pentecostal Church. Music was provided by Jason Medley, Anthony Medley, and Ralph Allen. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joey Barnes, Brian Burdine, Kevin Burdine, Bobby Cameron, Buzz Carloftis, Ethan Medley, and Jason Medley.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## Dean Bond

Harvey Dean Bond, 59, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Hospice Care Plus Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born in Mt.



Vernon on March 24, 1964, the son of Harvey Franklin and Aleda McClure Bond. He had been a carpenter and was of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by: his son, Cory Dean Bond of Mt. Vernon; his step-children, Chad Bader of Somerset and Faith Schwartz of Brodhead; three brothers, Johnathon Bond and wife Melissa of Livingston, Bobby Bond and wife Heather of Louisville, and William Carter of London; a sister, Anne Mason and husband Bosco of East Bernstadt; five step-grandchildren, Katelyn Shannon, Kenton Shannon, Harley Martin, Chloe Tankersley, and Charlie Bader; and three step-great grandchildren, Ava Sigmon, Sebastian Shannon, and Ezekiel Barnett. Several nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his life partner, Yulonda Bader.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, January 25, 2024 in Red Hill Cemetery by Bros. Jason Medley, pastor of Calloway Baptist Church, and Phillip Doan, pastor of Calloway Holiness Church.

Pallbearers were: Chad Bader, Nathaniel Barnett, Jonathon Bond, Steve Howerton, Hunter Mason, and Colt Schwartz.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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## Drawing Near to God

Heb. 10:22

"With a true heart." Lip service will not suffice. (Matt. 15:8) This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honour me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. Out of the heart are the issues of life. (Prov. 4:23) We must approach God with a true heart rather than a false heart.

"In full assurance of faith." (Heb. 11:6) But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

(Heb. 10:22) Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Conscience will not condemn man if he thinks he is doing right, even though it is wrong; and for this reason the apostle Paul's conscience did not condemn him, when he persecuted Christians. (1 Cor. 15:9) For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. It should be the belief of everyone that calls themselves a Christian, that we have obeyed God, and made things right with Him, that relieves an evil conscience.

Having our bodies washed with pure water. "This is baptism." (1 Pet. 3:21) The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He who believes and obeys are the only ones who can truly have a good conscience. (Acts. 2:38) Repent and be baptized everyone of you. Who does that leave out? No one.

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## 911

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Rockcastle 911, but then the caller could have been cut off. It would have been quicker and better if they had been sent directly to the hub in Fayette, instead of possibly getting cut off and having to call back."

Typically, if the local 911 system is down, dialing 911 from Rockcastle County will reach a dispatcher in Fayette County who is in direct contact with Rockcastle emergency services.

However, in the event that the system is not working at all, or there is no answer when you dial 911, there are two other emergency numbers that local residents may call when in need. They are 606-256-7225 and 606-256-7226. "Those two numbers will reach emergency services in Rockcastle county," said Holbrook.

Reports indicate most Windstream services were up and running again by late last week. There have been no reports as to the cause of the disruptions.

## Meth

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asking for his license. Chief Davis discovered there was a warrant for Frederick's arrest and once arrested, Frederick gave permission for a search of his vehicle.

During the search, the citation says, Davis and Kentucky State Police Trooper Ben Allen discovered over 10 grams of suspected methamphetamine along with Suboxone tablets, a syringe and a broken glass pipe.

Frederick was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Davis said he is continuing to increase his efforts against drug activity in the City of Livingston and is thankful for donations and help from Dowell and Martin Funeral Home, and other businesses and individuals, to help him safely further his efforts.

## Board

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band Scott, have one daughter, 27, and one son 21. Both attended Madison County Schools where Cornett has been a teacher for 29 years.

"With my career as a teacher coming to an end, I was looking for a way to stay involved in education," said Cornett. "Suddenly this position came open and it was perfect. I am very excited to have this opportunity to continue to serve my community and be involved in education. Education is very important in my life and this is a chance to help continuing to improve education in my own community."

## Pantry

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have a wonderful experience at the pantry with staff who truly care about them and their personal needs," Lindsey added. "Whether it be their need for food, prayer, or just someone to talk to. We want to be there."

Grateful Bread serves

around 800 families each month, in addition to nearly 200 seniors through the USDA Commodities program. The pantry also prepares 142 weekend food backpacks each week (568 food backpacks a month) for local school students who may not have enough to eat at home when they are not receiving free or reduced lunch at school.

"It makes us all feel that this road to being able to provide more quality services, was truly worth it," Lindsey added. "We are so thankful to be able to meet the needs of children, their families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities in Rockcastle County. We are thankful for our donors who made this happen and for all the support we have received within CAP."

In addition to the Governor, also in attendance will be Christian Appalachian Project President/CEO Guy Adams, Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts, Judge Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, and God's Pantry President/CEO Michael Halligan. The community is invited to tour the facilities during the open house. All are welcome.

## Cabin

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Chief as past chief David Bales had recommended upon his retirement. The appointment went into effect immediately.

The council also discussed city property at Lake Linville. According to City Administrator Jim Bowman, a Berea resident had built a small cabin at the lake on city property without permission. "We don't know how long it has been there," said Bowman. "We only discovered it when we refused requests to build ramps and stairways from homes in the area to the lake and those residents asked why they can't build a stair but someone was allowed to build a cabin. We said, what cabin?" The well-hidden structure appears to have been in place for some time but has no utility service, according to Bowman. "They must come down for the weekend sometimes. I don't know how they were able to build a cabin and no one noticed it," he said. "The only access to the cabin is by boat and you would think someone had to see them hauling lumber and equipment across the lake."

The council agreed to direct City Attorney Bobby Amburgey to draft a letter to send to the owner informing them that the cabin must be moved or torn down and the debris removed.

Also, under new business, council members agreed to a personnel policy update that sets specific hours of work in different departments. "In summary, we have some employees getting paid for a 30 minute lunch break each day, and others who sometimes can't take a lunch break due to their work requirements," said Bowman. "This just fixes that and makes sure everyone gets paid for a 30 minutes lunch break every day." The council accepted the update unanimously.

Council members also discussed usage of the \$1.2 million currently in an account waiting to pay off the Microfoodery/

pharmaceutical loan. The money had been loaned to owners of the plant from the city of Mount Vernon and has been paid back in full. However, due to an early payoff penalty, the city is holding the funds until the penalty is lifted sometime in 2025. "Rather than leave the money just sitting there, I recommend we place it in an interest-bearing CD," said Bowman. "We can move it from Citizen's Bank to Community Trust but the interest rate is the same so I would just leave it where it is."

However, Council member Shelley Raines Lewis said she would prefer to purchase the CD at Community Trust. "Since the entire deal was through the RCIDA (Rockcastle County Industrial Devel-

opment Authority) and some of RCIDA members are tied to Citizens Bank, I think we should be certain there is no way anyone directly involved could possibly make money from the use of those funds." Lewis made a motion to purchase the CD from Community Trust Bank providing there is no fee or penalty for moving the funds. The motion passed unanimously and Bowman said he will verify any possible cost or fees to moving the funds.

Lewis also questioned how the annual payment is made until the penalty is dropped. There was some question concerning what account is used to make the annual payment on the loan since Lewis pointed out that the pay-

ment appears in the general fund budget.

Bowman said he will investigate the issue and report his findings to the council.

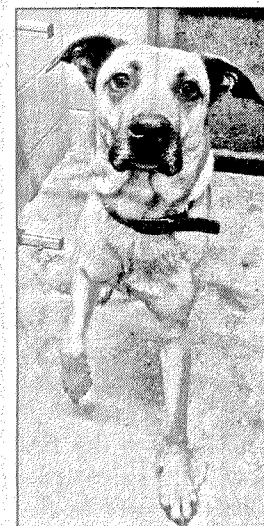
The fire department report showed 43 runs in December using 3,450 gallons of water. Runs include five structure fires, 11 vehicle incidents and 12 coroner assists. The department made 653 runs in 2023.

The police department report shows 401 calls for

service in December with 28 of those involving vehicle incidents. The department served 10 warrants and made 19 arrests. The department had 6,402 calls for service in 2023. The All American Club report showed 27 bags of trash removed.

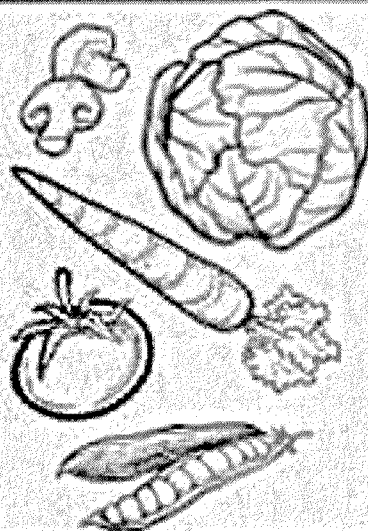
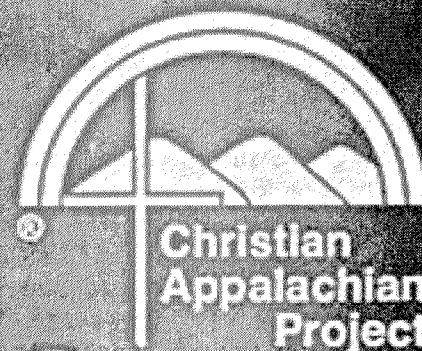
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15 at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Cody (left) the 2-3 year old male Husky mix. Cody is very friendly. At right is Mac, the 4 year-old Boxer/Dane mix who is also very friendly and is house trained. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or looking over the others that are available, should visit or contact the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter at 256-1833 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$20 adoption fee will help get your new family to their forever home.

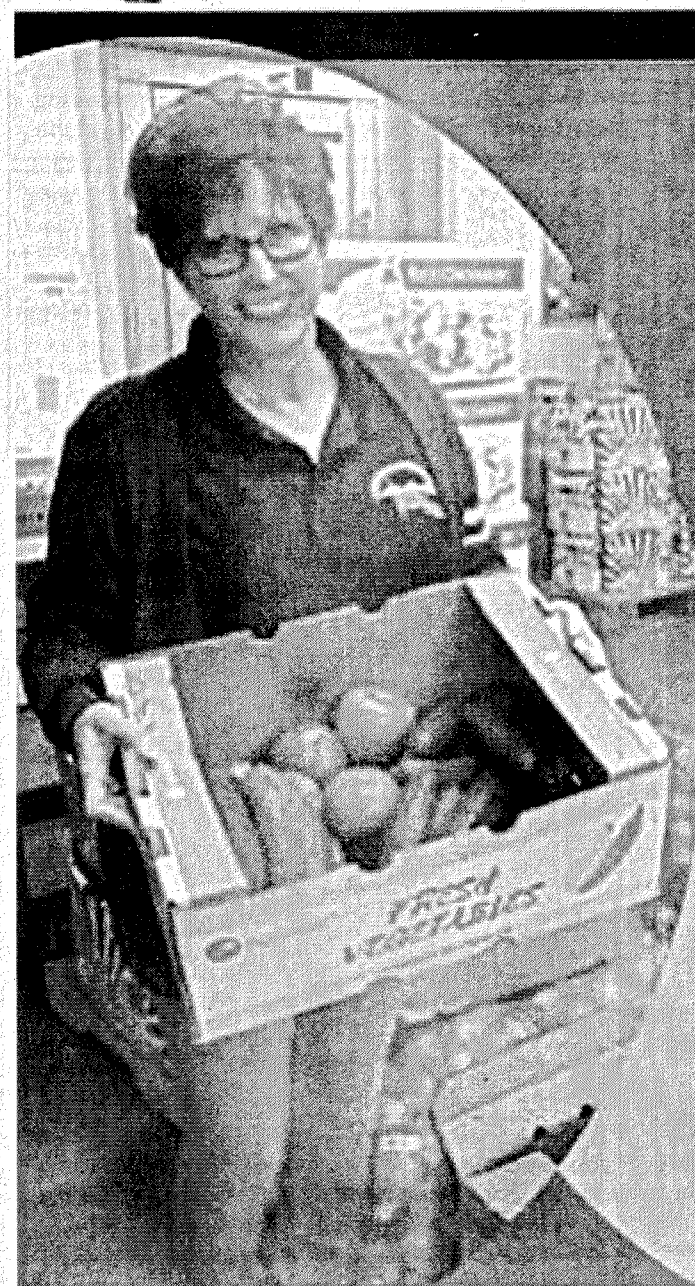
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# SPORTS

## Rockets win two, lose one; now 11-8 on season

The Rockets began their latest series of games by defeating the Anderson Co. Bearcats 51-37. They then played in their tournament, The Rocket Classic, where they split games, easily defeating Knox Central 73-58 and losing to Sayre by three 71-68.

The Rockets and Bearcats played even-stein through the first half, with the score tied at 11 all at the end of the first quarter and both with 22 points at the half. However, in the third quarter, the Bearcats went cold and the Rockets heated up, outscoring Anderson 16-4 in the third and 13-11 in the fourth to pick up their 10th win of the season against eight losses.

Walker Craig took scoring honors in the game with 16, including going three for six from three point range. Trent Wilson also was in double figures with 12 points, six of them threes; Skyler Durham got eight points, also hitting two three point shots; Jace Rogers scored six points; Connor Hunt got five points and Colton Cash four.

Cash, Hunt, Wilson and Durham were each credited with four rebounds and Craig added two. Wilson and Durham were each credited with

three assists, Cash got two and Craig, Rogers and Hunt one each. Wilson also got four steals in the game, Hunt was credited with two and Cash and Caleb Moore with one each.

In their first game of the Rocket Classic, against Knox Central, the Rockets were in command all the way, leading 24-13 at the end of the first quarter, 43-25 at half-time and 61-43 at the third quarter stop.

Craig, once again, was high scorer for his team with 34 points, including going 15-19 from the free throw line. Craig had 18 points in the first half and all of his points, in the third quarter, came at the free throw line. During that stretch, Craig hit 12 of 14 free throws. He also hit three of six three point shots.

Durham was next with 13 points, including three threes; Wilson got 11 points; Hunt seven; Rogers six and Caleb Moore two.

Hunt won the rebounding wars for his team with eight, Durham got seven, Wilson four, Rogers and Craig three each and Moore and Rogers were credited with one each. Durham also dished out seven assists, Rogers four, Cash two and Hunt

one.

In their second game of the tourney, the Rockets faced off against the Sayre Spartans (14-3) and came out on the short end 71-68.

At the end of three quarters, the Rockets were up 54-47 but the Spartans came on strong in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Rockets 24-14 for the three point win.

Craig led the scoring with 31 points, including three three point baskets and going 8/11 from the free throw line. Rogers and Wilson tied with 14 points each with Rogers hitting 9/10 free throws and a three pointer. Wilson got two three point baskets. Durham scored five points, one a three, and Cash and Hunt each got two points.

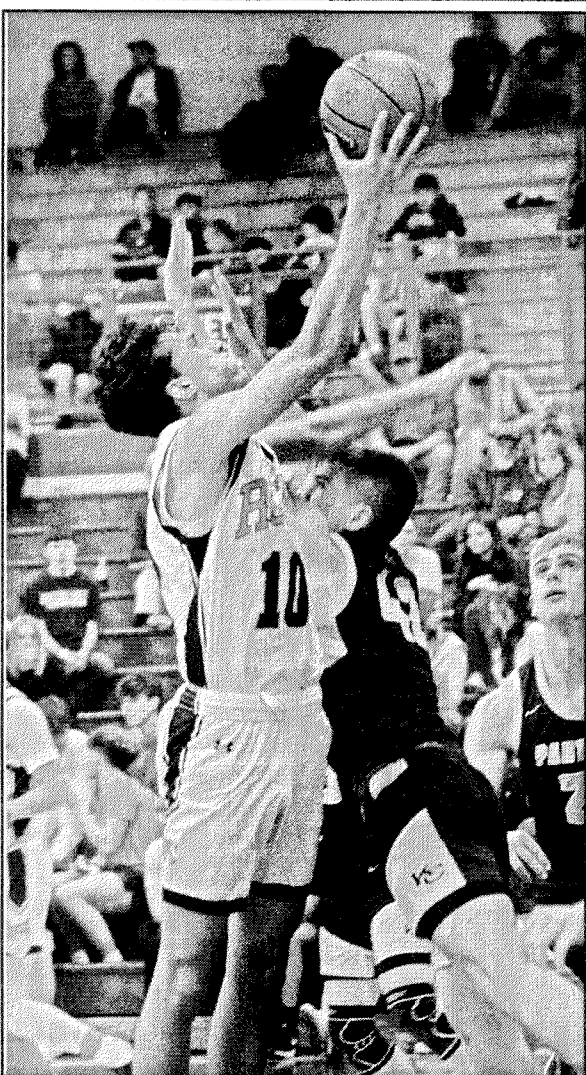
Craig led in rebound-

ing with eight, Durham and Hunt each got six and Moore, Cash and Wilson each grabbed two. Rogers and Durham each dished out five assists, and Durham was credited with a block while Rogers got two steals and Craig and Wilson one each.

The Rockets then traveled to Frankfort Monday night where they picked up their 12th win of the season 65-43.

Craig again led the scoring for his team with 23 points, including going 11 for 14 from the free throw line, dishing out four assists, along with Jace Rogers and Skylar Durham. Durham scored 17 points, including hitting 4 of 7 three point baskets; Connor Hunt got nine points and

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Walker Craig goes for two of his 34 points in the Rockets' win over Knox Central Friday night.

## Lady Rockets destroy Estill and Whitley but lose two in tourney

After demolishing the Estill County Lady Engineers 76-33 last Tuesday night, the Rockets lost

their mojo in The Rockets Classic over the weekend, losing to both North Laurel and Southwestern.

In the Estill County game, Coach Chrysti Noble was able to clear her bench as the Lady Rockets were up 21-7 at the first quarter stop, 40-19 at the half and 60-23 at the third quarter stop.

Macy Spivey took scoring honors with 15 points, Tallyne Shearer got 13; Taylor King scored 10 points; Haven King nine; Markley Richards eight; Camryn Cash seven; Ella McKinney five; Tessa Begley four; Kelsey Maupin three and Brylee Mullins two.

However, it was a different story against North Laurel with the Lady Rockets losing 66-53 for only their fourth loss of the season against 14 wins.

North Laurel was ahead 16-11 at the end of the first quarter. The score was tied at 23 in the second quarter when North Laurel went on a 9-2 run to go ahead 34-25 at the half. The Rockets were down 45-38 at the third

quarter stop and lost the fourth quarter 21-15.

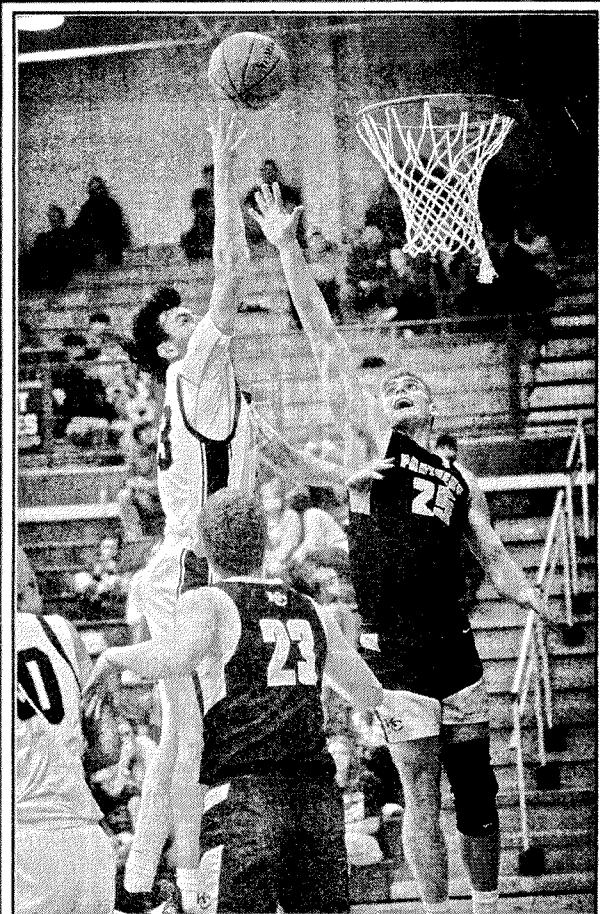
Spivey led the scoring with 18 points; Taylor King got 14, including three three point baskets; Shearer 13; Cash six and Haven King two.

It was a little closer in the Lady Rockets v. Southwestern game but, once again, the Rockets weren't able to seal the deal losing 70-62.

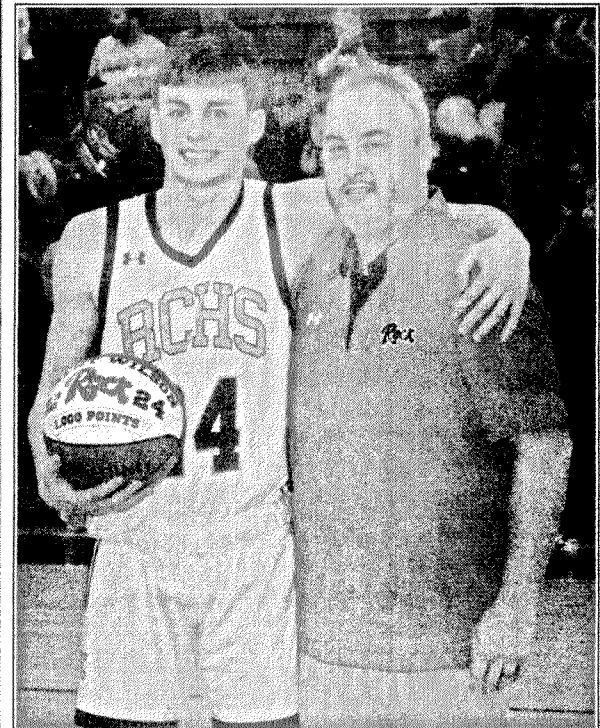
The Rockets were down 16-14 at the first quarter stop, 30-27 at the half and 42-40 at the end of the third quarter.

Taylor King led the scoring with 24 points, 16 of them coming in the second half; Shearer got 16, including hitting 8/9 free throws, Cash got nine points; Spivey, who got into early foul trouble and had to sit out most of the first half before fouling out in the second half, scored five points, all free throws in the second half; Abby DeLeon got four points and Markley Richards and Ella

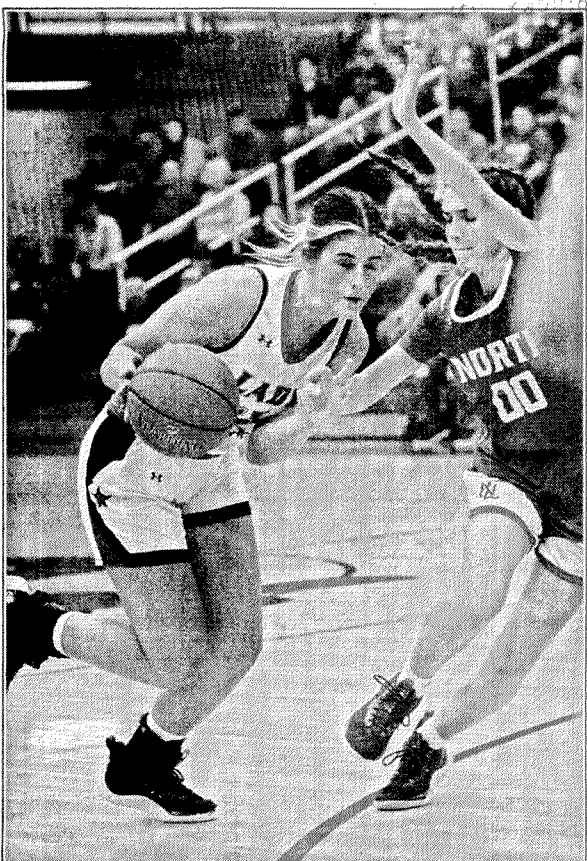
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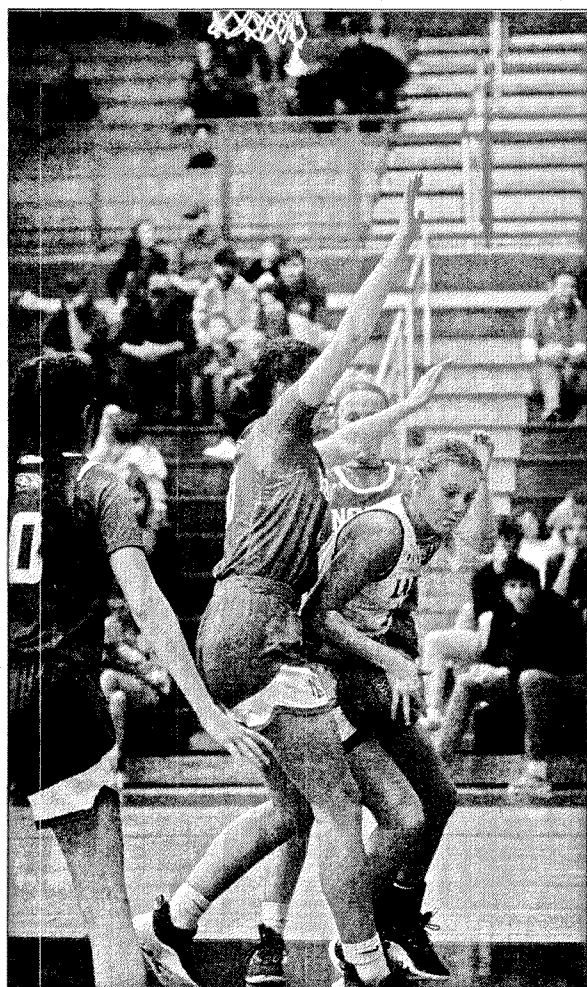
Skyler Durham takes it to the hole in the Rockets' win over Knox Central Friday night in the Rocket Classic.



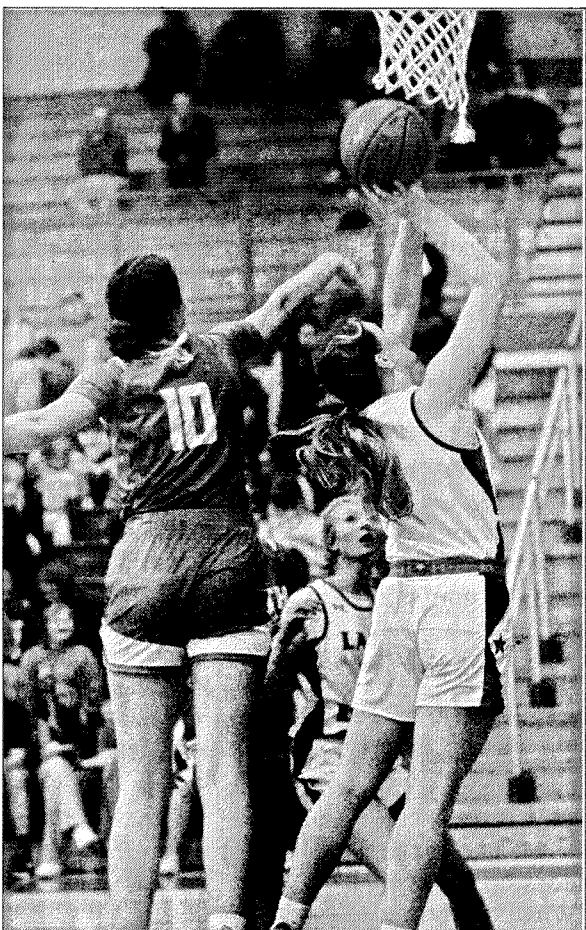
Senior Trent Wilson was presented his ceremonial game ball for joining the 1,000 Point Club for the Rockcastle Rockets during his basketball career.



Tallyne Shearer drives around a defender during the Lady Rockets' loss to North Laurel Friday night.



Taylor King works hard under the basket during the Lady Rockets' loss to North Laurel Friday night.



Haven King goes to the basket during the Lady Rockets' loss to North Laurel Friday night.



# Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

## CHICKEN AND DUMPLING CASSEROLE

The secret of this is not to stir anything. That's what makes your dumplings.

1/2 stick of butter  
2 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded  
1 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon dried sage  
2 cups whole milk  
2 cups Bisquick®  
2 cups chicken broth  
3 teaspoons of chicken bouillon granules  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
Preheat oven to 350°. In 9 x 13 casserole dish, melt 1/2 stick of butter. Spread shredded chicken over butter. Sprinkle black pepper and dried sage over this layer. Do not stir. In small bowl, mix milk and Bisquick®. Slowly pour all over chicken. Do not stir. In medium bowl, whisk together 2 cups of chicken broth, chicken granules and soup. Once blended, slowly pour over the Bisquick® layer. Do not stir. Bake casserole for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the top is golden brown.

## CHICKEN PARMESAN MEATBALLS

2 tablespoons of your favorite marinara sauce  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 cup Italian breadcrumbs or Gluten-free breadcrumbs  
1 package (1 pound) ground chicken  
1 cup grated parmesan cheese  
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning  
Preheat oven to 400°. Spray baking sheet with non-stick spray. Place two tablespoons of marinara sauce in mixing bowl. Add egg and breadcrumbs. Stir to moisten all. Add chicken, cheese, and Italian seasoning. Mix until all ingredi-

ents are incorporated. Roll into 1-inch balls and place on prepared baking sheet. Bake for about 25 to 30 minutes until fully cooked. Serve as appetizer with toothpicks or mix with marinara sauce and serve with spaghetti or any pasta.

## SLOW COOKER CHICKEN PICCATA

4 chicken breasts  
1 stick of butter  
1 packet of dry Italian dressing  
1/2 cup lemon juice  
1/2 cup chicken broth  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
4 tablespoons capers (drained)  
Pasta of your choice  
Slice each breast lengthwise to make 8 thin slices. Cut the butter into slices and spread them out on the bottom of the crock pot. Place each chicken breast on a slice of butter. Sprinkle with Italian dressing and garlic. Pour the lemon juice over the chicken; pour broth over the chicken. Cook on high for 4 to 5 hours, or low 6 to 8 hours. When finished cooking, add the capers. Serve over your favorite cooked pasta.

# Academic Team winners



The 2023-2024 RCHS Academic Team competed this week in the District Governor's Cup. The Quick Recall team placed 2nd overall. Senior Jeremiah Mikeworth placed 1st in Social Studies and 2nd in Math Written Assessment. Senior Alivia Kirby placed 4th in Math Written Assessment. Sophomore Gracie Burdette placed 1st in Arts and Humanities Written Assessment. Sophomore Sophomore Kaity Carter placed 3rd in Language Arts Written Assessment. Freshman Wyatt Rigsby placed 5th in Language Arts Written Assessment. Jeremiah Mikeworth, Alivia Kirby, Callie Bengel, Kaity Carter, Gracie Burdette, Mathue Eversole, Janaye Burton, and Wyatt Rigsby make up the 2023-2024 RCHS Academic Team. Congratulations to these students as they move on to the Regional Governor's Cup in February!!

# Legislative Update

The 2024 Legislative Session in Frankfort is nearing the one-third mark of the 60-day budget session, as Friday marked the 18th day. The committee process is picking up steam; with that, more bill proposals are proceeding through the legislative process.

Please check out the KYSenateRepublicans.com website to find press releases from the Senate Majority Caucus. Information on our members—your elected officials—can be found there, along

with other valuable resources.

To strengthen our aviation industry in Kentucky, I introduced Senate Bill (SB) 127 in week four. This legislation, known as the Aerospace Education Reinvestment Opportunity (AERO) Act, aims to enhance the education and training pipeline for aviation professionals in Kentucky. The key provisions include the creation of the Kentucky Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Investment Fund, administered by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The fund is intended to support collaborations between aviation programs, industry partners, and the commonwealth to address workforce demands. The bill intends to encourage private financial and philanthropic support for the investment fund. At least 65 percent of the fund is for partnerships between aviation programs and industry partners to provide training scholarships for Kentucky residents enrolled in aviation programs. Thirty-five percent of the fund would be reserved for aviation equipment partnership contracts between public aviation programs and industry partners to provide grants for aviation and aviation equipment for public high school vocational programs or postsecondary education institutions.

I released a statement recently regarding some funding awards benefiting our county. Unfortunately, I could not attend the event celebrating the funding as I was in Frankfort for legislative meetings and session and to fulfill my duties as your state senator. The following is the statement issued on Tuesday, and you can find the full release from my office about the funding awards by clicking on THIS LINK or visiting the previously mentioned KYSenateRepublicans.com website:

"I'm grateful to serve as a voice for London and Laurel County in Frankfort. The

funding awards, a small part of our achievements, highlight the city, county, and region's progress. Thanks to colleagues in the Kentucky General Assembly and partners like Charter-Spectrum, available funds prioritize crucial infrastructure—in-

cluding 21st-century infrastructure like broadband.

"Legislative successes, including disciplined budgeting respecting taxpayer dollars and conservative efforts to further reduce the state income tax and now being reflected in Kentuckians' recent paychecks, show us what is possible. I remain committed to supporting my home city and county. I will remain focused on fiscal responsibility, especially as I work on the next road plan as vice chair of the Senate Transportation Committee."

The Senate, led by our budget chair, Sen. Chris McDaniel, has begun poring through the two budget proposals submitted by the House, House Bill (HB) 1 and HB 6. While they are likely to change as they go through the legislative process, the current versions of the two-year state budget can be found at legislature.ky.gov. As your state senator, I commit to the disciplined use of your hard-earned tax dollars. A strong objective of the Kentucky General Assembly will be to limit new recurring expenses that put taxpayers on the hook each new budget session. We will be especially mindful of this in reviewing our revenue projections.

We are continuing to monitor the two-year road plan proposals. As the vice chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, I'll update you on the biennial road plan as it moves along the legislative process.

SB 7 provides a means for students enrolled in non-certified Kentucky schools, (homeschool) to have more access to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). The scholarships will include the base amount for grade point average (GPA) by using an equivalent GPA based on the student's American College Test (ACT) score. Eligible non-certified school graduates can only access the "supplemental" KEES award as earned on a student's ACT score. This bill changes their annual total KEES award up to \$2,500 to align with other public, private, and parochial school students. Their award will be based on their equivalent GPA and the supplemental

awards. For example, a 2.7 GPA would equal an 18 ACT score, and a 4.0 would be equivalent to a 28+ ACT score. We believe these students work just as hard academically and should be awarded accordingly. Plus, we'd like these students to pursue higher education here in Kentucky and enter our workforce, strengthening our state.

SB 25 respects the rights of Kentucky property owners by prohibiting local governments from adopting or enforcing an ordinance mandating a landlord participate in a housing program under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937. The bill also prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing an ordinance relating to landlord and tenant laws that conflict with any state law. The measure would prevent these business owners from being forced to accept a voluntary program, making them take less than market value for their properties.

SB 28 broadens the scope of practice for podiatric residents and assistants, enabling them to engage in additional professional activities. Podiatry is a branch of medicine devoted to studying, diag-

nosing, and treating disorders of the foot and ankle. The measure introduces new qualifications for acquiring a podiatry license to ensure practitioners meet specific standards.

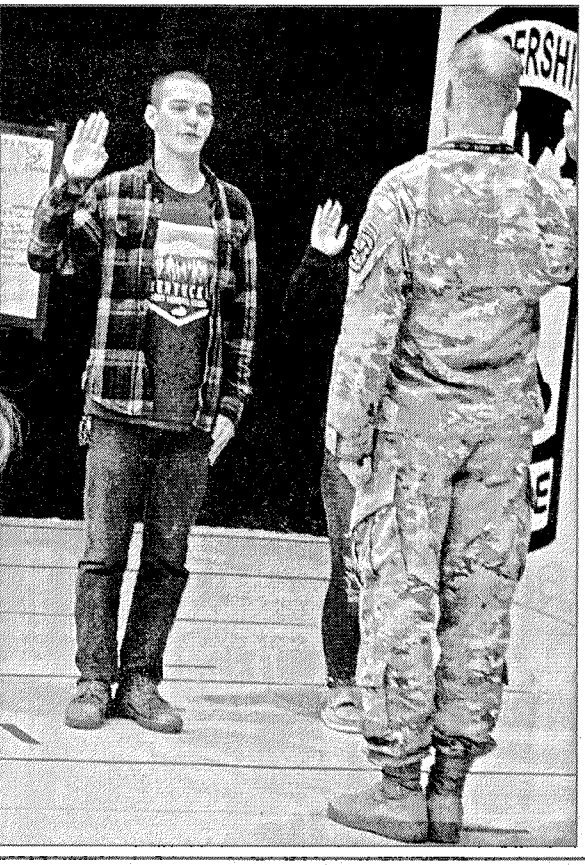
Kentucky Right to Life sponsored a pro-life rally this week in Frankfort. It was standing room only in the Capitol Rotunda as hundreds gathered to celebrate the thousands of lives saved since Roe v. Wade was overturned in July 2022. I'm a proud member of the pro-life caucus. Much of the discussion called on those who value life to step up in support of those mothers and babies in difficult situations. I believe we must, as a community, state and nation, support mothers and children in need. I am committed to this endeavor.

Find the status of legislation by calling 866-840-2835, legislative meeting information at 800-633-9650, or leaving a message for lawmakers at 800-372-7181. You can watch and follow legislative activity at KET/org/legislature and Legislature.ky.gov.

Thank you for your continued engagement in the 2024 Regular Session. It is a privilege to represent you in Frankfort.



On January 26th, two Rockcastle JROTC cadets, Kaylen Sams (above) and Joseph Prickett (below), do their formal signing of the contract, and take the Oath of Enlistment in their very own JROTC room at RCHS. This event was hosted by Colonel Sundys with guests from the Army and Marines. Our two cadets that signed were Joseph Prickett and Kaylen Sams.



## "Lady Rockets"

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McKinney scored two each.

54 free throws were shot in the game, between the two teams, with the Rockets hitting 19 of 29 and Southwestern 24 of 32.

Macy Spivey lit up the Lady Rockets game Monday night at Whitley County, putting in 25 points to lead the scoring for her team in the 65-32 drubbing of the Lady Cardinals.

The Rockets led every quarter, 13-8, 34-8 and 49-25, holding Whitley County scoreless in the second quarter.

Besides Macy's 25, Taylor King scored 11 point; Ella McKinney got nine; Camry Cash and Talyne Shearer each scored six points; Abby DeLeon four and Markley Richards and Kelsey Maupin 2 each.

The Lady Rockets

will play Friday night at Berea College against Madison Southern in a doubleheader with the Rockets. They will then travel to Bell County for a game with the Lady Bobcats.

## "Rockets"

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was credited with five steals and Jace Rogers and Trent Wilson each scored eight points.

Durham led in rebounding for his team with 13; Craig got 7; Colton Cash and Hunt each grabbed four; Wilson got three; Xavier Leger two and Harper McCool one.

The Rockets were scheduled to host Madison Central on Tuesday, January 30th and will travel to Berea College Friday night for their annual slug fest with Madison Southern, a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.



MVES Academic List

Kindergarten

K. Asher  
Bentley Carter, Maverick Cromer, Sway Daniels, Payshence Hellard, Jason McCracken, Danielle Reed, Lee Smith, Genesis Sparks, Scarlett Stegemoller, Connor Stewart.

A. Hunt

Hudson Bishop, Brooks Blair, Brysen Cagle, Madison Doan, Katherine Durham, Knox Harris, Liam Harrison, Kendall Ingram, Kip McNew, Colton Bo Pendery, Nevaeh Ramsey, Jeremiah Reynolds, Ainsley Robinson, Billy Robinson.

K. Phillips

Rylie Cameron, Ashtyn Campbell, Makena Collins, Caden Cromer, Ben Crum, Owen Eller, Hayden Johnson, Jasmine Kidwell, Briar Marlow, Camreigh McCormick, Alexander Miller, Ian Mullins, Cheyanne Spencer.

K. Reynolds

Letty Barron, Idgie Benge, Mollie Bowman, Arabella Fletcher, Luca Hale, Brantley Hauger, Jace Hopkins, Jaxon Jenkins, Albeni Mason, Adley Ramsey, Hayden Ramsey, Samuel Willis.

C. Rigby

Lynnlee Adams, Arlie Gabbard, Adriaonna Howson, Maleek Lewis, Jaxon Marler, Payton Mink, Jep Portwood, Hailey Thomas, Ella Waldron, Emmaline Walker, Benson Williams.

First Grade

R. Bowman

Kadence Anderson, Mackenzie Begley, Connor Cromer, Elijah Debord, Michael Emery,

Skylar Jackson, Kaydee May, Emmersyn Parker, Maelynn Powell, Gunnar Reynolds, Shasta Trett.

J. Bryant

Laura Abney, Isla Bray, Carson Carter, Dylan Carter, Nirvana Clines, Myla French, Camden King, Ella Lunsford, Greyson McClure, Hunter McDaniel, Myla Medley, Rylee Miller, Chase Mullins, Evaleigh Smith, Maryanna Stallsworth.

D. Hanney

Eivin Denney, Emerlyne Hall-Elam, Kymberly Johnson, Haleigh Lewis, Logan Martin, Adi McFerron, Zaxtyn Mills, Emmanuel Permenter, Abby Ridner, Merit Rohrer, Zion Winkler.

K. Hasty

Waylon Barnett, Layla Crawford, Jaycee Dillingham, Shaylynn Dooley, Axton Isaacs, Sam Moore, Julianne Rhodus, Lizzie Scroggins, Max Wallin, Emmarie Williams.

K. Isaacs

Daxton Adams, Kinsley Ballou, Aivyn Barron, Xavier Bennett, Hunter Bray, Willis Brown, Elisabeth Gadd, HarveyAnna Gregory, Myla Hunter, Abel Lamb, Naomi Lawson, Annebeth Leis, Kamrynn Miller, Ella Powell, Catherine Stuart.

Second Grade

B. Alexander

Connor Allen, Saydee Barnes, Easton Coffey, Ariana Dominguez, Dakota Drew, Cambree McHargue, Kenzlee Mullins, Eli Noble, Emalyn Owens, Quentin Owens, Ava Parker, Estill Parker, Liam Rader, Kinley Rush, Layla Senters, Shandelle Stevens.

P. Anderson

Emille Albright, Justin Caldwell, Kendall Campbell, Korie Davidson, Alivieh Green, Weston Jackson, Andrew McCoy, Emmalynn Mink, Lincoln Navarre, Toni Ray, Rylee Rogers, Oliver Smith, Autumn Sparks, Addison Wearren, Ethan Woods, Eli York.

E. Bradley

Beau Adams, Brittany Carpenter, Willow Carpenter, Alex Coffey, Skylar Cummins, Elijah Dodd, Faith Dooley, Wyatt Hensley, Annabeth Martin, Branson Nicely, Wesley Sheene.

C. Burton

Harper Blair, Alex Childress, Sophie DeBorde, Kinley Doan, Ally DeBorde, Piper Durham, Case Kirby, Jasper Mason, Abby Maxie, Riley McFerron, Rhett McNew, Harper Miller, Liam Renner, Jocelyn Reynolds, Emmett Rigby, Adelynn Wilson.

B. McKinney

Noah Bullock, Jaxon Burkhardt, Brittlei Caldwell, Kamryn Carpenter, Crown Clark, Matthew Johnson, Makynlee Lakes, Brevin Marlow, Maddox Ramsey, Mattilynn Stanley, Maddox Medley, Cannon Whittamore.

Third Grade

C. Brown

Cooper Ford, Weston French, Kinley Hunt, Leonard Jameson, Corte Jones, Everly King, Henry Rader, Diesel Teegardin.

Honor Roll:

Leighton Barron, Peyton Wilson, Savannah Woodard.

K. Rose

Principal's List: Isabelle McGuire,

Ransome Ray.

Honor Roll:

Izak Bullock, Tucker Hasty, Haven Ledford, Mason Lunsford, Bonnie Price.

A. Scarbro

Principal's List: Jon Luke Pingleton, Emma Valentine.

Honor Roll:

Alessa Hiatt, Penny Howard, Emma McCormick, Allie Mullins, Addison Rice, Jaxson Smith, R.G. Smith.

J. White

Principal's List:

Connor Barnett, Ashton Carrera, Raiden Jude, Abigail Rowe.

Honor Roll:

Tanner Brock-Mason, Addyson Collins, Abriela Dominguez, Skylar Ennis, Gunnar Lakes, Cace McClure, Mattaly Northern, Avery Renner, Destiny Reynolds, Christina Sparkman, Easton Williams, Alivia Witt.

Fourth Grade

S. Coguer

Principal's List: Aaron Eckert.

Honor Roll:

Kayden Camel, John Luke Jackson, Cadence McFerron, Adasynn Payne, Kaitlyn Powell, Saniyah Robinson.

M. Martin

Principal's List: Trinity Tanner.

Honor Roll:

Parker Anglin, Raleigh Begley, Ellarae Bradley, Aiden Dooley, Gunner Mize, Jase Napier, Jaycee Rhodus, Zayden Rudie, Shooter Strunk, Adrienne Winchester.

L. Reams

Principal's List:

Tilly Cope, Avery Dobbs, Kiley Larkey, and Christian Smith.

Honor Roll:

Ryker Bullock, Daimen French, Lilyann Green, Chase Newcomb, and Landyn Smith.

H. Shepherd

Principal's List:

Josie Cruz, Lynlee Shepherd, Hannah Taylor.

Honor Roll:

Ally Johnson, Joey Kirby, Payton McClure, Kiley Winn.

A. Taylor

Principal's List:

Gavin Chrisman, Kinley Harris, Adilynn Rowe.

Honor Roll:

Jadynn Asher, Kinley Collins, Lillith Cornelius, Zayden Daugherty, Brylee Dollins, Forrest Thompson.

Fifth Grade

M. Albright

Principal's List:

Zane Gilbert, Eli Williams.

Honor Roll:

Anabella Deatherage, Kennedy Hall, Abigail

Reynolds, Christopher

Sprinkles, Reagan Tracy.

E. Cameron

Principal's List:

Boaz Bishop, Jasse Bugg, Elayna Wearren.

Honor Roll:

Raeleigh Biggs, Carson Burdine, Wyatt Carter, Kennedy Kelley, Chloe Lawson, Leighland Moore, Allie Mullins, Kara Philbeck, Logan Scalf, Chloe Stewart.

L. Lovell

Principal's List:

Madison Carter, Ella Ford, DJ Martin, Addilyn McFerron, Brannon Northern.

Honor Roll:

Blyth Baker, Isaiah Barnes, Brody Deborde, Jace Doan, Maggie Medley.

B. Mason

Honor Roll:

Waylon Cowan, Grayson Johnson, Bristol McClure, Emma Reynolds, Madison Van Winkle, Paisley Wheeler, William Wyatt.

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## First responders are always training

By: Mike French  
Editor

Officials of all volunteer fire departments in Rockcastle County, and most departments in the state, are looking for new volunteers.

Those who volunteer to serve their community will receive all required equipment and all training free of charge.

Though rigorous and extensive, firefighter volunteers experience considerable training, according to Brian Bullock of the Brodhead Fire Department. "We are always planning some kind of training that helps keep our firefighters safe and protects the citizens. We

have to perform a lot of duties and tasks that an untrained and unequipped person should never attempt," he said.

The Brodhead department has what many call Kentucky's premier swift water rescue squad and many other types of training are also a part of being a volunteer firefighter.

This past weekend, Rockcastle resident Terry Barnett, provided the use of his farm and pond for some very specific training. "We were able to take advantage of the cold weather to conduct Ice Rescue Training," said Bullock. "Training included self rescue of a conscience and of an unconscious victim, using various methods."

Members of the Livingston Fire and Rescue and the Mount Vernon Fire Department were involved in CPR training. Officials say Rockcastle EMS volunteered their equipment for training. The State Fire and Rescue Training hosted the class, which also involved other forms of rescue and equipment

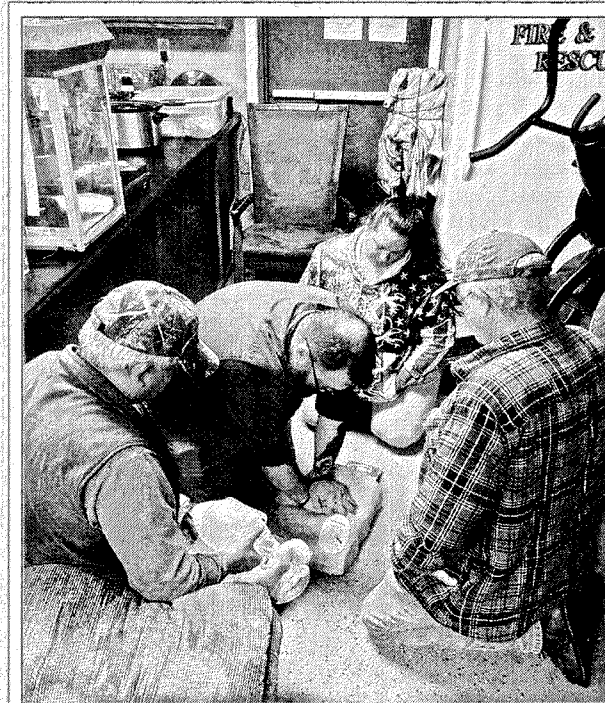
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"It is an honor to serve the people of our community," said Bullock. "It is one of the biggest things a person can do to give back to their friends, family and neighbors and it is a very satisfying and

comforting feeling to know you may save a life and will come to the aid of your neighbors."

Anyone who may consider volunteering at their local fire department, would experience the joy of serving others

and the power to saves lives, according to Bullock. Citizens take from their community every day, according to officials at local departments, volunteering is a chance to give something back to one's community.



Shown above, Livingston and Mount Vernon firefighters work with equipment to become proficient at CPR and other life-saving techniques. Volunteers use high-tech equipment to train and be better prepared in the event of an emergency.



Shown above, Brodhead firefighters trained in ice water rescue for conscious and unconscious victims. Volunteers were placed in an ice-covered pond providing trainees the opportunity to experience the real world needs involved in ice water rescue.

## Regional Park board holds first meeting

By: Mike French  
Editor

The first meeting of the RGL (Rockcastle/Garrard/Lincoln) Industrial Authority Board was held Monday afternoon in the office of Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook.

The board was formed to oversee the development and progress of the new 165-acre regional industrial park at US-150 and US-461. The park is expected to provide growth and development to the region and the occupational tax revenue will be divided among the three counties involved. Other taxes and fees will remain in Rockcastle County.

Now that all the property has been purchased, easements and right-of-ways are complete and environmental studies have been done, the land is available for development.

ment.

Each of the three counties provided \$534,000 for the property and all three counties are involved in the marketing and advertising involved to find a new business, manufacturer, corporation or any other development interested in utilizing the prime location. "We are in a situation where we have control over one of the best located properties in the state," said RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook. "The property is on the 150 and 461 corridors and has immediate access to I-75. It will have natural gas, a rail-road and much more. It is prime real estate."

Holbrook agreed. "We are in a position that we don't have to rush," he said. "We can wait until we find exactly the right match for Rockcastle County and the region. We will look at a lot of

different aspects of anyone wanting to use the property to make sure it is the best possible fit."

Holbrook and VanHook said one of their biggest goals is to find a large, permanent industry that will provide high paying jobs for local residents. "We have a workforce of 65,000 now that we are regional," said VanHook. "And just in Rockcastle County we have thousands who travel out of town to work. Anyone can find a \$15 an hour job. We want to provide them with a local company that pays more like \$25 to \$30 per hour and they can stay in their hometown."

Holbrook said the new board also considers graduating seniors and area technology graduates. "We want our kids to get out of school and not have to go looking elsewhere. We want them to be able to go right to work, right here at home."

The regional board includes the three judge/executives as ex-officios and six board members. Locally, John Ford and David King, both members of the RCIDA, are

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## April 6th New Spring Fling coming to Brodhead

By: Mike French  
Editor

While winter is still obvious across the country, some are already planning for warmer weather and spring.

The First Annual Spring Fling is scheduled for April 6 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Brodhead Depot Park.

Organizers say they hope the event will become another annual gathering of Rockcastle County residents to experience family fun, entertainment and fellowship with neighbors, family and friends.

The event will be sponsored by the Brodhead Fire Department and Disc Twisters DJ Services.

Activities will include

a corn hole tournament and vendors of many types including Country-side Creations by TB, Creations by Todd's, The Southern Cross, Claudia's Bling and Oh-Shucks.

The event will also include Brodhead BBQ, Family Lemonade, Smothered and Covered and Wake and Bake Food Trucks.

Entertainment will include Disc Twisters DJ Service with 50s and 60s music from noon to 1 p.m. Local entertainer Jaclyn Bullock will perform from 1:15 to 2:00 and Disc Twisters will take over again at 2:00 with 80s Rewind. Sturgin Creek will perform from 4:30 to 6:00.

Everyone is invited to the free, family event.

## Bray files bill to address student cell phone usage

Representative Josh Bray (R-Mount Vernon) filed legislation last week that aims to address the growing problem of cell phone usage by students during the school day.

"Cell phones are an immense distraction to students during a time when they should be learning," said Bray. "Instead, our students are struggling with more mental health issues than ever before that have been directly linked to consistent time spent on social media. This bill will help students im-

prove their wellbeing, make the most of their time in school, and give back control of the classroom to the teachers."

House Bill 383 would require all school districts in Kentucky to adopt a policy that would, at a minimum, prohibit the usage of cell phones during instructional school hours except in the case of emergencies.

The states of Florida, California, and Tennessee all passed similar measures to allow school

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## City Administrator gives monthly report to city council

By: Mike French  
Editor

City Administrator Jim Bowman provided a detailed monthly report to members of the Mount Vernon City Council at a special meeting last week.

According to Bowman, water and sewer workers have repaired 15 water leaks since the last report in January. Crews also identified and repaired a water leak at a main line near Pizza Hut on US-25. The report also shows the plant used 3.1 million gallons of water in one day last Saturday, which is a record usage. The average usage is 2 million gallons per day.

In the public works department, Bowman reported city workers collaborated with Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook during the recent snow storm. Bowman said the city ran out of salt and Holbrook helped the city order an additional 24 tons of salt through the same service the county uses. He also said the city should consider better means of storing salt. "Right now we store it by the water plant and it gets wet," he said. "We have a metal building kit the city purchased in the 1990s that has never been taken out of the box. We should use that and store our salt here in

town." The court agreed to look into the option.

Public works employees have been repairing some leaking areas of the fire station as well. Bowman also recommended the city purchase a smaller dump truck that does

not require a CDL to operate when the new water basin project begins.

Bowman reported the city is investigating options to conduct a sediment removal option at the local lake. Officially

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## Highway accident rankings place Rockcastle at 47 out of 120 counties

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Team Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Highway Safety rankings have been released for 2024. "These numbers play a big part in local insurance rates, grant potential and many other areas of our community," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin.

The rankings list each of the 120 Kentucky Counties and those categories in the top 20 indicate a need for immediate attention, Franklin said. Those in the top 40 indicate a need for study and some form of correction.

Though Rockcastle County received an overall ranking of 47, some specific categories were ranked in the top 20.

"Ranking in the top is not a good thing in this particular system," said Franklin. "Number one on the list means they have more traffic problems in that category than any county."

In the category of commercial vehicle accidents, Rockcastle County ranked number 22 of 120 counties.

The worst ranking in the county was in the category of collisions involving speeding in which the county received a ranking of 13 of 120.

In the category of accidents with serious injury, the county ranked 48 while in the category of accidents with fatalities and serious injury, the county ranks 116.

In accidents with an impaired driver, the county ranks 63 and in motorcycle accidents the county ranks 53. In accidents with fatalities only, the county ranks 43 and in accidents with no seatbelt usage, the county ranks 63.

Rockcastle County ranks 69th in population and ranks 51 in total collisions.

"Since the interstate widening project to help alleviate some of the accidents, there have been more accidents on the interstate than there were before," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. "They are doing repairs and paving to fix locations where water stands on the road and causes hydroplaning but I'd say that increase since the widening has damaged our rankings some."

Holbrook said one of the purposes of the ranking is to give the Kentucky Highway Department information concerning prioritizing state projects. "The state will give stronger consideration to those areas that have more need," he said.



# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

## Circuit Civil Suits

PNC Bank v. Jason W. Smith, et al, complaint for foreclosure.

Discover Bank v. Taylor W. Carter, \$9,080 plus claimed due.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. et al v. Rolf-C. Fagen and K&H Manufacturing, LLC, complaint for compensatory damages.

General Electric Credit Union v. Tommy Rose, \$17,042 plus claimed due. CI-00017

## District Civil Suits

Baptist Healthcare Systems, Inc. v. Carrie Adams, \$3,032 plus claimed due.

Velocity Investments, LLC v. Sandra Meece, \$1,051 plus claimed due. C-00012



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Jeffrey Callahan: n operators/moped license, menacing, resisting arrest, failure to produce insurance card, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Edwin B. Evans: criminal trespassing and wanton endangerment, bw issued for fta.

Dewey Lunce: public intoxication controlled substance, bw issued for fta.

Damion Craig: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Amanda R. Peters: operating vehicle w/expired operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Jose Rutilo Batiz-Beltran: Viol {Part 392, Federal Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Sukhdeep Singh Garcha: Viol. Part 392, Fed. Safety Reg., Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Karlo Roman: Viol. Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Natasha Elizabeth McClure: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 10 days in jail/credit time served/costs merged.

Elizabeth Ball: reckless driving, \$100 fine plus costs.

Devin L. Barnes: reckless driving, public intoxication controlled substance, license suspended for fta.

Ronaldo Camps Brusamarello: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Joey Goff: improper registration plate, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine each charge; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Steven Allen Goodlett: license to be in possession, possess open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, operating motor vehicle/motorcycle w/o ignition interlock device, driving on DUI suspended license, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Speeding: Deanna Kathryn Gray, Tiara T. Lane, Dakota Jerome Mullins, Caitlin Michelle Adams, Jay M. St Charles, license suspended for fta; Timothy Paul Jackson, Jr.

Edward Kinuthia Ndungu: speeding and improper use of left lane overtaking vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Dalton Paul Berney: improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Carlos Javier Castaneda Marquez: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Christopher A. Suttles: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Abby Pennington: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended up to six months.

Andrew McCloskey: failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.

Joshua Troy Lee Miller: Driving motor vehicle using handheld mobile telephone, failure to wear seat belts, Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, \$25 fine/each charge/merge costs.

Shetarra J. Prickett: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Lori Lee Smith: driving on DUI suspended license, rear license not illuminated, illegal possession of legend drug (six counts), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of marijuana, failure to surrender revoked operators license, 90 days in jail/each charge/probated 24 months on condition plus one cost.

Denver Sturgill: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Samantha Danielle Vanzant: possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

## Report

(Continued from B1)

cials say such removal is expensive and a grant is being sought to help with the process.

Bowman reported working with Police Chief Joe Rush and Mayor's Assistant Nicole Roberts' searching for a grant to help purchase two new police cruisers.

Bowman also discussed a potential new shower house at the campground at Lake Linville that is underway now. He and others are working on a grant for the project.

The administrator also reported the gazebo is nearly complete at the park and will be moved to the Veteran's complex once completed and painted.

## Park

(Continued from B1)

members. Representing Garrard County are Anthony Roy, Chairman of the Garrard County IDA and Chris Whitworth, a city attorney in Garrard County.

Lincoln County is represented by Shay Pendycraft and Jeremy Todd.

The board chose officers at their first meeting. Named as officers are Roy, as Chairman, Todd as vice chairman, Pendycraft as secretary/treasurer and VanHook as Executive Director. The position will not affect his duties as RCIDA Executive Director, he said.

The board also authorized VanHook to investigate several potential grants that may be available for a regional park. "We are not going to do much in the way of development until we know who we are getting on the site," VanHook said. "We want it to fit whatever needs the new industry may

have." According to Holbrook and VanHook the property is now being marketed and ready for any site selectors to visit. "The potential for this property is almost immeasurable," said VanHook. "Now we just perform due diligence and do what is best for everyone."

The next scheduled meeting of the regional board is March 5 in Garrard County.

## Bray

(Continued from B1)

districts the ability to restrict student cell phone usage. A similar bill was also filed in the Washington state legislature earlier this month.

For more information regarding HB 383 as it moves through the legislative process, as well as current and past legislative measures, please visit legislature.ky.gov

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## SUGAR'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**28th Judicial Circuit**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II**  
**Civil Action No. 22-CI-00151**

**Stockton Mortgage Corporation** Plaintiff

**V.**

**Michael Nathaniel Williams**  
**aka Michael Nathan Williams**  
**Shianne Williams** Defendant

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order to reschedule sale entered in this action on December 21, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 88/100 (\$111,134.88) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Thursday, February 1, 2024  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.**

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Rockcastle County, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows: Being all of Lot #7 in the Robert Ford Subdivision as shown by plat of record in Plat Book 1, Page 61 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot. Subject to covenants, easements and restrictions, if any, appearing in public records.  
Address: 115 Liberty Drive, Mount Vernon, KY 40456  
Parcel ID: 046W-16-006  
Property Address: 215 Joyce Street, Mount Vernon, KY 40456  
Parcel Number: 046W-18-019

Being the same property conveyed to Michael Nathan Williams and Shianne Williams, husband and wife, by deed dated September 15, 2020 and recorded on September 24, 2020 in Deed Book 274, Page 390 of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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

- 1 The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (3.1250%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2024 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
- 7 The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
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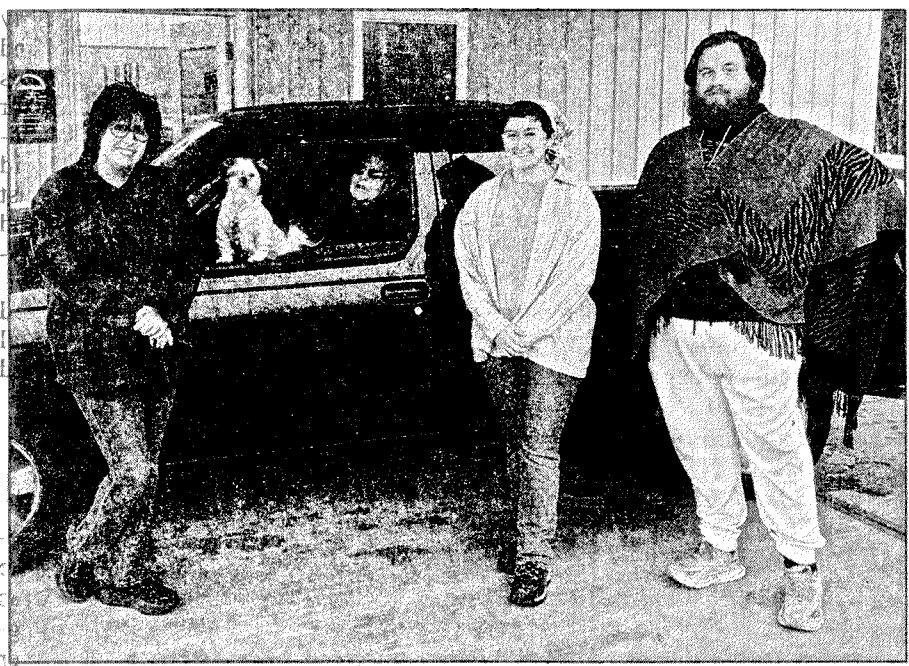
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Sherri Barnett, coordinator at Grateful Bread Food Pantry, welcomes Joyce Napier, the first drive through participant at the expanded pantry location. Izzy Ammerman and Andrew Harrington, AmeriCorps members serving at the pantry, shared in this milestone for Grateful Bread.

### SCC Dean's List

Somerset Community College is proud to announce the names of the students who have exemplified outstanding academic achievement and therefore have been placed on the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester that began on August 14 and ended on December 10.

Both full-time students and part-time students qualified to have the opportunity to be placed on the Dean's list.

To be included on the full-time Dean's list, students must complete 12 credit hours or more in courses numbered 100 or above and earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale.

To be included on the part time Dean's list, students must complete 3 to 11 semester credit hours (level 100 or above) with completion of at least 18 KETCS semester credit hours (level 100 or above) and earn a 3.5 term and cumulative grade point average.

Local students are: Sarah Alcorn, Rebekah

Bowman, Carlee Cameron, Ethan Carpenter, Zachary Coffey, John Kelley, Lazarus McClure, Kylie Miller, Brandie Moore, Tayler Owens, Noah Prickett, Olivia Robinson, Malcolm Shepherd, Elana Vanwinkle and Madison Yates.

### SCC President's List

Somerset Community College is proud to announce the names of the students who have exemplified outstanding academic achievement and therefore have been placed on the President's List for the Fall 2023 semester that began on August 14 and ended on December 10.

Both full-time students and part-time students qualified to have the opportunity to be placed on the President's list.

To be a member of the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average and be a full-time or part-time student at Somerset Community College.

Local students are: Joshua Abney, Benjamin Ballard, Alexis Brock, Jaquelyn Bullock, Danielle Burdette, Ashley Chapman, Sara Dawson, Kathilyn Feltner, William Issacs, Makinlee Kirby, Zachary Kleffner, Kimberly Lawson, Beulah-Jean Lear, Bobbi Lovell, Tammy Martin, Jasmine Mink, Ashton Monk, Melissa Myers, Caden Napier, Jayden Nicely, Naomi Phillips, Hannah Precour Emily Reynolds, Stella Reynolds, Morgan Robinson, Sierra Vanwinkle and Alicia Wentzel.

### Clark named to President's List

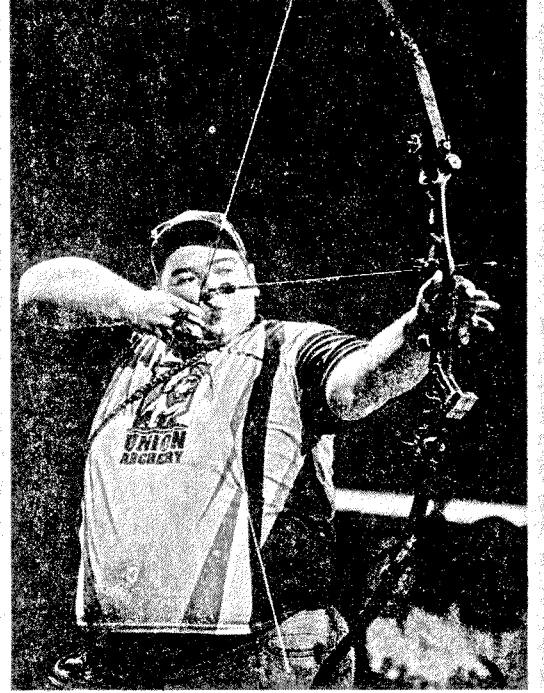
The academic honors President's List for the Fall 2023 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Riley Clark, of Mt. Vernon, has been named to Campbellsville University's President's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

The academic honors list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 with a course load of at least 12 hours. The Fall 2023 academic honors list includes a total of 922 students, with 402 named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point average and 520 named to the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA.

### Local shooter holds records

Kyle Coffey, former RCHS Archery Team Member, who currently shoots for Union College, competed in the National Collegiate tournament in Madisonville last weekend and brought home yet another national title. Kyle broke the Barebow National Record by 16 points setting a new national record. Kyle brought home the National Barebow Collegiate Title with a score of 547 points.



Kyle competed in Lancaster, Pennsylvania this past weekend at the 20th Annual Lancaster Classic with archers from all over the world. Kyle qualified 10th to shoot in the top 64 with a score of 548 and continued to work his way through end after end until he found himself center stage at the classic, lights dimmed on the crowd, spotlights shining on the archer, shooting in the Elite Top 8 with legends from all of the world. Kyle was 1 of only 3 U.S. archers who made the top 8 shoot off and the youngest archer competing center stage. Kyle ended with a sixth place finish out of 276 barebow archers in a world barebow competition. Kyle is thankful for all his sponsors and hopes to continue to grow and learn in order to improve each competition. Kyle is sponsored by Gas Strings, Ramrod Archery, Spidervanes, Beiter Archery, Tomcat tabs and Victory.

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### ACROSS

- Scattered
- Washington's veep
- Hardly an angel
- Religious maxims
- Plant with two seed leaves
- Romanian currency
- Film featuring dark humor
- Circle segment
- Electric fish
- Dream period, for short
- Org. in "The Bourne Identity"
- Fix deeply and firmly
- Cut of meat
- Longtime Chinese Chairman
- Muslim VIP
- Earns after taxes
- Feel pain, perhaps
- Papas' partners
- Create an obstruction, in a way
- Is on the go
- Heavy, inert gas
- Taunting remark
- "Life of Riley" character
- Digger
- "Three's Company" landlord
- Little piggie, for one
- Film (bleak movie)
- Investment firm T. Price
- Malcolm's sitcom dad
- Smoothed feathers
- Puts in a whole new light
- Grazing locale
- Animal that beats its chest
- Patch of lawn
- Chang's twin
- Like some jackets or belts
- Paese cheese
- Bar, legally
- "101 Dalmatians" Dalmatian
- Full-grown sheep
- Sordidly unpleasant
- Hidden obstacles

### DOWN

- Clerical robe
- Capitol fig.
- Khan's title
- Kitchen gadget
- Get in one's sights
- "Much About Nothing"
- Kind of wit or view
- Like lemon juice
- In step with the times
- Left clueless
- Hammer and anvil users
- High flier's home
- Gold coin of old
- Crescendo
- Insect stage
- Water-loving nymph
- Colorful bird of prey?
- Finger-pointer
- Large male deer
- Mount Vernon, for one
- Deep sleep
- Sub in WWII
- Prepares to eat an orange
- gin fizz
- Chummy dirt
- Article lengths, in printing
- Earns back
- Calm state
- Annapolis freshman
- Keep the subscription
- Mississippi formation
- Annex
- Champagne title
- Gather intelligence
- Criminologist's clue, for short
- Chick-to-be
- Two in Mexico

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**Posted**

**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:** No trespassing or hunting on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 39x24

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land be-

longing to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33(23)x25

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

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. **Anyone entering the property must be with Orville Burkhardt.** Violators will be prosecuted. 35(23)x51p

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on the former Berl Hopkins' land (now belonging to Judy Hopkins Marsh) on KY 461 near US 150 and KY 461 intersection. 40(23)x25

**Posted:** Property belonging to Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted.

**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

**Posted:** No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfm

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**Notices**

**Notice is hereby given** that Danny R. Mink, Jr., P.O. Box 431, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Angelia M. Bullock, P.O. Box 1901, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Mary L. Mink, deceased, on the 10th day of January, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Danny R. Mink, Jr. and Angelia M. Bullock or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 10, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 48x3

**Notice is hereby given** that Janice Cromer, 603 Purr Rigsby Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Rhonda Sowder McFerron, deceased, on the 22nd day of January 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the

said Janice Cromer, or Hon. William A. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

**Notice is hereby given** that Tina Marie Gibbs, 111 Purr Rigsby Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Gordia Smith, deceased, on the 22nd day of January 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Tina Marie Gibbs on or before July 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

**Notice is hereby given** that Tina Marie Gibbs, 111 Purr Rigsby Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Sarah Marie Smith, deceased, on the 22nd day of January 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Tina Marie Gibbs on or before July 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

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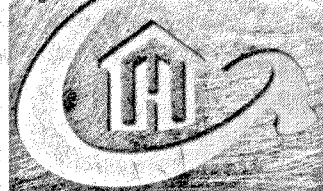
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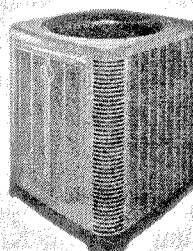
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## Bray to serve as new Vice-Chair of House Budget committee

Rep. Josh Bray of Mount Vernon has been named Vice Chair of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, according to an announcement from the office of House Speaker David Osborne.

"This is an incredible honor and I look forward to working with our members to continue moving Kentucky to a strong, financial position," Bray said. "Our approach to responsible state spending has driven the great strides we've made in meeting today's needs while leaving the state far better prepared for future challenges and opportunities."

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee is responsible for

matters pertaining to the executive budget and all state appropriations. The committee is also responsible for state tax policies, including HB 8, legislation passed in 2022 aimed at eliminating the state individual income tax gradually over time. Under the terms of HB 8, the state's individual income tax has already been lowered from 5% to 4.5% in 2023 and again to 4% in January of this year.

"These tax cuts are based on the premise that Kentuckians should get to keep more of their own hard-earned money and that we, as legislators, have an obligation to make sure that every dollar we spend is invested in a way that benefits the people of our common-

wealth," Bray added. "HB 8 is a great example of what can happen when you prioritize responsible spending. Last year alone, more than \$600 million in taxpayer dollars remained in the paychecks of the hardworking people who earned it, and economists expect another \$600 million this year. That's \$1.2 billion that people can choose to invest, spend locally, or save."

Speaker Osborne added, "I appreciate Josh's willingness to serve in this position. His experiences in local government administration and economic development are invaluable as we look to build on what we've already accomplished for our Common-

wealth."

In addition to his leadership role on Appropriations and Revenue, Bray will continue as a member of several other

House committees, including Banking and Insurance, Health Services, Judiciary, and Local Government.

Bray serves the state's

71st House District, which includes all of Rockcastle County and portions of Laurel, Pulaski, and Madison counties.

### Robinson named to Dean's List

Hayden Robinson of Mount Vernon was named to the Fall 2023 University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List. This accomplishment is a sign of Hayden's hard work and commitment to learning. The student's major is Mathematics.

More than 1,900 undergraduate students have qualified for the Fall College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List earned 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.6 GPA for the semester.

### Harper named to Honor Roll

Isaiah Harper, of Brodhead, has earned a place on the Spokane Community College Honor Roll for Fall quarter 2023. Students on the honor roll earned a GPA of 3.0 or above.

### Cumberlands students named to President's List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the President's List for the fall 2023 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full

### Martin named to Dean's List

Montclair State University would like to congratulate Kylie Martin of Brodhead, on being named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List. Martin is an Jurisprudence, Law and Society major.

Martin was among more than 6,000 Red Hawks named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. (Note: All students who are named to the President's List automatically make the Dean's List, since the Dean's List requires a minimum semester GPA of 3.5; however, Cumberlands only lists students on either the Dean's List or the President's List, to avoid overlap.)

Local students who made the Fall 2023 President's List: Bailee Allen of Mount Vernon; Jessica Cromer of Brodhead; Katherine Coffey of Mt Vernon; Jonathan Burdette of Mount Vernon; Kristin Childress of Brodhead; Brandy Reppert of Mount Vernon; and Jessica Wolf of Mount Vernon.

### Spelling Bee winners



The GATE Department was proud to host the Rockcastle County School District Spelling Bee Championship. We want to offer congratulations to all of our contestants and thank them for their hard work. A very special congratulations to this year's winners. For Rockcastle County Middle School (above), Congratulations to 1st place winner Jacob McClure (7th Grade), 2nd place winner James Perkins (7th Grade), and 3rd place winner Parker Cash (6th Grade). For the elementary school competition (below), congratulations to 1st place winner Raleigh Begley (4th Grade MVES), 2nd place winner Bella Bowles (2nd Place RES), and 3rd place winner Maddilyn Stamper (4th Grade RES). We are so proud of these kids!!



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